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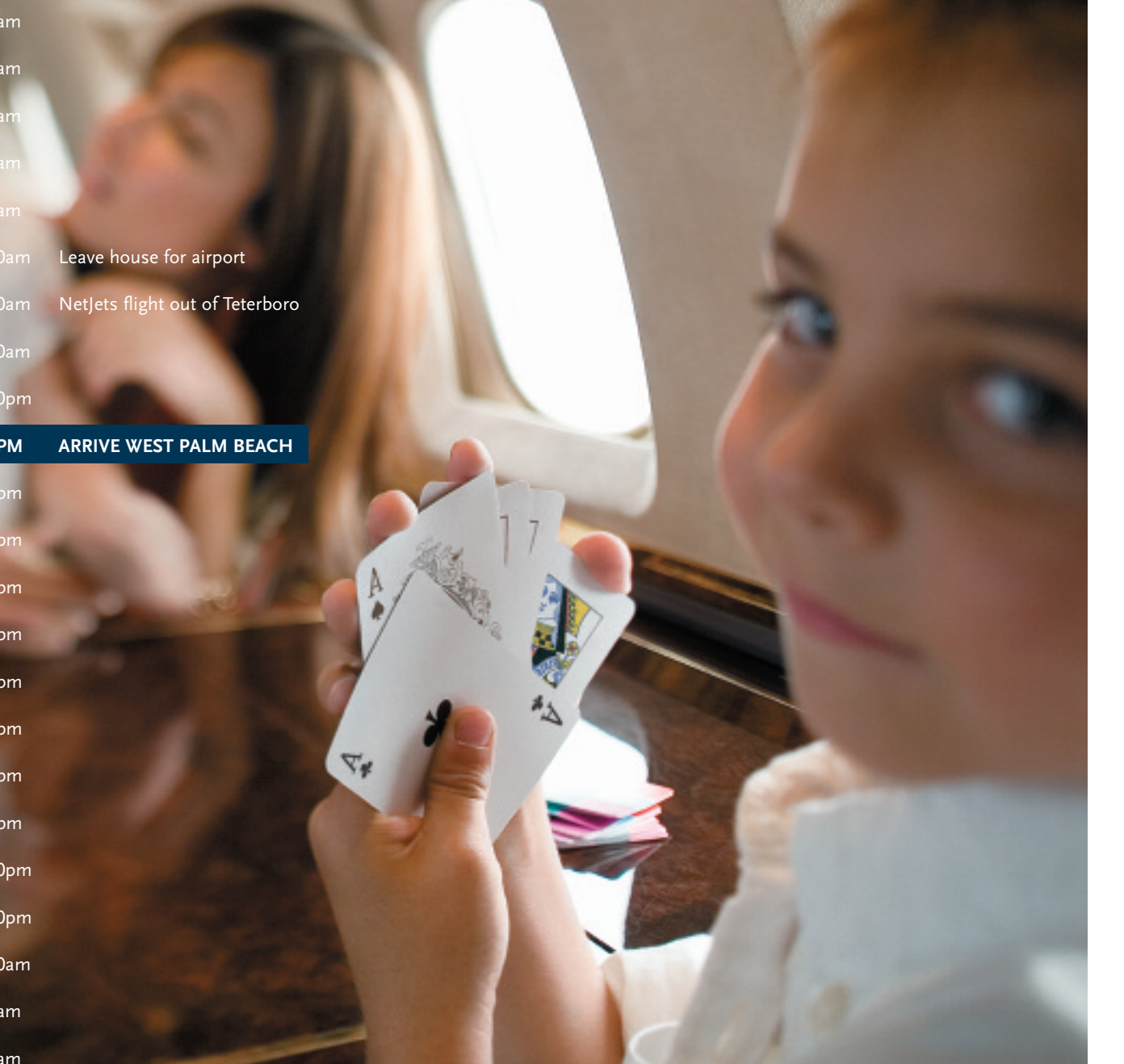
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Foreign policy expert Francis Fukuyama '74 found fame when he predicted the "End of History" and spent over a decade manning the intellectual wing of the Republican Party's neoconservative movement. But for the last two years he's been publicly criticizing that movement—and the war in Iraq that his former comrades so fervently support. Behind the surprise defection that might not be such a surprise.

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JIM ROBERTS '71

On January 21, the Board of Trustees announced the appointment of the University's twelfth president, David Skorton. He's a cardiologist/saxophonist who writes haiku and is no stranger to high office: Skorton has been president of the University of Iowa since 2003. CAM editor and publisher Jim Roberts visited the president-elect in Iowa to sound him out on the challenges of state funding, the importance of supporting the arts, the perils of town/gown relations, and what he knows about his predecessor's controversial resignation.

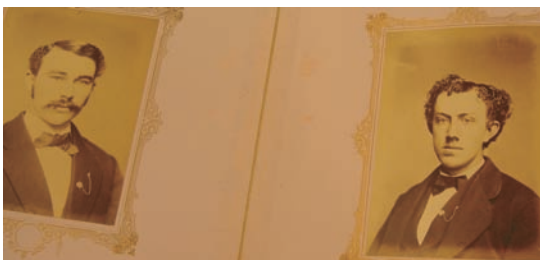


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BRAD HERZOG '90

Only seventy-two men graduated in the University's first four-year class, but the lives they led validated Ezra Cornell's bold experiment in higher education. The members of the Class of 1872 went on to become leaders in science and literature, captains of industry, and college presidents. One of them was even inspired to found a university of his own.



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Welcome, David and Robin

A MESSAGE FROM THE CORNELL ALUMNI FEDERATION

OUR LOCAL PAPER IN NEW JERSEY, the *Morristown Daily Record*, is a Gannett newspaper, a parentage it shares with the *Ithaca Journal*. That may be why the Sunday, January 22, edition included a prominent photo of “the incoming president of Cornell University talking with his predecessors.” However, I’d prefer to believe that the photo was published more in recognition of the significance of the occasion than because of a family connection between the newspapers.

The cover story in this issue is an interview that CAM editor and publisher Jim Roberts ’71 conducted with President-Elect David Skorton. Several things stood out for me: President Emeritus Frank Rhodes’s comment that this marks “a new day for Cornell”; Skorton’s openness; his willingness to continue some of the significant parts of Jeff Lehman’s legacy, while making it clear that he’s going to “go forward” and not dwell on whatever factors led to Lehman’s resignation; and the breadth of Skorton’s interests, including research and teaching, and ranging from cardiology to jazz, from engineering to the arts. (As an engineering graduate myself, perhaps I can be forgiven for hoping that having an engineering professor who’s also an avid musician and haiku author will have beneficial effects on the image of engineers in general.)

Given the volume of information that’s been published in the last few weeks about David Skorton and his wife, Robin Davison, it’s not clear that I can contribute anything new. The *Cornell Chronicle*, the *Cornell Daily Sun*, the *Ithaca Journal*, and the University’s website would seem to have said just about everything there is to be said. Yet one thought persists that I would direct specifically to the audience of this magazine: As alumni, many of us were ecstatic to have one of our own named as Cornell’s eleventh president, and many of us were equally disturbed by his resignation. Neither those extremes of enthusiasm nor those depths of frustration (and even anger in some corners) were probably appropriate, and we should be willing to leave them—especially any bitterness—behind as we welcome David Skorton into the Cornell family.

As is often the case, Frank Rhodes has it right: this is a time for new beginnings. In everything I’ve read, I’ve been impressed by Skorton’s candor and



ROBERT BARKER / UP

thoughtfulness, not to mention his reputation and experience. No, he’s not an alumnus of Cornell, but he has many connections to the University. We as alumni should put aside any lingering resentment about what may have led to Jeff Lehman’s departure and, while we may not display quite the same level of exuberance as we did for Jeff’s arrival, neither should we let the past color our perceptions or the warmth of the welcome we extend to David and Robin. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to personally invite them to participate in the breadth and depth of activities that characterize Cornell alumni.

We still have nearly a decade to go before Cornell celebrates its sesquicentennial. At the end of Jim’s interview, President-Elect Skorton directly addresses us, as alumni, and at one point prefaces his thoughts by saying “ten years from now, if I’m still honored enough to be the president.” Here’s one alumnus who’s wishing him well—a long term in office would be an effective way to counter the perception of a loss of stability engendered by recent events, and his stated intent to hold open discussions with faculty, staff, students, and the Ithaca community should build the foundation for a celebration appropriate to that important anniversary. So welcome, David and Robin—may Cornell become your long-term home.

— Rolf Frantz ’66, ME ’67
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Point/Counterpoint

THE I.D. DEBATE CONTINUES

AS A CORNELL-TRAINED ENGINEER, I can agree with Hunter Rawlings that intelligent design (I.D.) is not valid as science and is at its core a religious belief (“God and Man at Cornell,” January/February 2006). He made a good case for this by stating what makes something valid as science: (1) it must have the ability to develop new knowledge through hypothesis testing; (2) it must allow modification of the original theory based on experimental results; and (3) it must allow renewed testing through more refined experiments, which lead to more refinements and insights. He unfortunately failed to conclude that evolution also therefore can’t be a science, even though it masquerades as one. Evolution is at its core a religious belief as well. It’s a religion that elevates chance to a causal power. It’s a religion that enables man to get rid of God, making man supreme. “The fool says in his heart ‘There is no God.’” (Psalm 14.1)

*Carol Worman Nolan '73
Warwick, Rhode Island*

WE ARE TOLD THAT PROPONENTS OF I.D. do “not delve into the identity of the unnamed intelligent designer who guides the mechanisms of life.” If I.D. were science, then one would think that the nature of the designer would be one of the most vigorously investigated questions. My lab at the University of Manitoba studies the interactions between plants and fungal pathogens. We are currently investigating plant genes activated as part of the resistance response to the fungus. We are interested in when each gene is activated, but also what the fungus is doing at the time each gene is activated. Would I.D. “scientists” be content to study only the plant, not knowing anything about the pathogen?

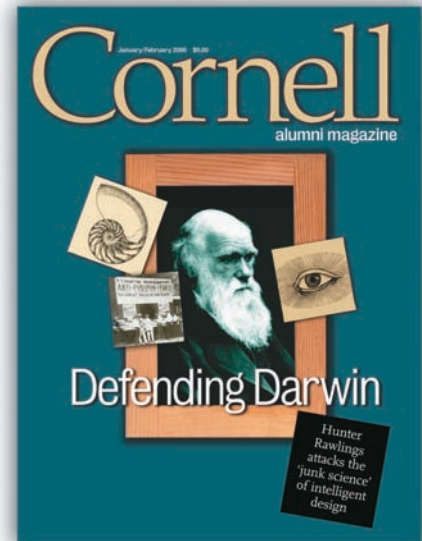
It would be intellectually dishonest to say “we can’t study the designer because he/she/it is supernatural.” What proof is there that the designer is not some sort of

extraterrestrial or superdimensional being, highly advanced, but still acting within the laws of nature? Even a supernatural intervention, at some point, must manifest itself as a change in commonplace, measurable things. If the designer drives evolution by causing members of a new species to suddenly appear, that is an event that is, at least in principle, observable. The designer might act in more subtle ways, such as causing the same mutation to occur simultaneously in many individuals. We certainly possess the statistical tools to detect these presumptive events after the fact. Science has again and again made discoveries in areas that were once thought to be unknowable. Considering the profound implications of a positive discovery, the I.D. proponents should be using their imaginations to come up with hypotheses and designing experiments to test them.

*Brian Fristensky '80
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada*

I FEEL I WAS MISREPRESENTED AND quoted out of context in the sidebar “Leap of Faith” in your last issue. David Dudley suggests that I admit my opposition to evolution is based in religion, and in support he quotes me as saying, “If I was an atheist, I’d have a hard time accepting that I.D. had any validity.” I have never “admitted” that my religious beliefs influenced my rejection of evolutionary theory, and in fact have been clear that my rejection of its tenets is based simply on the absence of any real evidence in support of them.

When speaking to Dudley, I explained that I felt I had more room to think than I would if I were an atheist, for while it is “socially acceptable” to believe in evolution as a Christian, the same cannot be said of I.D. and atheism. Nevertheless I would hope that, in whatever hypothetical situation and in spite of whatever social or philosophical pressures might be brought to bear on me,



I would be willing to follow the scientific evidence to its rightful conclusions.

*Hannah Maxson '07
IDEA Cornell
Ithaca, New York*

Soapbox?

IN THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2005 issue, the lead item in the Class Notes for the Class of 1978 concerns a doctor involved in an AMA peer review project “as it pertains to expert witnesses in medical malpractice cases.” Then the item says, without attribution (though presumably the doctor said it), “This is an important issue related to diminishing ‘junk lawsuits.’”

I have never considered the Class Notes to be a soapbox. But since the subject has been raised, we need to remember the other side of the story: that doctors do sometimes commit malpractice that seriously injures patients. The medical profession is notorious for refusing to admit mistakes and for the intense loyalty many doctors have for each other. It can be very difficult to find expert medical witnesses willing to criticize



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another doctor's performance, even where clear malpractice has occurred. The AMA peer review project is yet another effort by physicians to limit the pool of so-called "qualified" experts.

As an attorney who represents injured people (usually not in the medical malpractice context), I have no problem engaging in a debate over the degree of responsibility physicians should bear for their errors, but I do not think this debate belongs in the Class Notes.

*Chuck Geerhart '81
San Francisco, California*

Ed. Note: We agree that the Class Notes should not be used as a "soapbox," and our editors regularly excise political, economic, and religious rhetoric from submitted items. In this case, the term "junk lawsuits"—commonly used to describe suits that are frivolous or ask for excessive damages—should have been preceded by the qualifier "so-called."

Credit Where Credit Is Due

THANK YOU FOR PUBLISHING THE picture of President Emeritus Frank Rhodes presenting the Sam Johnson Memorial Scholarship plaque to Gene Powers Johnson '52, Helen Johnson-Leipold '78, and Winifred Johnson Marquart '81 (Alma Matters, January/February 2006). While the scholarship was initiated by the Class of '50, it was funded not only by Sam's classmates but by twenty-four Cornellians from other classes who served as trustees with him. Their names, as well as those of Sam's classmates, appear on the plaque, and their caring and generosity were a very important part of the effort.

*Jim Hazzard '50
Ithaca, New York*

Corrections—January/February 2006

"Historic Honor," page 8: In the list of supporters of the Ralph Janis Seminars in History, we omitted the name of Bob Cowie '55. We regret the error.

"God and Man at Cornell," page 44: In the sidebar titled "Leap of Faith," we stated that the IDEA Center was "founded by a UC San Diego law student named Casey Luskin in 1999." The correct date for the founding is 2001, and Luskin was not a law student at that time; he later entered the law school at the University of San Diego.

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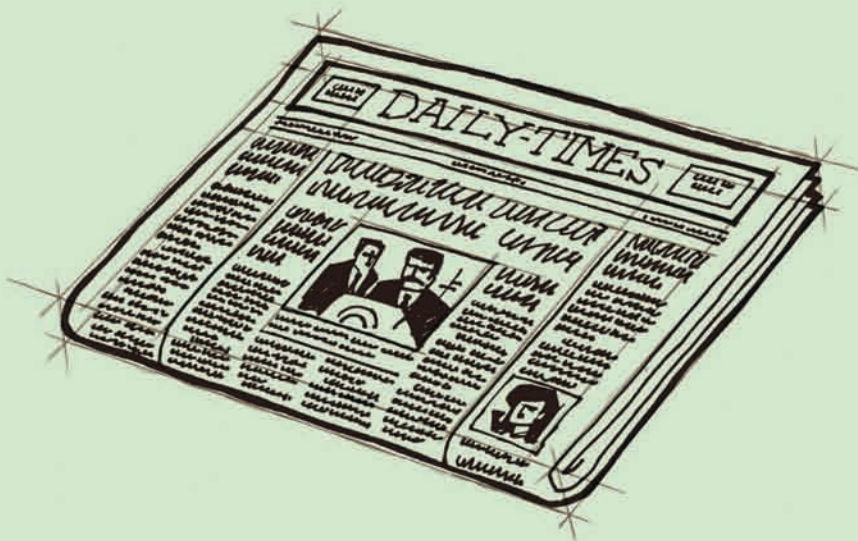


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Third Time's the Charm

KOOLHAAS TO DESIGN MILSTEIN

THE ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN SAGA OF MILSTEIN HALL—THE future home of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning—entered its next chapter with the selection of a new design team, the third since the project's inception. On January 19, AAP Dean Mohsen Mostafavi announced that the college had finalized plans with the Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA), a Dutch firm led by a group of partners that includes Pritzker Prize-winning architect Rem Koolhaas, to design the \$34 million building that will be built adjacent to current AAP facilities in Rand and Sibley halls. Koolhaas, who briefly studied at Cornell in 1972 and 1973, will co-lead the design team with OMA partner Joshua Prince-Ramus, head of the firm's New York office; the pair recently collaborated on the acclaimed Seattle Central Library, which opened in 2004 and won the 2005 Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects. Steven Holl Architects and Barkow Leibinger Architects had submitted previous Milstein Hall designs that met with mixed reviews on campus and were ultimately rejected.



ROBERT STUART

Confab: AAP Dean Mohsen Mostafavi (left) with architect Rem Koolhaas, who will tackle the design of Milstein Hall

International Ed

RAWLINGS ATTENDS D.C. SUMMIT

INTERIM PRESIDENT HUNTER RAWLINGS WAS ONE OF 121 university leaders who attended a summit on international education in Washington, D.C., on January 5–6. The meeting, hosted by administration officials including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, focused on improving the teaching of foreign cultures and languages in American colleges and universities. In his opening remarks, President George W. Bush announced the National Security Language Initiative to expand language training. After the summit, Rawlings remarked that the administration's goals fit well with Cornell's expanding role in the world and said that if more funding is available, "you can bet Cornell is going to be there to compete for it."

Building with Windows

GATES FOUNDATION GIVES \$25 MILLION TO CORNELL

IN JANUARY, THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION awarded \$25 million to Cornell for the construction of a new computer science facility. The building, to be named William H. Gates Hall, will house the Department of Computer Science and elements of the Information Science Program; it will also act as the cornerstone for a planned "information campus" that will bring together various units of the Faculty of Computing and Information Science that are now scattered across campus. More than fifty faculty hold joint appointments in CIS and in their respective departments, from the physical sciences and mathematics to the arts.

Gates became interested in Cornell's computer science program when he accepted the invitation of then-President Jeffrey Lehman '77 to visit the campus in February 2004. According to preliminary plans, Gates Hall will measure 100,000 square feet and cost \$50 million. Various sites are under consideration, including the old polo grounds below the Kite Hill area, the baseball field on Hoy Road, and the far end of the university orchards on Route 366.

Expansion

JOHNSON MUSEUM GETS GRANT FOR ADDITION

THE JOHNSON MUSEUM OF ART IS ONE STEP closer to constructing a new wing that will complete the landmark building's original design concept, thanks to a \$500,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Architect I. M. Pei's original plans included a two-story underground wing extending north, with a picture window overlooking Fall Creek gorge. Budgetary considerations led to the elimination of the wing and environmental concerns have nixed the idea of a window on the gorge, but the museum will use Pei's plan as the inspiration for a 13,000-square-foot addition. Architect John Sullivan '62, who oversaw the original construction and still works with Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, will direct the expansion.

The Study Center will include spaces for lectures and performances, workshops, exhibitions, offices, and storage, as well as a library. The only elements visible from the exterior will be an entrance, gardens, and an amphitheater north of the current building. The project also calls for renovations to the fifth floor, creating more exhibit space for 6,000 pieces of Asian art, a highpoint of the museum's collection. The projected move-in date is 2009.

The addition is expected to cost \$12 million; the museum has already raised \$7 million from private foundations, bequests, donations, and other sources. It is hoped that the NEH grant will encourage more donors to give, says museum director Frank Robinson. "Matching grants are always important," he notes. "They provide a destination and a deadline in terms of time and money." To receive the NEH funding, the Museum must match the grant four to one by July 2009.



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Scaredy cat: The Winter Exhibitions at the Johnson Museum of Art include "Cat Frightened by Its Reflection in Lacquer" (circa 1830) by the Japanese artist Gakutei Harunobu.

Death, Taxes, and Tuition Hikes

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES INCREASES

THE COST OF A CORNELL EDUCATION WILL RISE, AGAIN, BY about 5 percent in the 2006–07 academic year. In January, the Board of Trustees approved a 4.8 percent tuition increase for most undergraduate and graduate students in the endowed colleges; this translates to \$1,500 more, bumping tuition to \$32,800. Undergraduates in the contract colleges will pay 5 percent more, with tuition for New York State residents rising to \$18,060 and non-resident tuition totalling \$31,700.

First-year law students were the hardest hit, with a 7.5 percent increase to \$40,580. At the Johnson Graduate School of Management, tuition will go up by 6.7 percent, to \$38,000. In-state students at the College of Veterinary Medicine face a 4.5 percent increase, to \$23,000, while non-residents will pay 4.8 percent more, or \$33,000.

Endowment Gains

DESPITE GOOD YEAR, INVESTMENT CHIEF RESIGNS

ACCORDING TO THE *CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION*, Cornell's endowment as of June 30, 2005, was valued at \$3.8 billion, an increase of 16.6 percent over the previous year. Overall, U.S. higher education endowments increased by an average of 9.3 percent for the year. Cornell's endowment is the seventeenth largest among American colleges and universities. Harvard continues to lead the pack at \$25.5 billion, followed by Yale at \$15.2 billion and Stanford at \$12.2 billion.

Although Cornell's endowment has performed well in recent years, the University's chief investment officer, Donald Fehrs '77, announced his resignation in January. Fehrs joined the investment office in 1999 and became chief investment officer four years later. "I have valued my time at Cornell and am thankful for the many talented and dedicated people with whom I have worked," Fehrs said in a statement. "I am proud of the secure investment position we've helped foster for the University. Recognizing that success, I feel the time has come when I can look at other opportunities." No successor has been named.

Legacy

DINNER HONORS BOIARDI AND SCHAAP

WHEN GEORGE BOIARDI '04 DIED AFTER RECEIVING A blow to the chest during a lacrosse game in March 2004, the Cornell community was shocked and saddened. One of four team captains, Boiardi was just two months from graduation and had committed to joining Teach for America's South Dakota corps in June of that year.



Dick Schaap '55

Not long after Boiardi's funeral, his friend and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity brother Jesse Rothstein '03 decided that he wanted to help turn the tragedy of Boiardi's death into a legacy of philanthropy and goodwill. A longtime admirer of the late Dick Schaap '55, who, like Boiardi, had worn the number 21 for the men's lacrosse team, Rothstein created the 21 Dinner to honor the memories of both men. "Both George and Dick had a desire to give back, to care for others, and be selfless,"

Rothstein told a group of 190 friends and supporters who gathered at the Cornell Club—New York for the first annual 21 Dinner on Friday, January 27.

Conceived as a fundraiser for Teach for America—South Dakota, the event featured speeches from Wendy Kopp, president and founder of Teach for America; Dr. Richard Bordeaux, superintendent of the Todd County, South Dakota,



George Boiardi '04

schools; Ryan Wise, the executive director of Teach for America—South Dakota; and a keynote address from Dick Schaap's son, ESPN anchor Jeremy Schaap '91. According to Rothstein, the evening raised over \$50,000 for Teach for America—South Dakota and plans are already in the works for next year's installment.

—Nate Brown '04

Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

Sam Bacharach, professor of labor management, whose book *Get Them on Your Side: Win Support, Convert Sceptics, Get Results* was named one of the fifteen best business books of 2005 by *Fast Company* magazine.

W. Ronnie Coffman, PhD '71, chair of plant breeding and genetics and director of International Programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, winner of the American Society of Agronomy's 2005 International Service in Agronomy Award for his contributions to the field.

John Hopcroft, professor of engineering and applied mathematics, recipient of the Harry M. Goode Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Computer Society for his contributions to the study of algorithms and their applications in information processing.

Meredith Small, professor of anthropology, recipient of the 2005 Anthropology in Media Award from the American Anthropology Association for the successful communication of anthropology to the general public via the media.

A team of fifty students led by faculty advisor **Zellman Warhaft**, professor of engineering, second-place winners in the 2005 Solar Decathlon, a national solar-house design contest held in Washington, D.C.

Isabel Hull, professor of history, winner of the 2005 Ralph Waldo Emerson Book Award for her book *Absolute Destruction: Military Culture and the Practices of War in Imperial Germany*.

Michael Latham, professor emeritus of nutritional sciences, recipient of the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Public Health Association for his work in international health and nutrition and his promotion of breastfeeding.

Jane Mt. Pleasant, '80, MS '82, associate professor of horticulture and director of outreach for the American Indian Program, named one of thirty-five "People Who Made a Difference in the World" in *Smithsonian* magazine for revitalizing interest in the Iroquois tradition of growing food through polyculture.

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Steamed Up

HEATING PLANT IMPROVEMENTS TO SAVE ENERGY, CUT EMISSIONS

IN JANUARY, CORNELL ANNOUNCED PLANS TO UPGRADE THE UNIVERSITY'S combined heating and power (CHP) system by 2009, a move that should cut carbon dioxide emissions by 20 percent and put Cornell in compliance with standards set at the 1997 Kyoto climate change conference. The new equipment will use a gas turbine to generate both electricity and heat for campus buildings via heat-recovery steam generators, which use waste heat to generate steam that can be sent to the central heating plant's existing steam turbine generators. The improved CHP will boast an overall energy efficiency of 75 percent, compared to the 49 percent efficiency of the present facility, and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 50,000 tons per year. Similar systems are already in service at MIT, Princeton, and the University of Michigan.

R&D

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In one of the few studies to quantify the "temptation factor," women ate twice as much candy stored in clear containers on their desks than candy stored in opaque jars, according to Brian Wansink, professor of applied economics and management. The study was published in the February issue of the *International Journal of Obesity*.

As Mexican immigrant farmworkers in New York State increasingly settle in rural communities, their social and economic welfare depends largely on how well they speak and write English. Max Pfeffer, professor of developmental sociology, and Pilar Parra, nutritional science research associate, conducted the research for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fund for Rural America.

Support such as childcare subsidies, training, and education can help reduce the number of children living in poverty by enabling mothers, especially single mothers, to work. Daniel Lichter, professor of policy analysis and management and director of the Bronfenbrenner Life Course Center, and his colleagues published their research in a special supplement to the December issue of *Social Sciences Quarterly*.

Employees with anxiety and depressive disorders work fewer hours, are more likely to end up on disability, and are less productive than their counterparts, according to Dr. Jeffrey Kahn, clinical associate professor of psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College. The research, which suggests improved psychiatric evaluation as a cost-effective approach, was published in the November 7 issue of the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*.

The exposure of newborns and fetuses to even minimal amounts of such environmental toxins as lead, mercury, and nicotine may be causing an increase in asthma, autoimmune diseases, and allergies, according to Rod Dietert, professor of immunotoxicology. He presented his findings at the Immunotoxicology Summer School Conference in October 2005.

New Face

NEW DIRECTOR FOR MINORITY ALUMNI PROGRAMS

IN JANUARY, RENEE ALEXANDER '74 ASSUMED HER duties as the new director of Minority Alumni Programs. She replaces Deniqua Crichlow '99, who became the director of the Johnson School's Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Alexander is charged with providing leadership for programs focused on Cornell's 20,000 minority alumni, with the goal of expanding the number of minority alumni participating in Cornell programs and serving in volunteer leadership positions. Alexander was most recently at New School University's Eugene Lang College, where she directed the internship program and special initiatives, including the cultivation of community



Renee Alexander

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for students of color. Originally from Buffalo, Alexander is a co-founder and lifetime member of the Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA). One of her first projects as director was the Cornell Mosaic @ New York City conference, held at the Cornell Club-New York on February 4. The Saturday afternoon event, "Celebrating Diversity and Advancing Inclusion," drew about 130 alumni and guests. Additional regional Mosaic conferences will be held in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Chicago; for further information, go to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/mosaic/>.

Maximum Mars

IMAX ROVER MOVIE DEBUTS

AS THE APPARENTLY UNSTOPPABLE MARS ROVERS Spirit and Opportunity celebrated their two-year anniversaries on the red planet this January, lead scientist Steve Squyres '78, PhD '81, completed his own personal journey from anonymous astronomy professor to multi-media phenomenon: *Roving Mars*, a forty-minute film chronicling the ongoing mission—and the remarkable visual images it has produced—debuted at IMAX theaters nationwide on January 27. Distributed by Walt Disney Pictures and directed by veteran documentarian George Butler (*Pumping Iron*), the film comes on the heels of Squyres's book version of the story, published in August, and features twelve minutes of mission-accurate digital animation of the Martian surface created by Dan Maas '01.



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Islamic Civilization: Rise, Decline, Resurgence David Powers · *Monuments of Our Time* Roberta Moudry and Christian Otto · *Deadly Sins* Scott MacDonald · *The CAU Lithography Studio* Gregory Page · *Book-binding and Book Conservation Workshop* Michele Brown · *Creative Nonfiction: A Writing Workshop* Lynda Bogel · *The Eclectic Ethnic: A Culinary Workshop* Shelley Gould · *Understanding the Science of Everyday Things* Veme Rockcastle · *The Rowing Clinic* Hilary Gehman · *Introduction to Fly Fishing and Fly Tying* Ed Brothers and Fred Wamer · *Outdoor Skills and Thrills* David Moriah

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Young Gun

TWENTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GM TAKES THE REINS IN TEXAS



MICHAEL MULVEY / DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Youth movement: Texas Rangers GM Jon Daniels '99 is the latest—and youngest—in baseball's recent wave of youthful front office hires.

THOUGH HE IS KNOWN, COWBOY-like, as “JD” throughout the Texas Rangers organization, the team’s general manager is really just a kid from Queens. So Jon Daniels ’99 keeps some mementos on a shelf in his office at the Ballpark in Arlington, west of Dallas, in case he gets lonely for home: an “I ♥ NY” coffee mug and a photo of ice skaters in Central Park. But when Daniels was hired last October, the fact that the new GM in the Big D was from that distant planet known as the Big Apple hardly made a ripple in the news media. No, the big story was his age.

Twenty-eight years and forty-one days

old when named to his new post, Daniels became the youngest general manager in major league baseball history, about ten months younger than Theo Epstein was when he was hired by the Boston Red Sox in 2002. “BOY WONDER” proclaimed *Sports Illustrated*, while the *Dallas Morning News* tagged him “Doogie Howser, GM” and wondered if he might be “the first general manager in pro sports history still paying college loans.”

But Daniels is less an anomaly and more an extension of a baseball trend. The days of the GM as an old-timer operating on instinct and coffee-stained scouting reports are nearly gone. Instead,

some teams are opting for well-educated, computer-savvy, stat-spouting savants— young men who are just as comfortable talking about regression analysis and proprietary metrics as RBIs and pitch counts. And where once the only ivy in the big leagues was on the outfield wall at Wrigley Field, more and more front offices are taking on an Ivy League look: Epstein (who resigned suddenly in late October and then returned, mysteriously, in January) is a graduate of Yale, Cleveland Indians general manager Mark Shapiro is a Princeton alumnus, and a pair of young Harvard graduates, Paul

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Sports Shorts

TOP TACKLE After becoming the first Cornell football player in seven years to be named a first-team All-American, **Kevin Boothe '05** secured a spot in the annual East-West Shrine Game, played in San Antonio, Texas, on January 21. The 6-foot-4, 327-pound offensive lineman was named to the American Football Coaches Association All-America team and was a second-team selection

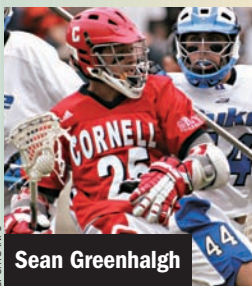


Kevin Boothe

on the Sports Network/Associated Press All-America team. Boothe also became the fourth Cornell player to earn first-team All-Ivy honors in three seasons, joining **Ed Marinaro '72**, **Bob Lally '74**, and **Chad Levitt '97**.

ALUMNI ON ICE Defenseman **Doug Murray '03** made his National Hockey League debut on December 2, when his San Jose Sharks beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-0. Murray recorded 64 hits in his first 16 games with the Sharks, which ranked second on the team at midseason. Former teammate **Matt Underhill '02** was named the East Coast Hockey League's "Saver of the Month" for December. Underhill won seven straight games, including three shutouts, while helping the Alaska Aces to a 10-1-1 record for the month. And **Ryan Vesce '04** earned a spot in the American Hockey League All-Star game after collecting 33 points in his first 37 games as a professional. Vesce was a finalist for AHL Rookie of the Month honors in November, when he scored six goals and had 12 assists in 14 games for the Springfield Falcons. Vesce joined the Falcons, the AHL affiliate of the Tampa Bay Lightning, after collecting 54 points in 43 games while playing in Sweden last season.

LAX ACE **Sean Greenhalgh '05** showed little difficulty in making the transition to professional lacrosse, sweeping Player of the Week, Offensive Player of the Week, and Rookie of the Week honors in his National Lacrosse League debut. Greenhalgh, who was the third overall pick in the 2005 NLL entry draft, had four goals and three assists to help lead the Philadelphia Wings to a 13-11 win over the Colorado Mammoth. All four of his goals, including the game-winner, came in the final 20 minutes, as Philadelphia scored six straight goals to overcome a 10-7 deficit.



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The men's basketball team capped a difficult week with an emotional 81-59 road win over Columbia, a squad that had defeated them with a last-second basket in their first meeting this season. During a practice earlier in the week, sophomore guard **Khaliq Gant** suffered a serious neck injury in a collision with teammates. Gant was subsequently airlifted to Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, where he had surgery to stabilize two dislocated vertebrae. At press time, his prognosis was still uncertain. Gant's teammates debated whether they should play the game against Columbia, but the injured player urged them to take the court. The Cornell players—all with Gant's number 21 embroidered on their uniforms—responded with one of their best games of the year. Freshman **Adam Gore** led the way with a career-best 28 points; junior **Graham Dow** added 19, and seniors **Lenny Collins** and **Ryan Rourke** chipped in 10 each.



Adam Gore

SPORTS INFO

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DePodesta of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Matthew Silverman of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, serve as GM and team president, respectively.

Daniels grew up in the Bayside area of Queens, where he was a third-generation New York Mets fan and, he says, a “decent athlete.” But he knew his future was not on the playing field, and when the newspaper arrived, Daniels would turn immediately to the reports of the latest sports transactions. “It was definitely something I was fascinated with, the roster management side of the game,” he says.

As a freshman, Daniels met classmate A. J. Preller, who would be his housemate for the next three years. When Preller took an ILR course called Arbitration in Sports, Daniels often tagged along to listen. After graduation, Preller landed a job in baseball commissioner Bud Selig's office while Daniels took his degree in applied economics and management to Boston, where he went to work for the wine-and-foods conglomerate Allied Domecq. But baseball was still on his mind. “I probably spent more time talking to AJ about his job,” he says, “than focusing on mine.”

In 2001, Daniels decided to follow his heart, taking a \$275-a-week internship with the Colorado Rockies. He joined the Rangers as a baseball operations assistant in 2002, and owner Tom Hicks took note of his exceptional knowledge of the game:

“He’s a walking baseball encyclopedia,” says Hicks. Daniels rose rapidly, becoming director of operations in 2003 and assistant general manager in 2004. When longtime GM John Hart stepped down following the 2005 season, Hicks tapped Daniels to replace him, telling reporters, “He’s the same age I was when I made my first leveraged buyout.”

Preller has rejoined his classmate, taking a position as manager of professional and international scouting for Texas. “Our offices are next to each other,” says Daniels. “When he’s not in the Dominican Republic, we see each other every day. But the reality is we never have time to sit back and reminisce.”

Indeed, Daniels has been hard at work since his hiring. His first opportunity to prove himself came at baseball's winter meetings in December, during which he served notice that he wasn't afraid to make big moves: he traded All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano to the Washington Nationals, signed free-agent pitcher Kevin Millwood to a five-year contract, and completed a six-player trade with the San Diego Padres. But Daniels knows that his task isn't merely to make a mark—especially with a franchise that has existed for thirty-four years without ever reaching the World Series. “My mission is the same as that of the twenty-nine other general managers,” he says. “It's first and foremost to win.”

— Brad Herzog '90



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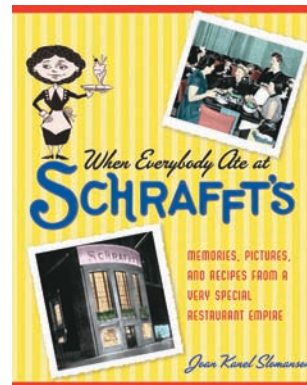
In Brief

STONE SONGS ON THE TRAIL OF TEARS by Pat Musick, PhD '74, with Jerry Carr and Bill Woodiel (University of Arkansas Press). In 1838, the Cherokees and other Native American tribes were forcibly removed to the so-called Indian Territory, land that is now the state of Oklahoma. In March 2002, artist Pat Musick, her husband Jerry Carr, and historian Bill Woodiel set out to commemorate a portion of that tragic journey, known as the Trail of Tears, in northern Arkansas. Inspired by the work of environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy, Musick also created an art installation, *Yokes on the Trail of Tears*.

MARS by Eric S. Rabkin '66 (Praeger). From H.G. Wells's *The War of the Worlds* to Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles*, from the rovers Spirit and Opportunity to the television show "My Favorite Martian," the Red Planet has inspired astronomers, writers, cartoonists, and filmmakers. Rabkin, an English professor at the University of Michigan, has written more than sixty short chapters on the mythology, history, literature, and, above all, science of Mars.



WHEN EVERYBODY ATE AT SCHRAFFT'S by Joan Kanel Slomanson '53 (Barricade Books). Frank Shattuck, an uneducated traveling salesman, built the Schrafft's restaurant chain into an empire and became a millionaire at forty-five. From 1898 until the 1970s, the restaurants were ubiquitous in New York City and the Northeast as outposts of middle-class civility. They were a favorite haunt of actors; Kirk Douglas and John Forsythe waited tables before they were stars. Slomanson's book, which includes recipes such as Schrafft's hot butterscotch sauce to whet the nostalgic appetite, is a tribute to a cultural landmark.



THE HEART HAS REASONS by Mark Klemptner '97 (The Pilgrim Press). Klemptner, a folklorist, oral historian, and Holocaust scholar whose own father narrowly escaped the Nazis, collected interviews with Dutch rescuers who helped hide Jewish children during the Nazi occupation of Holland. These courageous men and women saw nothing remarkable about risking their lives to save other people. Klemptner asks how people of faith and conscience can find their moral bearings even under the worst circumstances. As rescuer Hetty Voute says, "You can't let people be treated in an inhuman way around you, or you will end up becoming inhuman."



A FEW GOOD EGGS by Julie Vargo '82 and Maureen Regan (Regan Books). One in six American couples experiences infertility. Vargo, a former fashion editor for the *Dallas Times Herald*, and Regan, a literary agent, both went through assessments and treatment for infertility. They lift the veil on what is often a taboo topic and give a straightforward, candid, and humorous account from a patient's point of view, delving into the emotional, marital, and financial stresses of those who have struggled to get pregnant.

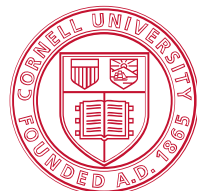




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SONGBIRD JOURNEYS by Miyoko Chu (Walker & Company). Chu, an editor of the Lab of Ornithology's *Birdscope* newsletter and assistant editor of *Living Bird* magazine, provides an overview of the latest research on songbird migrations, including the effects of global warming, deforestation, and pollution.

THE UNITED NATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS by Julie A. Mertus '85 (Routledge). Mertus, professor of international relations at American University and co-director of the Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs Program, analyzes recent developments in U.N. human rights practices.

CULTURES OF TRANSNATIONAL ADOPTION edited by Toby Alice Volkman, PhD '80 (Duke

University Press). During the 1990s, Americans adopted close to 140,000 children from poorer countries. Volkman and other contributors explore ideas of kinship, belonging, and cultural change.

SEXPLORATION by Jane Bogart '82 (Penguin). The head of Health Services at UC Santa Cruz gives practical information to help readers better understand their own sexual desires and how to communicate them to their partners.

IMPERIAL GULLIES by Kate B. Showers, PhD '82 (Ohio University Press). Lesotho was once the grain basket for South Africa but is now scarred by erosion. Showers, a senior research associate at the Centre for World Environmental History at the University of Sussex, reveals the results of destructive colonial and postcolonial land-use practices.

OVERCOMING THYROID PROBLEMS by Jeffrey R. Garber '71 with Sandra Sardella White (McGraw-Hill). Dr. Garber, chief of endocrinology at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, dispels common misconceptions about thyroid disease and describes the best diagnostic tests and treatments.

SEX IN DEVELOPMENT edited by Vincanne Adams and Stacy Leigh Pigg, PhD '90 (Duke University Press). Two anthropologists examine

how international projects to promote population management, disease prevention, and maternal and child health shape ideas about what constitutes normal sexual practices and identities.

EQUITY by Corey Rosen, PhD '73, John Case, and Martin Staubus (Harvard Business School Press). The executive director of the National Center for Employee Ownership and his co-authors explain how employee ownership can enhance a company's performance.

HAPPINESS IN A STORM by Wendy Schlessel Harpham '76 (Norton). Dr. Harpham describes her experience as a survivor of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and how to strive for happiness despite the anxiety that can accompany serious illness.

HANDBOOK OF ESSENTIAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY, SECOND EDITION by Ronald W. Pies '74 and Donald P. Rogers (American Psychiatric Publishing). A guide to basic facts about psychotropic drugs that includes dosages and drug interactions.

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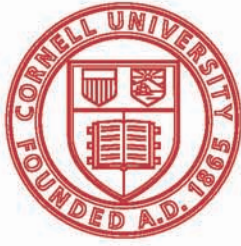
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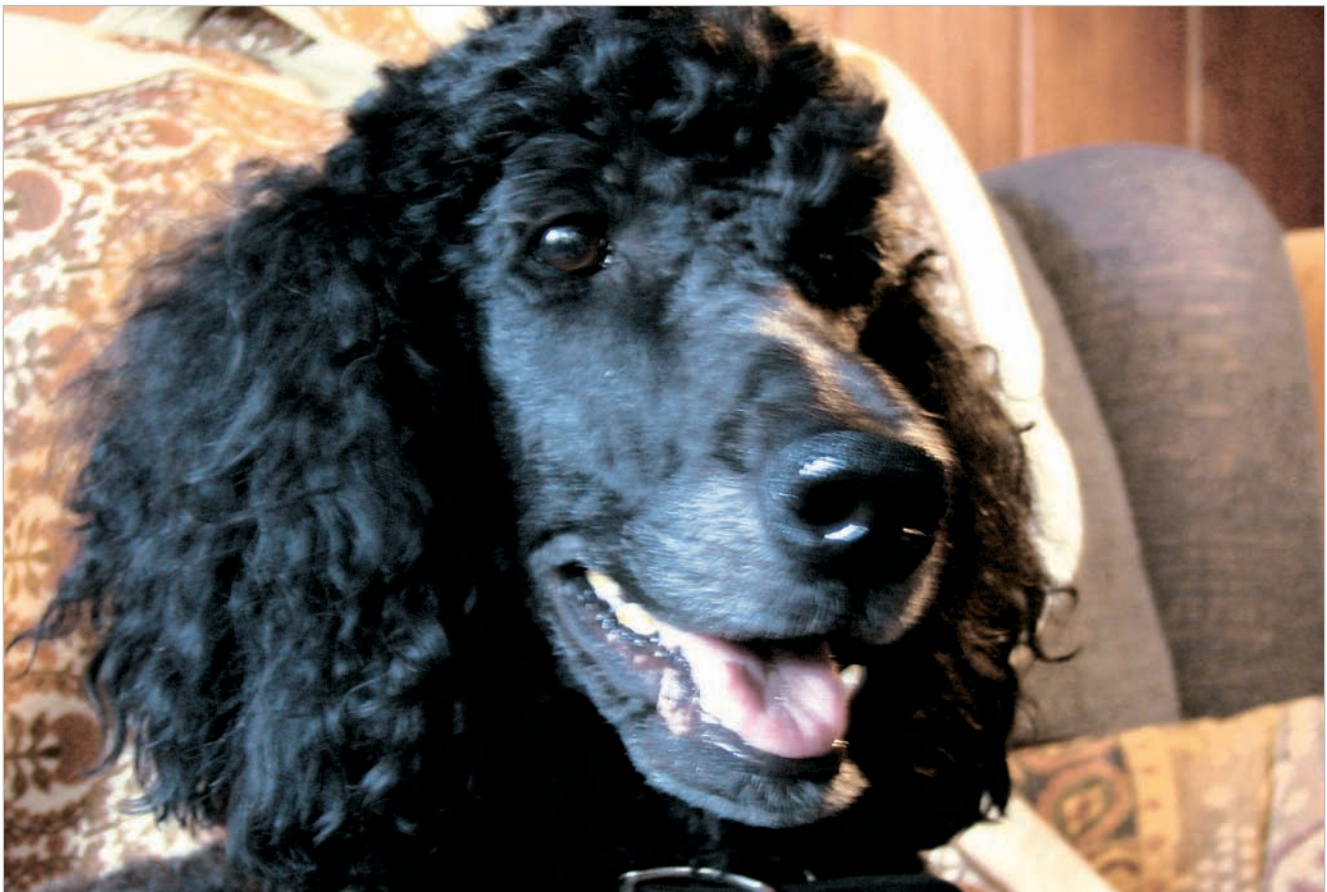
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Survivor: Tavi, a standard poodle owned by Cornell professor Jane Marie Law, beat the odds and recovered from aflatoxin poisoning.

VETERINARY LIVER SPECIALIST Sharon Center is on her cell phone, answering questions from yet another reporter as she pulls into the parking lot of Cornell's Companion Animal Hospital. It's a Friday morning in mid-January; in three days, she's going to

Japan to meet with colleagues before heading to Cambodia for a much-needed bird-watching vacation. She doesn't have much time to talk—a blind woman is bringing in her seeing-eye dog's canine companion, the latest in a series of animals Cornell has been treating for aflatoxin poisoning.

"There were so many of them," says Center, "and their lives were just dangling."

Since mid-December, the Vet college has fielded hundreds of calls from worried doctors and hysterical owners whose dogs had eaten tainted chow made by Missouri-based Diamond Pet Foods. Profes-

sors, students, and residents cancelled their holiday plans; Center has worked eighteen-hour days and been interviewed by media from NBC News to the *New York Times*.

Cornell had been involved in the case from the start, when Stuart Gluckman, DVM '72, who has a private practice outside Rochester, sent in a liver sample after six dogs from one kennel fell ill on the same day. Cornell established that it was a toxin rather than an infection, and Gluckman scoured the kennel for its source without success. Then a colleague, Sara Yarnall Sanders '81, DVM '98, mentioned she was treating two dogs for liver failure. "She told me what food they were eating, and it was the same thing the kennel was feeding," says Gluckman, who immediately informed Diamond. "That was the beginning of it."

Back at Cornell, Center went straight to the Vet library and dug up the definitive work on aflatoxin poisoning: a thesis written by John King, PhD '63, who had been Gluckman's pathology professor. "The problem with aflatoxin is, after it's eaten it metabolizes fast," says Center. "Once it binds to the DNA in liver cells, you can't do anything about it—there's no antidote. I looked at my students and said, 'Guys, this could get really tough.'"

It was every pet owner's nightmare. Well-regarded dog food sold under the Diamond, Country Value, and Professional brand names was causing deadly liver damage. Due to a "perfect storm" of hot, humid weather conditions during the growing season, several shipments of corn sent to the Diamond plant in South Carolina had been contaminated with the fungi *Aspergillus flavus* and *A. parasiticus*. The toxin had gone undetected until December, when the company recalled about 1 million pounds of dog food. It didn't help that it happened during the holidays, and many consumers didn't hear about the recall. Despite an official FDA notice, weeks later the food was still filling dog dishes in twenty-three eastern states. (The company has since announced that it has adopted new, more rigorous testing procedures.)

One of the sick dogs was Tavi, a four-year-old standard poodle owned by Cor-



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Pet cause: Dr. Sharon Center, a veterinary liver specialist, helped lead the Vet college's response to the dog poisoning outbreak.

nell religions professor Jane Marie Law and her family. As they were lighting Hanukkah candles on the night of December 29, Tavi became lethargic and refused to eat. By New Year's Eve, she had collapsed and was suffering tremors. "Our dog was at death's door," says Law. Their vet, Brian Collins, DVM '94, advised bringing her to Cornell. Tavi stayed for ten days, receiving intravenous plasma, glucose, vitamins, and antioxidants, among other treatments. "Cornell impressed me so much," says Law, who was allowed to spend hours comforting Tavi in the intensive care unit. "The people were so intelligent, and they took such incredible care of my dog."

Tavi was one of the lucky ones. Although she could suffer life-long effects of the aflatoxin—including a higher risk of liver cancer—she recovered. About two-thirds of the dozens of dogs who fell ill did not. "It was absolutely ghastly, and a very costly thing to deal with," says Center, who put treatment guidelines online to help vets and owners identify cases.

Minnie, a four-year-old golden retriever belonging to Janice and Robert Lugo of Catskill, New York, appeared asymptomatic when her owners happened to hear about the Diamond recall on New Year's Eve. The couple, special education teachers who own a coffee company dubbed Retriever Roasters in honor of their dogs, took her for a checkup just to be safe. "The vet took one look at her jaundiced eyes and gums and said, 'She

has it,'" Robert Lugo recalls.

Minnie spent the day at the vet receiving IV fluids. But when she came home, she started throwing up blood and became totally unresponsive. With their vet at a loss, the Lugos decided to drive to Ithaca despite a blinding snowstorm. "We just picked her up off the table and put her in the car," Robert Lugo says, "and four hours later we were at Cornell." They brought along their other golden, seven-year-old Jasper, who seemed to be fine—but he soon fell ill as well.

A few days later, the Lugos got a late-night call at Law's house (the professor, a total stranger, had met them in the waiting room and offered to house them while their dogs were in the hospital) to come back to the clinic immediately. "We walked in, and there were five doctors trying to keep Minnie alive, so we could get there and say goodbye," Lugo says. They disconnected her from the IVs, and she was euthanized; the Lugos decided to donate her body for a necropsy, or veterinary autopsy, in the hope of helping other dogs.

Then Jasper got sicker, vomiting and experiencing a dangerously low platelet count. "We really thought we were going to lose him, too," Lugo says. But after two weeks in the hospital, Jasper went home. "We can't say enough about Cornell," Lugo says. "These people love animals. You knew that their hearts were being torn out as well. They were doing everything they could for these poor creatures."

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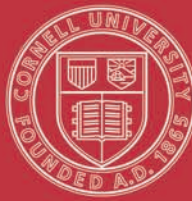
aLISON LURIE OFTEN STAGES her fiction against the backdrop of Corinth University, an imaginary institution that bears a close resemblance to Cornell. So it's not surprising that her eleventh and most recent novel, *Truth and Consequences*, invites readers to a game of "Find the Cornellian."

"I know it's going to happen, even though I strain not to reproduce any real people," says the seventy-nine-year-old novelist, sipping tea in the kitchen of her

modest, ranch-style house in Ithaca on a cold December day. "At the same time, I want to put in places that will be recognizable. It's easier if you don't have to invent a whole landscape. You can have the same lake and the same farmers' market. I don't think I've ever written a book that wasn't based in a real place."

Whether writing about Northeasterners lost in Los Angeles in *The Nowhere City* or a Yaddo-like artists' colony in *Real People*, Lurie renders the precise, telling

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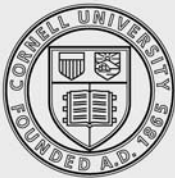
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details of place. But it is the college campus that is her home turf. She is best known for *The War Between the Tates*, published in 1974 and set during the campus unrest of the Sixties, and *Foreign Affairs*, which follows two of Lurie's Corinth cast on sabbatical in London and won the 1985 Pulitzer Prize for fiction. "The academic setting is the world I know," says the Whiton Professor of American Literature emerita, who has taught creative writing, children's literature, and folklore at Cornell since 1970. In her novels, professional and artistic rivalries play out, marriages turn upside down, and characters undergo reversals that often turn into gifts.

"She can be a sharp social critic," says her colleague James McConkey, the Goldwin Smith Professor of English Literature emeritus. "But there's another side of her that makes that sharpness work, a compassionate concern for other human beings."

Born in Chicago, Lurie grew up in White Plains, New York; her mother wrote for the *Detroit Free Press* and her father was a sociologist. She graduated from Radcliffe in 1946 and worked as an editorial assistant at Oxford University Press in New York City. In 1948, she married Jonathan Bishop and moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, when he began graduate school at Harvard. (Lurie and Bishop, an emeritus professor of English at Cornell, were divorced in 1985.) At Cambridge, Lurie was one of the founding members of the Poets' Theatre, a collection of young writers that included John Ashbery, Edward Gorey, Frank O'Hara, Donald Hall, V. R. Lang, and Richard Wilbur. "Today this list sounds impressive," Lurie wrote in her memoir *Familiar Spirits*, "but in the 1950s all these people were unknown, and the Poets' Theatre was a broken-shoestring operation, mocked in the *Harvard Crimson*, always running over budget and into crisis. Nevertheless it was full of casual excitement, fun, and drama."

The experience also launched Lurie's career, almost by accident: her first book, *V.R. Lang: A Memoir*, was a tribute to Lang, privately printed by friends in 1959. "A copy of this memoir eventually reached

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Al Hart, an editor at Macmillan, and he wrote to ask if I had ever written a novel,” says Lurie. “If there had been no copies of the memoir, it is quite possible that I would never have been published.”

Truth and Consequences, Lurie’s latest comedy of manners, chronicles the small disasters that can upset even the most stable relationships. She tells the story of two academic couples: Art historian Alan Mackenzie and his wife, Jane, find their marriage undone both by Alan’s debilitating back problems and then by a glamorous visiting writer, Delia Delaney, who arrives at Corinth with her husband, Henry Hull. An affair with Delia transforms Alan, getting him off the couch and inspiring him to make a new career for himself as a designer of small architectural follies. Meanwhile, the spurned spouses seek solace with each other.

The acerbic—and very adult—social satire frequently begs comparisons to Jane Austen, but the frequent references to children’s literature add an unexpected dimension. Patterns of folktale and fairy tale imagery often play out in Lurie’s fiction, and *Truth and Consequences* is no exception. Alan, once Jane’s Prince Charming, turns into an ogre under the evil spell of chronic back pain. And Delia combines aspects of witch, muse, and fairy godmother. “I don’t use fairy tales so much consciously,” says Lurie, who edited the *Oxford Book of Modern Fairy Tales* and has written two books about children’s literature, *Boys and Girls Forever* and *Don’t Tell the Grownups: The Subversive Power of Children’s Literature*, as well as three books for children. “I think it’s just that I’ve read so much of the stuff that it’s in my mind.”

Officially retired since 1998, Lurie winters in Key West, Florida, with her husband, novelist and Ithaca College instructor Edward Hower ’63. The annual move offers both an escape from Ithaca weather and an opportunity to write. But Lurie still returns to teach at Corinth’s real-life twin every fall; next year she will lead a graduate fiction seminar. “It’s wonderful,” she says. “I think if I were told I had to come back in January, I wouldn’t enjoy it as much. I’d resent the time taken away from writing.”

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The Nutty Professor

A FORGOTTEN GROVE BECOMES A UNIQUE CLASSROOM FOR 'FOREST FARMING'



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LAWRENCE MACDANIELS KNEW nuts. During a 1920s visit to Armenia, the young pomology professor saw subsistence farmers eking out a living on rocky, eroded slopes by growing pistachio and chestnut trees. Inspired, he returned to Ithaca intent on spreading the ethos of forest farming, which makes use of otherwise marginal land by growing fruit or nuts. Within a few years, MacDaniels got permission from the Cornell Orchards to clear-cut a six-and-a-half-acre swath of hillside apple trees at the eastern edge of campus and replace them with nut trees for his research.

An expert in temperate varieties, MacDaniels planned an ambitious program to develop the best cultivars of hickory nuts, walnuts, filberts, and chestnuts, collecting scion branches from prize-winning trees throughout the Northeast and grafting them to promising rootstock. He also experimented with lesser-known temperate fruits—persimmons and pawpaws. The project persisted for some thirty years, until MacDaniels retired and a pernicious variety of honeysuckle overwhelmed the hillside. By the time he died in 1986, the site was overgrown, the graftings obscured by undergrowth, and MacDaniels's research had been largely forgotten.

Then, in February 2001, a student who had worked for MacDaniels in the early 1980s mentioned the site to horticulture professor Ken Mudge. The pair took a walk in the woods adjoining Dilmun Hill, now the University's student-run organic farm, and emerged in a persimmon grove planted some seventy years earlier. Mudge noticed a stand of hickory trees nearby that bore telltale graft marks and returned to the site a few weeks later, hiking east following the contour of the hill. "I started seeing all these grafted trees," he recalls. "And I realized I'd found the mother lode."

The discovery launched an ongoing



COURTESY OF KEN MUDGE

Into the woods: Forest farming students at work in the MacDaniels Nut Grove

reclamation effort that Mudge has integrated into a three-credit agroforestry practicum that he teaches each fall with colleagues in crop and soil science and natural resources. Since 2002, he's been inviting students to maintain the MacDaniels Nut Grove, where they collect data, generate new research questions, and help revive this long-dormant experiment in forest farming.

Roughly 60 percent of the farms in the Northeast have an associated woodlot—marginal land that yields little income and generally receives limited attention. Using the principles of agroforestry, farmers can maximize the potential of these lots with low-growing, low-maintenance cash crops that thrive in the trees' shady understory. "Most forest land owners, our target audience here, are not going to make their living as forest farmers," Mudge says. "Most

want to do something ecologically responsible with their woodlot—not just wait twenty years and cut it down to sell as timber for the kids' tuition. They want to utilize that land in a way that is satisfying to them, that is environmentally benign, and that can generate some income."

Course participants have cleared honeysuckle, mapped the terrain, developed long-term management plans, and planted test crops. But untangling the grove's history has proven to be a challenge. "It's like a detective story," says Mudge. "I would love to be able to tell you that that tree right there was planted by Lawrence MacDaniels in 1937 and that its name is shagbark hickory, cultivar Weiker. But there is no map, no record of what MacDaniels planted and where he planted it." Mudge combed the University's archives searching for the late professor's notes. Eventu-

ally word of his interest reached one of MacDaniels's former colleagues, who dug in his attic and found a green notebook titled "nut tree labeling," which lists the scion and rootstock for each cultivar in the grove with its accession number. But three-quarters of a century later, only eight labels remain affixed to their trees.

This fall, teams of students focused on particular sectors of the concave lot, documenting the unique combination of soil quality, drainage, slope, and sunlight that characterizes each area and assessing whether various experimental plantings, selected to complement the area's growing conditions, were thriving. Nuts predominate on the easternmost hillside. Chokeberries, blueberries, raspberries, gooseberries, and red currants, all surrounded by deer fencing, thrive along the creek. Oyster and shiitake mushrooms—worth \$15 per pound at local farmers' markets—sprout from a stack of logs at the base of a black walnut, and on the north-facing

hillside, ginseng and goldenseal grow in raised beds. "One of the things that's great about this site is we have so much heterogeneity," says Mudge. "We probably have more diversity here than if this were privately owned and we were trying to make some money."

For a late October class run by teaching assistant Emily Gallagher, a grad student in agroforestry, students inventory the plant life in their areas, estimating the height of the trees and the density of their crowns. Each student has adopted a "pet" tree to study for the semester—they estimate its height, take a core out of the trunk to count the growth rings, and collect bark, bud, and nut samples. Last week an arborist helped students assess which trees might be thinned, and next week they'll practice GPS mapping. Getting down-and-dirty is a given in this outdoor classroom: during this three-hour session the mushroom group finds a dead possum, which Gallagher tosses into the

brush, while the medicinals team finds and posts a rodent skull, *Lord of the Flies*-style, on the flag marking the center of their site assessment. Their work is punctuated by the plunk of falling hickory nuts. Mudge admits he's considered requiring hard hats.

When winter temperatures plummet too low for field sessions, the class will move into the laboratory, cracking the nuts they harvested earlier in the semester and assessing the qualities coveted by consumers. Mudge will post their data on the grove's website, www.hort.cornell.edu/mng/, an outreach service for farmers and hobbyists throughout the Northeast. "By focusing on this site, students have really come to identify with it and feel that they are personally contributing to its development," says Mudge. "We've developed a community of learners that's different from what I've seen in any other class I've taught."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



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Family Pictures

DOCUMENTARIAN DOUG BLOCK'S JOURNEY INTO THE SECRET LIFE OF PARENTS

AFTER DOUG BLOCK'S mother died suddenly in 2002, he visited his eighty-three-year-old father at his family's suburban Long Island home and asked him whether he missed his wife of more than fifty years. The answer was no.

A documentary filmmaker based in New York City, Block '75 filmed the moment for what he thought would just be a private video record of his last visit to the house in which he grew up. Instead, his father's startling admission became the



COURTESY OF DOUG BLOCK

Home movie: Filmmaker Doug Block '75 (center) and his family in the mid-1970s

catalyst for *51 Birch Street*, a documentary exploration of his family history and his own reconciliation with his parents' lives. The film chronicles Block's return to his family home, 51 Birch Street in Port Washington, New York, as his father, Mike, prepares to move to Florida with his new wife, Kitty, who had worked as his secretary forty years before. Through the discovery of his mother Mina's diaries and interviews with siblings and family members, Block learns of her dissatisfaction with her marriage and life as a suburban mother, and her infatuation with another man. In turn, his father slowly reveals the true nature of his decades-long relationship with Kitty. "When it comes to your parents," Block says as he narrates the movie, "maybe ignorance is bliss."

It's an intensely personal film, but Block claims to be a reluctant tell-all memoirist. "The thing that helps me reveal personal things publicly is I try to focus on how it can help others by sharing it as



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opposed to trying to glorify myself through it," he says. "People are constantly coming up to me and saying how courageous I was to open myself up like this. I just don't see it that way. My focus is on a story about an ordinary family, and ordinary family dysfunction. I felt it could be enormously helpful to other people to tell the story of the kind of miscommunication and silence and secrets that goes on in every family."

The process also proved therapeutic for Block himself, helping him to heal a rift with his once-distant father. Mike Block has become an ongoing part of the film's story, accompanying his son to film festivals and answering audience questions after the screening. Members of the audience in turn have shared their own stories about their parents with the filmmaker. "I've never had a reaction with a film like this that seems to be hitting people so emotionally," he says.

Confronting the issues the film raised led to "endless sleepless nights," but Block approached *51 Birch Street* in the same way he has every other project. "When you make documentaries, I really believe you have to love your characters and feel protective of them," he says. "You want to honor them as human beings. In that sense, I don't think I treated my family and myself any differently than I would if I were doing another film."

51 Birch Street has played at festivals in Toronto and Amsterdam, and Block is working on a distribution deal for a U.S. theatrical run. The film is also slated to air on HBO in about a year. "It's a very unusual film—I feel privileged to have been associated with it," says Sheila Nevins, president of HBO/Cinemax Documentary Films, which helped produce *51 Birch St.* "He went into the battlefield of his childhood and his life, and I think that takes a lot of courage."

Block's love of filmmaking dates from his teenage years on Long Island, when he'd take frequent train trips to see movies in New York City. A communication major in CALS, he ushered at the Cornell Cinema so he could see every movie for free. With Dana Polan '75, now a professor of cinema studies at New York University, Block established a student-run theater in Risley Hall, where



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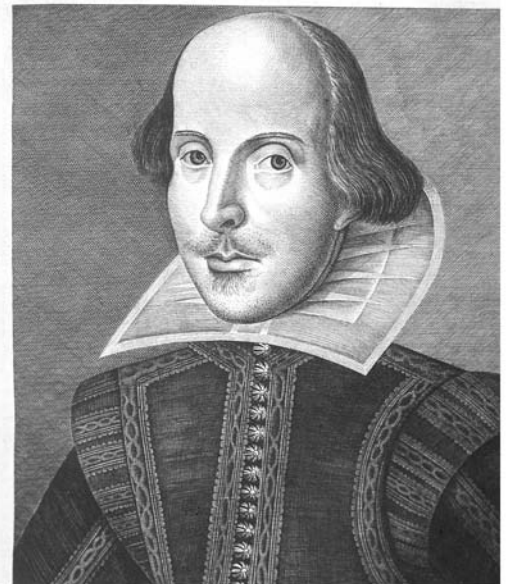
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GUIDEBOOK AUTHOR MARC ZAWEL '04 TAKES THE IVIES TO SCHOOL

The summer before Marc Zawel's senior year, the guidebook company College Prowler approached him with an offer. College Prowler produces a line of books written and compiled by undergraduate contributors, and Zawel '04, then a *Daily Sun* editor, jumped at the opportunity to helm *Untangling the Ivy League 2006*, an in-depth guide to the Ancient Eight. He even convinced Vice Provost Isaac Kramnick to support a semester of independent study researching Ivy lore. "Besides offering guidance and ideas," Zawel says, "he provided me with a lot of statistics on admissions and demographics across the Ivy League, and Cornell in particular."

The resulting book offers Ivy hopefuls a look at college life that "goes beyond the typical regurgitation-of-information sessions that you attend at these schools," says Zawel. A student correspondent created each entry, blending facts and tips with quotes that offer blunt assessments of academics, housing, and social life. (Cornell gets a B+ for academics but a C- for "Girls": "I hope you like books, snow, and alcohol because the girls offer very little at Cornell," one student declares.)

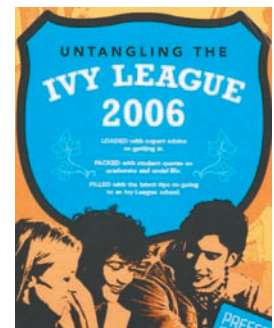
The project not only gave Zawel a crash course in publishing and marketing, it offered some perspective on the limits of the Ivy mystique. "The Ivy League to a lot of people means academics, prestige, and competitiveness," he says. "But if you say 'Ivy League' in Utah or Texas or Florida, if they don't know it's an athletic conference, then they don't know anything about it."

— Jill Weiskopf '06

from *Here* (1993), *Jupiter's Wife* (1995), and *Love and Diane* (2002).

Block isn't finished exposing the mysteries of family life, or his own marriage. He interviews his wife, Marjorie Silver, a professor of law at Touro Law Center in Huntington, New York, about their relationship in *51 Birch Street*, and he says he would like to make another personal documentary with their teenage daughter, Lucy, about the bond between fathers and daughters. He jokes that he'd burn his diaries if Lucy approached him in thirty years to make a film about her parents. But, of course, he'd still cooperate. "I don't think we ever acknowledge our parents enough and what they did for us," he says. "Even if we had a hard time with them, on the most basic level, I think it's important to acknowledge that they did the best they could and appreciate all they gave up for us. For me, the film is my way of sharing my appreciation."

— Lewis Rice



Shantytown Revisited

REMEMBERING THE SOUTH AFRICAN DIVESTMENT PROTESTS OF 1985 AND 1986

ONE APRIL DAY IN 1985, AS TULIPS bloomed in front of Day Hall, students gathered at the building to demand that the University divest its holdings in companies doing business in apartheid South Africa. “About 200 people showed up for that first protest and more than 100 got arrested,” remembers Matthew Lyons ’86, one of the organizers. “There was a sense we’d tapped into something, struck a chord.” For Lyons, the event was a personal watershed as well. “I had spent most of that year feeling quite isolated and alienated from the student culture around me—the fraternity scene, the general party atmosphere,” he says. “All of sudden, there was this whole other culture, politically minded and with a sense of shared goals.”

It wasn’t the first time that Cornell students had asked the trustees to divest, nor would it be the last. But the scale of the protests that spring was dramatic and unexpected: over 1,000 would ultimately be arrested for sit-ins at Day Hall. The arrests at Cornell followed closely on the heels of protests at Columbia and Berkeley, and anti-apartheid demonstrations soon spread to campuses across the country.

On April 20–22, faculty and former students will come together on the Hill to commemorate the protests of 1985 and 1986. According to English professor Paul Sawyer, one of the event’s organizers, there will be a photo exhibit and a series of events centered around the divestment movement and other moments in the history of Cornell activism, from the Straight takeover to Redbud Woods.

For many of those involved, that surge of activism twenty years ago had a profound influence on their lives. Lyons, an archivist at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, is also an independent historian who studies social movements and systems of oppression. Kelly McGowan ’85, who

was a spokesperson for the divestment activists, now consults with organizations serving disenfranchised communities. “They were definitely formative years,” she says. “South Africa was such a glaring example of injustice, a movement that needed support. It was a unique and rare experience to really make a difference.”


McGowan is part of a group of roughly twenty alumni who met during the movement, have remained active in social justice issues, and stay in touch with each other. Among them is Joan Meyers ’88, who is at the University of California, Davis, finishing a dissertation on worker-owned cooperatives. “Having friends

doing good work supports us and keeps us going,” Meyers says. “The anti-apartheid movement brought us together.”

Matthew Lyons also maintains friendships forged in that era. He was politically active before the divestment protests, he says, but joining that movement shifted his focus. “A lot of the people I felt connected with believed that, well, the next step is looking in a serious way at racism and class oppression in the U.S. I’m talking mainly about white activists—activists of color had been doing that all along. It wasn’t that I hadn’t been concerned about racism before then, but I hadn’t made it a focus of my work.”

The movement also changed how Lyons approached activism. “It was a different style of protest than I’d been involved in before—the sit-ins, being ordered to leave Day Hall at the end of the day, being dragged out,” he says. “People participated in spur-of-the-moment ways—you didn’t know what was going to happen. There was a sense of the energy of






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DAVID LYONS

Scenes from a Shantytown: Divestment movement encampment on the Arts Quad, 1986

the crowd. It was a spontaneous, open-ended style of activism.”

One innovation of that spring was Shantytown, a collection of shacks that students built to symbolize the living conditions in South Africa and serve as an information center. Students at Berkeley erected a similar encampment around the same time; according to Lyons, the publicity inspired imitations around the country. “That was probably our doing—getting Shantytown into the culture,” he says. “We helped to pioneer that.”

Early on, Matthew Lyons had asked his father, David—then a professor of law and philosophy at Cornell—to join the student protests. “His response was that he liked to save himself for emergencies,” Matthew recalls. “So I said, ‘If I call you from Day Hall and say this is an emergency, will you come?’ He said yes, and he did.” Matthew Lyons, Meyers, and McGowan were each arrested multiple times for remaining in Day Hall after closing time, and David Lyons was among the first of about twenty-five faculty members to be arrested. All charges against them were ultimately dropped, as were the charges against nearly all of those arrested for trespassing that spring; no one was convicted.

David Lyons, who now teaches in the law school at Boston University, says that he and other Cornell faculty members were struck by the divestment coalition’s emphasis on equality. “We were so impressed by them, having as our benchmarks the student political organizations of the Fifties and Sixties,” he says. “They were such an egalitarian and reasonable and non-hierarchical, non-sexist group.”

The divestment movement had wide-

spread support across the campus community: large numbers of students participated in the protests, a faculty referendum overwhelmingly supported divestment, and unionized staff voted unanimously in its favor. The Board of Trustees, however, was less receptive. Soon after the 1985 sit-ins began, then-President Frank Rhodes told a group of protesters that the trustees believed investing in socially responsible corporations doing business in South Africa was the best way to aid non-white South Africans.

In 1986, faced with escalating opposition, the trustees relented somewhat and adopted a policy of selective divestment. That year, the University held about \$146 million of stock in companies doing business in South Africa; by late 1988, the figure had dropped to about \$42 million. In January 1989, despite weekly divestment pickets the previous fall, the trustees declined to reduce the University’s South African holdings further. The question became moot in the next year, as the South African government fell and the apartheid system was dismantled.

Though the protesters could claim—at best—only a partial victory, Matthew Lyons remembers the spring of 1985 as a pivotal moment. “Here was an opportunity to be part of this larger movement that may at least in some small way help to free South Africa,” he recalls thinking. “It was a charge to be part of those protests. It may or may not have had a large effect on the greater issue, but it did on those who were involved.”

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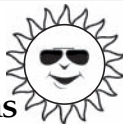
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ONCE A NEOCON STALWART,
FRANCIS FUKUYAMA '74
HAS A NEW MAGAZINE,
A SURPRISING POLITICAL
POSITION, AND A FEW
ANGRY FRIENDS

FRANK'S PLACE

BY DAVID DUDLEY

Foreign policy intellectual Francis Fukuyama '74 surfed over to Amazon.com recently to check the latest reviews readers had posted on his books (yes, he does this too), and he noticed something peculiar. "There used to be a whole bunch of extremely scathing things denouncing me as a neoconservative warmonger," Fukuyama says. "Those all seem to have gone away."

Fukuyama has long been one of the leading scholars associated with the Republican Party's neoconservative wing. He's been an academic darling of the Right since 1989, when he wrote a much-discussed fifteen-page article in the foreign policy journal *National Interest* called "The End of History?" Its career-defining thesis—that liberal democracy had already triumphed against its rivals in the great struggle of ideologies that drives human social evolution—seemed uncanny in the early 1990s, with the Cold War suddenly won and capitalism on the march. The article became a book, the book became a mainstream best-seller, and the provocative title was forever welded to Fukuyama's name. "It's been a burden ever since, and I've now written five other books," he complains mildly. "I long ago gave up the idea that I can do anything about it."

Being Mr. End of History has always been a mixed blessing for the fifty-two-year-old scholar, who now teaches at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C. The idea itself was both oft-misunderstood—

Fukuyama was referring to history in the Hegelian sense, a capital-H clash of competing forms of government, not the ongoing procession of war and tumult that comprise small-h history—and subject to critical re-appraisal whenever world events conspired to make the hypothesis seem hopelessly optimistic, which has been often lately. And even when it rode atop the bestseller lists, the notion never enjoyed broad acceptance. "It was a strange sort of success," says Fukuyama's longtime friend Abram Shulsky '63, an intelligence analyst at the Pentagon. "It was a success of introducing an idea that most people rejected but somehow couldn't get out from under their skins."

Even its author isn't fully sold, it seems; Fukuyama has revisited his signature hypothesis several times over the past decade, most recently in a preface to the book's new paperback edition. In his 2002 book *Our Posthuman Future*, Fukuyama speculated that advances in biotechnology could undermine the foundation of liberal democracy—humanity's biological equality. And, of course, 9/11 and its aftermath have offered a new perspective on the ideological challenge posed by fundamentalist Islam. "It always had that question mark at the end of it," Fukuyama says. "Religion, national identity—all these things have been much more problematic than I would have said."

But as a star-maker, the idea served Fukuyama well. He was an anonymous Soviet policy expert and mid-level State Department staffer when the article appeared; armed with a hefty book advance, he quickly quit his government post and headed to academia to assume his role as one of the big thinkers in the American neoconservative movement. Throughout the 1990s he burnished his neocon bona fides by penning articles for right-of-center outlets and working with various conservative think tanks, including the Project for the New American Century, co-founded by *Weekly Standard* editor William Kristol in 1997. The PNAC advocated a militarily emboldened post-Cold War America and, in a 1998 letter to President Clinton, demanded the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. Among its members were several Bush Administration advocates for the invasion of Iraq—including such names as Cheney, Rumsfeld, and Fukuyama's onetime mentor Paul Wolfowitz '65—along with *Washington Post* columnist Charles Krauthammer, Yale professor Robert Kagan, and other ranking members of the neoconservative pundit class.

So it came as something of a shock when, in 2004, Fukuyama denounced the Iraq invasion, called for Rumsfeld's resignation, and declared that he planned to vote for John Kerry. The rift was opened, appropriately, via another *National Interest* article called "The Neoconservative Moment," which took his erstwhile compatriots to task for a "failure to step up to [the] facts" on the war in Iraq. Ostensibly a critique of an address defending the war that Krauthammer had made at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, the article was both a plea to return to core neoconservative principles and a wide-ranging attack on the Bush foreign policy—and its neocon framers—in terms that wouldn't have seemed out of place in the liberal *Nation*. In August 2005, Fukuyama took another swing, this time in a far more public venue—an op-ed in

the *New York Times*. “Four years after 9/11, our whole foreign policy seems destined to rise or fall on the outcome of a war only marginally related to the source of what befell us on that day,” he wrote. “There was nothing inevitable about this. There is everything to be regretted about it.”

“That one was read by a lot of people,” Fukuyama muses, “and really annoyed quite a few.”

Fukuyama certainly isn’t the first voice on the Right to muster an objection to the Iraq war—isolationist “paleoconservatives” of the Pat Buchanan ilk have long been stout critics, for example. But his standing as a neoconservative house intellectual has given Fukuyama’s stand a deeper resonance. Anti-war liberals embraced it as a crippling admission of the flaws at the heart of the neocon agenda; Krauthammer wrote that it looked more like an attempt to “take down the entire neoconservative edifice.”

To further confuse matters, Fukuyama’s neocon defection is something of a schism within a schism. The *Times* op-ed was adapted from a longer piece that opens the first issue of the *American Interest*, the new foreign policy magazine that Fukuyama co-founded after resigning from the *National Interest*’s editorial board in March. He departed—along with nine other prominent board members—because the small but influential journal, which was founded by neoconservative godfather Irving Kristol, had been purchased by the Nixon Center, a foreign policy research group led by the neocon’s traditional foes on the right, Kissinger-style realists (who also tend to oppose the Iraq war). Fukuyama, however, found their narrowly realist point of view just as objectionable as the hawkish brand of neoconservatism that he had disavowed.

This double-reversal has left fans and foes alike scratching their heads, but Fukuyama seems to relish being an ideological wild card. “I don’t even primarily think of myself as conservative—I never liked that label,” he says. “I’ve never understood what I do in terms of a political agenda. I always thought of myself as believing cer-

tain ideas, and the political affiliation is something you need sometimes to get those ideas put into practice. But the partisanship doesn’t come first. Your primary duty is to be honest about what you think.” He did make an effort to reclaim the good name of neoconservatism in his *National Interest* article, he says, but now he’s officially moved on. “Kristol and Kagan have defined the movement around pre-emption and coercive regime change, and no one’s ever going to be convinced that you can get away from that,” he says. “If that’s the case, I’m not a neoconservative anymore. I don’t know what I am.”

A certain intellectual restlessness has long been a Fukuyama trademark. He did two brief stints in government service during the 1980s, but chafed at the rigidity of the jobs. “I like the freedom to be able to say whatever I want to, move around in terms of subject matters,” he says. He’s made the most of that freedom, straying far from his Kremlinology roots to weigh in on evolutionary biology and social norms in 1999’s *The Great Disruption* or the implications of biotechnology in *Our Posthuman Future*. “He’s not put off in any way about going into fields that he doesn’t know much about,” says Shulsky. “He’s fearless—he just plunges right in.”

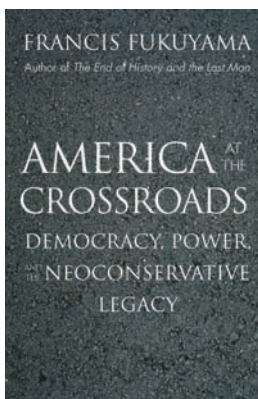
At Cornell, Fukuyama was admitted to the exclusive College Scholar program, whose students design their own curricula, free from most degree requirements. “You could put off defining a major, or construct your own major, which really suited me,” he says. “It’s what I did the rest of my career.” As a freshman he talked his way into the upper-level Plato class taught by the influential government professor Allan Bloom, a critical passage in his political education. Bloom was then serving out his last months at Cornell after resigning, along with several other faculty members, in the wake of the 1969 Straight takeover. But Fukuyama was suitably impressed by the charismatic Bloom,

and he managed to join the tail end of a generation of acolytes Bloom had assembled as a house professor at the Telluride Association student residence during the 1960s.

The halls of Telluride, home to academically gifted scholarship students, echoed with the voices of now-prominent names in neoconservative politics and academia, and Fukuyama followed their lead, reading *The Republic* in the original Greek and poring over the esoteric writings of Bloom’s philosophical mentor, Leo Strauss. “Telluride offers a pretty intense intellectual experience, but it was supercharged in a sense because there were all these very specific kinds of philosophical ideas floating around,” Fukuyama recalls. His father—a sociologist, Congregational minister, and “very traditional liberal”—was horrified. “Once I came under Bloom’s influence, we had lots of political disagreements,” he says. “My father never really understood what had gone wrong. He kept telling people that I had been brainwashed somehow by the wrong political sect.”

After a dalliance with comparative literature and a semester in Paris pondering deconstruction with Jacques Derrida, Fukuyama studied international relations in graduate school at Harvard, where he wrote a dissertation on Soviet foreign policy. “It was a kind of revolt against theory and abstract intellectual pursuits in general,” he says. “I wanted to do something much more practical and down-to-earth.” In 1979 he began working as an analyst at the RAND Corporation, then was recruited into Ronald Reagan’s State Department by Wolfowitz, who often tapped into a network of young ex-Telluriders for his policy planning staff. “I think there were about seven of us,” says Fukuyama, who also interned for Wolfowitz in his graduate school days. “To this day, most of my friends in Washington are people I knew back then.”

The tight-knit nature of the neoconservative brain trust—and Fukuyama’s stature within it—makes the internecine strife that he’s ignited all the more striking. “It’s not only that he’s a member of the tribe going after another member of the tribe,” University of Chicago political scientist John Mearsheimer, MA ’78, PhD ’81, the author of *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics* and a noted realist (and Iraq war opponent), told the online magazine



openDemocracy in 2004. “He’s one of the tribe’s most important members.”

But others see Fukuyama’s shift as less than seismic. “I don’t think it’s a huge rift,” says Shulsky, whose own role in the march to war is familiar to Iraq critics. (Shulsky was director of the Office of Special Plans, the Pentagon policy operation that many believe contributed to the intelligence failures that preceded the invasion.) His friend’s feelings about the war were never a secret—or, Shulsky says, a source of any personal friction. “He’s always been a little more reserved about the democratization process, compared to Wolfowitz.”

Political science professor Nathan Tarcov ’68, head of the University of Chicago’s Olin Center and a friend since the early 1970s, notes that Fukuyama’s mild demeanor has served him well in previous ideological dustups. “He’s not combative, despite the public controversies he’s always getting into,” Tarcov says. “In that sense, he’s a very easy person to disagree with.”

Nevertheless, Fukuyama’s dispute with Krauthammer did take an uncharacteristically ugly turn: in a response essay in the *National Interest*, Krauthammer called Fukuyama’s critique “bizarre” and appeared to accuse him of anti-Semitism (“Fukuyama’s psychological speculation... allows him a novel way of Judaizing neoconservatism”). This, in turn, inspired another round of increasingly testy follow-ups from both combatants in succeeding issues. Fukuyama seems notably unrepentant about the fracas now. “I don’t want to piss off any old friends unnecessarily,” he says. “I’ve tried to just argue about the issues. Krauthammer doesn’t think I’ve done that, but I can’t quite see where I’ve attacked him personally. It does seem to me that with a lot of people you can disagree with them and still maintain a decent personal relationship.”

That may be a skill he honed in his years at Telluride, where factional debate on big ideas was a fixture of undergraduate life, and one he says should be reflected in the pages of his *American Interest*. The journal appears to strive for a diversity of opinion, albeit within the vaguely-moderate-to-very-conservative range. Fellow edi-

torial board members include both Carter Administration National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski and right-leaning (but anti-Iraq war) military scholar Eliot Cohen, and the premiere issue balanced Fukuyama’s demolition of the Bush Doctrine with a disquisition on “Warrior Honor” among the troops by the hawkish *Atlantic* correspondent Robert Kaplan. Editor Adam Garfinkle is a former speechwriter for Condoleezza Rice (who was interviewed in the first issue’s cover article). “The thing about the magazine is that my viewpoint isn’t the only one—it doesn’t have a particular partisan point of view,” says Fukuyama. “That’s what I liked about the old *National Interest*, and we’re going to try to keep that tradition alive.”

His new book, titled *America at the Crossroads* and due out in April, takes his conservative family feud to the next level—it extends his Krauthammer rebuttal and a recent series of lectures into a larger critical epitaph for the “neoconservative legacy.” It’s Fukuyama’s official attempt to declare the End of Neoconservatism and forge his own policymaking credo—he calls it “realistic Wilsonianism”—from the broken pieces. “One of the things I argue is that conservatives, both paleo and neo, have stopped thinking about international institutions,” he says. “They basically leave it at the fact that they don’t like the United Nations without actually doing any creative thinking about alternatives that might be more effective.”

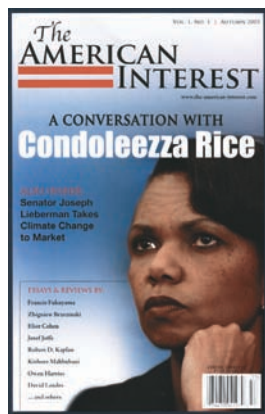
At SAIS, Fukuyama has recently taken over the international development program, and he aims to give his *American Interest*—which boasts an eleven-person “global advisory council”—a distinctly multinational flavor. He laments conservatives’ lack of interest in development abroad. “There’s this deep hostility to nation building, which is what I think got us into trouble in Iraq,” he says, “but

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beyond that, there’s a big agenda out there. If you want to promote democracy, it’s not a matter of just militarily knocking over regimes that you don’t like. We don’t have a well-thought-out sense of how to go about doing this, and a lot of the existing schools have pretty stale ideas when it comes to foreign policy. That’s the territory I think we ought to cover.”

One thing that does not seem to be in Fukuyama’s immediate future is a return to government service, which is fine with him. “In this administration, there was this extremely heavy element of groupthink, which is very destructive, and I’m glad that I didn’t have to deal with any of that,” he says. “What I call ‘bureaucratic tribalism’ is a feature of all administrations, but it was particularly poisonous in this administration. It stood in the way of their taking into account the possibility that things wouldn’t go right in Iraq.”

In January 2003, before the invasion of Iraq, Fukuyama was asked by the Pentagon’s Office of Net Assessment to do a private study on the threat posed by international terrorism. He gave his presentation—which counseled extreme caution in undertaking any military actions that might further inflame the Islamic world—to a group that included his ex-boss Wolfowitz. The study, Fukuyama says, explains why he had kept his misgivings about the war to himself until long after the shooting began. It was also a pointed lesson in the virtues of remaining safely on the policymaking sidelines. “I’ve watched a lot of my friends in this administration with a twinge of envy that they’re making these big decisions,” he says. “But, on the other hand, if they’re not the right decisions, you’re kind of glad that you’re not responsible for the outcome.”



A New Day

On the evening of January 21, as the Lynah Faithful performed their pregame rituals before that night's contest with Clarkson, a red carpet was rolled onto the ice.

Interim President Hunter Rawlings strolled out with his wife, Elizabeth, followed by another couple. Rawlings hailed the capacity crowd and then introduced the man standing at his side: David Skorton, who had been appointed Cornell's twelfth president earlier that day. Rawlings presented Skorton and his wife, Robin Davisson, with Big Red hockey jerseys, and team captain Matt Moulson '06 shook the new president's hand. (Davisson got a hug.) Skorton then took the microphone. "The only thing my wife and I can say," he proclaimed, "is Let's Go Red!" More than 3,000 voices roared in response.

An Interview with President-Elect David Skorton

By Jim Roberts

For Skorton, it was a triumphant close to a long day that had included a meeting with the Board of Trustees, a press conference, a luncheon with local dignitaries, and get-togethers with faculty, staff, and student leaders. It also concluded a difficult period in the University's history that had begun on the morning of June 11, 2005, when President Jeffrey Lehman '77 announced his resignation. A period of uncertainty followed, and the lack of a coherent explanation for Lehman's disagreements with the Board of Trustees generated rumors and recriminations. But the announcement of Skorton's appointment—a well-guarded secret until the day before—seemed to clear the air. It was, as President Emeritus Frank Rhodes said, "a new day for Cornell."

Skorton, who will assume office on July 1, comes to Cornell from the University of Iowa, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1980 and president since 2003. Trained as a cardiologist, he is the son of a Belarussian immigrant who sold shoes, first in Milwaukee—where Skorton was born—and later in Los Angeles. He is the first member of his family to complete



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Meet the press: President-Elect David Skorton fielded questions from local media after his appointment was announced on January 21.

college, initially enrolling at UCLA and then transferring to Northwestern, where he earned both his undergraduate and MD degrees. After completing his residency and a cardiology fellowship at UCLA, Skorton was hired as an instructor by the University of Iowa, where he was the co-founder and co-director of the Adolescent and Adult Congenital Heart Disease Clinic and a researcher in cardiac imaging and computer image processing. He will hold three appointments at Cornell, in biomedical engineering in the College of Engineering on the Ithaca campus and in both pediatrics and internal medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City.

Skorton got his start in university administration thanks to Rawlings, who also served as president of the University of Iowa before coming to the Hill; Rawlings named Skorton Iowa's vice president for research in 1992. Skorton later added the duties of vice president for external relations before becoming president. At Iowa, he is known not only as an advocate for the health sciences and medical research but as a fervent supporter of the arts

and humanities—not surprisingly, perhaps, as he is an accomplished musician who plays the saxophone and flute and has hosted a Sunday-night Latin jazz radio program in Iowa.

Skorton was married to Robin Davisson in 2004. A native Iowan, Davisson earned her undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees from the University of Iowa; after completing post-doctoral work at Iowa, she joined the faculty and currently serves as an associate professor of anatomy and cell biology and radiation oncology in the College of Medicine. Her research has focused on high blood pressure and other vascular disorders. Like her husband, Davisson will hold multiple appointments at Cornell, in the Department of Biomedical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine and in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology at Weill Cornell. In her spare time, Davisson pursues the fiber arts, spinning and dyeing her own yarn, and she shares many interests with her husband, including haiku and vegetarian cuisine. The couple has traveled extensively, and in August 2005 co-authored an op-ed piece for the *Wall Street Journal* about



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Consultation: Skorton, shown here chatting with President Emeritus Frank Rhodes, has emphasized that he will seek advice from all of Cornell's former leaders, including Jeffrey Lehman '77.

visa problems encountered by international students in the post-9/11 United States.

Four days after Skorton's appointment was announced, I traveled to the presidential residence on the campus of the University of Iowa, where I sat down for a wide-ranging talk with Cornell's next president, whose current reading includes medical journals, a history of the Middle East, and Carol Kammen's 2003 history of the University, *Glorious to View*. (Oh . . . and on the night of January 21, the Big Red hockey team defeated Clarkson, 4-2. Maybe it's a good omen.)



Why did you think this job was a good fit for you? What was most appealing about coming to Cornell?

Cornell has some attributes that are, if not unique, at least quite unusual. It's a distinguished institution with a very, very proud history of academic excellence. And the balance among disciplines is not something you find in every place. Cornell is strong in the life sciences, strong in the physical and mathematical sciences, and strong in the humanities. Added to that is the land-grant mission—the public service orientation. Coming out of public higher education, first at UCLA and then at Iowa, it's been a constant in my life to think of looking outward from the university and doing something for the community. It's easy to say, but it's hard to do. We've made some progress at Iowa, and I'm

optimistic that I can participate in progress at Cornell as well.

Aside from the public service orientation, what do you think are the most important similarities between Iowa and Cornell?

For one thing, the strength across disciplines. Iowa is a place with a prominent health sciences center and a prominent space science program, like Cornell, but it also has a strong writing program—many say the strongest in the country. Being a big institution in a small town is another similarity. After my first interview for this opportunity, I did one of those Google news alerts, and every day, seven days a week, I saw what was coming out about Cornell. One of the things I noticed was town/gown issues. I was also gratified to see that there has been a thrust of interest in the undergraduate experience at Cornell, with the Residential Initiative and other programs. At Iowa we've also been trying to refocus on the undergraduate experience. Another thing is the pride in the legacy of being open and egalitarian in the admissions process. Iowa was established in 1847, and it was said to be the first university in the country to admit men and women on equal footing. And Cornell, of course, by the words of the founder as well as its actions, also has that legacy. The concept that a school would not be just for the elite is very, very appealing to me.

As a physician, was it important that you would be able to have a position at the medical school as well as in Ithaca?

Actually, I knew more about the medical college than any other part of Cornell. [Medical College Dean] Tony Gotto has been an icon for me for a long time. He's one of the pillars of international cardiology. So that was appealing, yes. Since I've been involved in university administration, I've been less involved in day-to-day medical care than I used to be. I won't be able to have a practice at Weill Cornell, but I'd love to have the opportunity to do teaching rounds.

In your meetings with the search committee, how much did they explain to you about the reasons behind Jeff Lehman's resignation, and how did you feel about that?

They didn't bring it up. I brought it up. Jeff Lehman was not a close friend of mine, but he's a colleague and I have great respect for him. He's a thoughtful man. And like many other university presidents, I was impressed and heartened by his Call to Engagement. But I started out with the idea that things happen that are unpredictable, and so I offered, as I recall, that I wasn't interested in trying to find out anything more about it. I'm an old warhorse in terms of academic administration, and if you show me a complex organization like Cornell and tell me there aren't any problems or conflicts, I'm going to say that you just aren't seeing them. I don't mean to sound like I'm putting my head in the ground, but I thought that if I got the opportunity to become president, I was going to have to start from day one and go forward.

The members of the Board of Trustees whom I met during the process seemed to be open, direct, straightforward people who had the interests of the institution at heart. The feeling I got was that they are emotionally and intellectually committed to the good of the institution. I know that Jeff Lehman is emotionally and intellectually committed to the good of the institution. Why it is or how it is that they disagreed and came to whatever decision they came to, I don't know. I think it's possible for reasonable people to disagree and to part company on issues great and small. That did not give me pause.

One more thing: I'm the sort of person who will seek advice from those who've been there longer than me, which is *everybody* on that campus. I will seek advice from Dale Corson—I already have. I will seek advice from Frank Rhodes—I already have. I will seek advice from Hunter Rawlings—I already have. And I will seek advice from Jeff Lehman as well. I've got no reason to think that with good will we can't move forward. I'm also not so naïve as to think that there won't be issues about which I'll disagree with people. But I'm confident that we can talk about anything.

The dynamic between Jeff Lehman and the Board obviously fell apart. Isn't there a danger that if you don't know what happened, something similar could happen to you?

There is always a chance of disagreement, and in fact I'm used

to a shared leadership process in which I'm surprised if people don't disagree on major issues. My style has been to meet on a regular basis with the faculty leadership, the staff leadership, and the student leadership, and not to make any major decisions, including budgetary decisions, without talking things out. I believe that people ought to mix it up—and if they should mix it up anywhere, they should mix it up at universities. I can't wait to hear the different opinions at Cornell. I can't wait to get into the actual issues.

Jeff Lehman said Cornell should be a "transnational university." Do you agree with that?

I very much subscribe to that idea. In the summer of last year, Robin and I went as a delegation of two to Southeast Asia. We visited with the leaders of universities in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore. We were mostly interested in trying to use student and faculty exchange as a mechanism for interaction with the Islamic world. We had a fantastic visit.

One of the attractive things about Cornell is that it has had a big footprint in the world for a long time. Jeff focused on that, and I will continue to push that concept. Having said that, I anticipate that, especially at the beginning of my time as president, I will be staying on campus—on the two campuses—learning about Cornell. The University has many other potential ambassadors besides me—faculty, staff, students, and

other administrators—and my style will probably be to get some of them out there.

At the press conference, you said that you hadn't talked to Hunter Rawlings about the job until after the search committee contacted you. Weren't you curious to know what he thought?

I think we both felt that it was better for us not to have a lot of contact. At first, I wondered, Gosh, would they look at the same school again? I remember asking Hunter about that. He's such a careful, ethical man, and he just said, "Well, we'll see." But we didn't really have much contact.

As the head of a public university, you've had to work with your state government and deal with funding cuts in recent years. At this point, how much have you been able to learn about Cornell's relationship with New York State?

I'm not an expert in New York State finances. But I can tell you that the revenue problems of the states in the early twenty-first century have been almost ubiquitous. Now, this may not be the most popular thing to say as an incoming university president, but I've said it here many times and you might as well know me: States have their ups and downs, and when their economies improve, the claim of human services on those dollars is just as

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valid as the claim of education. Those are usually the two largest components of state spending—human services and education. I’ve always thought it was not right for higher education leaders to complain about downturns in state funding that are related to actual revenue problems. When we are faced with state budgetary cuts, we need to make our case as strongly and convincingly as possible about the value that we bring—by qualitative arguments and by quantitative arguments, like economic impact studies. At the same time, we have to develop our own independent revenue streams. Cornell does this by having generous alumni and friends, by grant funding, and by tuition. I can’t imagine that, in what I hope will be a long tenure at Cornell, I won’t see times of better public revenue and times of worse public revenue. I think our responsibility is to show the value that we offer, and at the same time show that we’re doing everything we can to deal with growth in our own fashion. I can’t wait to get to know the New York legislators and the governor, and to do the best I can to make our case.

Did you get to meet any of the local government leaders when you were in Ithaca?

Just in passing. The mayor of Ithaca seemed like an engaged and gracious person, and I’m looking forward to getting to know her better. There are problems that the University cannot solve on its own and the community cannot solve on its own. Here in Iowa, I’ve invited members of the city council to come and meet with the administration, and I’ve had regular meetings with the mayor of Iowa City. I’ve had a chance to interact with business leaders, and I’ve had a chance to go to social events and meet with the people who live in the town and depend on the university not only for employment but for entertainment and cultural outreach.

One of the biggest issues between Cornell and the city has to do with the University’s growth and its impact on the surrounding neighborhoods.

That’s similar to what’s happened here, and I’ll tell you what my approach has been. I wouldn’t claim that it’s always been extremely successful, but I think the people in town need to be given a good idea of what the university is planning. If you’re planning things way out in the future and your plans are not solid, I’m not sure they should be made public. But let’s say there is a definite intention to move in a certain geographical direction or to build something that would affect traffic patterns and parking. Isn’t it our responsibility to give notice, not only in the legal sense but in the “good neighbor” sense?

I also have to say this: In my thirteen years of being in the administration of a big university in a small town, I’ve found that the most dispiriting thing that happens is when people are given to believe that a decision will be based on consultation when

there’s no way that it will be. I come from an orientation where I believe that the vast majority of decisions should be consultative and people are not only heard but know that what they are saying will actually have an effect. But there are some decisions that are not going to be consultative in nature, and it’s disingenuous to pretend they are.

Cornell hasn’t had a master plan, although I understand that one is being developed. Do you think that will help with town/gown relations?

The thing about master planning at universities is that some things can be planned decades in advance and some must be opportunistic, in the best sense of the word. For example, the nation puts an emphasis on biomedical research, so Cornell and other universities decide to have an ambitious life sciences initiative. But things may change. I remember the changes in the morale of the high-energy physics community some years ago when the federal

investment ended for the Superconducting Super Collider project. Master planning is extremely important, but the plan has to be a living document. It’s important to have regular, predictable interactions between the planners on campus and in town. We would have found it very hard to administer this campus without that—which is not to say that we agreed on everything. But the communication is so important.

You just wrapped up a \$1 billion capital campaign at Iowa, and now you’re going to plunge into one at Cornell that will have an even more ambitious goal. What are the main challenges for you, as president, in leading such an effort?

The greatest challenge is to learn a lot about Cornell in a short period of time, although certain things are of common character, so my learning curve will not be too long. Representing and communicating on behalf of the university is the main thing that a president does in a campaign—letting people know the good news about the university, letting alumni and friends and potential investors know that I’ll be honest enough to tell them when there are problems and what we’re doing to try to solve them. I don’t think it’s helpful to pretend that everything is perfect. It also means knowing enough about the trends in higher education to understand when there will likely be a return on investment.

But I guess the most important thing is for me to be a credible witness on behalf of the University, when everybody is going to know that I don’t have a long history with the place. I’ve already begun to communicate with those who are leading that effort, asking them to teach me some of the things I need to know. I’m impressed with the major themes of the campaign, and I believe

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Let's Go Red: Skorton and his wife, Robin Davisson, hailed the crowd at Lynah Rink on the day of his appointment.

that some of those themes were the work of Jeff Lehman during his presidency. I did have one concern, which is that I'd like to see a thrust on the arts and humanities. I think the humanities are the soul of the university. It's very, very important to me, for three reasons. One is because I come from an arts background, as an aspiring musician—one who's still aspiring. Secondly, my interests include literature and poetry. My wife and I have many poetry books—lots of haiku. We write haiku together. And the third reason is that the public doesn't invest enough in the arts and humanities. During the 104th Congress, the endowment budgets were savaged.

The first thing I did when I became president here was to declare the "Year of the Arts and the Humanities"—which is not to say that that was the only year where we were going to give a darn, but to say that raising the profile of these disciplines and celebrating them publicly is important. If you look at the publications that come from research universities, what we celebrate is mostly the sciences—it's cures for cancer, life sciences, physical sciences, space science. And why not? Those are fabulous things. But don't we also act as the major centers of public culture in this

country? Why shouldn't we get out there and celebrate that, raise money for it, spend money on it, and keep it robust?

Cornell has been a proud place for the humanistic disciplines throughout its history. Why wouldn't we do our best to have our alumni and friends support that as far into the future as the eye can see? I'm very, very committed to doing that, and to reallocating money internally to whatever needs to be done.

As your term as president is about to begin, what one message would you like to send to Cornell alumni?

I think it will be the same message now as it will be ten years from now, if I'm still honored enough to be the president then. And that will be to say that you alumni have the greatest stake in the University, that you have one foot that will never leave Ithaca or New York City, and you have a perspective that comes from being out in the world before, during, and after your time at Cornell. I need your advice and criticism. An occasional pat on the back would be great, too. So be in touch with me. Let me hear from you directly and through the people who work with me. I need your help. That will be the message, now and forever. ●



FIRST AMONG EQUALS

By Brad Herzog



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THE LEGACY OF CORNELL'S FIRST FOUR-YEAR CLASS

It sits, nearly forgotten after 134 years, behind some hedges near the northwest corner of Olin Library: a red sandstone marker, placed there by the members of the Class of 1872, many of whom spent four years at an institution that was, well, four years old at the time. “*Prima inter pares*,” says the Latin inscription on the marker, an expression of confidence in the future of the University.

First among equals.

When it came time to hand out diplomas, there were, by most accounts, seventy-two graduates in the Class of '72, the numbers fluctuating as dozens of class members left school early while others transferred from

places like Hobart and Dartmouth. But the men who constituted the University's first “through” graduating class may be best described as Cornell's version of the Mercury Seven astronauts—going boldly, as it were, into the heady stratosphere of higher education and a more democratic academic concept. Collectively, their stories form a sort of biographical mosaic of Ezra Cornell's novel start-up. These students—coming from near (Corning, Syracuse, Trumansburg) and far (Tennessee, Kansas, California)—were both a reflection of the founder's dream and the means of making it a success.

Examine the closest thing in existence to an 1872 class picture—a photograph of a few

Their back pages: Class of 1872 member Charles Crandall (opposite) returned to campus as an engineering professor, retiring in 1915. Law student Garrett Serviss (above) became an acclaimed writer of science fiction.

dozen men relaxing on the nearly empty expanse that would someday be known as the Arts Quad—and one is struck by an overwhelming sense of omission. Where are the trees? Where are the women? Where, even metaphorically, is the ivy? It is a portrait of a college in infancy, its reputation yet to be made.

Perhaps this is why David Starr Jordan, arguably the most renowned member of the bunch as the future president of Indiana and Stanford universities, organized a “boarding club” in Ithaca with some pals interested in natural history and—a decade after the publication of Charles Darwin’s *The Origin of Species*—named it the Struggle for Existence. Or as they called it, the “Strug.”

More than a half-century later, in an essay written for a book called *History of the Cornell Class of 1872*, Jordan addressed that very challenge, as it pertained to a brand-new institution. “It is very much easier to run an old university than to start a new one right, but there is more fun in a new one, where all traditions are to be made and where every finger-post points forward,” he explained. “As most of us had never seen a college before, the crudeness of things did not discourage us. With the eye of faith, we saw the hill farm rising into a noble campus.”

In relative terms, these were ancient times—before telephones, phonographs, radios, automobiles. No one had yet heard of lipstick or skyscrapers. Buffalo hunters and Indian fighters were still roaming the Great Plains, and the American flag had only thirty-seven stars.

The men in the Class of 1872 were just a few generations removed from historical icons. Russell Headley’s great-great-grandfather signed the Declaration of Independence. Daniel Dickinson’s grandfather was an aide-de-camp to General George Washington. Samuel Fisher was the grandson of a captain in Napoleon’s army at Waterloo. Indeed, some of these Cornellians already had made history themselves. Gram Curtis didn’t have to study the Battle of Gettysburg; he fought in it.

At commencement exercises, Curtis read his essay titled “The Supply of Water and Water Power to the University.” Indeed, most everything in those days was new on the Hill, and most everything the class did was the first of its kind. Headley was the first man to go to bat in an official Cornell baseball game. George Birge unveiled the first song written by a Cornellian; he called it “We Honor Thee, Cornell.” His classmate Archibald Weeks (who won the first-ever footrace on campus) soon wrote lyrics to a song himself. It began, “Far above Cayuga’s waters . . .”

The Class of 1872 contributed the academic, architectural, and

even familial building blocks of Cornell, becoming Ithaca icons themselves. Following graduation, Charles Crandall joined the faculty, remaining on the Hill until he retired as an engineering professor in 1915. (There would be at least one member of the Crandall family on the faculty until the 1950s.) Crandall’s classmate William Miller, Cornell’s first architecture student, went on to design or remodel more than eighty buildings in the Ithaca area, including Stimson Hall, Barnes Hall, Sage Chapel, and Uris

Library. The home he built in downtown Ithaca, at the corner of Buffalo and Aurora streets, is now a bed-and-breakfast called the William Henry Miller Inn. A third classmate, Charles Blair, would become president of the Ithaca Railroad—and, eighteen months after graduation, husband of Emma Cornell, Ezra’s youngest daughter.

By then, there had been a sea change above Cayuga’s waters. In February 1872, just weeks before the class was to graduate, the University announced that the trustees had accepted Henry Sage’s offer of \$250,000 to construct a dormi-

tory for women. Cornell became a lightning rod for opinions on co-education, pro and con. Some, like Goldwin Smith, then a professor of English history and not yet an edifice, worried that “subjecting women to the rigors of competitive examinations might make them unmarriageable.” Many members of the Class of 1872 were likewise hostile to the concept, although their own class history describes the majority of them as “theoretically indifferent.”

Ezra Cornell claimed to have “the utmost confidence in its success,” and by autumn sixteen female students were enrolled, as the University added progressiveness to its reputation for practicality. “The destiny of Cornell is fixed,” wrote the editors of the 1872–73 *Cornellian*. “What heretofore has been termed an experiment may now be regarded as established fact.” The University, the editors announced, was in “a flourishing condition.”

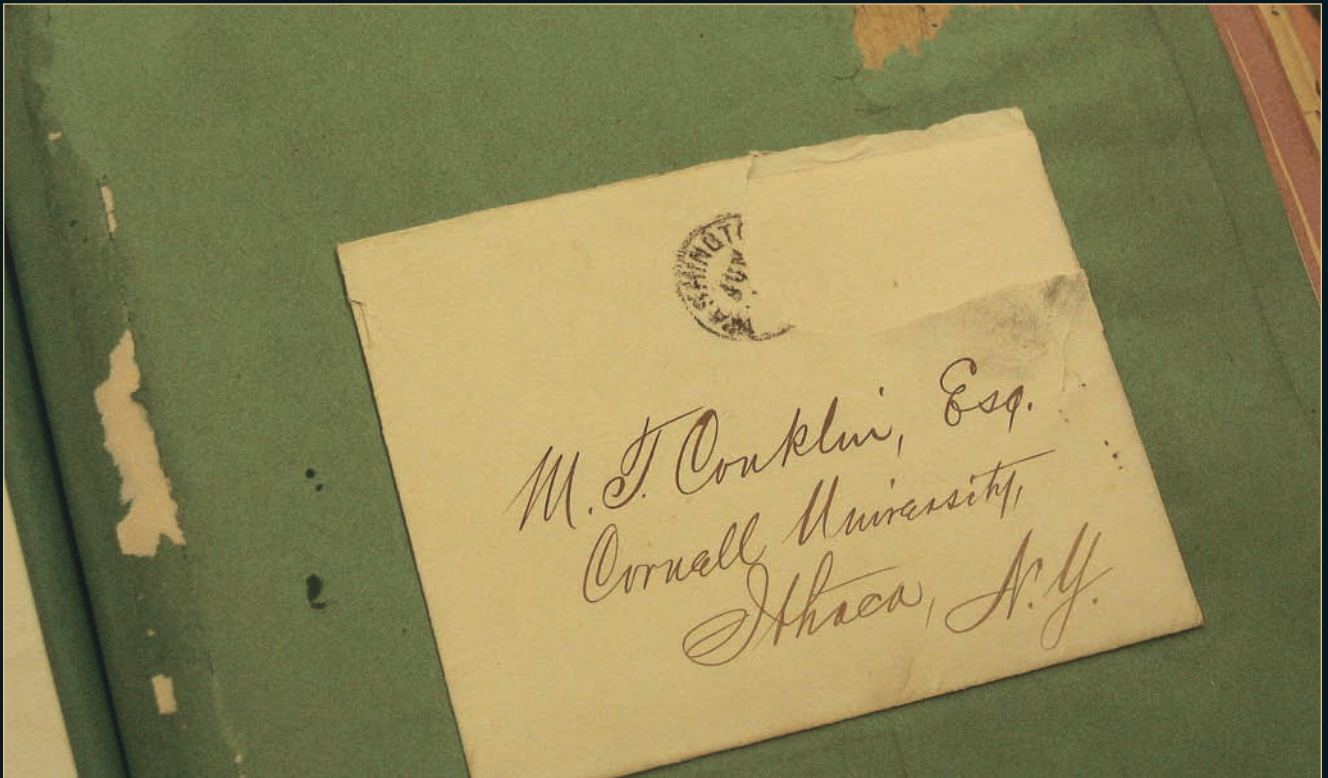
But what of Cornell’s first through graduates? What did their futures hold? If an educational institution is to be judged in large part by its contribution to the greater good, then the pursuits and achievements of the members of the Class of 1872 provided evidence of the breadth of possibilities. They became engineers and ministers and attorneys and undertakers. They sowed the seeds of a national university, many of them making tracks westward in the last days of the American frontier. Gideon Pitts founded four banks in Sioux City, Iowa. Arthur Fuller became a rancher in Colorado. Henry Bennett became a newspaper editor in Montana. Harry Buffum became a physician in Walla Walla, Washington.

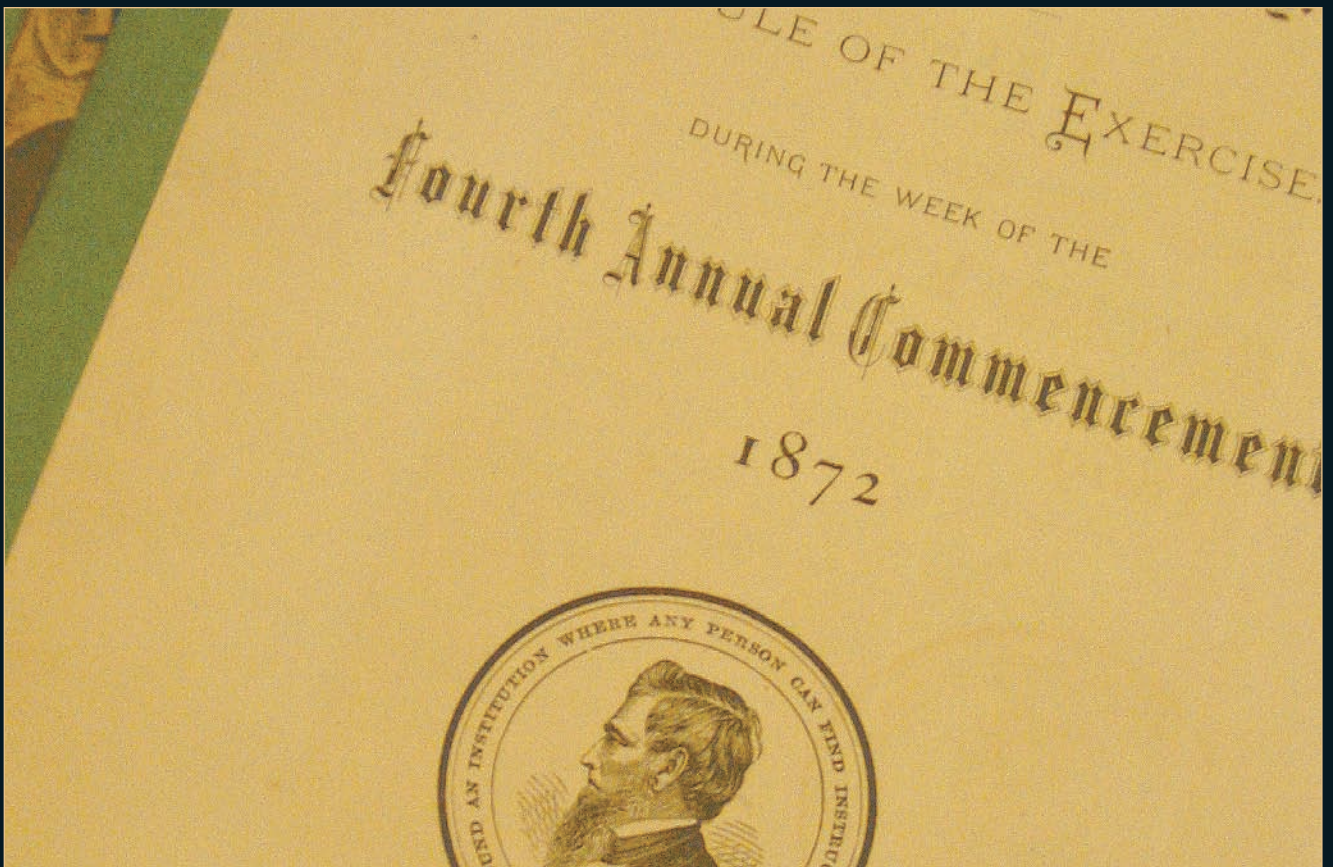
They had front-row seats to history. Charles Emery worked as William McKinley’s secretary. George Birge made a fortune as a founder of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company and



STEFANIE GREEN

“First Among Equals”: The Class of 1872 marker (above) near Olin Library. Opposite page: Baseball team captain Millard “Conk” Conklin made a fortune building steam engines, then paid for the college educations of seventy-five other men.





served on the board of directors of the Pan-American Exposition of 1901. Dr. Louis Livingston Seaman would become a major in the U.S. Army, serving and observing in various fronts: Cuba during the Spanish-American War, China during the Boxer Rebellion, Japan during the Russo-Japanese War, Belgium during World War I.

Consider Jonas Salk's polio vaccine, and give Daniel Salmon an assist. Salmon received a bachelor's degree in veterinary science in 1872, earned the first DVM degree in the U.S. four years later, and became a renowned veterinary pathologist. As a public health advocate, he served as the first chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Industry, inaugurating a nationwide system for meat inspection. As a scientist, he pioneered the fight against contagious diseases, identifying a bacterium that famously bears his name—Salmonella. And during a study of hog cholera, he and collaborator Theobald Smith 1881 demonstrated that heat-killed organisms could immunize animals against living organisms, a notion that turned out to be the foundation for the development of vaccines against typhus and polio.

The prefatory note to *History of the Cornell Class of 1872* declares that “the first class that was sent from its doors justified the foresight of the founder of the new University; its members were doers, not dreamers.” But some of the most accomplished graduates were actually a good deal of both.

In perhaps the first instance of a Cornellian veering wildly from his major field of study, Garrett Serviss studied law on the Hill only to become a journalist and science writer. His 1923 tome, *The Einstein Theory of Relativity*, which might today have been called *Relativity for Dummies*, was described in a *Cornell Alumni News* review as an “exposition of the difficult theory worked out by Alfred [sic] Einstein.” But Serviss also made his mark as one of the earliest authors of science fiction.

When H. G. Wells's *War of the Worlds* was serialized in 1897 in *Cosmopolitan* magazine, Arthur Brisbane, publisher of the *New York Evening Journal*, saw an opportunity to boost circulation by promoting a sequel. He hired Serviss to write *Edison's Conquest of Mars*, in which the author imagined an American counter-attack on the Red Planet, led by Thomas Alva Edison. Although it was, not surprisingly, less successful than the original, Serviss's tale was the first science fiction story to describe battles in outer space, space suits, and a “ray-gun” (which Edison used to melt the Martian polar ice cap and destroy humanity's enemies).

A decade later, Serviss combined his poetic streak with his scientific sensibilities—Sagan-like, in fact—in the astronomy classic *Curiosities of the Sky*, writing, “The telescope carried us far,

photography is carrying us still farther, but what as yet unimagined instrument will take us to the bottom, the top, and the end? And then, what hitherto untried power of thought will enable us to comprehend the meaning of it all?”

Such mega-thoughts also crowded the considerable mind of David Starr Jordan, one of only two people (A. D. White is the other) to receive honorary degrees from Cornell. Trained mainly as an ichthyologist, Jordan served as an expert witness on the validity of the theory of evolution at the famous Scopes “monkey trial” in Tennessee in 1925, by which time he had already been greatly responsible for turning Indiana and Stanford into the world-class universities they are today. But as the author of books with titles like *War and Waste* and *The Blood of the Nation*, he may have been best known as a peace activist. Jordan, who served as president of the World Peace Foundation for four years, often approached the subject from a biological perspective, claiming

that war removed the strongest individuals from the gene pool and was thus detrimental to humanity.

Jordan wasn't the only member of his class to pursue a course in education. Albert Osborn—who happened to be the shortest (just over five-foot-four) and longest-lived (he died in 1944) member of the class—co-founded American University in Washington, D.C., where Daniel Salmon established the National Veterinary College. Henry Turner Eddy became

president of the University of Cincinnati, where mathematician Edward Hyde was dean of the faculty. Closer to home, Fox Holden became the first principal of Ithaca High School.

But perhaps we should look to Millard “Conk” Conklin, captain of the University's first baseball team, as a paragon of Cornell's “first among equals.” Leafing through his undergraduate scrapbook in the Kroch Library archives, one doesn't get much of a sense of the man. There are clippings from his baseball exploits as a member of the Hudson River Nine, some class election tickets, exam questions from a European history class (“How were the Goths divided? Where did they come from?”), even the whimsical inclusion of a Confederate dollar bill.

But Conklin—who would embark on a series of professions, from importing foreign books to manufacturing steam engines—turned out to be quite a model of selflessness, using his fortune to send seventy-five men through college during his lifetime. According to the class history, “Quietly, without flourish, he has shown how highly he values his university training . . . emulating, to a degree, the example of the Founder of Cornell, helping to spread the benefits of a higher, broader education.”

But really, given the lives his classmates led, didn't they all? ●

BRAD HERZOG '90 is currently writing a travel memoir about an *Odysseus-like journey to Ithaca*.



Beginnings: The campus (above) from the 1872 *Cornellian*. Opposite page: David Starr Jordan went on to become president of Stanford.

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The Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA) was founded in 1976 to provide a community network for black alumni. Over the past three decades, CBAA's mission has expanded to include recruitment, mentorship, updates and reunion, scholarship, and other activities that bind CBAA alumni together.

CBAA will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary, as well as the 100th anniversary of the Alpha Phi Alpha (APA) fraternity, during Reunion Weekend, June 8-11, on the Ithaca campus. The theme of the weekend is "Celebrating the Legacy, Embracing the Future."

The weekend's activities aim to strengthen ties among CBAA alumni. On June 8, Andree-Nicola McLaughlin '70 will give a female perspective on the 1969 Willard Straight takeover at a Wari House reception. On June 9, a panel discussion and networking session at the Africana Studies and Research Center will focus on "Transcending: Any Person, Any Study, Any Profession." Also on June 9, Robert Harris, vice provost and APA's national historian, will lead a panel discussion and visual history in Olin Hall on "100 Years in Alpha Phi Alpha."

On June 10, CBAA will hold a general body meeting; Doris Davis, associate provost for admissions and enrollment, will discuss "The Recruitment Landscape for African Americans and Cornell: Opportunities and Chal-

lenges with Admissions and Financial Aid." Also on that day, Interim President Hunter Rawlings will give the State of the University address. A workshop titled "Political Potential: The Black Cornellian and Public Office" will feature attorney Cynthia Boyce '75, Dr. Duane Dyson '81, Winston Price, MD '74, former president of the American Medical Association, and Basil Smikle '93, a political campaign consultant. Other workshops include "Strengthening CBAA's Presence Among Cornell Alumni Networks, Clubs, and Organizations" and "Achieving Optimal Health: Eliminating the Disparities."

The celebration will close with a banquet featuring keynote speaker James Turner, professor of Africana studies and the first director of the Africana Center, who will address the theme "Celebrating the Legacy, Embracing the Future." Carson Carr, a former Cornell recruiter who was instrumental in

the matriculation, retention, and graduation of many black alumni in the 1970s, will be honored at the banquet for his contributions.

The evening will also feature a video celebrating CBAA's thirty-year history. The video will be included in a time capsule, along with materials from current events and organizations, that will be sealed at the banquet, housed at the Africana Center, and opened in 2031.

For Reunion registration information, CBAA alumni, friends, and guests can log onto www.cbaa1976.com. To RSVP, contact Reunion co-chairs Jamela Franklin '76 (770-808-8051, oyinde@peoplepc.com), or Tonya White Hallett '96 (410-297-9466, tonya.hallett@gm.com).



Great Things to Come

By Mort Bishop '74

Four years as an alumni-elected trustee have come to a close all too quickly. I'm appreciative to Cornellians around the globe for enabling me to represent them.

The period in which I've served, 2002-06, has been a transition in Cornell's history, with the departures

and arrivals of three presidents. The years ahead will be a time of enlightenment as a result of the transition from which we are emerging. Cornell has had to pull together during this interim, and the Board in particular has had to reach out in new ways to alumni,

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March 15 – May 15, 2006

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CC/Rochester, March 15—Muhammad Shafiq of the Islamic Center of Rochester. Contact Jack Clarco, jrcnvd@rit.edu, 585/475-6302.

CWC/Cortland County, March 21—"Hispanic Agricultural Workers in New York State." Contact Chris Place, 607/753-8685.

CC/Southern Tier, March 25—Binghamton Philharmonic concert and cocktails. Contact Brenda Bernhauer, bbernhauer@stny.rr.com, 607/785-4984.

CEN/Ithaca, March 31—Jeff Parker, founder, CCBN and FirstCall. Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-8327.

CAA/Ithaca, April 3—Spring Lecture Series: Charles Trautmann, Sciencenter director. Contact M. Dan Morris, 607/272-2122.

CWC/Syracuse, April 5—*Bad Dates*, Syracuse Stage. Contact Kate McMahon, kab249@cornell.edu, 315/492-2378.

CAA/Ithaca, April 10—Spring Lecture Series: Frank Robinson, Johnson Museum director. Contact M. Dan Morris, 607/272-2122.

CC/Greater Capital District, April 11—CAF Speaker Series: Brian Wansink, applied economics professor. Contact Howard Kibrick, hkibrick@nycap.rr.com, 518/590-0124.

CAA/Ithaca, April 17—Spring Lecture Series: David Corson, special projects librarian. Contact M. Dan Morris, 607/272-2122.

CWC/Cortland County, April 18—Speaker event. Contact Bernice Potter-Masler, 607/756-5010.

CC/Genesee-Orleans, April 25—CAF Speaker Series: Elaine Engst, university archivist. Contact Hans Kunze, 585/495-6797.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, April 29—11th Annual Farm Day, Old Chatham Sheepherding Company. Contact Dave Teter, 845/868-1310.

CWC/Syracuse, May 6—Carl Becker House tour. Contact Grace Clancy, gmm4521@aol.com, 315/458-5132.

Metro/New York

CAA/Princeton, March 26 & April 9—Wine tastings. Contact Stephanie Bosworth, Stephanie.bosworth@mercercornell.edu, 609/259-4271

CAA/Westchester, April 14 & May 12—Second Friday Lunch Club, Valhalla Crossing. Contact John Murray, rujomur@aol.com, 914/478-5842.

CAA/Westchester, April 21—Tour the Metropolitan Museum of Art's 17th-century Dutch collection with Johnson Museum Director Frank Robinson. Contact Andrea Glanz, upscalemkt@aol.com, 914/428-7340.

CAA/Westchester, May 2—Jane Brody, personal health columnist of the *New York Times*. Contact Andrea Glanz, upscalemkt@aol.com, 914/428-7340.

CC/Monmouth and Ocean Counties, May 5—CAF Speaker Series: Robert Frank, management and economics professor. Contact Carole Fishman, cpf5@cornell.edu, 732/842-7478.

CC/Rockland County, May 7—CAF Speaker Series: Carol Kammen, senior history lecturer. Contact Bob Levitan, bigred54@aol.com, 845/638-0491.

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CC/Chicago, April 5—Douglas Antczak, director, Baker Institute for Animal Health. Contact Phyllis Richardson, pdr8@cornell.edu, 312/236-7850.

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CC/Southwestern Ohio, May 9—CAF Speaker Series: Sean Nicholson, policy analysis professor. Contact Justin Stone, justinstonehome@hotmail.com, 440/212-1117.

CAA/Central Ohio, May 10—CAF Speaker Series: Sean Nicholson, policy analysis professor. Contact Rose Cacioppo, rosecacioppo@netscape.net, 614/937-7673.

CC/Pittsburgh, May 11—CAF Speaker Series: Sean Nicholson, policy analysis professor. Contact Jay Wysocki, jaywysocki@yahoo.com, 724/942-1367.

Southeast

CAA/Blue Ridge Mountains, March 20—CAF Speaker Series: Jeffrey Hancock, communication professor. Contact Janet Moore, jprjms@msj.org, 828/684-9306.

CC/Emerald Coast, March 21—CAF Speaker Series: Jeffrey Hancock, communication professor. Contact Jim Brady, jbrady@bellsouth.net, 850/456-5083.

CAA/Atlanta, March 24—CAF Speaker Series: Terry Acree, biochemistry professor. Contact Rachelle Montano, rachellem6@yahoo.com.

CC/Gold Coast, March 30—CAF Speaker Series: Terry Acree, biochemistry professor. Contact Doug Pfeiffer, dfp.one@att.net.

CAA/Southwest Florida, April 1—Matinee lunch and *Oklahama*. Contact Neena Lurvey, 235/495-8576.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, April 2—Sunset harbor cruise on Le Barge. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

CC/Greater Miami-Florida Keys, April 4—CAF Speaker Series: C.C. Chu, textiles and apparel professor. Contact Alejandro Badia, alex@surgical.net.

CC/Eastern Florida, April 5—CAF Speaker Series: C.C. Chu, textiles and apparel professor. Contact Richard Marks, rhm22@cornell.edu.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, April 5—*Beauty and the Beast*. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

CAA/Charlotte, April 6—CAF Speaker Series: C.C. Chu, textiles and apparel professor. Contact Debra Alzner, dalzner@carolina.rr.com, 704/446-6261.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, April 6 & May 4—Monthly luncheon. Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/687-3593.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, April 13—Nancy Engel of the Economic Development Council. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, April 22—Annual wine-tasting party. Contact Ron Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/687-3593.

CC/Eastern Florida, April 23—Family Day picnic. Contact Jim Doenges, jpdoenges1@aol.com.

CC/Suncoast, April 29—Cornell Fest, St. Petersburg. Contact Tom Cleary, 727/520-1353.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, May 4—Red & White Luncheon: Alexandra Quarles of Sarasota Memorial Health Care Foundation. Contact James Billings, jrb6341@earthlink.net.

CAA/Charlotte, May 6—Tour of Lowe's Motor Speedway. Contact Debra Alzner, dalzner@carolina.rr.com, 704/446-6261.

Southwest/Mountain

CAA/North Texas, March 23—Tour of "Lords of Creation,"

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faculty, and students to forge consensus and gain momentum. It has been a time of great dialogue and institutional examination as we explain and define where we are and where we are going. The Board and administration have worked on the Cornell Opportunity Statement and on the Cornell Campaign Case Statement during these years. With a new president aboard, we need to define even more precisely a strategic plan for the bold Cornell to be.

During my term, I recognized how rich the Cornell experience is, thanks to high caliber, talented, and motivated people who are working to make a difference not only for Cornell but for humankind. The University is now different and stronger, with greatly increased opportunities for study, a more flexible interdisciplinary curriculum, and a more caring environment that addresses students' needs holistically.

I have been involved on several committees: audit, finance, academic affairs, student affairs, alumni affairs, the most recent presidential search, and a task force on athletics. I'd like to say that I have left a mark, but in all honesty I have gained far more than I have left.

I report to you that the Board of Trustees has remarkable, approachable, and hard-working leaders with a level of commitment that is exceptional. With a new president at the helm, and with wind in our sails from this period of transition, I am confident that great things will come for all of Cornell.

A Thirty-Year Perspective

By Robert Harrison '76

As I approach the end of my four-year term as an alumni-elected trustee, I am in the unique position of being able to contrast this experience with my first term on the Board thirty years ago as a student-elected trustee. I have three principal observations.

First, the Board is more intensely focused today on understanding student, faculty, and employee perspectives on campus issues. Last year, the Board created a new Committee on Student Life, which I had the honor to chair, to ensure that trustees are current on non-academic issues of great concern to the University, such as diversity, residential life on and off-campus, athletics, student health and safety, mentoring, career planning, civic engagement, and advising. Through this committee, trustees have held town hall meetings; met with undergraduate, graduate, and professional student leaders; and become better informed about what is on students' minds. Similarly, the Presidential Search Committee, on which I was also privileged to serve, reached out to campus constituencies in Ithaca and New York City to maximize community input on presidential selection criteria, nominations for our twelfth president, and challenges facing Cornell that the next president must address. I would also note that not a Board

meeting goes by without sincere requests for insights from those trustees elected by students, faculty, and staff.

Second, the Board is less political. Trustees uniformly see themselves as fiduciaries for the University as a whole, not as advocates for any particular constituency, ideology, discipline, or agenda. Egos are checked at the boardroom door, and the only thing that matters is doing the right thing for Cornell.

Third, there is a greater sensitivity than ever to protecting central campus from excessive development. Huge commitments to the life sciences, nanotechnology, the physical sciences, residential colleges, and other yet-to-be-funded initiatives will keep Cornell at the forefront of higher education but will require extraordinary levels of capital and physical space. A master campus planning process is at the top of the Board's agenda, from both a financial and architectural perspective, so future generations of Cornellians can experience the overwhelming beauty that we did.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served as an alumni-elected trustee. Cornell means more to me today than it did when I graduated in 1976. My expectations for the University are justifiably higher, and I am utterly confident that the Board and our twelfth president will exceed them.

Dallas Museum of Art. Contact Dave Albright, dwa3@cornell.edu, 214/566-1956.

CC/New Mexico, March 24—CAF Speaker Series: Biddy Martin, provost. Contact Ed Maglisceau, EDMAG@prodigy.net, 505/466-1120.

CC/Colorado, April 20—CAF Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, food and beverage management professor. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com, 303/737-6054.

Utah Cornellians, April 21—CAF Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, food and beverage management professor. Contact Kathy Kraus Bolks, klk22@cornell.edu, 713/629-5113.

CAA/North Texas, April 22—CAF Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, food and beverage management professor. Contact Andres Ardisson, andres.ardisson@fritolay.com.

CAA/Greater Houston, April 23—Accepted students reception. Contact Antoine Bryant, antoine_bryant@hotmail.com.

CC/Austin, April 26—CAF Speaker Series: Peter Katzenstein, international studies professor. Contact David Harap, d.harap@stantonchase.com, 512/502-9833.

CAA/Greater Houston, May 6—*Carmen*. Contact Bob Taylor, oprmt@cs.com.

CAA/North Texas, May 7—Fort Worth Zoo outing. Contact Amy Hunt, ahunt@fortworthzoo.org.

Western

CC/Western Washington, March 18—CAF Speaker Series: Ross Brann, Judeo-Islamic studies professor. Contact Lauren Gersch, LGersch@aol.com.

CC/Los Angeles, March 19—CAF Speaker Series: Ross Brann, Judeo-Islamic studies professor. Contact Cynthia Lang, cjs42@cornell.edu, 310/798-3478.

CAA/Northern California, March 19—San Jose Sharks vs. Colorado Avalanche. Contact Rana Glasgal, rg87@cornell.edu.

CAA/Northern California, April 7—Golden State Warriors vs. Houston Rockets. Contact Alex Barna, abarna@mail.arc.nasa.gov.

CEN/Northern California, April 12—Women in Technology and Science Luncheon Series: Virginia Giddings, manager of IP strategy, ALZA Corp. Contact Justine Schaffner, js536@cornell.edu, 607/254-8327.

CC/Oregon, April 23—CAF Speaker Series: Sarah Thomas, university librarian. Contact Andrew Ognall, ognaa@fosterpdx.com, 503/221-2207.

CAA/Orange County, April 25—CAF Speaker Series: Sarah Thomas, university librarian. Contact Usama Abdali, usama.abdali@skyworksinc.com, 949/231-3249.

CAIG/Las Vegas, April 26—CAF Speaker Series: Sarah Thomas, university librarian. Contact Mark BIRTHA, mark.birtha@msn.com, 702/414-4008.

CC/Arizona, May 9—CAF Speaker Series: Giuseppe Pezzotti, senior hotel lecturer. Contact Christine Marchell, christine_marchell@ml.com, 480/513-6722.

CAA/Northern California, May 10—CAF Speaker Series: Giuseppe Pezzotti, senior hotel lecturer. Contact events@cornellnorcal.com.

CC/San Diego, May 11—CAF Speaker Series: Giuseppe Pezzotti, senior hotel lecturer. Contact Deborah Sauter, deborahsauter@gmail.com, 619/231-9102.

International

CC/France, March 16 & April 20—Monthly get-together, Purple Bar, Hilton Arc de Triomphe, Paris. Contact Curtis Bartosik, cbartosik@yahoo.com.

Cornell Hotel Society, March 23—2006 European Regional Chapter Meeting, Zurich, Switzerland. Contact Jill Hayes, jekunitz@aol.com, +41 79 590 1841.

31 Special to all you '31der CAM subscribers! Please remember that you, who read this column, are only a fraction of the 67 "good address" survivors, albeit the most loyal, and by extension the most influential Cornellians among them. If you possibly can, set an example and plan to return for our 75th Reunion this June—and urge the friends you would like to see there to join you! (If you need addresses, call the undersigned.) Let's set unbeatable records for the number of stalwarts with canes, walkers, wheelchairs . . . and strong legs at Cornellianna Night!

A wonderful e-mail came from Sue Olstad, writing for her father **Vic Hendricks** of Houston, TX. At the time—it was dated a little before Katrina struck last summer—Vic was living in a nice apartment in the assisted living section of a multi-level senior citizen residence and doing well. I regret to say that I heard from Sue again, shortly after I had submitted this column, and she informed me that Vic died on January 23. Here, from my original text, is an excerpt from Sue's letter: "He has four grandchildren and four and a half greats at this time. His career as an engineer with extensive overseas travel and living (Germany, Portugal, Greece, and Brazil, to name a few) ended with retirement in the early 1980s, followed by a move to a small community in southeast Missouri, where the dream home was custom built and very much enjoyed for the next 20 years. Retirement afforded him time to pursue his favorite hobby of building scale models from the original plans of freight ships that sailed the Great Lakes in the early 1900s. With the move to Houston he decided to donate six of these models to the Maritime Museum of Houston, where they are now proudly being exhibited. When questioned on the subject of his 'best trip,' he had too many to choose from, but from my point of view (because I was doing the driving) he really seemed to enjoy driving from Missouri to where he grew up in Indiana, reminiscing about the 'good old days.'" Thanks, Sue, from all of us '31ders, for this welcome remembrance of our half-miler track star. We send our sincere condolences.

Our class treasurer **Jim Knipe** (James R., 728 Norristown Rd. #D-203, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002-2151), who usually writes me plaintive notes about nobody giving him treasurer's duties to perform (the Alumni Office does all the work for us now!), tells us that shortly after his lovely wife of 63 years succumbed to Alzheimer's, his doctors alleged that he had had a heart attack and clapped him in the hospital for a week. After he got out, he evidently denied the allegation and in punishment they sent him back, claiming he had had another. Jim still believes it is the 15 pills a day that

they prescribed, fighting each other, that caused his problem. Nevertheless, and in spite of a total loss of sight in his left eye and macular degeneration in his right eye, he is looking forward to obeying the orders of his two sons (amazing how the roles are reversed these days!) to return with them to our 75th. (Check with your own offspring; they are just waiting to order you around in retaliation for all your well-intentioned parental "guidance.")

Toots Uetz Felton (Mrs. Myrtle Belle, 1024 Cushmore Rd., Southampton, PA 18966-4113) says she has no news of interest to classmates—besides hoping to return for Reunion—but sends "greetings to all surviving '31ders and wishes for happiness and as much good health as possible."

I recently had occasion to quiz '31der members of the Senior Honorary Society Quill & Dagger on the after-induction activities of this group in our day. **Jim Knipe** (above) and **Bob Groben**, LLB '34 (Robert C., 1000 Vicars Landing Way, #H-103, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082-3124) responded. Neither remembered any activity worth reporting, which contrasts with current honorees, who are very much involved in worthwhile campus projects. Evidently the society is no longer just a means of acquiring another tiepin or watch-chain charm. (Perhaps a beneficial side effect of changing campus dress style: no ties, no vests, no pocket watches, no watch chains!)

Just as this note is being prepared for submission, your correspondent has received an e-mail from Deanna Quvus, the alumni officer in charge of the 50th through 75th reunions, inquiring if we would like to have a class visit from Hunter Rawlings, Frank Rhodes, or **Peter Meinig '61** during our reunion. I am responding that we would like to have all three—our current interim president and his immediate predecessor because of our high esteem and, indeed, affection for both, and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the additional reason that he is the son of our late, very much respected classmate **Carl Meinig**. It may not be possible for all three to accept our invitation, but certainly the oldest class will receive due attention, so add this to your reasons for returning. ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 No. Main St., #250, So. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggrampi@yahoo.com.

32 **Walter Deming**, for many years our class treasurer, has performed faithfully in that capacity and continues to handle the job as the need arises. He now lives in La Jolla, CA, and was good enough to send me the obituary from the *San Diego Union-Tribune* of **E. Stewart Williams**. Following are a few quotes I have filched from that excellent obit:



At your service: Hotel Ezra Cornell, a student-run conference dating back to 1925, welcomes hospitality industry notables to the Hotel school for four days of lectures, seminars, get-togethers . . . and food. It will be held this year on April 6-9.

BARKER / UP



“Michael J. Stern, an artist who is writing a book on Mr. Williams’s architecture, said the architect died September 10, 2005 at home in Palm Springs. Mr. Williams’s career as a Palm Springs architect got off to a lucky start one day in May 1947 when a skinny man in a sailor cap walked into his office licking an ice cream cone. The man was Frank Sinatra and he wanted a new house . . . ‘by Christmas.’ And he got it. Stew incorporated many elements into the Sinatra project which are now associated with the Desert Modern Style. There is also mention of many significant projects which Stew designed including the Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, where he transformed a hilly site into a flowing series of terraces.”

‘Russell Hopping says that it takes eight doctors to keep him on the golf course.’

PHIL TWITCHELL '39

In 1966 Stew sent me a letter expressing regret because prior commitments prevented his attending our 65th Reunion. He modestly wrote, “I’m just finishing a major addition to our museum in Palm Springs, bringing it up to 100,000 square feet.” Stew came to Cornell from Dayton, OH. I’m pleased that Walter Deming, another Ohio native (he came from Salem) took the trouble to send me the newspaper cutting.

While we’re on the subject of architects, a recollection comes to mind about the late **Robert Tobin**, who moved to the West Coast to practice his craft but regularly attended reunions. In 1987 he and Kitty came east for our 55th and stayed with Betty and me in Buffalo for a few days before moving on to Ithaca. Buffalo has a good deal of excellent architecture and Bob and I spent part of several days looking at it. One of our gems is an office building designed by Louis Sullivan. I took Bob to an office on the top floor occupied by a law firm and mentioned to the receptionist that my guest was interested in architecture and might like to have a look around. The receptionist limited our inspection to the reception room and seemed to think that there was something questionable about our snooping. At one point the guardian looked at Bob and said, “If you are interested in architecture you may want to know that when Frank Lloyd Wright worked for Sullivan and Adler he designed the doorknob on which your hand rests.” No reaction from Tobin. “Do you know who he was?” “Sure,” said Bob. “He was my uncle.”

Bob didn’t seem to be particularly uplifted by Wright’s work, and I didn’t press the matter. After Bob died, Betty and I had lunch with Kitty in San Francisco and she told us that the problem was that Bob’s father had to help support the Great Man’s wife and family while the much admired Wright pursued other interests . . . and ladies. I later learned from reading *Many Masks*, a biography of Wright by Brendan Gill, that an earlier Mrs. Wright was also named Kitty Tobin, and was, of course, Bob’s aunt. Small world, ain’t

it? ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

35 We have just had our first snowfall of the season, with all of the local schools closing long before the first flake was sighted. As you read this column, you are contemplating the approach of spring. My store of news items is limited and I am uncertain as to when it will be replenished. I greatly appreciate hearing from you and I hope that our classmates who receive the magazine enjoy reading your news.

Jean Elizabeth Farnsworth Pinson (5480 Marengo Ave., Apt. S-70, La Mesa, CA 91942) has limited reading and writing skills following a

celebrated his 94th birthday in June 2005. He retired from the National Park Service as a plant scientist and later from the US Soil Conservation Service as an ecological agronomist. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day 1944, as we recently reported, and is doing great as an “old soldier.”

Charlotte Mangan Lattimer (215 Valencia Blvd, #106, Belleair Bluffs, FL 33770) is a retired home economist. She has a daughter and twin sons, four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. She owns a collection of over 450 bells. Charlotte, you must get a big charge whenever you decide to ring them all. I wish all of you my best. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

36 *We have the sad duty to report the death, on January 25, of your correspondent, Bill Hoyt. He had recently moved from Santa Rosa, CA, to Media, PA, to be closer to members of his family (his daughter wrote that a full set of Cornell dishes was among the first things unwrapped and placed in the kitchen cabinet) when he was diagnosed with stomach cancer. It was our complete pleasure working with Bill, who volunteered to take over the column during his 65th Reunion in 2001. He would turn out to be a more thoughtful, caring, and dedicated correspondent than we ever imagined. We send our sincere condolences to his family.*

Muriel Kinney Reisner writes, “Although I have passed 90-1/2 years of age, I am still actively traveling, dancing, and cruising, and participate in many local organizations.” She spends most of the year in West Palm Beach, FL, and the summer months in Chautauqua, NY. **Harold S. Wright**, MD '39, is hanging in there at 91—just not as nimble. “I have great support from family, friends, and professional helpers.”

Capt. **Benjamin** “Bing” **Moore** of Waikoloa, HI, became the concierge for Laurance Rockefeller in 1965, “and continued throughout the years through many ownerships of the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel. Today it remains the standard of hospitality for the Hawaiian Islands.” **Maurice Tomlinson** (Adams, NY) sent a short note: “Passed 91! Struggling to make 92.” Keep in touch, Maurice.

Jean Sherwood Williams spends the winter months in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and the rest of the year at home in Fayetteville, NY. “I’m well and happy,” she writes, “though still missing my husband. I’m busy with family and church, crossword puzzles, Sudoku, Tai Chi, and occasional cooking.” Jean is hoping to attend reunion. **Katrina Tanzer** Chubbuck (Fairport, NY) writes, “I had a wonderful 90th birthday party on September 1—with the hurricane holding forth in my name. Sixty friends came, and my dear Caroline and Jeanne planned and carried it out—all at my house. I managed the deviled eggs and little cakes. I may be moving into a retirement community next summer. Don’t want to wait till I am decrepit—which I am definitely not!”

Libby Raynes Adelman says she is very retired. “I am living in Sarasota, FL, which is a wonderful town, and have my first great-grandchild, now 2.” **Wendell Wheeler** writes that he

stroke in September 2003, but has dictated a great amount of information to her daughter Joan, whose penmanship is a joy to read. Jean visited Nashville in April 2004 for memorial services for her husband Ernest, a family reunion, and dedication of the Nashville Hospital Hospitality House Garden to her and her late husband. She is taking advantage of a Braille Inst. books-on-tape program, as well as active mental and physical exercise toward stroke recovery. She also does crossword puzzles. Jean has four children: Judith, a retired high school teacher; Joan, a research nurse; Ernest Jr., a United Airlines pilot; and Wright, a liver transplant surgeon and chief medical officer at Vanderbilt U. Hospital. Jean also has four grown grandchildren who have been successful in their fields, and three very young great-grandchildren.

Ruth Gates Fisher (29 Brooklane Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221) writes that she leads a quiet life for months . . . “and THEN, four at a time, grandchildren and great-grandchildren come for a few days or a week. Rejuvenating! I just naturally shed a few years.” **Elison Taylor** (143 Orchard La., Oak Ridge, TN 37830) retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory and attends a continuing education course that requires lecturing occasionally. He has two sons, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He has questioned the whereabouts of records from earlier reunions of the class. Much material has been turned over to the University Archives and I do not know of its ultimate disposition. We question whether anyone other than a classmate would have an interest in it.

Ruth Tachna (5400 Eagles Point Cir., Sarasota, FL 33432) is on the board of directors of the Sarasota Association of Retired Attorneys. She recently celebrated her 91st birthday with a family reunion and is now writing her memoirs. In addition to son Lionel Bauman and daughter Leslie Levy, she has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Not long ago she entertained her cousin **Helene Scheuer** Rosenblatt '45. **Wm. Carlisle Surrey** (299 Kidd Castle Way, Apt. 245, Webster, NY 14850)

and his wife Wilma took a couple of trips in 2005. "Eight days in the mountains of North Carolina, and just returned from a ten-day cruise to the Eastern Caribbean and the Panama Canal. We are doing well and avoided any serious hurricanes last summer."

More news to come. Thanks to all who paid class dues for 2006. If you would like to submit news for the column, please write to: ♦ Class of 1936, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

37 I hope that all of you had a good winter and are ready for a beautiful spring. As always, please keep us informed of your many activities. We hope to hear from more of you as time goes by.

Barbara Keeney Mandigo, a Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent in Oswego County, received an Award of Merit for her work in expanding the 4-H program to meet the needs of a greater number of youth of the county. Under her leadership, the 4-H program has grown from 800 to 4,000. She is chairman of an advisory committee working to establish a vocational school. Barbara owns a farm that has been in the family for four generations. Her granddaughter graduated from Cornell with the Frank Rhodes Award for academic excellence in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. Barbara, now retired, says she's so busy she can't find time to do all the things she would like to do.

On October 20, 2005, in honor of her 90th birthday and her Cornell activities, the Raptor Facility at the university was dedicated to **Esther Schiff** Bondareff and her late husband Dan. Congratulations, Esther! **Louise McLean** Dunn is still growing daffodils and has some 200 varieties in her backyard. She is also enrolled in a Spanish conversation class at the senior center and participates in a monthly Cornell lunch at the local restaurant in town.

Elizabeth Eldridge Boylan claims, unfortunately, that her latest travel was to the hospital in August with a broken hip. We hope that she had a good recovery! **Margaret Kincaid** Look writes that her two children, three grandchildren, and their spouses, plus her eight great-grandchildren and she get together for a family vacation every year. The reunion this year will be in Mexico. Margaret keeps busy by writing for local newspapers and loves living in Montana.

Mary Schuster Jaffe plays the recorder in an ensemble. Her recent travel was a boat trip on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers. Mary is a board member of Challenge Industries, a workshop for the handicapped. She is proud to say that Cornell would like to have the papers about her mother, **Mary M. Crawford 1904**, MD 1907. **Mary Chaney** Carson enjoys gardening, embroidery, and visiting with family and neighbors. She hopes to move during the year and is busy distributing things that have been in her house for 63 years. Mary continues to work on Plymouth Embroideries and is now on her fourth one, "The Summer of the First Amendment." These embroideries bring visitors from all over the world to Minneapolis. The group started in the 1960s and, she writes, "there are 45 of us needlers."

Please continue to let us know of your interesting activities. We enjoy hearing from you. ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

38 We heard from **George Schempp** (Melbourne, FL) in our last column. He sends this addendum: "The Schempp family now has two Schempp members in college. Jeffrey Adams Schempp, son of George C. Schempp Jr., is a junior at the U. of South Florida, with a state tuition scholarship. He hopes to use his Spanish-speaking ability and his computer knowledge to be successful. Melissa Christine Day, granddaughter of **Charlotte Schempp Day '60** and her husband **William, PhD '65**, is a freshman at the U. of Delaware with a full scholarship. She takes after her grandmother, with a 4.0 average. Her goal is to be a chemical engineer, and I am sure she will make it."

Helen Reichert Chadwick, who moved to Middletown, RI, to be closer to her daughters, says, "I enjoy exploring the Newport area and environs. Am also making braided rugs as a hobby." **Preston S. Weadon**, MD '41, of Kalamazoo, MI, long retired from the practice of medicine, remembers "the toboggan slide into Beebe Lake in midwinter." He'd rather be "loafing in Capri" instead of his current after-hours activity: "zilch."

"When I stopped practicing law in 1984, I took up coal mining because it's easier," writes **Robert Klausmeyer** of Cincinnati, OH. Now he admits he does "as little as possible." **Harold A. Segall** of Harrison, NY, still practices law with the firm of Holland & Knight. In his spare time he golfs, writes articles, travels, and visits museums. He recalls "great friends and professors like Devane, Broughton, Lane Cooder, J.C. Adams, and Richard Sayles." ♦ **Class of '38**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, cornell_magazine@cornell.edu.

39 'Tis the week before Christmas as I write, and Ithaca is a-glitter with sunshine, eight inches of snow, and record-breaking cold. Quite a contrast from last summer's disastrous drought. No definition of global warming prepared us for this. By the time you read this, spring should be on its way, but I'm not taking any bets on it.

Ethel "Piney" Piness Abrams reports that her health is much improved since she moved into a retirement community near Rutgers, and she is looking forward to resuming an active life very soon. She offers an interesting idea. She hopes that Cornell's Sociology department will study the "implications of the problems presented by the increasing numbers of senior citizens, especially who is going to pay the bills as life scientists prolong and improve life." That's easy, Piney—we aren't, and our kids will. **Jean Linklater** Payne has made contact with **Eleanor Culver** Young through our column, and now has an active correspondence going. Gradually, our classmates are realizing that old friends are delighted to hear from them, and of course we are delighted to help. Do you want to reach out to someone? Eleanor writes, "At our age, everything seems repetitive: Washington scandals, rising cost

of fuel oil, smaller cars, more prescriptions. But the fall foliage returns, birds head south, and I have an extra blanket if needed!"

A wonderful letter from Dr. **William Webster '42**, husband of **Elizabeth "Luxie" (Luxford)**, our longtime reunion chair. Those of you who have come to reunions will remember gathering around the piano while Bill played favorite old songs and we sang our hearts out. Both Bill and my husband **Bernie '41** are devoted to the '39 women and think we're a remarkable bunch, which we are. These sing-alongs are Bill's contribution and much appreciated. Bill is a retired pediatrician, retired Navy pilot, and indomitable traveler. He has established a program of sing-alongs about eight times a month for senior citizens at day care centers, retirement homes, and a restaurant. "It is a good feeling to watch these folks come out of their shells and sing with more gusto, it seems, at each event." I know what it does for us at reunion, and am delighted that other seniors are lucky enough to meet Bill, too. He's one of us, without doubt.

After 14 years of caring for her husband **Herbert, DVM '40**, who had suffered a massive stroke, **Eleanor Colden Shear** wrote that he passed away September 29, 2005. Herbert graduated from the Veterinary college and worked all his active life for the federal government. Those who would like to send condolences can reach Eleanor at 609 Graisbury Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033. And last, but not least, I finally tracked down **Margaret "Peggy" Haswell**. She wrote that her memories of Cornell, Ithaca, and her classmates "are among my most treasured memories. How lucky we were to be there." Let's all drink to that! ♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

Arnold A. Allison of Delray Beach, FL, says that after his graduation he got his MA at Columbia, then served in the Navy Air Corps for four years in WWII. He and his wife have two daughters and four grandsons, with twin great-grandsons on the way. He taught special ed for 30 years—and ran a children's summer camp for 25 of those years—and then ran a pre-school for a while in Florida. Three members of his family are graduate Cornellians.

Clarence F. Bent, DVM '39, has moved back to New Hampshire with his wife Ruth, who has Parkinson's disease, and they now live near their son's family so that they can help. He says he is doing great and takes it one day at a time. **Russell Hopping** of Roswell, GA, and his daughter Linda took a spring break from her extensive middle school work and again went to St. George Island, GA. They both are expecting to spend the Christmas holidays in Denver with his son **Bill '69**. He says that it takes eight doctors to keep him on the golf course, even with a 36 handicap.

G. Whitney Irish now lives in Canton, NY, and attended his grandson's wedding in Rochester. He has a steel joint in one knee that is working well after 20 years, but his other knee is not so good. **John R. Macdonald** of Phoenixville, PA, gets five days a week of exercise at the "Y" and at physical therapy. After spending 43 years in a smoky steel mill, along with second-hand smoke in the office, he suffers from emphysema. His

wife Peg keeps him on schedule and frequently drives him, as he has given up his driver's license.

Glen F. Robinson of Brockport, NY, spent ten years after graduation with Farm Credit in Syracuse and another ten years with GLF in their credit department, advancing to several management positions in the organization. After 62 years of marriage, his wife Terry, who was a secretary in the Cornell Department of Chemical Engineering, died in 2002. **Robert J. Crew** sent in a News Form, but with no news. ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

40 Greetings to all! Spring will be just around the corner as you read this, but snow is falling in Virginia as I write. I hope all of you had—and some may still be having—a healthy winter.

The request for News that went out with the request for Dues produced only a trickle of responses. We do have one good piece of news from another source: your co-presidents persuaded our great tenor **John Thatcher**, who entertained us so well at the reunion, to join the Class Council. A very welcome addition. But the response to the News request was very meager—only about ten percent of duespayers sent any news. So let's hear from you NOW! If you can't find that yellow form, any piece of paper will do! Everyone has grand- or great-grandchildren, travels at least a bit, volunteers somewhere, or just likes to reminisce about your Cornell days—or “great events” of your life in the last 65 years. So tell us about your life, your family, your interests, or whatever you want—but do let us hear from you.

In the last column we reported the death of **Bissell Travis**, but too late for that column, **Toni Saxe** Stewart sent a long and interesting obituary from the *Ithaca Journal*. It covered Bissell's life from his days with General MacArthur in Japan at the end of WWII through his many career moves and travels and his growing family. He certainly had an interesting and fulfilling life. News of other deaths includes those of **Robert Haller**, **Grace Hoffman** Fingeroth, and **George Reader**, MD '43.

In more upbeat news, **Mimi Civic** Kerpen has gone back to school and loves it! For the last three years she's been going to the Institute for Retired Professionals at the New School in NYC. This year she's taking a music appreciation course based on a text by Aaron Copeland when he taught the course. She also traveled with Elderhostel to Yellowstone Park and the Grand Tetons and is looking forward to a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, with them in January. Another traveler was **Austin “Bill” Erwin**, who this past summer visited family and friends in western New York State from his home in Sun City, AZ. That would seem like a smart summertime trip until you think of our HOT 65th in June. We hope he was luckier. He is a retired New York State Supreme Court Justice and enjoys golf, dining, and gourmet cooking. **Margaret “Tammie” Tammen** Perry is living in Florida, where she volunteers in her church and knitted Christmas stockings for her great-grandchildren. She had a great Panama Canal trip last winter with her husband. **Robert Knowlton** reported that he

is moving from Vermont with all its snow to South Carolina, where he says, “Things are done differently”—no explanation! **Robert Liebowitz** forsakes cold and snowy NYC in the winter for balmy Boynton Beach, FL. He enjoys playing in a violin ensemble and visited Toronto last summer. But **James Trousdell**, MD '43, a retired doctor, stays in the NYC area (Oyster Bay) in spite of the snow, enjoying his stamp and coin collecting. He, too, is one of our great-grandfathers.

Robert Barrows regrets that age and illness have required him and his family to leave their northern Georgia property and move south nearer Atlanta. They had started out with a piece of worn out, overcut land and turned it into a dream of a place with beautiful views and over 14,000 trees—pine, cedar, cypress, and more—which had grown to over 60'. He said this dream started with a course in silviculture he took in our Ag college. He left with deep regrets but with happy memories. His present address is 310 Cortland Way, Roswell, GA 30076.

That covers all the news I have, so please, all non-contributors, change your ways and send some news! Best wishes to all 1940ers, and have a happy spring! ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416, Winchester, VA 22603; tel., (540) 665-5788.

41 Greetings from Ithaca, where winter arrived around Thanksgiving to challenge our travel but should be about to wrap up by the time you read this. We will soon enjoy a beautiful spring with its new leaves, overflowing waterfalls, and beautiful lake that make living here so enjoyable.

Allene Cushing Knibloe wrote that **Elaine Yaxis** Reinke of Massapequa, NY, would like someone to drive to Ithaca with her from Long Island for reunion. She can be reached at (516) 789-0892. Now there is an offer to anyone in that area who has thought about coming in June, but was hesitant about driving. I hope she gets some calls. Cornell was getting ready for reunion as long ago as October. I attended a meeting in the fall at the Statler to get us started. Allene suggests carpooling from NYC, Albany, and points west to Ithaca, Rochester, and Buffalo. She offers her own phone number, (905) 894-1199, to anyone wanting to ride with her and her husband on Thursday, June 8, from the Buffalo area.

Sylvia Jaffe Abrams of Washington, DC, writes that her husband Isidore has died. She suddenly realized she hadn't been receiving *Cornell Alumni Magazine* because she had not sent in her dues. **Edward “Ted” White** of Chapel Hill, NC, reports that he and wife Kay are both active and enjoying the Carolina Meadows retirement community. **Howard Schuck**, MS '43, and wife Elinore live in Tucson, AZ. Howard's story of how a Cornell education produced an unusual contribution is now available at Barnes and Noble (Forbes Books) and is entitled *A Fish Biologist's Impact on National Security*.

Dale Kuntz Galston and husband **Arthur '40** of Hamden, CT, have had a hard time. Dale fell and broke her hip in Jan. '05 and the break was repaired by surgery, but it became infected. She then had several strokes resulting in vascular

dementia. They have moved to the Whitney Center, where she lives in the nursing home and he in an apartment. Dale is content, and recently she and Arthur celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary with a party in the nursing home.

Morton Beer, MD '44, of Morristown, NJ, writes that he had the pleasure of having dinner with his Cornell roommate, **Jules Wiener**, JD '47, in NYC. Jules looks great and now lives in Savannah, GA, says Morton. **Herbert L. Abrams** and wife Marilyn of Stanford, CA, continue to live on the Stanford U. campus, where he is an emeritus professor of radiology, but they spend summers in Martha's Vineyard, MA, where their children and great-grandchildren live. Herbert still teaches, writes, plays tennis, and skis. Recently his family met in Solitude, UT, with four generations on the mountain. His most recent papers appeared in the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* (July 2005), *Stanford Magazine*, and the *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. His three volume work, *Abrams' Angiography*, has now gone through four editions since it was first published in 1961, with a new edition coming out this year. He also recommends the book *The Company We Keep* by his son John Abrams, published in May 2005. He looks forward to the 65th Reunion.

Frederic Joint of Bath, NY, writes that he has moved in with his son and daughter-in-law, who live around the corner from his former home. His wife Eleanore is deceased. **Lawrence Ashton Hough** of Cocoa Beach, FL, had radiation treatment for prostate cancer last summer. However, he is still sailing in a Morgan 41 sailboat on the Indian River and would enjoy anyone joining him. **Elizabeth Sprague** Hastings and husband Raymond live in Heath Village in Hackettstown, NJ. **Hartley Martin** of Lehigh Acres, FL, reports that he and wife Jane celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September '05. They are proud of their son and three daughters. They winter for seven months in Florida and spend the other five months in Northville, NY. They have 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

James VanArsdale and wife **Suzanne (Jameson) '46** of Castile, NY, move three times a year—from Jamaica to a lake home in Castile, NY, to their main home in Castile where they have been very active in community organizations. Jim is retired from the Bank of Castile (47 years). Having taken advanced drill at Cornell, he spent five years in field artillery in the Army from 1941 to 1946. Jim and Suzanne began going to Jamaica in 1972 when they visited their son **Jamie '72**, who was in the Peace Corps for two years there. **Gloria Brown** Mithers of Oceanside, CA, enjoyed a three-generation experience when she took her daughter and 12-year-old granddaughter on a short cruise. She is still enjoying the good life and is recognized as the community's top journalist. She is in contact with **Norman '42** and **Lillian Strickman Hecht** of Palm Springs.

Rose Ewald Bethe and I both live at Kendal at Ithaca. At lunch last fall, she told me her most memorable memory was when her husband Hans received the Nobel Prize and they attended the festivities in Sweden. Her husband died last year, and Cornell honored him with a fine memorial ceremony. She attended Smith College for two

years and transferred to Cornell for her last two. **Barbara Benson** Mansel of San Antonio, TX, has survived a triple bypass and aortic valve surgery. She went on a Caribbean cruise in February '04 and was anticipating a Christmas '05 cruise to Hawaii with her daughter Pat. Barbara was also happily anticipating the arrival of two more great-grandchildren. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, dwiggins@verizon.net.

42 As I write this column, I have enjoyed watching **Steven Hadley '69** on all the news stations. As National Security Advisor, he explains the Bush policies. Nice to have a Cornellian so prominent.

Lynn Timmerman (Boynton Beach, FL) is in search of **Frederick "Duke" Shelley**, who no longer lives in Stamford, CT. He was alerted by a friend of Duke's, who collaborated with him on his magnum opus, the history of tower clock-makers in this country. If you have info, please contact Lynn at (561) 735-0949 or lynntimm@bellsouth.net.

Retired Judge **Dick Thomas** (Meadville, PA) is proud that his students in the local reading program are having success. He and Rosey did a Pacific Mexican cruise, and he plays golf with a slightly higher handicap. His three children have produced six grands. He asks, "Is Zinck's still functioning?" **Emily Germer** St. John (Lake Oswego, OR) and Robert enjoyed Elderhostels to southern Oregon and Yosemite and a visit to their son in Lake Chapala near Guadalajara. She is studying Spanish and boasts 17 grands and eight great-grands.

Gen. **Myron Lewis**, JD '47 (E. Rochester, NY), who is still practicing law, will celebrate his 85th birthday at Hale Koa Honolulu with his kids from both marriages. **Tom Wilson** (Milwaukee, WI) would like anyone who lives near Stuart, FL, to e-mail him at TBWilson@wi.rr.com. He goes there for two months each winter. **Harry Hoose** and Clara (Sun City Center, FL; chhose@ij.net) spend summers in Alaska, where they plant a big vegetable garden. "But this year, just as the first vegetables began growing well, a flock of Canada geese landed in our garden and ate every last vegetable. When we discovered the geese the next morning and scared them away I counted at least 60."

Barbara Gerlach Frey sent photos of the damage to her home in Covington, LA, after Katrina. They were evacuated for 11 days; eight trees were felled and the roof was damaged. She and John visited Michigan and Missouri and are now back to normal. Good news: **Leroy** and **Ruth Wilson Long '44** (Moultonborough, NH; ruthlong@USAdatanet.net) wrote when they missed getting the alumni magazine and wanted to rejoin the class. It's nice to read about the past, and the more past we have, the better the read. Betty and **Bill Webster** (Little Rock, AR) had a busy traveling year visiting Branson, MO, for Bill's annual 3rd Attack Group reunion. Only four of the 17 pilots from the 46th Bomb Group survive today. They drove to Springfield, MO, where his grandfather fought in the Civil War. Later, they went to a family wedding and visited friends in Scotland.

They are giving their neighboring church an electronic carillon and sponsoring two melanoma seminars at the Arkansas Cancer Research Center in memory of their son.

Jane Smiley Hart (Washington, DC) received awards from the Smithsonian Museum, the Textile Museum, and the Arab-American Friendship Institution for her work over the years. Yes, she has at last retired. She introduced her daughter, who had always lived abroad, to upper New York State on several car trips, and she loves playing her piano—even more now than when she was 15. **Caryl Jennings Gustavson** reports the passing of husband **Carl, PhD '42**. She attended the wedding of her granddaughter in France and enjoys walking, gardening, swimming, and wood-carving birds.

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CAROLYN EVANS FINNERAN '42

Mary and **James Goodwillie** (York, PA) stay in contact with **Walter Scott** (Fayetteville, NY) and **Henry Jones** (Wallingford, CT). James played golf from the age of 8 to the age of 90, but back problems made him give it up. He still exercises five days a week. One of his six grandchildren is a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force. **Don Goldsmith** (Delray Beach, FL) is still active doing architectural and interior design (residential and commercial). He and **Renee (Brozan) '47** had a 27-day trip to Italy. Don plays golf and tennis, swims, and enjoys art.

Gordon Kiddoo has sold his house in the mountains; hereafter, Hilton Head Island, SC, will be his only address. **Shirley Clark** Shumate (Hurley, NY) traveled to California and is proud of her daughter, who received a PhD in psychology in 2005. Shirley takes basic computer courses, belongs to two book clubs, and even enjoys using a stationary bike after four hip replacements. Now that's an achievement!

Thanks for keeping in touch with me—and use all those e-mail addresses (be sure to print your own e-mail address carefully). And don't forget to visit our class website, <http://classof42.alumni.cornell.edu>. Cornell also has an E-news monthly newsletter. If you are not getting it, contact Joe Zappala at jz76@cornell.edu. It keeps you up on all Cornell activities. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, CeeFinn@juno.com; tel., (253) 265-6618.

43 **Jack Chance** (Maplewood, NJ), former flogger of shopping carts [I once quipped here: "Do a classmate a favor. Steal a cart tonight!"], writes that these days he travels around New Jersey photographing outdoor sculpture and presenting slide shows for groups. On his bedtable are *1776* and *Selected Chapters from the Autobiography of Andrew D. White*, the 228-page version published in 1939, which, says Jack, "is when

I should have read it." Recently he consented to replace the irreplaceable **Jerry Batt** as '43 correspondent for *Cornell Hotel School Magazine*. His '43 audience, alas, numbers only 27.

You will be saddened to learn, as are we all, of the deaths of dear and dedicated class secretary **Grace Reinhardt** McQuillan; of the irrepressible **Lefty Marchev**; and of golfer, polo player, aesthete **Sid Cox**, who completed his studies after the war and, as a member of the Class of '48, endowed the splendid music library in restored Lincoln Hall.

This note from Friend of Cornell Nate Goldman (Columbus, OH): "**Clay Rockmore** is mentioned in *Iwo Jima: Legacy of Valor*, 1985. Clay had previously been wounded and decorated for leading a charge on Guam in 1944. On February 22, 1945, as the 22-year-old company com-

mander, I Company, 3rd Division, US Marine Corps, Captain Rockmore was leading a charge across Japanese-held Iwo Jima Motoyama Airfield Number 2 when he was killed by a sniper."

Recently I spoke, as I often do, to longtime buddy **Parker Smith** (Holyoke, MA), fellow *Sun*man (sports editor), former Wally Seeley back-up, one-time managing editor of the now defunct *NY Herald Tribune*. He had just completed the 32nd volume of his memoirs, anecdotes, photostats, and snapshots, each edition lovingly copied and bound by Kinko's. He said he'd taken my pre-wrapped copy to the post office. "Is this perishable?" they asked. Parker: "Probably." Master of the arbitrary segue, I continue: Today you can—with the help of your faithful housebroken mouse—find every word ever to appear in the *Sun* during our years on campus (including the Chesterfield ad on page 12, October 14, 1941) by going online to the *Cornell Daily Sun* Digitization Project. But not till you've finished this column, that is.

Whenever we Harrises get to Manhattan, we visit Kitty and **Knox Burger** for spirited badi-nage, a splash of red, a bash of Bush, a nosh of cheese. This time Knox raised his glass for a toast, "To your health. Too late for mine."

Her entry as submitted: "**Betsy Porter** MacCallum (Hendersonville, NC) and her daughter Claudia (Sebastopol, CA) visited Sugar Hill, NH, in October. We stayed at a B&B that was once my parents' house, where Claudia and her three siblings spent their 'growing-up' summers. We were en route to an Elderhostel in Lyme, NH, where one of the programs was led by a retired Dartmouth professor who lectured on the history of New England. Hanover, about 12 miles away, was hosting Homecoming and crowded. A fun week and probably my last long trip; slowing down. What else is new?"

Ken Stofer (Westlake, OH) writes of a nano-reunion at the home of neighbor/high school pal Ed Donohue. Ed's grandson **Tom Strobel '96**,

MBA '05, and family were in attendance. Tom, freshly engraved Cornell MBA in hand, was en route to his new job at Exxon-Mobil. Turns out Stofe was the influence that guided Tom to Cornell, where he starred in the classroom and on the gridiron—150-lb. [Ken, if you coulda made the weight, you too mighta been a hero in that arena; on the other hand, **Arnie Rosenstein** and **Dave Estes** mighta racked up a few minutes of unwelcome bench time.]

Charles Walton (Los Gatos, CA): "CAM ran an article on my work November 2004 showing a model of my electronic key identification system. There are mutually interacting coils in the reader and in the key, and if the electronic codes coincide, the lock releases. [And when it doesn't, Charlie, you go down to the front desk to have it reprogrammed.] The basic principles of radio frequency mutual coupling I learned in one of my Cornell labs. I went from key identification to a more general ID system, known as Radio Frequency Identification, or RFI. I hold the basic patents, all five types. Many thousands of codes are recognizable. At the end of 2004, Wal-Mart switched to RFI from bar code (those vertical black and white stripes); many others, including the Army, followed suit. The result has been a great burst of interest in my work, gaining me respectful attention but also sympathy—the basic patents have expired and royalties on those have gone to zero." [Even in the outskirts of Spinnerstown I seem to read about RFI almost every day now. With it, Wal-Mart tracks products from production line

in Outer Mongolia to checkout line in East Jepip. And if you happen to be using a Gillette, Procter & Gamble knows which body part you're shaving.]

Intimations of Mortality, or at least Infirmity. I sometimes attempt to summon sleep by playing word games. Late one recent night—before Bro Sandman showed—I got 61 words out of Medicare. Medicare? ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, 1955 Miller Rd., Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 It's holiday time here, but you'll be reading this in March when the snowbirds are still vacationing in balmy climes. **Joyce Cook** Bertelson Wilson and her husband "continue to commute" between Wayland, MA, where they have family and many local activities, to the Cayman Islands, where their only concern is hurricanes. The **Harold Ogburns** travel from Blue Earth, MN, to Saint Simons Island, GA. **Renee Wolf Steinberg** goes with the seasons: winters in Boca Raton, FL; summers in Rye Brook, NY. She "made old friends" among new ones at reunion. She says she uses real mail and the telephone to communicate. **Jerry Tohn** winters in Palm Beach Gardens and summers in Larchmont, NY, with two months in Stowe, VT. He spent Christmas in Colorado Springs, and New Year's celebrating a great-nephew's bar mitzvah.

Gale Nightingale Wiggin '45 wants to stay on the '44 mailing list. She sold her house in New Hampshire and moved to Sarasota, FL, but plans to spend summers in New England. **Taylor Keller** and family spend summers on Canandaigua Lake and winters at home in Pittsford, NY. Granddaughter **Kinsey Keller '03** and her fiancé **Zeph Halsey '04** were on their way to new jobs, crew coaching and teaching at U. of Delaware and Haverford School. Zeph's father bought **Don Middleton's** boat a few years ago. **Inez Johnston** Murdoch and her husband find summers cooler in Mammoth Lakes, CA, than at home in Palm Desert, CA. The **Marvin Huycks**, MD '47, are no longer snowbirds. They sold their home in Naples, FL, and look forward to some hockey games near home in Walton, NY.

Class legacies are adding up. **Arnold Tofias** says, "All is well." Grandson **Jeremy Phillips '09** is enrolled in Arts and Sciences. **Doris Holmes** Jenkins wrote that **Amanda Jenkins '09**, daughter of **David Jenkins '73**, DVM '77, is the second grandchild to be a fourth-generation Cornellian. **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten's** granddaughter **Lauren Coakley '04** joined the Peace Corps, trained in St. Lucia, and is assigned to the National Disaster Management Agency office in Grenada. She assists in the organization of Grenada's district and village disaster committees. Will she or has she met **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, who has been appointed visiting professor for birds and fish anatomy at the St. George's University Veterinary School in Grenada for a fourth year? His wife Erica enjoys Grenada, too.

Dotty sent a report on the Cornell/Yale football weekend. Kesten houseguests included Jeanne and Ted Thoren, **Janet Buhsen** Daukas, Gale Nightingale Wiggin '45, and **Robert S. Miller** and his bride **Mary Lou (Barger) '47**. Also attending

the Cornell game and celebration were **Howard** and **Marion Graham Blose**, **Mort** and **Lila Perless Savada**, **Bob Dillon**, **Hugh Aronson**, Mary Jo and **Bill Zieman**, Lou and **Shirley Wurtzel Jacobs '43**, and Luisa and **Jim Davis '67**. Cornell lost the game, but the celebrants had a grand time at the Kestens' post-game party.

Those Kestens do get around. They visited Bunny and **Cal de Golyer** at their dairy farm, then had lunch with them and **Harold** and **June Smith Parker**, MS '50, at the Glen Iris Inn.

The second time around is very good. Bob Miller married his childhood sweetheart Mary Lou (Barger) '47 on September 9 in Cape May, NJ. "We are alternating our time between Cape May and Ithaca." Mary Lou's husband was a Cornellian, Class of '48. **Alan Waldman** of Metuchen, NJ, widowed in '94, remarried in '04—"a wonderful girl I knew during my employment at Kulite Semiconductor. We share common interests and are very much in love." **Gilbert Smith**, MD '47, writes from Kentfield, CA: "Retired, great new wife, fair health, and busy—what more could I ask?"

M. Dan Morris, BA '76, says he's "still running ahead of old Father Time—gracefully." Sons **Gregory '87** and **Christopher '96** accompanied him on the annual Turnaround Cruise of Old Ironsides. The *Constitution* is the world's oldest warship still in commission. (Ed. Note: I have an 8x10 photo of Commander Louis J. Gulliver saluting aboard the US Frigate *Constitution* in 1932 sent "to Nancy R. Torlinski from your father's friend and classmate.") Gregory is an independent writer grooming son Theodore for the Class of '24. Christopher is doing archaeology at Ft. Drum. Daughter **Misty '89** is a physical therapist for the Racker Centers, treating minority children. Her sons, 6 and 3, are earmarked Cornellians.

Short takes: **Richard Clark** of Laguna Beach, CA, writes, "There is no accounting for my being alive, but it is still kinda fun." **Stanton Bower**, DVM '45, says, "The most exciting thing regarding me is that I'm one year older than I was last year and still living. So save my obit for the time being." **Fred Hannahs** of Belvedere-Tiburon, CA, sent a picture of himself driving a car that he bought in 1954. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

45 If you didn't read about it in the Nov/Dec issue, you might still have noted the photo of our handsome classmate **William Berley** (NYC) on p. 67 in the story with the heading "Dedicated and Devoted," which listed Bill as one of this year's recipients of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. This prestigious award honors alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activities within the broad spectrum of Cornell's various alumni organizations. Such service may be reflected in the leadership roles that the individual has assumed, or through the unique contributions made by the person as a part of his or her service to Cornell. Consideration is given to the length and depth of the individual's activities; however, gifts are not among the criteria used to select honorees. Well-deserved,



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he follows our co-president **Maxine Katz** Morse (Rye, NH), who received it in 2003.

Stanley Johnson (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), our hard-working and successful reunion co-chairman, remains active as VP Membership of the Cornell Club of Greater Jacksonville, but would much rather spend his time golfing. Fellow Ponte Vedra Beach resident **Elizabeth Lind** Everett is also a golfer, but says she only occasionally has a good score. She tries to exercise and goes to a gym when the spirit moves her, but finds that not eating is the best way to stay in shape. She and husband **William** make an annual trip to the Shaw Festival in Niagara, NY, and then to the Big Apple to take in some plays and enrich the restaurateurs. Last year they toured Germany, France, and the Czech Republic. She also enjoys bridge, beach-walking, and drinking “soft or hard” with friends. Liz reports that she recently learned that mahi-mahi is really dolphin (fish as on submarine service dolphins, not mammals as in aquaria) and recently attacked some history of English via tapes. From Royal Oak, MI, **Carolyn Worcester** Van Decar reports that her son, Jim, and his wife, Tama, are both MDs at Eglin Air Force Base, FL, and have four soccer-star sons. Daughter Mary is in Waterville, OH, with three athletic sons. Carolyn’s husband Philip is suffering from Parkinson’s disease, so they don’t travel much these days. She’s learned that you take one day at a time.

Robert Olmsted (Jackson Heights, NY) was featured in an article in the *New York Times* of November 14 about the Second Avenue subway. It stated that Bob, “a planner for the Transit Authority for two decades until his retirement in 1989, is intimately familiar with the project’s troubled history, but predicted eventual success. ‘I think we’ll get through the first phase,’ said Mr. Olmsted, who at 81 hopes to ride the line. ‘From there, we’ll see.’” The project was first proposed just before the start of the Great Depression, as a replacement for the Second Avenue elevated line, which was demolished between 1940 and 1942, and the Third Avenue elevated line, which was taken down in 1955, and is characterized as the most famous thing that’s never been built in New York City.

Henrietta Burgott Gehshan (Southampton, PA) brags that her seven grandchildren are all incredibly talented and attractive and do her proud. That is no wonder, since one daughter, **Virginia** ’74, owns a graphic design firm in Philadelphia; two others are successful Smith graduates (one is retired from MIT’s Lincoln Laboratory), and another is program director for the National Conference of State Legislatures in D.C. Her deceased husband, **Nick** ’47, would have joined in her gratification. Henrietta also likes chamber music, is a supporter of local music organizations and president of the Women’s Club of Southampton, and helps out with the local library and parks. **James** ’44 and **Phyllis Avery Olin** moved to Charlottesville, VA, from Roanoke to be near their son Russ, and a bit closer to Baltimore Symphony son James Jr., their Arlington daughter, another daughter, Kathy, in White Plains, NY, and son Tom, a jazz musician in NYC. They keep busy visiting them all and their children (as well as their first great-grandson), and attending concerts. In her spare time, Phyll plays the piano and swims.

Right now she’s irritated by late brokerage reports that cause problems with tax returns. There’s always the little tin box or under a mattress!

Another Virginian, perennial curmudgeon **Richard Weishaar**, MD ’52 (Machipongo, VA) heads for Tucson in November and spends winters in Key Biscayne, FL, always driving, “as there’s too much to miss going by air.” Dick says that he’s learned that there is more to the West than Las Vegas, but has not yet learned to keep his mouth shut, “which is difficult, particularly when . . . (Oh, never mind!).” Other Tucson-lovers are our newlyweds **Robert** and **Sherry Madison Wallace**, who summer in Clinton, NY, and graced us with their presence at Reunion. A year ago they traveled to Baja, Mexico, where they learned all about the natives and missions. Bob says he’d rather be lolling in the pool reading than sending news, but we are always glad to hear from them. Another Reunion attendee was **O. Thomas Buffalow** (San Mateo, CA), who didn’t fill us in on the trip he and Marie made to Sicily just before hitting Ithaca. Their granddaughter **Christine** is a Cornell Arts and Science major in the Class of 2008. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnect.com.

46 Our “60th in ’06” committee has enhanced reunion plans. **Mavis Gillette** Sand reports that **Bob Nist** will again head our V-12 Affinity Group, assuring active pursuit of “old salts.” V-12ers, Bob needs help. E-mail him at bobnist@msn.com to volunteer. Mavis and her committee have added a visit to the Cornell Theory Center in Rhodes Hall to our Early Bird Bus Tour. There we’ll have a demonstration in the Computer-Aided Virtual Environment Lab.

Despite all the positives, your editor has a bone to pick. There have been few contest submissions to the 300-words-or-less college days adventure or a parody of a verse from “The Song of the Classes.” Both men and women are eligible. Send entries to the e-mail or US mail address below. Send your entries soon. It’s not nice to make an 80-year-old editor beg. Remember: Call your ’46 buddies. Tell them there’s only one place to be from June 8-11. It’s at our “60th in ’06.” The Statler will be our luxurious headquarters and residence. The Hill will be our oyster.

Dorothy Taylor Prey (San Mateo, CA) recently moved west to join her children. Two live in Northern California and one in Salt Lake City. Happily, she called to announce her arrival. Dottie has already volunteered with our local Cornell Club and plans to return for reunion. She will visit with **Joan Waite** Martens in New York, then together they will journey to the Hill for our 60th. (Ed: Elinor, please forgive my poaching on your territory. I was enthralled by a lovely lady.) **Jim Mayer** ’49 (Wilmette, IL; mayer1410@aol.com), one of my Pi Lam pledge brothers, will be at reunion. He is part of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) that returns every year. Another Pi Lam brother, **Lee Rothenberg** ’48 (Longboat Key, FL; ROTHLEE@aol.com) and his wife Frances are considering pledging CRC and probably will reunite.

Alfred Levine (Bethesda, MD; enivel@gis.net) and wife Deena will check their calendars and try to get back to Ithaca for our 60th. Al longs to socialize once again with his old V-12 buddies. He enjoyed his career, which he started as an electrical engineer. Later, he went to law school and became a patent attorney. He is interested in helping Bob Nist recruit other V-12 classmates for reunion. **William Dilger**, PhD ’55 (Freeville, NY) also enjoyed his career. He was a scientist and researcher at Cornell. His primary field was ethology, the study of the biologic behavior of animals. Since retiring, Bill has worked on wood, leather, and canvases. On canvas, his paintings are well respected in the Ithaca area. He has also done some notable botanical work. Bill doubts that any of his friends will be at reunion. If one or two of his friends phone him to the contrary, he might well change his mind and attend.

TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail it to me. Include your name and city and state of residence. Send news to: ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, PBL22@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

I’m writing this in mid-December and looking at the snow from two storms, but I’m thinking “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Reunion,” and hoping to see many of you there. Please call your old buddies and encourage them to join you for our 60th on June 8-11, 2006. See if we can’t beat our 55th Reunion record. We have some great folks working on plans—**Mavis Gillette** Sand, **Louise Green** Richards, PhD ’65, and **Bill Farrell**. Check out our website at <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>. You’ve all read **Paul Levine**’s articles on the men attending; now, how about you gals?

In Christmas cards I learned that **Jan Bassette** Summerville (Sackets Harbor, NY) hopes to be in shape from a September hip replacement to attend reunion. Sal and **Pat Kinne** Paoletta (Lakehurst, NJ) wrote, “Hope we all make reunion OK. We’ve made our reservation at the Statler.” I also made mine early for a handicapped room. Bob and **Meg Geiling** Grashof (winter, Spring City, FL; summer, Boone, NC) are coming. Meg has a grandson at Albright College (Reading, PA) who is a senior football player. She tried to get together in Syracuse with **Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks, Jan Bassette Summerville, and **Leah Smith** Drexler. I’m still reeling—I thought she told me she was expecting her 15th great-grandchild (I don’t even have one). When I spoke to **Rayma Carter** Wilson (Binghamton, NY) she was getting ready to go to British Columbia with Friendship Force for an exchange program. She’ll be at reunion. I also discovered that **Elouise Decker Bretch** moved four years ago to Mohnton, PA (only 15 minutes from my old home) when her husband **Bob** ’53 died. Elouise has two children and taught school until she was 71 years old. At Cornell, she lived at the 9th South Avenue cottage with **Marie Solt** and then worked for a family on Eddy Street. Mutual friends here at Phoebe Berks Retirement Village spoke to **Wilbur** and **Marj Eberhardt Haupt** (Overlook Park, KS), but forgot to ask if they were coming to reunion. I’d love to see them.

Thanks to those who sent News and Dues recently: Leah Smith Drexler (Sherburne, NY) is spending the winter in South Texas. She welcomed her first great-grandson in August. She wrote that she has 30 Cornellians in three generations of her family—can anyone best that? She'd like to hear from **Elaine Darby** MacDonald. **Dorothy Sells** Miller (Floral Park, NY) also had hip surgery. She has been taking post-graduate courses at Post College, Long Island U. She would like to hear from **Jacqueline Forman** Flam. **Ruth Wood** Green (Roscoe, NY) had lots of plans for November. She was moving to the house where she was born and then she was leaving for her condo in Sun City Center, FL, for the winter. Harold and **Barbara Spencer** Ihrig (Madison, TN) ran into stumbling blocks in selling their home. (I hope they are ironed out so they can join us in June.) She'd like to hear from **Shirley Hughes** Ainslie.

Write soon or call about your plans, so I can include you in the list of reunion attendees. Better still, contact your friends to join you. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

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Do you notice how quickly time goes by? To me it seems not long ago the days were longer with more sunshine, yet as I write, it is mid-December—and when you read this it will be almost spring. It flies! Is it our age?

Two of our classmates are fortunate to be among those living in Ithaca again—at Kendal. **Elizabeth Brown**, MS '53, took a cruise up the coast from New England to Montreal. **Ellen Earle** Humphrey reports that she and her husband Henry, a retired physician, have five children, 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild expected at the time of her writing. **Thelma Kaplan** Reisman reports three sons, nine grandchildren, and also a great-grandchild expected at time of writing. I hope all is well with mothers, babies, and families.

Sanford Reiss, MD '51, another retired physician, keeps in touch with his Cornell Medical School classmates and is studying American political history. He and his wife **Beatrice (Strauss)**, BS Nurs '47, who noted their 55 years of marriage last June, have spent part of every July for 40 years in the Berkshires. They have four children; one is Cornellian **Monica Reiss** Zimmerman '74, and the others were graduated from George Washington, Rhode Island School of Design, and Tufts. Well educated! Question: do the Reiss and Reisman families know each other? Do you know you are almost neighbors in Westfield and South Orange in New Jersey? **Harold** and **Rita Koenig Tepperman** '42 (HALTEPP@Juno.com) are also nearby neighbors in West Orange. Hal reports he is retired. A neighborly '47 Jersey lunch maybe?

Henry Lustig, another retired doctor, still sees some of his old-time patients. He is also a volunteer teacher of third and fourth grade children. In reporting on his family, Henry tells of his son **George** '78, a graduate of Cornell and Columbia, and then a teacher at Cornell. He was killed in an automobile accident. The family established a History prize in his name that has been awarded for the last 25 years and will continue. Henry, I am sorry for your horrible loss. You have surely done

a good thing in remembering him in this way and in benefiting other students in the process. Henry's younger son Andrew heads the equestrian program at Savannah College of Arts and Sciences.

Jay Cipes (AUCIPES@aol.com), residing in Sherman Oaks, CA, reports he sees fellow Cornellians **Jim Vlock**, MBA '48, **David Goldberg** '45, and **Sam Lewis**. Jay travels frequently—early this year to Berkeley, Washington, DC, San Francisco, New York City, New Haven, and Toronto. He says his wife Arianne Ulmer is a “non-profit,” volunteering at the Ulmer Preservation Corp. preserving films and documentaries. They have (if I count right) six children and eight grandchildren. My, we are a productive group! **Henriette** “Hank” **Pantel Hillman** reports that she celebrates still being here and works at living. She travels hither and yon, her children and grandchildren are charming and bright, and she sees many Cornellians. She and husband **Joel** '44 also live in Jersey—in Englewood. Possibly seeing the above mentioned classmates?

Barbara Kenrick Miller, MS '54 (bmlr9@cs.com) sees Cornellians at her local Cornell Club. She has a 7-year-old granddaughter. **James Healy**, who is a fellow scribe as the '47 correspondent for the Hotel school, is a volunteer at the local (Fayetteville, NY) hospital, pushing wheelchairs two days a week. Nice! Last February, while cruising through the Panama Canal, he was upgraded to the “Presidential Suite.” Those Hotel connections! His daughter Mary is director of the Sacramento Zoo and was recently elected second vice president of the national association AZZA. **Bernardine Morris** Erkins reports that nothing is exciting, though she and her husband Robert went to his 60th Reunion at Notre Dame last June. The offspring count of children and grandchildren was 26, with one expected at time of writing. Two were at Notre Dame, two at Gonzaga, two at U. of Idaho, and one at U. of Alaska. Good work!

I am delighted to hear from **Beatrice Carlson** Murray. She and I arrived at the same time to far away Ithaca from little (before the Verrazano Bridge) Staten Island, part of the big city of New York, knowing nothing of anything west of the Hudson River. Though we attended rival high schools, we still connected, and I have often wondered what happened to her. She now lives in Southbury, CT, and reports the sad news that her husband of 54 years died last summer. I am sorry, Bea, and wish you well. I hope you all remember that Bea was featured in the Sunday *New York Times Magazine* at the time of graduation telling of her plans for going out into the great wide world. With picture! I still have a copy. Happy spring to one and all! ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3752; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

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Here we go! The latest up-to-date ancient news (history?) composed by classmates Sept. and Oct. 2005 has arrived. As always, we use the FIFO system (first in, first out).

The first to pen his news is **Harold Vroman**, MS '52 (82 years old), Cobleskill, NY: “Wives Marian and Doris both deceased. I travel, take part in historical events, ARC of Schoharie

County, Rotary, church, ‘so-on’ and worthy projects—‘onward and upward.’ The US is not immune from tragedies. I spend my winters in Florida. Would rather be doing other chores than housekeeping. Plan to study more Dutch history. Spend Thanksgiving, etc., at son Ted’s and families in Yorktown, VA. Don’t spend time blaming other people. Make things better, especially yourself. Today’s problem is keeping up to date (not always the most pleasant news). Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and all the chaos, destruction, and suffering—so many losing their homes and lives. Solve the problems with joy and God’s help. Keep being more positive with more thank you’s. I get tired more often but never give up; get more and more people to help. Life means helping people and making more new friends.”

Joyce Goldstein Kahn, Palm Beach, FL: “Husband deceased. Play bridge and golf; moved last Sept. 19. Will travel more. One grandchild graduated college. Other a senior in high school. Life is the importance of family and friends and belief in God, carrying on through crisis.” **John Osborne**, Vestal, NY: “Still retired from IBM. Granddaughter graduated from North Carolina at Wilmington.”

Ben-Ami Lipetz, PhD '59, Schodack, NY: “I have been lucky! In 2004 I bought a Hybrid car at my wife Carolyn’s insistence, and now we laugh, remembering how I used to grumble. Actually, I’ve been doubly lucky. It’s been ten years since retiring, and I find myself in better shape than ever expected. I stay semi-active at the U. of Albany, and preside over their library friends. Also, I bring library service to my local senior center twice a week. I co-edited and contributed to a book published in the fall of 2005 called *Covert and Overt: Recollecting and Connecting Intelligence Service and Information Science*.”

Hamilton Miller, Longview, TX: “Retired. I’m still getting out and painting small cars for the women’s shelter and the two local hospitals. I’ve been able to give some cars to the children of the evacuees from Katrina. There are over 300 evacuees here in Longview, TX.” **William Purcell Jr.**, Wallingford, PA: “Retired—do woodworking and reading. Vacation in Camden, ME. Today’s problem is our foreign policy.”

Eugene Littman, Newburgh: “President of U.S.A. Illumination, a lighting fixture manufacturer. I play golf most every day after work at about 5:00 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings. We have designed and tooled about 20 new products for a great increase in sales. It is starting to help very much. I sold my large lighting fixture company known as Lightron of Cornwall about five years ago, and kept my smaller company, which is starting to grow. I hope to continue as president for another 10 years, and to play golf for another 15 years. One of my children is a fine doctor in Baltimore and my other three children all run lighting fixture companies.” (Ed. Note: It makes so much sense that anyone named Littman should be in the lighting business. His ancestors probably made candles.)

Nathan Carpenter, Fort Lauderdale, FL: “Wife died. I’m a board-certified physician in aerospace and preventive medicine. Traveled back to Ohio where I was born. I miss my wife.” **Lynn**

Ellis, Clearwater, FL: "The latest hurricane out there is up to 'M' (Marie)—the first one I saw in 1938 began with a 'C'—the world moves too fast! Where have I been recently? In the swimming pool, and the last thing I remember doing was lunch. Would rather be doing dinner now. Tomorrow I plan to do breakfast. Two grandsons are college freshmen. Bills, paying bills, Katrina recovery, and finding the megabuck cures are today's major problems." (Ed. Note: Lynn, I apologize for the typo in the March/April '05 issue in which the column referred to you as "she." That mistake was made in Ithaca, not Port Washington.)

Tom Latimer, Chapel Hill, NC: "The way I count my wealth is family, friends, and health. I'm very rich! I hope you understand." **Lillian Soelle Austin**, Chapel Hill, NC: "Volunteering, maintaining home and health for both of us as well as possible. There were 30 Cornellians and spouses on the trip to the Canadian Rockies, from **Clara Rhodes Rosevear '38** to our own Cornell hostess **Kelly Maule '97**. We traveled on the 'Rocky Mountaineer,' under the auspices of the Cornell Alumni Federation. Oldest grandson, 16, went to Italy with the Latin Club from Midlothian High School in Virginia. His 13-year-old brother joined us for a week at CAU. The course was The Human Body. What a great nation we have to the North. What great people—O Canada! Life-practical concerns combined with a spiritual life, putting the latter into motion."

While on the subject, '48ers who spent a week at Cornell Alumni University (CAU) in 2005 attended the following programs: Lillian Austin, The Human Body; **Madeline Miller Bennett**, Wall Street; **May Daniels**, Kafka; **Walter '45** and **Barbara Rapp Hamilton**, Eclectic Cook; **Burnett Haylor**, Photography; **Richard Jackson**, Golf Clinic; **William Kaplan**, American Trials; **Larry Merson**, Architecture. ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel./fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 "We sold our Greenwich house and are preparing to move to Wallingford, CT, in March. We looked at where we are going and are uncertain that we really down-sized, but the deed is done." Thus wrote your esteemed VP and Class Correspondent **Dick Keegan** as partial explanation for the absence of a full column this month.

If the computer connection can be established in the new digs in time for the next deadline, you should see Dick's entry in this space in the May/June issue. Stay well, stay happy—and stay tuned. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, rjk27@cornell.edu.

50 We have happy news to report: two weddings! It's never too late for romance. **Bob Entenman** has sent along a clipping from the *Hudson (OH) Hub-Times* announcing his marriage last May 21, in Hudson, to Ann Winkelpleck. Bob's son was his father's best man, and Ann's son escorted her down the aisle. In the photograph accompanying the article, Ann wears an elegant wide-brimmed hat and Bob wears a wide smile. Bob, a chemical engineer, was an executive with

Relationships 101

LORI GORDON '50

after Lori Gordon '50 earned a master's degree in social work from Catholic University in 1963, she began experiencing marital problems. She tried to find research on family and relationship counseling but discovered that, at the time, the field was limited. It was after her marriage ended in divorce in 1965, after seventeen years and four children, that she took matters into her own hands.

In 1969, she founded the Family Relations Institute to train therapists and postgraduates in counseling families and couples. And in 1983, she took the concept one step further and created Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills (PAIRS), a training program that teaches the skills needed to nurture and sustain healthy relationships.

PAIRS now offers a variety of classes geared toward helping couples, families, and singles repair and strengthen their relationships. PAIRS courses are now taught in the United States, Canada, and Israel, and they include programs for teens and military couples, courses taught in Spanish, and training for professionals who want to become PAIRS instructors themselves. Gordon has also published three self-help books, and her work has been featured in major magazines such as *Time* and *Newsweek*.



Over the years, Gordon has discovered that the basic concepts she learned at Cornell as a double major in child development and family relationships and psychology also apply to adult relationships. "In child development, you learn about the need for love, attention, respect, affection, and someone to listen to you and make eye contact—things that are important to little kids," Gordon says. "Well, they're equally important for big kids, throughout life."

— Jill Weiskopf '06

the Flood Company, in Hudson, which manufactures paint additives and wood finishes.

And **Walter Crone** and **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz** were married on October 22 in Boulder, CO. "We had dated freshman and sophomore year," Midge writes, "but then went our separate ways." Walt married his high school sweetheart. Midge married **Bill Sprunk '49**, who died in 1990, and in 1997 Midge married Bill Kreitz. "Over the years Walt and I heard and read about each other in the alumni magazine and through mutual friends." Then in 2003, Midge lost her "second Bill," as she calls him, following lung surgery, and a few months later, Walt lost Prudence to cancer. The two survivors "reached out to each other with letters, phone calls, visits," Midge continues, "and then in Ithaca for the 55th Reunion last June. The spark that had been

present so long ago reignited and led to tying the knot. We were married with all eight children and 13 grandchildren present to help us celebrate." The Crones now live in Longmont, CO. Midge was a reading specialist in Fairfax County, VA, and Walt, a mechanical engineer, was president of Buffalo Railroad Equipment Corp. in Charleston, SC.

Earle "Bud" Barber practices law three days a week at his firm Barber, Sharpe & Rosenberger, which is in the same Chestnut Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia where my husband and I (Marion) live. **Betsy Alexander Weis** (Osprey, FL) is an emeritus attorney—a formal professional designation in the state of Florida—and holds a free legal clinic one day a week at the Senior Friendship Center in nearby Venice, FL. Betsy raised eight children and then earned her law degree in 1990. She practiced full-time in North Carolina

before she moved to Florida. Betsy, **Jean Micheli** Partisch-Farley (who lives in Sarasota, FL), **Carol Smith** Loveland (Rochester, NY), and **Pat Coolican** (Corvallis, OR) have kept a round-robin letter going for the past 50-plus years, ever since graduation. The foursome recently had a rare face-to-face reunion when Carol and Pat visited Florida. Pat Coolican was associate dean of the College of Home Economics at Oregon State in Corvallis and associate director of the Oregon State Extension Service.

Jon Ayers (Huntington, Long Island) writes that despite recent hip and knee replacements, he “made sure they didn’t interfere with important things—like singing with the Big Apple Chorus at an international contest in the 21,000-seat auditorium in Salt Lake City, or sailing.” Jon recently had

Bull (Beacon, NY) corrects tests for the White Plains School System and also does income taxes for H & R Block. She volunteers at Beacon Reads (which sells used books to benefit the local library), is learning American Sign Language, and is researching and writing her family history. **Tom Bryant**, JD ’53, practiced law for a while on Wall Street and worked the Watergate year (1972) in Washington, DC, for the Small Business Administration. He then moved to Bend, OR, where he practiced small-town law for over 30 years. Both of Tom’s parents were also Cornellians, in the Class of 1915.

If you have been wondering whether the David Pogue who writes about computer technology for the *New York Times* is related to our class president **Dick Pogue**, the answer is yes.

literature and met and married Robert. They lived in College Park, MD, for 40 years and then built a house on Martha’s Vineyard and became year-round residents after his retirement from the U. of Maryland faculty. Mary and Robert had a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Migrant workers at Sodoma Farms in Brockport, NY, were in the local news last fall as the apple-picking season got under way. Three Brockport **Sodomas** are Cornellians: **Robert D.**, son **Michael W.** ’86, and **Robert J.** ’68. Sodoma Farms produces strawberries, cabbages, and squash in season, as well as apples. **Charles Taylor** worked for Agway in Cortland his first four years out of Cornell and then operated a dairy farm in Gilbertsville, NY, until retirement. He and Carla have four children, one an environmental engineer in Houston coping with toxic waste, and the others in Orlando, FL, Rochester, NY, and Cortland, NY.

Thomas Borthwick (cabinetm2@earthlink.net) retired from Legg Mason brokerage firm, moved to Pinehurst, NC, and took up golf and reproduction of antique furniture. He made the Tower Club in 2002 with a contribution of his hand-made furniture to Delta Kappa Epsilon. In 2004 he received Cornell’s Distinguished Alumnus Award from Vice President **Susan Murphy** ’73, PhD ’94. **Don Weadon** ’67, Delta Kappa Epsilon alumni chairman, noted, “Few Dekes have contributed so much effort and soul to the care and improvement of our Gray Stone Castle.” Tom has children in Washington State and Connecticut, including **Pam Borthwick Bass** ’84. He remains in touch with fellow Deke **Latham Burns** of Toronto.

David Taylor cofounded Taylor and Stiegel after 13 years experience with Kenneth M. Dunn in Charleston, WV, and practiced civil engineering installing sewer systems, water lines, and pumping stations in the area. Married twice, David had three boys and seven grandchildren. Both wives died of cancer, the first in 1995 and then 2005. The children’s families are in Charlotte, NC, Roanoke, VA, and Oregon. **Bob** ’49, MRP ’54, and **Elizabeth Robinson von Dohlen**, West Hartford, CT, have traveled several times with Cornell—Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan—and are signed up for Namibia in October 2006. They are active in area art groups and have a grandson **Brian Downing Smith** ’07 at Cornell. Elizabeth has won several local and state awards for her orchids and other plants.

Thanks to a \$5.5 million collaborative effort between Webster U. and the Repertory and Opera Theatres of St. Louis, MO, 20,000 square feet have been added in backstage facilities to the Loretto-Hilton Center. The successful fundraising project was jump-started with a \$1 million challenge grant by **Laurance** and **Virginia Jackson Browning** ’53, and the main performance hall has been named for Virginia. Larry is the retired vice chairman of Emerson Electric Company and a life trustee of Webster U. and serves on the board of Opera Theatre. Nancy and **Kenneth Jones**, Larchmont, NY, treated their three daughters, three grandchildren, and a son-in-law to a CAU session last summer, a repeat for the daughters who had attended with Kenneth and Nancy in 1976.

Aaron and **Shelley Epstein** Akabas, NYC, report proudly that their son Dr. **Myles Akabas**

‘Still sore from my Panamanian experience.’

ANN WOOLLEY BANKS ’53

a weekend sailing rendezvous with **Ed Crothers** ’51, **Tony Tappin** ’49, **Halsey Knapp**, and **Ray Matz**, BArch ’51, and their wives. “I’ve given up competitive sailing in favor of leisurely cruises with the grandchildren,” Jon e-mails, “and also doing penance as a Race Committee member.” Jon, a mechanical engineer, was a program director for Grumman Data Systems in Woodbury, NY. Halsey Knapp (Lewes, DE) owned Nassau Orchard Inc. in Delaware, and Ray Matz (Norwalk, CT) had an architectural practice in White Plains, NY.

Janet Praeger Phillips says that “of course” she is still running her landscaping business, Landscape Arts Inc. in Chattanooga, TN, “with no thought of retiring.” Janet raised six children, and then in 1978, 28 years ago, founded her business. “We are one of the bigger landscaping companies in Chattanooga,” she explains. “I am also currently president of the Chattanooga Association of Landscape Professionals, an organization I helped found about 15 years ago.” “The year 2005 saw one of the best experiences of my lifetime,” writes **Mary Green** Miner (Edmonds, WA). “Two weeks in Europe with my daughter, two granddaughters (ages 14 and 11), my son-in-law, and his mother, who grew up in Switzerland, where we visited four places, including Zermatt, site of the Matterhorn. Spectacular!” Mary’s career was an outgrowth of her extracurricular work at Cornell. She was editor-in-chief of the *Cornellian* our senior year, and she became publisher of the BNA Books division of the Bureau of National Affairs Inc. in Washington, DC. Mary has produced 22 books that are in the Library of Congress.

Herb Lund is chairman of the Environmental Advisory Board for the City of Coconut Creek, FL, where he lives. He also plans and conducts the annual Key West Recycling Seminar, now in its 16th year. Three of his daughters live in Broward County, FL, and assist him with the recycling seminar. Herb, another mechanical engineer, was the editor-in-chief of the *McGraw-Hill Recycling Handbook* and also the *Handbook of Pollution Control Management*. **Marilyn** “Lynn” **Layton**

David Pogue is a son of Dick and his wife Pat. Dick is a senior adviser to the law firm of Jones Day in Cleveland. **Jim** and **Nancy Hubbard Brandt** were in town from Chicago recently for a meeting of the Bible and Archaeology Fest VIII and came to dinner at our house along with **Libby Severinghaus** Warner, who lives nearby in Bryn Mawr. The Brandts have long been interested in the archaeology and ancient history of the Mediterranean region and the Middle East, and over the years have traveled extensively there, including in Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. Nancy’s career was with the Continental Bank and the Bank of America Illinois; she now works pro bono for Protestants for the Common Good, trying to reform the Illinois fiscal system. Jim was a VP and general manager at Zurn Industries; he now volunteers with the Executive Service Corps.

Our book about what the women in the class have done with their lives—*Women at Work: Demolishing a Myth of the 1950’s*, by Marion Steinmann and the Women of the Cornell Class of 1950 (Xlibris, 2005)—has been accepted for inclusion in Harvard U.’s Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at the Radcliffe Inst. for Advanced Study. And we earned an “A” for our efforts from Harvard. The book “is certainly a very important document and essential for our collections,” writes the Library Curator, Marylène Altieri. “Please convey our thanks to your women classmates, whose accomplishments are an inspiration.” ♦ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 Robert Knight, husband of our classmate **Mary Steele** Knight, formerly of W. Tisbury, MA, sent us an obituary from the *Rome* (NY) *Sentinel* about her life. Mary went from Cornell to Berkeley, where she received an MA in English

'77 has been appointed Director of the MD/PhD program at Einstein Medical College. Shelley and Aaron have moved from a house with five floors to an apartment on one floor—"good for our old knees," she says. Her new book, co-authored with colleague Paul Kurzman, *Work and The Workplace: A Resource for Innovative Policy & Practice*, was published by Columbia U. Press in February 2005. **Ernest Schmid**, Goldsboro, NC, a retired lieutenant colonel, attended the Wine Class with Abby Nash as CAU instructor last summer. Wolf Kittler's CAU session on Kafka was popular with the Class of '51: **Elliott Oldman**, **William Philipbar**, **Kenneth Jones**, and **Robert Lev** all participated.

George R. Chambers flew over 4 million miles to China, Korea, Japan, and thereabouts as a program manager for Hughes, Ramo Woolridge, Aerospace, and TRW. He served as a platoon sergeant in the Pacific before coming to Cornell and feels he should be credited with an MEE for his five-year degree. Retiring in 1989, George has taken up golf. Jay and **Jerri Ann Reilly** Peck, St. Pete Beach, FL, summered near Skaneateles Lake with friends and family after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary aboard a Carnival cruise with son Bill, his wife Mary, and daughter Ellen. **Michael Chayes** and Nelly Vermeij, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, are glad to hear from classmates. **Hugh "Sam" and Georgia McGowan MacNeil**, MS '49, report from Franklin, TN, that son **Michael** '74 worked on a joint USDA/South African Ag Dept. project and spoke at the World Angus Conference in Cape Town. Daughter Anne has been tenured at UNC, Chapel Hill, where she is a musicologist.

See you at reunion, hopefully. **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.

52 I was wrong about those yellow News Forms. The response has been amazing, especially as to what you remember most fondly and from whom you would most like to hear. Insufficient column space for that, but **Paul and Polly Prine Herman** will make room for it on our Web page, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>. As I use the forms, I'll forward them to the Hermans. If you need even more reason to check the website, **Joy Rees Hoffman** and **Bob Chabon**, M Ed '55, have been working on plans for our 55th Reunion to be held June 7-10, 2007. The plans include some different and outstanding events. Save the dates and plan to attend. To keep informed, check the class website.

I had a good November visit from **Nancy Barner Reynolds**, whose present day job is swimming, weight training, reading/study, and a philosophy discussion group. When not occupied with that, Nancy is involved with travel, family activities, and visits to family and friends. She's in good shape, and happy with what she is doing now. Nancy brought a September article from the *Wisconsin State Journal*, in which the interviewee, **Helen Johnson-Leipold** '78, said things about her parents, **Sam** '50 and **Imogene Powers Johnson**, that would gladden any parent's heart.

Now to the mailbag. **Lawrence Breslau**, Baltimore, MD, is among the few who still has a day job. A doctor, he is director of the Partial Hospital Project, Baltimore Washington Medical Center. We knew **Elizabeth Jacques Browne**, Cleveland, OH, as Betty. After her husband, **Michael** '55, MBA '56, died, Betty decided to stay in her house. That, along with visits to family in Cleveland, New York, D.C., Florida, Michigan, and Hawaii, which last she has not yet done, keep her busy. She's also active in the Cornell Club of NE Ohio, with their summer job network, particularly, and CAAAN. Then there's church, where she is involved in everything from prayer groups to an inner city Books for Children project. OK, Betty, take a deep breath.

Cynthia Baldwin Dutton, York Beach, ME, a retired doctor, is also widowed. She writes: "I am retired (since 1994) and live in the house where I grew up. I am involved in a modest amount of volunteer activity, like to go rowing in my 63-year-old skiff, write essays and memoirs, a few of which have been published, and spend time with my daughters and my friends. Life is good here on the Maine Coast." Also in New England is **Paul Davis**, MBA '59, Chatham, MA, who, retired, has recently been doing "worldwide travel." **Lucy Anne Willis Farmer**, Ventura, CA, is also enjoying retirement: "I can ride my horse whenever. Also volunteer at Police Dept. storefront." Lucy Anne's husband **Peter** '51 is deceased.

Not retired entirely is **M. Carr Ferguson**, LLB '54, New York, NY. He is senior counsel at Davis Polk & Wardwell, part-time professor of law at NYU (fall) and San Diego Law School (spring), and still involved in some arbitration and mediation of tax disputes. Off hours, he works on his golf game, writes, and speaks. He and wife **Marian (Nelson)**, MA '54, spent the summer with their four daughters and sons-in-law and 11 grandchildren. **Frederick Fuess**, M Ed '55, Baldwinsville, NY, is retired and has recently moved from Illinois to New York State. Apart from that, he and his wife enjoy travel. **Philip Gottling Jr.**, Cincinnati, OH, is retired after 36 years at Procter & Gamble. He now does lots of high quality audio recording for church and community concert events, and reports that it was fun being in touch with **Dave Murray**, a Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brother, for the first time in over 50 years. Dave arranged the blind date where Phil met his future wife **Barbara (Johnson)** '54.

Alison Bliss Graham, Wynnewood, PA, writes that she and **Charles "Chad"** are both active in civic affairs—local government and school district. Chad is professor emeritus at U. of Pennsylvania, where he still helps teach an engineering lab course and is writing a textbook on magnetic materials. They recently had a "nice cruise on the Chesapeake," and their usual two weeks in England, where Chad opened a new physics lab at the U. of Sheffield. **John Lankenau**, LLB '55, New York, NY, is actively practicing employee rights law in a four-attorney NYC law firm. Fridays, he and Alison are usually at their house in the Hudson Valley. After hours, John works for and gives money to Democratic candidates at all levels, and also works on historic preservation. The Lankenau celebrated the day of their 40th wedding anniversary with a family/friends party and then went to Paris for 10 days.

Now sadder news. Shirlee **Critchfield**, Garden Grove CA, wrote that her husband and our classmate **Robert** died June 12, 2005 of acute leukemia. An avid golfer and photographer in his retirement, Bob is greatly missed by his family and his many friends. **John Voigt**, MBA '57, Frankfort, IL, wrote only that his spouse, **Susan (Bancroft)** '54, passed away after a seven-year struggle with progressive supranuclear palsy. ❖ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 Help wanted. It is now the merest smidgen over two years until our 55th Reunion and not too soon to give it some thought. We're ready to welcome affinity group volunteers, such as teammates to summon teammates, singers to sound out singers, Greeks to rush their brothers and sisters, pomology and poultry club members to round up old buddies, and *Sun* men and women and wits of the *widow* to press colleagues into action.

Chuck and **Carolyn Juran's** (Prescott, AZ) first venture into Elderhostel was to the neighborhood of FDR's "cottage" on Campobello Island. They also loaded their motor home onto a flatbed for a rail trek through the Copper Canyon and down the Mexican coast to Mazatlan. They saw the waterfalls of the Piedmont and the lighthouses of the Outer Banks on a June journey to North Carolina. In the fall, they rode the narrow gauge Durango steam train through the Colorado Rockies. Back home, there's a vast electric train layout and an almost-new Papillon pup, named Almost a Dog. "This has been disturbing to the cats," we're informed, "but the patriarch, Felix, 13, tolerates the others with a dignity that only age can bring."

What's keeping **C.P. Rufe** (Waynesboro, VA) busy these days, says he, is "knowing and loving my granddaughters, Julia Joan, 5-ish, and Charlotte Joan, 2-ish. Some traveling (foreign and domestic). Rotary. Working (some) at Waynesboro Public Library. Actively seeking a compatible 'casserole lady.' Happy in high tech with a new iMac." **Irv** and **Sheila Lefcourt Goldman** (South Burlington, VT) report two M.D. offspring—one professor/surgeon, one pediatrician—and grandkids. So family keeps them occupied, along with visits to old friends, cross country skiing, hiking, biking, reading, photography, and, in the summer, kayaking on Lake Champlain. They share a best buddy, Ruby, a bouncy young golden retriever by trade. **Dick** and **Sheila Ragold** are settling into new digs at Keswick, VA, near Charlottesville, between the Blue Ridge Mountains and Richmond, with the U. of Virginia nearby. When last heard from, he was "consulting two days a week for the engineering firm I was with in New England." From **Jack Otter** (Savannah, GA): "Well, happy, and hopeful of peace with honor?"

Lorraine Kelafant Schnell (Ramona, CA) notes three landmark happenings: son Mike passed a Players Aptitude Test for professional golf. Daughter-in-law Kerry earned a doctorate. Grandson Matt graduated from the U. of Rhode Island. "Life," Lorraine observes, "is good!" **Carol Ballagh Boehringer** (Wynnewood, PA, and Marco Island, FL) says it isn't easy, but she tries to keep up with

husband **Jack '52**, who was working “mostly full-time at 75” last summer, flying his own plane, and sailing. For over two decades, he has planned a yearly cruise down Chesapeake Bay with old buddies **Don Follett '52**, **Jack Bradt, '52**, **Dick Groos '52**, and **Dick** (Richard C.) **Smith '52**. Jack stays in touch with the Engineering college and its seniors. Carol, “mostly retired after 20 years working with him,” remains secretary-treasurer of his manufacturing firm, is a hospital volunteer, and gets to the grandkids’ athletic events.

Pete and Lois Crane Williams, M Ed '60, responded to a mighty tug to Newfield, maybe a dozen miles down Route 13 and near Robert Treman State Park, a few Homecomings ago. Lois’s great-great-grandfather founded the village a couple of centuries back and built its first mill, on its creek, the West Branch of Cayuga Inlet, in 1809. “We came across a vacant Main St. lot that included creek frontage and, in the excitement of Homecoming, impulsively bought it. We’ve since given up the thought of a retirement home there and donated much of the lot to Mill Park. Visit it sometime (222 Main Street) and enjoy the park’s creekside overlook.”

There are adventuresome septuagenarians among us. **Ann Woolley Banks** reporting: “Still sore from my Panamanian experience. Just hope to be able to ski.” Good grief, what experience? “Birding in Panama. More like a Panamanian army exercise. Up-early-and-out sort of thing, and then there was this mountain! Not bad going up, but the coming down in the rainforest is a different thing. I slipped and fell on my backside four times on the first incline. It wasn’t so bad when I got home. Yes, I had trouble getting up the stairs, but I thought a little exercise would be helpful and started to stack my winter wood delivery. MISTAKE! Fortunately, I have grandchillen!”

Dick and Jane Hayes have lived in Brazil for 41 years. They continue to see new things. Dick reports a two-week Argentine tour to the Cataracts of Iguazu, San Ignacio Jesuit Mission, the wetlands Esteiros de Ibara, Buenos Aires, the Province of Chubut in northern Patagonia, the Valdes Peninsula, and Punta Tombo. They watched right whales, sea lions, elephant seals, dolphins, guanacos, rheas, and more than 70 species of birds, most of which are not found in the Northern Hemisphere. Son George has moved from Geneva to London, “so our European base changes.” At home in São Paulo, he’s president of Instituto Souza Novaes, “a non-profit entity that helps chemically dependent street kids and adults.”

We happy few recall AFROTC summer camp at O’Hare Field (when it was just a small Air Force fighter base outside Chicago), or ground-pounding in Barton, or maybe the colonel who loved trips to the metropolis of “Bimington.” For senior birdmen, a new alumni association is off the ground. **Dick Thaler**, LLB '56, donated legal services to establish AFCU Inc., which will help Cornell’s AFROTC Detachment 520 stay in touch with its old Cold Warriors.

To look back on Ithaca’s only morning newspaper’s view of '52 and '53, vintage *Daily Suns* are now online at <http://cdsun.library.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 **Burt '51**, DVM '55, and **Lucille Fein Saunders** attended Burt’s 50th Vet college Reunion this past June along with daughter **Zena Saunders '79**, MBA '81, who was attending her 25th. Zena was accompanied by her family, so it turned out to be a family/Cornell reunion with all three generations staying near each other in the new dorms. Lucille made the comment that writing news for the column brings to mind the best things in our lives that intertwine with the surprises that aging presents. Another loyal correspondent, **Marian Russell** Boslaugh, writes that the builder has finished the shell of their Unger, WV, home and that Dave is now doing the finishing work inside. When completed, they plan on retiring to their forest, having lived for many years in Ashburn, VA. I would categorize that as a lateral move with no migration routes to be navigated.

Harriet and **Bob Friedman** had a busy year of travel in 2005 that included a trip to **Morty Rochman’s** 50th anniversary. Bob has for many years done research in India, and this past year during a trip there he signed an agreement with the medical branches of the Indian Uniformed Service to exchange faculty and to carry out collaborative biomedical research. It was an agreement that has been 20-plus years in the making due, in part, to the political upheavals in that part of the world. The Friedmans also traveled to Normandy, Mt. St. Michel, and Chartres, and to Bayeux to view the famous tapestry. Bob is still chairman of his department at the Uniformed Services Medical School.

Debby Kroker Ineich fills her days traveling with Bob, watching the grands play ball, and enjoying the time spent with good friends. They are looking forward to visiting parts of the world they’ve yet to see—Alaska via cruise ship and Canada via the trans-Canadian rail. Looking back on her years at Cornell, her fondest memories were friends. Attending class reunions and mini-reunions with the DGs has kept Debby in touch with a number of old friends. **Walt Lewis**, MD '68, has retired from his formal medical practice, but does volunteer work at a local clinic dealing with mind, body, and spirit healing. Walt is writing a book about his experiences in approaches to wellness that are outside the scope of a normal medical practice. He not only remembers Cornell friends fondly, but also enjoyed the prolonged philosophical conversations that added so much to broadening his scope as a human being.

Niles Davies runs his family’s apple farm, Dr. Davies Farm, in Rockland County, NY, which has been in the family since the 1800s. The farm has a fascinating history, as I discovered when I went to the website. Niles is the ex-chief of the Congers Fire Dept., past president of the Salvation Army, and member of the Rockland Center for the Arts Cooperative and the Helen Hayes Hospital Foundation, among other community activities. **Bill Embury** of Lee’s Summit, MO, says his day job is that of a manufacturer’s rep, but he escapes to fishing, hunting, golf, and working in his huge garden growing annuals and perennials, his substitution for farming. Asia has been among his most recent travels. Fond memories of Cornell include the chimes, football games, and the great

college atmosphere. **William B. Webber**, MD '60, and **Elaine Russell** Gandal were married this past September. Bill and Elaine had dated in Bronxville High School and had recently rekindled their friendship. Bill is still cycling with the Wobblies in Saguaro National Park and singing bass with community groups. While at Cornell Bill enjoyed his time as art editor of the *Cornell Widow*.

Tricia Palmer Shope is director and teacher at Hopmeadow Nursery School, but after hours is a weaver and teacher of weaving. Attending the Hartford theatre and symphony fill out her leisure time. **Marty Rosenzweig**, PhD '59, has found a second career in the performing arts field—not as a performer but as a producer. Having helped build the Norris Center for the Performing Arts in Rolling Hills Estates in the 1990s, Marty has since founded and produced the Norris Cabaret Jazz series. Anyone in the area should check out the website for some interesting programs. **Gil Rothrock**, being retired, has all the time in the world to play his favorite sport, tennis. Fond Cornell memories are of hot fudge sundaes with **Clyde Barker**, MD '58. Richard and **Lisa Rink** Kelly are downsizing in Vermont and establishing winter roots in Arizona, thus creating the rare diagonal cross-continent migration pattern, one of our more complicated ones. Luckily, Lisa finds travel in the western US enjoyable. House parties rank high with Lisa, along with the variety of living in a college town.

The News Form format has changed, and it would appear from the volume of mail that people are finding it to their liking. I would suggest going to the online Cornell Alumni Directory to find classmates—the address is always at the bottom of my column. If you need further assistance, **Chick Trayford**, MBA '60, our class sleuth, and I stand by to help. If you have e-mail addresses it makes it faster. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>; Cornell Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>; class news online, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>.

55 We have a wonderful story from **Mark Brandt '86**, whose father, **Richard**, was a member of our class—a Phi Delt, a Hotelier, and a member of the football team. When Mark was contemplating where to apply to college, his father said, “What about Cornell?” Mark thought Cornell would be too expensive, but his dad said, “With your entrepreneurial skills, I think you could pay your way through.” So Mark started an asphalt seal coating and line-stripping company in Ithaca, and paid for most of his education that way, plus working at Gould’s Sporting Goods, running a leaf removal service in Cayuga Heights, and working on a maple syrup farm on Route 13. “The way my father taught me how to fish, when I needed it most, is a legacy that Cornell helped me cultivate further.” Recently, Mark started a private equity fund that he called The Maple Fund, in memory of the work it takes to reach a goal.

“Sarasota is a volunteer city,” says **Ken Sanderson**, so he and wife Barbara have chosen (“selfishly,” he admits) to volunteer as ushers at

local theaters. They particularly enjoy partaking of the caviar, vodka, and champagne served during intermission! Ken reminisced about his friendship with the late **Henry Repeta**, whose name is on the Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial. When the memorial came to Sarasota, it was set up in center field at the Cincinnati Reds' spring training baseball park. "How appropriate," Ken added. "I never met anyone who loved the game more or knew more baseball statistics than Hank." Ken also remembered the night Hank and **John Blaser** fought a fire in their Kline Road dorm.

Lorraine Silverman Abrash, PhD '66, of Walnut Creek, CA, writes that their son and his family, who used to live in England, are now in the Bay Area, which means more frequent family get-togethers. Lorraine still teaches one chemistry course per semester at a local community college. And speaking of academics, **Pete Replogle** is professor emeritus at SUNY. **Dan Sachs** calls himself "retired, so to speak," which means he still consults in affordable housing and does freelance editorial work. **Janet Scanlan** Lawrence traveled to Cuba as a representative of the West Jersey Presbytery, and from there to London and a cruise up the west coast of Italy. The Lawrences' son joined them in London to help his mom celebrate her big 7-0. Back home, Janet continues to take courses designed "for students 55 and over—and most are quite a bit over!"—at the Academy of Lifelong Learning, a branch of the U. of Delaware.

Myrna Stalberg Lippman is a retired newspaper writer/editor and a freelance book reviewer for the *Sun-Sentinel* in South Florida. Henry and **Irene Adler** Hirsch are leading a full life in Netanya, Israel, volunteering with causes as varied as the Israeli Army, civilian defense, and a children's home. Renie also teaches and entertains with guitar, and directs and acts in musicals and comedies. Two highlights in **Everett** "Bill" **Tennant's** life: his first grandson was born on Mother's Day last year, and Bill's church choir traveled from Mississippi to New York City to present the Verdi *Requiem* at Carnegie Hall.

Just after **Fred McFarlin** moved to North Carolina in 2003, he started a youth lacrosse program and league that continues to thrive. Fred further reports that working on his property has resulted in a loss of 15 pounds and two inches on his beltline. His regimen includes cutting the grass on a 50-inch rider mower (which takes 7 or 8 hours), cleaning up the yard, pruning over a dozen fruit trees, and hitting the gym several times a week. Singing karaoke as often as possible adds fun to his schedule. **Olga Bruun** Staneslow and her partner took a 17-day tour of Turkey, going from harbor to harbor along the Mediterranean in a small boat and visiting Istanbul, Capadoccia, and various ancient sites. In St. Paul, MN, where they live, Olly attends a monthly Cornell Alumni book group. **Wesley Lent** is still working full-time as a landscape architect, and an example of his work was to be featured in the June 2005 issue of *House Beautiful*. Having just come through a successful radical prostatectomy, Wesley advises, "Guys—all of you—get your PSA test!"

Grace Fox Parsons is enjoying retirement, keeping busy with choral and instrumental groups in her church, and volunteering at the

Red Cross and historical society, plus gardening, genealogy, and bridge. **Nancy Eisenberg Grabow** balances her work as a freelance meeting/event planner and writer with volunteer activities and sailing on their 30-foot boat. An annual highlight for Nancy and **Dick '44**: their vacations with the entire family at Peter Island Resort (BVI). **Howland Swift** finally retired after 25 years of college fundraising, including as assistant dean for the Hotel school in the '90s. Swifty and Robbi spent three months last winter at their villa in Vieques, PR, which they rent out year-round; you can find info and pictures at enchanted-isle.com.

And a bit further north (Fairbanks, AK), gold mine owner **Roger Burggraf** writes that his mine will soon be the site for a low-rank coal-water fuel demonstration. "Production of this fuel, which is non-toxic and non-hazardous, could help alleviate some of this nation's energy problems and also help Third World nations develop low-cost energy in their own countries." The family corporation, Greatland River Tours, made a profit last year, Roger explains, despite losing many days of business due to forest fires. Roger concludes, "I wish there were more hours in the day and that I was 30 years younger." And finally, a pop quiz from **Pete Bowell**, who, with wife Margie has happily relocated to Williamsburg, VA: "2007 will be a big year historically in Williamsburg. Does anyone know the event that will be celebrated?" E-mail me with your answer, and I'll see that it reaches Pete. And while you're at it, send on some news. Thanks! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie,

nancypetrie@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Dick Sklar, San Francisco, CA, is serving as president of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, a \$4B project to rebuild the Bay Area water and power system and get all of S.F. wired with Wi-Fi to make broadband accessible to the entire city—with free service to much of the population. Dick has been on the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange since last summer and continues to work with the Prime Minister of Montenegro as his pro bono economic advisor. Dick also continues to produce highly praised Merlot grapes in his California vineyard.

RETIREMENT NEWS: **Bob Boger**, East Lansing, MI, is dividing his retirement time between summers in Northern Michigan and winters in the mountains of Colorado. **Vaughan Larrison**, Arlington Heights, IL, retired from Con Agra Int'l in 1997, and has been consulting in the industry since then. **Jim Larrimore**, Del Mar, CA, continues to consult at the Int'l Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria, on nuclear non-proliferation, which received the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. Jim is a docent at Torrey Pines (CA) State Reserve.

Donald Nadeau, Fairport, NY, retired in 1999 as director of procurement for Cadbury Schweppes. In his community, he is a member of the US Power Squadron, which teaches boat safety and handling. From **Mike Nadler**, a comment on

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his visits to Europe: "Work habits around the EU haven't changed much. Stores still close for a two-hour lunch. No wonder their economies are not growing!" **Barbara Grove** Purtee, Gulfport, MS, is involved in community and church work. We hope, Barbara, that you didn't suffer too much damage in last year's hurricanes.

engineering group. **Susanne Kalter** DeWitt, Berkeley, CA, is involved with pro-Israeli political action groups. **Judith Cimildoro** Jones, Toledo, OH, is commissioner of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission and volunteers for the Toledo Symphony and the Toledo Museum of Art. **Grace Goldsmith** Wahba, Madison, WI, is into her 39th

first mystery, *The Good Friday Murder*, was made into a TV movie called "Murder without Conviction" and aired on the Hallmark Channel in 2005. It is repeated from time to time. Syrell spends part of the year in the Southwest.

Percy Edwards Browning is back from climbing the mountains of Bhutan and planning our upcoming 50th Reunion with **Jim Quest**. It's going to be wonderful to get together with everyone, and we hope to break attendance records for a 50th Reunion. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.

'I'll always remember walking down the hill after swim team practice with frozen hair.'

GERALD MANDELL '58

Vera Johnson Lee, San Francisco, retired for 11 years, sings with the San Francisco Choral Society. **Hersch Koblenz**, Shaker Heights, OH, is retired and continues to be active in community affairs. **Thomas Parks**, San Jose, CA, is a retired physician. **Joan Hoyland** Phaneuf, Viera, FL, retired from teaching in New York State. **Lois Patterson Noyes** was a realtor for 24 years and now lives in Sarasota, FL, at the Oaks Country Club. She is involved locally in the Fine Arts Society and the Symphony Association, and is a Junior League volunteer. Lois has been married to **Rick '53** for 50 years. **Betty Jennings** Rutledge, Wilmette, IL, describes herself in "multi-semi-retirement" as private investor, handwriting analyst, wife, mother of three, and grandmother of eight! **Mary Ann "Polly" Whitaker** Dolliver, Spokane, WA, retired in 2000 as a public school administrator and continues to consult in the education field. **Larry Levin**, Denver, CO, is retiring from the practice of law and will be at work with the American Jewish Committee and other non-profits. Larry, it was great to see you at the Washington meetings of AJC last year.

I am so sorry to note the passing of classmates **Herbert Bernhardt** (Charlottesville, VA) on June 11, 2002; **Ed Fitzgerald**, an attorney in New Haven who lived in Hamden, CT, on November 11, 2005; **Deborah Epstein** Miller (Monroe Townships, NJ) on November 13, 2003; and **Barbara Taubin** Phillips (Oakland, CA) on August 12, 2005.

We have heard from the following classmates: **Pete Thaler** (Los Angeles); **Ronald Chandler** (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), who recently finished putting his house back together from Hurricane Frances; **Vincent Rubatzky** (Haddonfield, NJ); **Gail Rudin** (Manhasset, NY); **Alayne "Lucky" Czurles** Werner (Buffalo, NY); **Joseph Libretti** (Mt. Prospect, IL); **Ernest Stent** (Prescott, AZ); **Jack Shirman** (Quechee, VT); **Alex Cicchinelli**, who lives in Italy; **Sandra Wittow** (Englewood, CO); and **Chuck Woolf** (Williamsburg, VA).

The Johnson Museum of Art is exhibiting the Paul (Yale '55) and **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman Collection of modern Indian art. The collection will remain at the museum through our 50th Reunion. This is a major collection amassed by the Zimmermans over the last 40 years since they lived in India (Paul was country director of the Peace Corps in the 1960s).

Doug Merkle, MS '59, Panama City, FL, is writing a history of the US Air Force civil

year as a faculty member at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, now as the I. J. Schoenberg-Hilldale Professor of Statistics. Grace and her partner, David Callan, are still doing their annual three-week summer bicycle trips and winter cross-country ski trips. **Paul Shane** is professor of social work at Rutgers U., Newark, NJ. **Betty Specht** Rossiter, San Marino, CA, is involved with local art and design projects, including the Pasadena Showcase House of Design, which benefits the Los Angeles Philharmonic and Youth Museum. **Lorna Jackson** Salzman, Brooklyn, NY, is active with the Green Party's climate crisis coalition to stop global warming.

Leland Mote, Big Bear Lake, CA, is working full-time as a senior loan analyst, and looking for land in Niagara County to grow pinot noir grapes. **Tom Lotito**, Woolwich Township, NJ, started a second career in the mental health field, which he finds truly rewarding. Says Tom, "The sense of giving back each day is very fulfilling." **David Golden**, Palo Alto, CA, researches the chemistry of the atmosphere and of combustion at SRI Int'l, Menlo Park, CA, which culminated in being SVP for Science. Since 2000, David has also been consulting professor of mechanical engineering at Stanford U. David plans to return to campus for our 50th and hopes that all the people he was close to while we were undergraduates come as well.

Curt Reis, Rolling Hills, CA, our beloved former class president, is still chairman and president of Alliance Bank, a subsidiary of Alliance Bancshares CA. I am sorry to tell you that Curt's mother **Jo Mills Reis '29** passed away in August 2005, but his father **Sanford '29** is still going strong and living in Sarasota, FL. Curt's parents are both honorary members of the Class of 1956.

NEWS IN OUR CAREERS: After 28 years at the same law firm, **Howard Schneider**, JD '59, NYC, has switched to work for client Man Financial Inc., a commodities futures commission merchant (the equivalent of a securities broker dealer in the futures trading area). Howard will be a senior VP there and will remain "of counsel" to Kalten Muchin Rosenman LLP. Says Howard, "A great change of pace, which I am truly looking forward to." **Joe Bograd**, Pompton Lakes, NJ, opened a new furniture store for second homes, called Bograd's Second Home. **Syrell Rogovin** Leahy, Ft. Lee, NJ, had two books published last year: *Murder in Alphabet City* and *The Silver Anniversary Murder*. Her newest is *Murder in Greenwich Village*, all under the name of Lee Harris. Syrell's

57 **Beach Kuhl** reports from San Francisco that he is still involved in the practice of law and the practice of platform tennis, serving on the board of the American Platform Tennis Association and president of the western region of that organization. Beach more than holds his own in the national championships in ascending age categories. He keeps in shape by trying to keep up with three grandchildren under the age of 2, and another about to jump the net. **Lee "Deacon"** and **Ginny Glade Poole '54** are also keeping busy, involved in putting a new roof on a number of buildings on their Vermont property. Lee is also refinishing Vermont maple furniture, which he refers to as "Vermont gold" when a piece sells. He passes along an experience (I'll handle this gingerly) of sitting next to a "lovely young" heart surgeon on a plane recently, who explained how she excises potential death out of heart tissue and arteries. Deacon countered with tales of a streetwise hometown chaplain. I trust the open middle seat served as a buffer.

Howard Greenstein is still serving as rabbi of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island in the fall and winter, and is now a visiting lecturer for Holocaust studies at Florida Gulf Coast U. in Ft. Myers. He and **Lenore (Brotman) '56** treated each other to a Scandinavian cruise last June to celebrate their joint 70th birthdays. While most of us are 70 or so, **Chuck LaForge** has hit 75, and claims the air is fine up there. His regimen is golf in New Hampshire in the summer and in Florida in the winter. **Ted Engel**, MBA '58, MS '64, continues to raise and race standard-bred horses. He is 72, and reports two of five sons are unmarried. Potential spouses should be able to cook and clean, and have boat and motor. Please send picture of boat and motor.

Steve Lادن is active as a trustee of Curtis Inst. of Music, and is currently chairing the capital campaign. He also serves on the advisory board of a capital management company in Devon, PA. **Roger Soloway**, MD '61, is still hitting it full-time as a professor of medicine, senior hepatologist, and chief of staff of U. of Texas branch hospitals. Marilyn has retired after 18 years as a real estate attorney. They have grandchildren from 11 down to 1, and celebrated Roger's 70th last November in Philadelphia. **Roger Jones**, MPA '60, is retired but still living in the Spruce Creek fly-in community in Port Orange, FL, and he and Peg keep a boat in a nearby marina. They recently saw **Ted Raab**, **Peter Wolf**, and **Jay Schabacker**. Their recent travels include Greece, Turkey, Italy, Slovenia, and France. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews

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Milestones were reached last year and continue on into 2006 with 70th birthdays, 50th reunions, and golden wedding anniversaries. **Mabel Klisch** Deal had a family celebration in Stanley, NY, last summer, and in November the Deal clan all got together on Hilton Head Island. Also marking the occasion of her 70th at Hilton Head in November was **Betty Ann Rice** Keane. Kids, spouses, and grandkids joined in the fun. **Sue Sutton Moyer** writes that she and **Bill '55** are "aging gracefully and healthily." The Moyers took a 50th wedding anniversary cruise to Italy, Tunisia, Malta, Greece, and Turkey. A family party took place last summer in New Hampshire with children and grandchildren enjoying swimming, outdoor grilling, and, of course, champagne.

Adelaide Russell Vant and **Judy Richter** Levy celebrated their birthdays in style with a trip to London aboard the *Queen Mary II* last summer. Judy is still practicing law in New York, but finds time to visit her granddaughters in Tucson, AZ. It was a Disney cruise for **Martie Ballard** Lacy on her 70th. The whole family was on board as well, and presented Dick and Martie with a beautiful album of letters and photos, some from way, way back, and others more recent. Among the contributors were **Jackie Byrne** Lamont, **Sue Shelby** Schurmeier, **Sheri Flynn**, **Sue DeRosay** Henninger, and **Ginny Elder** Flanagan. Martie recently went back to teaching as a long-term sub in the Syracuse area.

Nancy Kressler Lawley, a Prudential realtor near Philadelphia, welcomed her ninth grandchild last year, and in September **Dee Heasley** VanDyke became a grandmother for the fifth time (she also has three great-grandchildren). Dee's 70th was acknowledged in a rather interesting way. She was part of an art piece on aging women. "The artist did a body casting of my upper self, from navel to neck—quite an adventure." Only Dee's very close friends received a snapshot of the "masterpiece." Dee is finally using her BFA degree. She had four sculptures accepted in the annual Hawaii Craftsmen Show in October and now has her work on view at the Bethel Street Gallery in Honolulu.

Sue Westin Pew enjoyed a super 7-0 on Martha's Vineyard last July. Then she and **Dick '55** spent a week touring Prince Edward Island. Sue continues her volunteer work at the hospital, school, and church in her Belmont, MA, community. Another longtime volunteer—for Children's Center for the Visually Impaired—is **Ela Oudheusden** Shacklett of Shawnee Mission, KS. Ela took a trip to Alaska for her big birthday and has some advice for us going into the next decade: "Keep active. Despite decreased vision and loss of driving privileges, I still swim regularly and am active in school and social activities." Ela is looking forward to the '07 reunion and hopes to see **Flo Spelts** Booth and **Sue Hitz** Magnuson there.

Elaine Meisnere Bass finds herself rather busy running two houses with non-stop houseguests—in the Berkshires and in Jupiter, FL. Last summer she had a visit from **Ellen Derow** Gordon. **Ellen Stekert** moved from a huge 15-room house in Minneapolis, MN, into a more manageable one

in Brooklyn Park, MN. The new place will be perfect for her antique business and to house her inventory. Ellen is a retired English professor from the U. of Minnesota.

Betty Starr King's 2004 was full—with both joy and sorrow. She and Bob celebrated Betty's 70th in Hawaii, visited family and friends on the West Coast, and welcomed their third grandchild in September. But sadly, Bob passed away in October. Although Bob was a U. of Maryland grad, he was supportive of our class and Cornell. We extend our sympathies to Betty and her children. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

58 Some News came through just before the year-end holidays, so we're back in business, thanking those prompt 'Mates for their updates and watching for more. This column is written amidst the writing and sending of holiday greetings to family and friends; I'm sorry that the greetings here won't arrive till March.

From out West, we hear from a few we'd lost for awhile. **Helen "Copper" West** Pynn is a retired investment banker with Citicorp in NYC and now a very active volunteer in theatre, concerts, and museums in Santa Fe. Her big love is the Santa Fe Garden Club when not exploring the West in her and Malcolm's conversion van or visiting children and g-children in Georgia. The Pynns also travel abroad, especially to Malcolm's home country of England. Copper can be reached directly at mpynn516@aol.com. **James "Jeff" Brown** writes from Amarillo, TX, where he's still chief medical officer at the region's military entry point. Jeff spends his free time riding and training horses. (I'd include his e-mail address, but physician's writing makes that too unreliable!) **Bob Hunter**, LLB '62, lives a little further west, in Phoenix, AZ. He and Carol toured Pennsylvania recently, and took a train tour of the Canadian Rockies and a week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. When he's working, Bob is in Phoenix real estate sales.

Down in sunny Ocala, FL, **Cindy Rogers** Heinbach (cindan1@aol.com) has retired but is busy with choral groups, courses at the local community college, and travel to see her grandchildren and a visit to Australia and New Zealand last fall. In Charlottesville, VA, **Gerald Mandell**, MD '62, is in his 36th year on the faculty of UVA Medical School, reachable at gm@virginia.edu. He and Judy have eight grandchildren ranging from 2-11 years of age. Gerald says this about one of his fondest memories at Cornell: "I'll always remember walking down the hill after swim team practice with frozen hair!" **Susan Hertzberg** Ullman retired from teaching social studies in Bay-side, NY, and now plays "bridge, bridge, bridge" while recovering from a knee replacement. She'd like to be traveling more, she says, and also would most like to hear from **Bunny Lundgren** Hartmann. This past summer **Ken Pollard** (kbpoll@rochester.rr.com) saw the family gathered for his and Beulah's 50th wedding anniversary; all three children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren were able to be present. The Pollards continue to enjoy their new home overlooking Cayuga Lake, but also were expecting to spend some time in

Florida this winter. Although retired, Ken is active with several organizations including serving on one of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield, MA.

David Eckel is president of Wagner Realty, headquartered in Sarasota/Bradenton, FL. He says he tried to retire in '95, but became bored, so he developed his company into 250 people and also handles close to a thousand vacation rentals. He and Joanne recently enjoyed a visit from two heptagonal track champions: **Mike Midler**, PhD '64, and **Chuck Hill '59**; Dave, you're one also, are you not? **Barbara Avery**, MA '59, is the director of a non-profit religious coalition in Columbus, OH. Her organization is the state affiliate of a national organization of pro-choice denominations and faith groups. Barbara put in time working for FEMA in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina, but says what she'd REALLY like to be doing is "trekking in the Himalayas with my husband—as we did in 1997." Barbara remembers most fondly at Cornell someone playing "Go Down, Moses" on the chimes at the beginning of the Suez Canal crisis. (Quite a memory this old chimesmaster says, but I can't take credit for playing that one; to me, it sounds just like something another classmate chimesmaster and friend **George Ubogy** would play, since he's so with it on tying tunes to events—and still doing so while writing and transcribing many new ones for the chimes.)

A couple more names popped up that haven't appeared here in awhile. **Ronald Bratone** writes from Setauket, NY, where he is semi-retired from his own construction equipment rental and sales company. He and his wife Gail "help with raising a 14-year-old, Erik, and two beautiful granddaughters, ages 4 and 6." Ron says that the Bratones would like to be doing a little more traveling and that his fondest Cornell memories are around his fraternity, Alpha Phi Delta. He'd like to hear from any of his brothers from the Mu chapter. Our column ends with a note from **Paul Wiley** that he is now retired after 40 years of dairy farming; he has gifted the five-generation Wiley farm to his son. He and Barbara are volunteers for Heifer Int'l ("Have animals, will travel") and have visited churches Sunday mornings to tell stories using their small animals. Paul, as a member of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, says he has had wonderful experiences in their many mission projects.

From your correspondent: I am swamped with spam in my e-mail, so am changing my address by one letter. Please replace "r" by "d" to give the new address as shown. Thanks. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; and **Jan Arps** Jarvie, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net. For other news and events of our class, see: <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

59 **Hank Stark**, who with his wife Cheryl moved to Ithaca in 2000, continues to write a column about day trips to Finger Lakes wineries for the *Ithaca Journal* and restaurant reviews for the *Ithaca Times*. In addition, he has begun to participate in Prisoner Express, a program for prisoners throughout the US that is run by Gary Fine of the Durland Alternatives Library

in Anabel Taylor Hall. Hank offered his book, *Sierra Story: Yosemite Adventures and Reflections*, to any of the prisoners who wished to take a correspondence course with him. "Gary and I think that offering intellectual activities aids rehabilitation and shows prisoners that people on the outside care about their needs and interests," says Hank. At press time for this column, Hank had sent books to 21 prisoners who had expressed interest in participating in the course. Many of these 21 are writers and have had works published both within and outside prison. Hank will comment on their responses to his book and "talk" with them about outdoor activities, writing experiences, and publishing. (Classmates interested in Hank's book and in starting a similar dialogue with him can contact him at hbs6@cornell.edu.)

At the beginning of last year, **Bob Greer**, 20 Cushman Rd., White Plains, NY 10606, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). As reported by the *White Plains Journal News* late in the year, "He promised himself then that he would not give in to fear, anger, bitterness, or depression, which he said could poison his enjoyment of what he has left, including his seat on the White Plains Common Council, the Handel operas he [loves], and his family." Bob's wife **Helen (Litton) '61**, a retired textbook editor at Random House, is his primary caregiver, and their youngest daughter, Alexis, moved home several months ago "to be 'another pair of hands' for a man she said once couldn't be kept down." Bob is retired from MBIA Insurance Corp., where he was VP of finance.

Last July, **Paul Read**, MS '64, professor of horticulture/viticulturist at the U. of Nebraska's Inst. of Agriculture and Natural Resources, took office as president of the American Society for Horticultural Science. From September through this past February he worked at the U. of Tasmania on a faculty development leave. His wife Christine and children Emma, 12, and Peter, 10, traveled "down under" with him. "I thought I had retired in June '04," writes **Robert Dann** of Amherst, MA, who had practiced radiology, nuclear medicine, and nuclear cardiology at Baystate Medical Center. Then he answered a plea to work part-time with a group in Greenfield, MA. Before he knew it, that became a full-time job. Now Bob's planning to fully retire in June. His wife Nancy retired as an oncology chaplain last September.

Sidney Boorstein of MacIntosh Farm in Sharon, MA, is semi-retired from the food and beverage industry. He's an active or past president of numerous philanthropies and professional groups, including Children's Trust Fund of Massachusetts and the Brandeis Athletics Hall of Fame. His wife Beverly has been a probate and family court judge for some 14 years. Class of '59 participants in CAU's on-campus program last summer included **Barbara Parsons Hildreth** of Vienna, VA (Field Ornithology). Her husband **Richard '56**, ME '59, chose All Hands on Deck: Navies, Naval Power, and the Flow of History.

Jane Taubert Wiegand has moved to Attleboro, MA, with a new e-mail address: JaneW3438@comcast.net. Her new home is a newly constructed townhouse, which she was able to have modified to meet her preferences. "I hope I never

have to move again!" she writes. Last year saw the birth of Jane's first grandchild, Anna Elizabeth, born April 23. Skiing continues to be the focus of Jane's winters as she begins the New Year on the Western ski slopes. Last year she skied areas in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, with much the same route planned for early '06. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 **David Wechsler**, our Major Gifts Chairman, sent along a note full of high praise for the record-breaking generosity of the Class of 1960. He says that "with very little fanfare, we simply broke all of our previous class records with a total gift to Cornell University of \$13.6 million. This amount is well past the high goal of \$12.3 million that the University had set for our class. **Carl Johnson** and **Pete Giles** did a wonderful job in letting everyone know about our campaign, and their efforts were rewarded: nearly 600 classmates contributed out of the 1,200 graduates still living. About a dozen contributed in the six-figure column and four in the next higher bracket."

Dave says that he learned a number of things during his fundraising efforts with the Class of 1960. "First, Cornellians give because they WANT to give and NOT because they are asked. Second, our class is quietly supporting 65 scholarships on campus, truly an extraordinary number. Third, even during what the University considers to be an 'off-year,' the Class of 1960 had nearly 70 Tower Club contributors." He adds, "I would like to thank personally everyone who contributed to the campaign, including the heavier hitters and one anonymous donor who pushed us all up into the stratosphere. I would like to hug that particular classmate, but Cornell keeps secrets extremely well." Kudos to Dave and all who worked with him for the extraordinarily effective work they did on the campaign! And warm thanks to all of our generous classmates!

Barbara Baillet Moran recently sent word that what she describes as her "much-delayed book," on which she had been working for many years, was published by Avisson Press of Greensboro, NC, in November 2005. Entitled *Voices of the Silent Generation: Strong Women Tell Their Stories*, the volume is a collection of oral histories of women born between 1930 and 1940, including the life story of our classmate **Virginia Seipt**, which Barbara says will surprise many of us. In an advance review by a man Barbara calls "one of my cultural heroes," Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Coles says the book is full of "compelling stories" and "a study that will have a much-deserved place in the annals of American oral history projects."

Barbara notes that she sets her oral histories in the context of the post-World War II era, arguing that the 1950s were not "silent" and placid, as previous writers have portrayed them, but "a time of inventiveness in the arts and sciences and of turning points in the fledgling civil rights movement." The decade was, she says, "a seed-bed for all that was to germinate in the Sixties." Barbara believes that "no one else, to my knowledge, has written a book in *defense* of the Fifties." *Voices of the Silent Generation* makes several references to

Cornell and has many photographs, including one of a 1956 freshman corridor in Dickson V featuring classmates **Valerie Jones**, **Kay Sullivan**, **Rosine Vance**, **Marilyn MacKenzie**, **Barbara Thiessen**, **Adele Hartney**, MA '63, **Myra Rosensweig**, **Dacey Latham**, **Bobbie Fineman**, **Mary Ludlum**, **Tina Van Lent**, and others.

Another productive author-classmate is **Marcia Sheehan Freeman**, who managed to complete 20 (!) science books for children during the past year, all published by Rourke, in between criss-crossing the country providing support to school districts implementing her elementary school writing program, CraftPlus. Marcia somehow squeezed into her busy professional schedule a three-week summer vacation with husband **Mike '59**, MME '62, in a cottage on Cayuga Lake. She says it was "glorious," a welcome respite from the heat and hurricanes threatening their Florida home. The Freemans spent their time in the Ithaca area revisiting old haunts, checking out the new buildings on the Cornell campus, and seeing their old friend from high school, Al George, now J.F. Carr Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Cornell and advisor to the student teams who design, build, and race SAE formula cars.

Don Dewey retired from general reinsurance two years ago and says he is really enjoying the "leisure life." When not at home in New Rochelle, Don and Sandy spend a lot of time at their house on Chautauqua Lake, about a three-and-a-half-hour drive from Ithaca. Their daughter **Elizabeth '98** is scheduled to receive an MBA from the Johnson School this year. **Brian Finger** also appreciates the free time that comes with retirement; he and Joan now do a good deal of traveling, especially to Thomasville, GA, to visit their young grandson, born in early 2004 to their son Ray and his wife Suzanne. The Fingers' oldest son Doug was recently promoted to VP of marketing at Zurich Insurance in Baltimore, MD.

Arthur Block writes from San Juan, PR, "We are currently enjoying an art renaissance here. Sales of my paintings and bigger sales of my wife's stained glass and mosaic creations have buoyed our spirits." The Blocks also took a trip to China that Arthur describes as "a major event; both of us would return to Wuhan or Shanghai in a heartbeat!" Less exotic but equally pleasurable was the week they spent in Brooklyn, "touring the parks, museum, and botanical garden. We both enjoyed seeing areas of New York with which we were entirely unfamiliar." Please keep the news coming! ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 **Ian Wetherly**, DVM '62, continues to see and treat "a cavalcade of pets and people" at his Haverstraw (NY) Animal Hospital. After hours, he has developed a deep interest in antique clocks and timekeeping and has given illustrated slide presentations on the subject. Ian's treasured and growing collection of repaired/restored clocks reverberates with bells, bongs, chimes, and cuckoos when they all go off at midnight. In a more serious vein, Ian urges classmates to have sonogram testing of their arteries and aortas, an alert

that comes as a result of his unexpected experience with insertion of stents in his heart vessels.

Brenda Young Crawford and her husband **Tony, DVM '62**, still love to fly. They raced in the Reno Air Races in September. Apart from being an active grandparent, Brenda loves to design jewelry, play bridge, and do genealogical research. Following the discovery that her Dutch ancestors arrived on Staten Island in 1663, she submitted her DAR application. **Lorna Alice Watt Erwin, JD '63**, and husband **Austin '40** are realtors in Sun City, AZ. She plays flute in the local concert band and violin in the chamber orchestra when she's not selling houses.

Mary Jane Quinby Faust is a part-time nutrition teacher at the Niagara County (NY) Community College. She and her husband Reg, a Christian author and speaker, live in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Last fall, the Faustus enjoyed a two-week educational cruise to the Canadian Arctic and Greenland. **Flora White** retired from her Milford, CT, Superior Court Family Services job a year ago, completing 18 years of work with the state's judicial department. Last summer, she enjoyed "a fabulous shamanic journey" to Peru with her daughter Kristin and grandson Paul, a Brown student.

Although he has been officially retired for some time, **Robert Treadway** taught English last summer in a province in NW China. Currently, he is a seasonal tax preparer for H&R Block. **Adelle Case Picking** loves her new freedom gained since retiring from real estate sales. She and husband **Howard** ("Skip"), MBA '62, visit their three children and grandchildren in three different time zones. The Pickings also find time to travel, hike, bike, paddle, clean streams and hiking trails, and do volunteer work with the symphony in Johnstown, PA. **George Malti, JD '63**, and his wife Johannah were gracious hosts when your correspondent visited them in Sedona in the fall. As owner of radio station KYVA-FM in Gallup, NM, George is an officer of the State Broadcasters Assn. You can listen to the "rockin' oldies" of "Keeva" online by accessing www.surfmusic.de/radios/kyvafmm.htm.

David and Helen Iler Houggy '62 live in Allison Park, PA. No longer engaged in general contracting, David sings in the church and community choirs, serves on the board of Pittsburgh's Mendelssohn Choir, is an amateur astronomer, likes gardening, swimming, skiing, and the trumpet, and is an avid Steeler and Penguin fan. **Winslow Arthur Davidson** tends a small orchard in his native Georgetown, Guyana, and assists Guyana School of Agriculture students with their research. That is where he served as principal for many years before retiring. Another agricultural educator who retired (after 37 years) is **Robert Gambino**. He has turned his attention to politics and community activism, serving one term as mayor of New Milford, CT. He also owns a small horticultural business.

Henrik "Hank" Dullea left his post as Cornell's Vice President for University Relations more than two years ago. His local Ithaca activities since then have included serving as a trustee of the Tompkins County Public Library and leading the management side of collective bargaining negotiations between TCAT, the county transit system,

and the UAW union representing the TCAT workers. Hank and his wife **Sally (Gilligan) '63** are active with TCAction, the local anti-poverty agency responsible for Head Start and housing assistance programs. Their special winter treat is supporting Cornell hockey as members of the Coach's Club. Like other '61ers, **Arthur Kroll** is looking forward to our 45th Reunion on June 8-11 and wondering how all of those years went by so quickly. Not contemplating retirement, he continues to teach at City University's Baruch Business School in Manhattan, specializing in the area of executive compensation. The research program he established in memory of his late son Douglas now funds the work of four doctors.

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DAVID WECHSLER '60

What is it that you most fondly remember from our years at Cornell? Some responses we received: walking through the campus during those glorious sunsets; getting a lump in my throat when I hear the chimes; meeting my husband; meeting and courting my wife; walking back to my sorority house one winter night and seeing the Aurora Borealis over the Arts Quad; beautiful walks across the suspension bridge; working at the Martha Van cafeteria; Norman Thomas vs. William F. Buckley Jr. debate; fraternity parties; discovering classical music and choral singing; singing in the Sage Chapel Choir under Thomas Sokol; sharing experiences with a diverse mix of very intelligent people.

Only three months until reunion! See our website for registration information, and be sure to register early. Our Reunion Co-chairs promise this will be the best one yet! ♦ **David S. Kessler, dsk15@Cornell.edu**. Class website, www.cornell61.org.

62 Recently, **Bob Crites '59** and I had dinner at the beautiful lake-side home of **Tom '59** and Beth **Luthy** in Bellevue, WA. Other guests were **Jim '59, MD '63**, and **Joan Sargent Coatsworth '61** and **Jeff '58** and **Jane Leffingwell**. Tom has retired from Weyerhaeuser, and Jim is a retired neurologist living in Issaquah. The group has taken some very interesting bicycle trips. Tom and Beth's son Matt and his family are here in Seattle, and daughter **Teal '91** and her husband are attorneys in Washington, DC. A delicious time was had by all!

We've enjoyed dining with other Cornellians lately also. **Ben and Sandy Lindberg Bole, both '57**, have a 60-plus-acre chestnut orchard in Sherwood, OR. We enjoy helping process the nuts, and relish the time spent with good friends. A recent e-mail from **Dick Monroe** showcased some of the scrumptious-looking plates offered by Toni and Dick's Taste the Moment Restaurant and Tea Room in Redmond, WA.

In June 2005, **Kelly Gould** Behan and husband Russ Sprague completed a lifelong dream of exploring North America in an RV. They've had their motor home since 1994 and have been traveling three to four months of the year ever since, going "full-time" in 2003. They've visited all 49 North American states, all of Canada, and six Mexican states. They've now returned to Upstate New York and have a new address in Lansing.

There's nothing like annual Christmas cards to emphasize the passage of time! All those small people who peered out of cards just a few years ago are now adults with their own small peers. And it just happened overnight! "Our westward move is now permanent," reports **DeeDee**

McCoy Stovel. She and Jack have sold their Williamstown, MA, home and moved to San Carlos, CA. They enjoy living close to grandchildren Emma and Jamie and their parents, as well as Auntie Kate, who lives in Seattle and teaches at U. of Washington.

"Looking forward to time with the little ones" is also high on the list for **Fred '59** and **Carol Shaw Andresen**. Their grandchildren are all on the East Coast, close to the Andresens' Greensboro, NC, home. Carol is art coordinator for the Center for Creative Leadership, and Fred has a consulting business. **Marty Gregg** Mount retired this year and has been enjoying playing tennis and other activities. She's established a small tax practice in Doylestown, PA. The **John Ward '60** family numbers 19 in their Christmas photo. **Helen (Zesch)** and John are fortunate to have all four adult children and their families close by in Owings Mills, MD.

It's only a year until you'll need to make reservations for our 45th Reunion, June 7-10, 2007. As you're preparing your 2006 calendar, don't forget to add a note about Reunion in 2007! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.

63 **Valerie French** retired last May after 37 years teaching at American U. She said she would certainly miss the colleagues and students, but not grading papers! She has a new book contract ("Family Life in the Ancient World"), is consulting with National Geographic on documentaries on the ancient world, and was asked to be a special speaker on a Mediterranean cruise. **Susan Silverstein** Sandler writes from New York City that her son Samuel "Ted" Sandler is a doctoral candidate in artificial intelligence at the U. of Pennsylvania School of Engineering. **Ned** and **Suzi Young Allen** continue to be active in the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. After 42 years of marriage they have wound down their entrepreneurial affairs. Make-A-Wish Foundation

of America grants wishes to over 12,000 seriously ill children every year. They have found a cause that brings them great satisfaction and hope that they are able to add value toward the mission of “bringing hope, strength, and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions.”

Jay Light was made acting dean of the Harvard Business School on August 1. Jay has been on the HBS faculty for 35 years and is currently senior associate dean and director of faculty planning. I received an e-mail from **Ron Demer '59**, who

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NANCY BIERDS ICKE '63

was Jay's dorm counselor when he was a freshman. Ron recalls that Jay roomed with classmate **Leigh Power**. At the time, everyone thought it was funny to have Power and Light in the same dorm room! **Peter John** has been married to Sherry for 36 years and they have three daughters and four grandchildren. Peter is an avid golfer, and he and Sherry hope to retire some day to their home in Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head. They travel extensively, primarily with the Int'l Society of Barristers and Int'l Academy of Trial Lawyers. Peter has been a trial lawyer in Chicago for 38 years. In 2005, he was selected as one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in Illinois. He also serves on the board of Indian Law Resource Center, which promotes indigenous rights in the US and South America.

The annual Fiji mini-reunion was hosted by **Joe Brennan** and Elaine Burns in Belmont, CA. Among the 16 attendees were '63ers **Punch** and **Nancy Smith**, **Blair** and **Pat Crum**, **Whip** and **Karen Gunn**, and **Dave Costine**. They had a catered dinner, breakfasted in Half Moon Bay, and went sightseeing in San Francisco. Another honored lawyer in the class is **Joel Sachs**. He was recently named one of the best environmental attorneys in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut by *New York* magazine. Joel received a similar award from *Westchester* magazine. He practices law as a senior partner at Keane and Bean PC, where he heads the Environmental Practice Group.

Fred Parkin reports from his Litchfield, CT, home that the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Peter LePage, stopped by to discuss Fred's continued support of the James McConkey Readings in American Fiction. The ten-year-old program that Fred started is named after his favorite English professor and brings nationally known authors to campus to speak to the students and campus community. **Jay Abbe** accompanied his wife **Karen (Dean) '65** to her 40th Reunion. He also saw '63ers **David Woehr**, **MEORIE '65**, **Jules Kroll**, and **Chris Mabley**.

David, PhD '65, and **Leslie Verdier Armen-trout** are retired and spend four months in Nevis, West Indies, four months at a cottage on Lake Michigan in the summer, and whatever time is left visiting family in Midland, MI. David still runs marathons, and they both play tennis,

kayak, rollerblade, and scuba dive. Leslie had a visit in Nevis from **Marcia High Pursley**. Marcia is a busy activist and grandmother in Boise, ID. **Laurence** and **Nancy Le Vine's** three children are all Cornell graduates: **Christopher '93**, **Caren '96**, and **Joseph '02**. **David** and **Marti Skloven** live in Paradise Valley, AZ. Daughter **Jessica** graduated from Cornell in '05; daughter **Michaela** spent six months studying abroad in Florence, Italy, during her junior year at Stanford; and daughter **Danielle** is a freshman at Northwestern U.

Joe '62 and **Carolyn Gottlieb Meyer** are in Elkins Park, PA. All three daughters are married and living in the Philadelphia area. Two of them are Cornellians: **Jennie Meyer Wolfenson '87** and **Cindy Meyer Bryton '89**. **Donald '61** and **Ellen Jacobs Coburn** have an 18th-century farmhouse in Monterey, MA. They live in Morristown, NJ, and have recently moved to a roomier colonial in the area. Ellen is a high school counselor at Glen Ridge High School (Essex County). Don is a judge in the Appellate Division of the New Jersey judiciary. Son **Jeff (Brandeis '88)** is project manager with Bearing Point and lives in L.A. Son **Jim '93** is a graduate of Boston College Law School and works at Ceres, a non-profit organization in Boston. Please e-mail me with news at any time. ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@msn.com.

64 We lead off with news that didn't quite fit into the January column. **Michael "Tim" Graves**, who lives in Fairport, NY, with wife **Suzanne**, retired in June 2004 from teaching. “So far, I am treating retirement as an extended summer vacation,” he says. Tim also enjoys photography. The Graveses have a grown son and one granddaughter. **Charles Zambito** is still working as a produce broker/distributor from his office in Audubon, NJ. He and wife **Barbara** still live in nearby Thorofare, NJ. Chuck remains active with Cornell; he's director of the Philadelphia District of Cornell ALS. He's also president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Assn. The Zambitos recently vacationed in Jamaica—and more recently saw their son and one of their two daughters married in consecutive months in the fall of 2004.

Attorney **Charles "Dick" D'Amato** was elected chairman of the US-China Economics and Security Review Commission, a congressional advisory body. He and wife **Dorothy** live in Annapolis, MD, so it's no surprise they enjoy sailing. **Deborah Simon Troner** reports she's retired from doing art shows, but physician husband **Michael** still has his oncology practice. The Troners, who have grown children, live unusually active lives. On the “Hobbies, interests, sports”

line of our News Form, **Debbie** wrote, “We're never home,” then crammed in all their activities, which included going to opera, ballet, Miami Heat and Marlins games (they live in Miami and have a weekend getaway place in Miami Beach), fishing (Michael), taking classes at an adult school, recent trips to Australia and New Zealand, and annual trips to Tanglewood, Cooperstown, and England. As if those activities were not enough, Michael heads the Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology this year, and **Debbie** serves on the boards of directors of both Greenfield Day School and the Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education. Whew!

Recently retired attorney **Don Zuckerman** and wife **Donna** moved in July to Northampton, MA, after 30 years of “watching our family grow in northern Westchester County.” Don writes, “We severely downsized our possessions in preparation for our move from a four-bedroom house to a two-bedroom condominium. We are quickly falling in love with Northampton, where we're auditing a Smith College course on the Harlem Renaissance (\$50 per course for ‘townies’ like us!).” The Zuckermans, who have a grown son and daughter who also live in New England, would welcome visits by classmates to their new abode. Don says that he and Donna are already looking forward to the 45th Reunion and listed over 25 Cornellians they are hoping to see! “Finally,” he writes, “I am interested in knowing who, other than **Don Whitehead**, our esteemed Class Correspondent, and I can honestly claim to have attended—in whole or in part—all eight of our quinquennial reunions held thus far.” (Don: As far as I know, we're it.)

Two years ago, **Richard Coombe** was named Regional Assistant Chief-East for the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and thus has become a long-distance commuter, getting home to Grahamsville, NY, most weekends according to wife **Phyllis "Penny" (Norton)**. In this position, he serves as management representative of the chief, providing direction of NRCS programs and activities in all Eastern time zone states plus the Caribbean, encouraging practical conservation measures. Dick, a renowned conservationist, owns and operates a beef and crop farm that has been in his family for three generations, was a member of the New York State Assembly from 1983-1992, and from 1993-2002 was founding chair and CEO of the Watershed Agricultural Council Inc., which worked with farmers and foresters to protect the 1.2-million-acre New York City watershed. Penny tutors for their local school district, serves as VP of the quilt guild, and enjoys spending time with friends and family. Their son **Ric '91** and his wife **Karen Cone '86** built their home on the family farm, and with his sister who lives nearby, Ric manages the Coombes' expanding natural Angus beef business. In July 2004, Dick and Penny celebrated their 40th anniversary with a small boat tour of Alaska's Inside Passage, then visited Denali National Park.

Here's a roundup on classmates who attended CAU classes last year. **John Ohlweiler** of Sea Girt, NJ, visited Armenia and Georgia last May for the off-campus study tour Cultures and

Landscapes of the Caucasus. On campus, **Martha Churchill Bohn** of Chicago keyed in Digital Video; **Stephen Gottesman**, **Lawrence Siegel** and wife **Pat (Minikes) '67** of Great Neck, NY, traveled American Trails; **Paul Kruger** of Watertown, NY, and **Bruce Wagner** of Middletown, NJ, regarded the merits of Meritocracy; **Karen Brounstein Levitan**, M Ed '65, of Arlington, VA, got grounded in Landscape Design while her husband **Herb '61**, PhD '65, stroked his way through Rowing; **John Looney** of Durham, NC, jumped into Fitness; **Phyllis Blair Lowrie** of Richmond, VA, took a pencil to Drawing while her husband **John '62** and **Helen Schwartz** of Chevy Chase, MD, got anatomical with The Human Body; and **Marian Levine Steinberg** of White Plains, NY, studied Woody Allen. **Nancy Greyson Beckerman** also was at CAU, where she chiseled her way through Sculpture. Nancy, who lives in Pound Ridge, NY, is retired but still works as an artist plus does volunteer work. She came to our 40th Reunion in '04 and wrote that she had a great time. Sadly, her husband **Barry '61** died in 2001.

Finally, Paul and **Marcia Goldschlager Epstein** (still in Gladwyne, PA) last year celebrated the publication of daughter Robin's novel, *Shaking Her Assets*, which she co-authored with Princeton classmate Renee Kaplan, daughter of Cornell history prof. Steve Kaplan. One way or another, it's kept in the (Cornell) family. Their other daughter **Amy Epstein Feldman '91** and her husband **Len '89** live near them in the Philadelphia area.

That's all for now. Keep the news flowing, and be sure to visit our class website, <http://class.of64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 As I start my column, I'd like to make a request to my fellow classmates. We need to hear from you so we can include the news in our bi-monthly columns. Our annual class mailing should be arriving soon, so we hope you'll take some time to send in News with the Dues notice or e-mail an update to one of our three class correspondents. We know lots of things are happening to you, and we are sure that your classmates would like to know about it.

Trisha Geppert Woollcott (Harbor Springs, MI) passes along news on her family members. Trisha and husband Philip moved to Michigan from Evanston, IL, when they retired. Philip was a professor of psychiatry, and Trisha ended a 30-year career as a midwife—delivering over 1,500 babies. In 2004 Trisha was named Illinois Midwife of the Year. She brought us up to date with her children Rachael, Erik, and Chris. Rachael Winfree was at Princeton doing post-doctoral work in environmental studies. She has a young son. Erik Winfree is at Cal Tech, where he is a professor of computing/molecular biology. Chris Woollcott is teaching autistic children. For those of you who haven't visited northern Michigan, Harbor Springs is one of the most popular places to visit when those of us in the southern part of Michigan go “up north.”

Charles Bucknam Jr. included his business card with his news form. He is president and

CEO of Lyndonville Savings Bank in Lyndonville, VT. On a personal note, Charles reports that he was appointed to the Vermont State College Board of Trustees, and his wife Deborah was elected chair of the Caledonia County Republican Committee. Charles and Deborah live in East Hardwick, VT. **Joe Schneider** reports that he and his wife Kathy recently moved from Morris Township, NJ, after retiring from the School District of the Chatham. They will be spending May to October at their summer vacation home in Wellfleet on Cape Cod. In the fall, they go to their new winter home in Naples, FL.

Class Council member **Judy Kellner Rushmore** had a lot of news to pass on. Judy and her husband **Steve '67** celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Ben, born in October 2004 to their daughter **Cindy Rushmore Kuechle '93** and her husband Pete. During the winter months Judy and Steve enjoy their condo in Naples, FL, where they have a chance to meet up with fellow Cornell snowbirds, including **Fay Thomas Bakhru**, MAT '66, and her husband **Ashok, ME ORIE '65**. Judy also keeps busy as president of HVS Licensing LLC, which she operates out of her home in Roslyn Heights, NY. **Jane Mushabac** of New York City passed along the news that she received a PhD Alumni Achievement Award from the City University of New York.

Finally, from Cornell's Alumni University (CAU) we received an e-mail with information on members of the Class of 1965 who participated in programs during the summer of 2005. Unfortunately, we aren't told if a spouse also participated in the program. **Elan Benamy** participated in the Personal Fitness Clinic, which was led by Tom Howley of the Friedman Strength and Conditioning Center. **Carol Greenwald Bender** attended Wall Street 2005: Investment Alternatives, taught by Harold Bierman Jr. and the faculty of the Johnson School. Given our stage in life, it's a class more of us should be taking. A CAU regular for both on- and off-campus programs, **Penny Skitol Haitkin** attended **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and **Faust Rossi, JD '60's** Great American Trials of the Twentieth Century. It looks like **William Waylett** and **Gerald Kestenbaum** must be looking for something to do with their free time as they both took Introduction to Fly Fishing, which was led by **Verne Rockcastle, PhD '55**, and Fred Warner.

Please send in your news with the dues notices or contact us directly. ♦ **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028; and **Terry Kohleriter** Schwartz, 36 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534; tel., (585) 383-0731; e-mail, TerryKS7@aol.com.

66 FROM TEAM '66: Our Reunion Welcome TEAM all! Sue graciously offered us this bit of space in her column to thank you for all your support, messages, questions, and White Card replies (“I’ll be there!” “It’ll be my First.” “Coming on my own. Wouldn’t miss it.” “How can I help?” “Just located my roommate after 33 years.” “Booked a flight.” “Bringing my 6-year-old—the

reason I missed the 35th.” “You said, ‘Come Bald,’ so I will.”). Now it's time to register! Packages will be at your door just about now.

A '66 Reunion is '66 every way we can make it: from our ongoing Forum '66 (now Part V) to the professors who join us, the students who help us, and the hidden places that are especially opened for us, to the wine seminar, art, sports, and historical tours that are just ours. And everywhere, always, music. Looking Back, Looking Forward: The Time is NOW! Come—and bring one! (E-mail someone you hope to find there.) “IT TAKES A CLASS TO THROW A PARTY!” It takes ALL of us to make a Reunion. Register NOW. Join us. We will be there to welcome you in JUNE!

Our 40th Reunion is only three months away. We hope many of you will join us for what has become a truly unique '66 experience. Our special blend of academia (our reunion forum), behind-the-scenes tours, Purity ice cream, old friends, and more make this a very special few days. Be sure to visit our class website, <http://class.of64.alumni.cornell.edu>, for more info and input.

Looking back for news: **Richard Turbin**, rich.turbin@aol.com, has been president of the Hawaii State Bar Association since January '05. His wife Rai was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Their son Derek has been playing football for Occidental and was “all-conference defensive player” in '04. Their daughter Laurel is in graduate school at Columbia. **Judith Bebout**, jcloudb@aol.com, retired as an English teacher and librarian, as well as occasional shop owner, after 32 years. Several years ago she married architect John Ringle. Judith travels around the country with friends, often tracing historic routes. In October '04 she was in Nebraska and North and South Dakota just behind the Lewis and Clark reenactment trek. She plans to travel more, help John in his office, and do more writing. She started horseback riding again after 40 years.

Wedding news also from **Emily Hewitt** (Emily_Hewitt@aoscourts.gov). She married Eleanor Acheson in South Yarmouth, MA, on July 4, '04 in a ceremony presided over by the Clerk of the City of Boston. Emily is a judge of the US Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC. Having blissfully retired after 27 years of practicing law, **Robert Eberly Jr.**, prinznarulf@hargray.com, has written a book on the *Division of the Pennsylvania Reserves in the Civil War*. He and his wife travel to Spain every year to visit their daughter and her family near Madrid. **Linda Jensen Hamlet**, ljensenhamlet@aol.com, writes from Steamboat Springs, CO, where she is busy with community activities such as the Colorado Mountain College Foundation, Strings on the Mountain, and other groups. Linda's very-Cornell family includes son **Channing '94**, ME '95, and his wife **Jennifer (Saylor) '94**, **Brendan '99**, and sisters **Margot Jensen** Gasch, a retired CPA, and **Karen Jensen** Harvey '53. Linda's son Tyler is a cinematographer.

Nathan Wong retired from the Hawaii Army National Guard but continues his career as a family physician and area physician-in-charge for Kaiser Permanente. He has heard from **John Glasgow**, who is the editor of the *Marine Corps Gazette*. **Maurice Cerulli**, mc76839@aol.com, has been busy as president of the Digestive Diseases

National Coalition. In February '05 he participated in lectures and seminars in gastroenterology at the U. of Cairo. In '04 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. He has also been honored as founder of the New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

Larry Berger, lhb6@cornell.edu, writes that son **Michael '03** is at Cornell Law School. **Craig Havemeyer**, ME '67, iowacraig@aol.com, moved from Iowa to Punta Gorda, FL, where he explores southwest Florida waterways in an old Sea Ray Cruiser. He has gone from a consulting business to selling real estate.

John Reuther, jreuther@nyc.rr.com, continues to live in Moscow, where he is in commercial real estate. His wife, Vera Golda, runs a fashion boutique in Moscow, and they travel to New York several times a year for supply orders. John is chairman and CEO of JSR Holdings Ltd., with an office in New York City. **Joe Polacco**, a biochemistry professor at the U. of Missouri, has become a world traveler. He and his significant other, Nancy, a veterinarian, received Fulbright awards, and Joe will be on research leave to study at the U. of Mar del Plata in Uruguay. He will work in the laboratory of Lorenzo Lamattina, known for research in nitrous oxide metabolism in plants. His children all live in California: Laura and Joseph teach math and science, and their brother is studying for a doctorate in bioinformatics.

Corrections dept.: **Bonnie Lazarus** Wallace's e-mail address was listed incorrectly in the Jan/Feb issue. It should have read: bonnie1@sbcglobal.net. ♦ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **John Miers**, Johngmiers@comcast.net; and **Bill Blockton**, bill@rbsfabrics.com.

67 **Mark Newman** (Anchorage, AK; MN432@cs.com) is continuing his career as a travel and nature photographer. He's published three books, including *Bears of the World* and *Kangaroos*, and the cover shot on last January's *Smithsonian* magazine was his. You may have seen his work in *National Geographic* as well. A photo expedition last year took Mark to Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.

"In summers, I'm a bear-viewing guide north of Kodiak," Mark writes, "on the outer Katmai Coast in Alaska." Daughter Heather attends U. of Alaska, Fairbanks, studying filmmaking, of course. **Blanche A. Borzell** (Watkins Glen, NY; bborzell@stny.rr.com) reports that daughter **Blanche Borzell** Robertson '01 graduated last May from Fordham Law School and is pursuing her master's degree in international economics and law at the Sorbonne in Paris.

"My son **Peter '98** married **Wendy Meyer '99** in the Adirondacks," reports **Michael Sterling** of Portsmouth, NH. "In attendance were many Cornellians from both their classes. It was great reminiscing between the Class of '67 and those of the late '90s." **Karen E. Burke**, PhD '73 (New York City) is a dermatologist engaged in research on cancer, sun protection, and antioxidants. When not playing with her twin 9-year-old sons, she's writing popular books on health and medical texts and recalls "the intellectual excitement of the

Chemistry and Physics departments" at Cornell.

"We're empty-nesters, so my wife Sue has been traveling with me, from Alaska to the Canadian Maritimes, San Diego, Chicago, Hawaii, and Washington, DC," writes **Richard C. Haines Jr.** (Atlanta, GA; haines@mdiatlanta.com). Richard is president of Medical Design Int'l and adds that he's learning to play golf. **Michael Platzer**, JD/MA '71 (Vienna, Austria; michaelplatzer@yahoo.com) is part owner of the International Café and bookstore there, featuring jazz, literary evenings, and a small cinema. He retired in 2004 after 34 years of UN service and has taught international relations at Bond U. in Australia. He also serves as counsel for Democrats Abroad, Austria, as well as a prison visitor for ICCPPC and project officer for SOS-Human Rights.

John Eisenhart (Oregon, OH, jhe1944@accessoledo.com) retired from Sun Oil after 25 years. **Virginia Sawyer O'Leary**, MS '69 (Roswell, GA) "would rather be retired like my husband **John** so I also could play golf or tennis most days of the week," but continues as clinical instructor in the nutrition department at Georgia State U., teaching food science and safety. She remembers everything about her time at Cornell most fondly, "except for the weather," and would like to know whatever happened to **Laurel Ashby**, who was on her freshman corridor. **Senetta Hill Koch** (Manhasset, NY; don45west@hotmail.com) manages technical classroom training for Information Builders and is president of the board of trustees of the Manhasset Public Library. "After trying since 1993, we passed a bond issue for a new library, expected to be ready by late 2005."

I'm back from the world road for a while, directing the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission here in Washington. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 I hope you had a good winter. While on a trip to St. Lucia in January, I saw **Malcolm Ross**, JD '75, who was staying at the same hotel. Malcolm was there with his wife Phyllis and son **Spencer '09**, a freshman in the Arts college. Malcolm lives in New York City and is a corporate lawyer. **Diane Charske** Hanson will be featured in a new book called *The Masters of Success*, which features well-known speakers and authors who share their strategies for success. Diane has been the president of Creative Resource Development, a Philadelphia-based management consulting firm.

Mary Lou Janicki Currivan is dean of the Weekend College and Director of Student Advising at Notre Dame College in Cleveland. She lives in Shaker Heights, OH. Her son **Christopher '97** works for a computer company in Pittsburgh, and daughter Melissa (U. of Chicago '04) is a law student in Chicago. **Jim Ponsoldt** is a professor of law at the U. of Georgia, specializing in organizational dysfunction. He has also started writing film scripts. Jim and his wife Susan live in Athens, GA. Their daughter Kate is in grad school in social work, and son James received his MFA in film from Columbia and has received broad recognition for some of his films.

Sheldon Kafer lives in Avon, CT, with his wife Estelle. Sheldon practices internal medicine and is an assistant professor at U. of Connecticut School of Medicine. Estelle is president of the National Council of Jewish Women and executive director of the Jewish Historical Society. They have one daughter at Columbia, another at Penn, and a son in high school. **Robert Brandon** and his wife Carol are enjoying life from their 39th floor apartment on Boston Harbor. Robert is happily retired. Their son Adam recently passed the Florida Bar, and other son Ian purchased a home in Holliston, MA.

David Ratner and his wife Claire Bernardo live in Great Neck, NY. David recently formed the law firm of Morelli Ratner PC, a litigation boutique handling mass tort, employment discrimination, medical malpractice, personal injury, and securities cases for plaintiffs. **Robert Moore Tuttle**, MBA '72, and his wife Lynne live in Bedford, NH. They proudly announce the marriage of both their children: son **Ryan**, MBA '02, was married in 2004 to Leslie Helmstaedter at the Princeton Chapel, and daughter Lisa married Mathew Hultgren in June 2005.

Joyce Davis Sand lives in Los Angeles and serves as director of Pups for Peace, a nonprofit that raises money to purchase and train bomb-sniffing dogs to protect Israeli citizens. So far they have provided over 100 dogs to Israel at a cost of over \$10,000 per dog. Joyce reports this effort has aborted dozens of terrorist bombings, and they have been honored by the Israeli Knesset. Joyce has also been active with the Cornell Club of Southern, CA. **Alan Altschuler** lives in NYC with wife Donna. Alan is pursuing his dream of being an actor and is attending acting school in New York. Donna is executive director of a group that supports community development in South Africa. Their daughter Sari teaches English, and son Daniel graduated from Amherst and won a Watson fellowship for study abroad.

Arthur Kaminsky and his wife Andrea live in Manhasset, NY. Art has been busy as a broadcaster doing color commentary on high school basketball and lacrosse games, as well as working on freelance writing projects. Art also helped **Ken Dryden '69** in his election to Parliament in Canada. Last year Art attended the wedding of the daughter of classmate **Rich Kasdan**. Rich and his wife Judi live in the Pittsburgh area. Rich is a doctor and Judi an attorney. **Linda Chesman Byard** and husband **Cory '66**, MPA '74, moved back to Ithaca in 2003. They live in a housing coop in the former East Hill School on Stewart Avenue. Cory is a consultant with Teredata NCR. Linda works on writing and art projects and volunteers in Ithaca. She enjoys walking around Ithaca and "taking advantage of all the wonderful things we never had time to do when we were students." They have two married daughters and a third daughter teaching in the Boston area.

I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon_silver@comcast.net.

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Gill has sold his stock brokerage business, he is dabbling in development—specifically, a condo project in Denver, CO. And, he writes, “playing lots of golf and traveling.” **Peter Larom** says, “Just when I thought I was retiring, I was made head of the country’s oldest church camp and conference center, near Essex, CT.” Peter’s wife Margaret has also been tapped. She will head the world mission for the Episcopal Church. The Laroms keep an apartment in NYC, just a few blocks from **Craig Shumate ’68** and his wife Nancy. **Louis ’68** and **Susan Scheer Germaine** were busy with their daughter Elissa’s wedding. The ceremony took place at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, and several Cornellians were on hand including **Marc Rudofsky ’68**, **Peter** and **Nonie Diamond Susser ’68**, and **Judy Scheraga** Stavis.

The School of Civil and Environmental Engineering Update reports that **Nicholas Carino**, PhD ’74, received the Robert J. Painter Award given by the Standards Engineering Society and ASTM Int’l. This award is in recognition of meritorious service and outstanding leadership in the field of concrete and concrete aggregates. Nicholas was also commended for contributions to the standards development process. Cornell’s Adult University (CAU) study tours included two classmates. **William Bruno** chose New York Theatre, and **Walter Tusinski**, MBA ’71, went on the Armenia and Georgia tour. On campus, **Harry Furman** took the Wine Class, while **Lisa Larson** Gordon worked on her skills at the Tennis Clinic and **Suzanne Sacks** enjoyed the Eclectic Ethnic: A Culinary Workshop.

John Rees, our class president, has been busy chasing down missing classmates and has heard from the following people. After graduation, **Rod Novak** played tenor sax professionally with **Ron Altbach ’68**, **Eddie Tuleja ’68**, and **David Robinson**, PhD ’82. Their band, King Harvest, had a big hit in the ’70s with “Dancing in the Moonlight.” In fact, when they were on tour Jay Leno was their opening act! After disbanding, they worked for the Beach Boys for a few years. Next, Rod earned his Coast Guard license and captained a 73-foot sailboat in the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Today, Rod is teaching English as a Second Language to foreign business people, as well as selling real estate in Ft. Lauderdale. **Joan Scheibel** went on to medical school after graduating from Cornell’s School of Nursing. Currently, she is a doctor at a Veteran’s Administration hospital in Los Angeles.

Up until a few years ago, **Rex Malmberg** was a project manager for a computer company and spent much of his time traveling on business. Now he owns and manages a residential real estate brokerage in New Smyrna Beach, FL. **Bob Niland**, another classmate who is semi-retired from the computer industry, lives in Kansas with his wife, where they are building a new home on their farm. Meanwhile, **Richard McQueen** has lived in Oklahoma City for more than 25 years, where he owns and operates a consulting business. Richard wonders what happened to his NROTC friend **Steve Morris**.

In response to John’s e-mail, **Romeo Martinez-Rodas**, MS ’71, writes from Guatemala to update us after 36 years. In addition to his Cornell degrees, Romeo pursued graduate studies at Michigan State U. on a Rockefeller Foundation

Fellowship and conducted thesis research at the Int’l Center for Agricultural Research at CIAT in Colombia. His life’s commitment has been to Guatemala and the developing world. His first position was as a tropical research scientist. He also headed a department at the Central American Inst. for Education and Sciences in Costa Rica. Most of Romeo’s working life has been devoted to teaching and project identification, design, and implementation. He has been a consultant for numerous institutions in both Latin America and Europe. More recently, Romeo has concentrated on environmental issues, risk assessment, and policy analysis. He writes, “The experience at Cornell was superb. What I learned at Cornell and other universities, I have put to good use, seeking to maintain the spirit of freedom with responsibility.”

There are still a number of classmates who are listed as missing. Have any readers heard from: John L. Caron, Edwin R. Lasecki, Jeffrey S. Kob, E. Johannes Curtze, Myles R. Itkin, Ralph F. Castelli, Jane Paterson Marlin, Samuel B. Lewis, Linda M. McVeigh, Peter H. Crosby, John K. Jablonski, William W. Carruth, Lisa R. Gill, Carl J. Bang, M. Crockett Marsh, Richard C. Chiofolo, Robert J. Kobelski, Glen F. Allen, or Betty Bell Latos? ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

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Douglas Hill has a new home address in Cicero, NY. **Sue Mitchell** (pseu21@aol.com) lives in Milton, MA. **Bill** and **Catherine**

Besosa Maro ’71 have two daughters. **Lauren ’05** graduated from Cornell last May with a BS from the Dept. of Applied Economics and Management, having achieved the Dean’s List every semester. She has now launched her career as a financial analyst at Babson Capital. Meghan (Wellesley ’02) is a consultant for Cap Gemini. Sadly, I must report that **Clayton M. Axtell III**, JD ’73, of Harpursville, NY, died on August 14, 2005.

Tom Pressler (tepress@comcast.net) and wife Greta live in Woodinville, WA. In 2004, he started a new engineering company, Pressler Engineering LLC, in the Seattle area. The company specializes in mechanical and forensic engineering and has five full-time employees. Tom’s son and daughter work for the company part-time doing IT and Web design. You can check it out at www.presslereng.com. Daughter Heather is in her third year at MIT, where she is double-majoring in chemistry and biology. She has been invited to teach undergraduate chemistry at MIT! During the past two summers, she has been doing cancer research at the Lankenau Inst. in Philadelphia and at the U. of Utah. Greta and Tom’s son Kevin and his wife Christine have three beautiful daughters.

Stephen Goodwin writes to tell us about his company, Cartwright and Goodwin Inc. As a Microsoft Certified Partner, Cartwright and Goodwin specializes in upgrades and migrations to Microsoft Exchange, and delivering collaborative solutions in communications and messaging. Database and content management leverage Microsoft’s integrated portal technologies and

.NET framework to the US and state governments, as well as municipalities seeking to share information and applications in a secure, collaborative environment.

I am very pleased to announce the birth of my first grandchild, Chloe Sammet Meyer, on October 27, 2005. She lives with her parents, my son Eric and daughter-in-law Kara, in Oakland, CA. The proud grandfather is **Glenn Meyer** of Maple Glen, PA. We also had a very festive wedding last summer when my daughter **Bethany Meyer '96** married Michael Paves (Cal Poly '95) on the beach in Cayucos, CA, on August 5, 2005. It was a theme

writes that he and **Aimee (Goldstein) '72** also became grandparents of twins this past year. Their daughter **Betsy Ostrov Veysman '99** and husband **Boris '99** became parents of Alana and Aaron on August 8, 2005. Boris is an ER third-year resident at Bellevue/NYU Hospitals, and Betsy works in finance for Pfizer. Jerry retired from Johnson and Johnson, having been company group chair for the Global Vision Care business since 1998. Prior to that, he was chair of North American Consumer Products. Aimee is a full-time volunteer as national major gifts chair of Hadassah. Jerry and Aimee live on the shore in Long Branch, NJ.

Brunswick and Nova Scotia on a 42-foot sailboat. His son **David '01** is a 1st Lt USMC deployed to Iraq last fall. Peter looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion. **Alice Lichtenstein** (alice.lichtenstein@tufts.edu) recently received an honorary degree from the medical faculty of the U. of Kuopio, Finland. Alice is the Gershoff Professor of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts U. and is director and senior scientist of the Cardiovascular Nutrition Laboratory at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts. She is presently adjusting to a semi-empty nest with son David off at Columbia U. and daughter Rachel waiting to hear about college for next year. Alice recently co-authored a book entitled *Strong Women, Strong Hearts*.

Bob Beleson (bbeleson@aol.com) lives in New York, where he does marketing consulting in alcoholic beverages. He keeps up with **Mike Kubin**, **Stuart Oran**, **Ted Grossman**, JD '74, and **Marty Michael**, and would like to locate **Michael Pastor**. He loves to travel and has recently visited Germany, California, Wyoming, Arizona, and Mexico.

As we remind you in every column, if you look forward to receiving your copy of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, make it even more special by sending us some news—then everyone can read about you! We look forward to seeing everyone in Ithaca in June. ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

‘Debra Hinck enjoys gardening and claims that her favorite after-hours activity is “breathing.”’

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wedding (which we highly recommend for added fun and excitement), and the “70s Disco” idea was a big hit with everyone. Many Cornellians from the classes of '45 to '97 attended, including **Ruth Henne Meyer '45**, **Alan Meyer '73**, **Robyn Meyer '97** (twin sister of the bride and Maid of Honor), and of course Glenn and me. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 It's time to sign up for our 35th Reunion, June 8-11, in Ithaca. We are looking forward to some terrific events, including a Friday night reception and dinner in the atrium of Duffield Hall (the new engineering building), a tasting of Finger Lakes wines, a big barbecue on the Ag Quad on Saturday, and a Saturday evening dinner at Carl Becker House, which is the newest residential college. The University sponsors golf and tennis tournaments, the Reunion Run, a bike ride, forums, concerts, and open classrooms. There are also special programs for children and for high school-age kids. Of course, we've ordered blue skies with temperatures in the mid-70s. It will be a great weekend and we'd love to see you there! Check out our class website, <http://classof71.alumni.cornell.edu>, to see a list of classmates who have signed up for reunion. You should be receiving a mailing from the university with registration information, or you may contact one of your class correspondents for details.

As we are celebrating our 35th Reunion it's not surprising that many of our classmates are grandparents. On Thanksgiving morning **Diane Brenner** became the proud “Nana” of twins Tyler and Madeleine, children of Diane's daughter Rachael and son-in-law Peter Lapman. Diane, former CEO of NYS Psychological Association, is a real estate investor and broker in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, but has been spending a lot of time up north in NYC taking care of her lovely grandchildren. Diane may be reached at dbrenner50@aol.com. **Jerry Ostrov** (gostrov@corus.nj.com)

Donald Cox has been married to **Susan (Kennedy) '73** for 32 years and they have five sons, two daughters-in-law, and one beautiful grandson, Aiden, who was born on July 4, 2004. Don has been retired from the Air Force after having spent 20 years as a missile launch officer. He is currently working at the U. of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center as a project resource analyst. He also volunteers as a soccer coach for middle school children and at Crookston High School. Sue works part-time at the library; in addition, she practices Tae Kwon Do, in which she has earned a second-degree black belt. Don and Sue's son Matt has been married for seven years to Susan Piasecki and they are the parents of Aiden. Brendan is married to Krista Johnson, and they make their home in Minnesota. Ryan and Patrick are both juniors at UND. Michael is a junior in high school. He has earned a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do (like his mom), and is an accomplished percussionist with the high school band. You may contact Don at dcoachguy@hotmail.com.

Bob Bennett (bbennett@fedex.com) lives in Collierville, TN, where he has been working as an engineer at FedEx for over 20 years. He is VP Global Organizational Learning, Development, and Safety. Bob's work involves travel, and this past year he visited China, Mexico, and Latin America. Bob and his wife Gayle have a beautiful grandchild, Emma Grace, and three children: Jason works at FedEx and is an engineer like his dad; Lauren is a Washington U. graduate and now attends the U. of Memphis for a degree in nursing; and Cameron is entering his sophomore year at the U. of Miami. Bob and Gayle are thinking about traveling to reunion this year and would love to see the guys from Delta Tau Delta again.

Peter Saunders (saunderspd@gtcinternet.com) writes to us from Silverdale, WA, that he is now semi-retired, doing part-time consulting for the US Navy for their public-private venture family housing projects in the Puget Sound area. He enjoys travel and has recently visited New

72 A truly unique Cornell event occurred on September 17, 2005, when more than 350 alumni and guests gathered at the Marriott Marquis in New York City to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the *Cornell Daily Sun*. **Kurt Vonnegut Jr. '44** and other distinguished *Sun* alumni (including **Jay Branegan**) delivered humorous and touching words from the podium about the history of the *Sun* and what the *Sun* has meant to them personally. “I went to Cornell having no idea the *Sun* was there,” Vonnegut said. “The *Sun*, thank goodness, showed me what to do with my life—and I did it.” The *Sun*'s current editor-in-chief, **Erica Temel '06**, discussed the *Sun*'s recent admirable work in covering the resignation of former Cornell President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. Austin Hoyt, grandson of the *Sun*'s co-founder and first editor in chief, **William Ballard Hoyt 1881**, described his grandfather's post-1880 career as a prominent Buffalo attorney and then added, “The city in which he prospered is now dying from a variety of complications and is in receivership. The businesses in which he prospered are all in the dustbin of history—the New York Central, Pierce-Arrow, the giant steel mills that have gone the way of the waltz evenings and the mahogany launch. What lives on is his business venture as a student at Cornell. The *Cornell Daily Sun* is thriving because of all of you here tonight, who have nurtured his initial vision over all these many decades. And that gives me great pleasure.”

The dinner was sponsored by the Cornell Daily Sun Alumni Association Inc. (www.cornell.sun.org), a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1999 under the leadership of **Stan Chess '69**, JD '72, which subsequently assisted the *Sun* in

acquiring splendid permanent quarters at 139 West State Street. Members of the Class of '72 in attendance included **Peter Bartfeld**, Jay Brangan, **Phil Dixon**, JD '80, **Carolyn Jacobson**, **Elizabeth Lacher**, **Robert Molofsky**, **Walter Molofsky**, **Richard Neubauer**, **Gary Rubin**, **Manny Schiffres**, and **Gary Sesser**. The assemblage of *Sun* alumni from classes ranging between '38 and '06 created an extraordinary evening that may be difficult to replicate in our lifetimes.

Eric Edelman is Undersecretary of Defense for the US government and a former deputy national security advisor to Vice President Dick Cheney. The office of Patrick G. Fitzgerald, special prosecutor in the CIA leak investigation, has confirmed that Eric was the person described (but not named) in the indictment of I. Lewis Libby Jr., the Vice President's former chief of staff, as the "then principal deputy" to Mr. Libby. The indictment of Mr. Libby "provides no indication that Mr. Edelman is suspected of any wrongdoing and does not even say whether Mr. Edelman was interviewed by prosecutors or testified before the grand jury," according to a report published in the *New York Times*.

Vicky Dominy Cairns was recently named director of instructional advocacy for the Delaware State Education Association, where she performs research and develops educational policy. **Jean Dickson** is curator of the Polish collection in the arts and sciences libraries of the U. of Buffalo, specializing in linguistics and modern languages. Her son Jamal is almost 30 years old and was married in 2004. "Life is good," Jean says.

Nicholas Seay is an intellectual property attorney with Quarles & Brady LLP in Madison. **Judi Bloom** is a doctor of clinical psychology in Los Angeles. She reports that **Judy Gladnick Stroud** is an attorney who works for a federal judge in Florida and takes every other year off. Judy and husband **Bob** '71 took an incredible China/Japan cruise after spending most of last year driving around the US in a mini-camper. **Vivian Katzenstein** Friedman is a member of the Dept. of Psychiatry at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham School of Medicine. She tells us that **David Herskovits** lives in Atlanta with his wife and college-age daughter, and that **John Stock** and **Abraham Hirsch** are in Massachusetts with their wives and daughters. ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov.

73 Things are very cold, damp, and gray in Cincinnati in December as I write this column. However, our Bengals appeared in the NFL play-offs for the first time in 15 years, so my strong-arming my spouse to purchase season tickets when the new football stadium opened here five years ago finally paid off. "Who Dey!"

Laurence Bernstein (Toronto, Ontario; laurence@baycharles.com) kindly writes that with no kids going to Cornell he is hard pressed to find more than one reason a year to visit Ithaca. He adds that a leaky ferry from Toronto to Rochester is supposed to make the journey shorter and more fun, but he has yet to brave the tempests of Lake Ontario. On a more serious note, Laurence states that his firm, the Bay Charles Consulting

Company Inc., a brand management consultancy that I checked out on the Internet, continues to develop a presence in China, which gave him the necessary excuse to go there three times in 2005, with each visit more fascinating. His firm is focusing on providing marketing advice to Chinese firms doing business in China, which is a somewhat different twist, but one which Laurence finds extremely interesting and challenging.

Bill Bintzer (Mamaroneck, NY) writes that his wife **Jill Lerner** '75 was elected a Cornell trustee. **Bruce Bowlus** (Ridgefield, CT; bruce.bowlus@sbcglobal.net) has transferred to the New York City offices of ING Capital as risk manager, after 12 years with ING in the Middle East, Singapore, and Tokyo (the last five and a half years). He is settling into life in the US, a new foreign assignment for him and his family after so many years living overseas, and enjoys supporting his younger two children's sports activities and son's Boy Scout troop. He fondly remembers the beautiful fall weather at Cornell, which I hope he was able to enjoy this year now that he is back in the States.

William Britz (Montgomery Village, MD; William_W_Britz@raytheon.com) is a program manager with Raytheon Co. supporting the Transportation Security Administration of the US Dept. of Homeland Security through Raytheon's nationwide contract installing baggage security systems. His daughter Jennifer was married last June on Cape Cod; daughter Amy works as an accountant for Raytheon; son Michael has recovered from a serious auto accident; and son Chris is attending the U. of North Florida, majoring in computer science. Bill fondly remembers the many great long-term friendships he made at Cornell and would like to hear from classmate **Todd Weber**. (He also would rather be building his retirement home in Palm Coast, FL, with wife Maureen.)

Richard Fincher (Phoenix, AZ) is celebrating his fifth year of full-time practice in labor and employment arbitration. Dick recently co-authored a textbook with two ILR professors (former dean Dave Lipsky and associate dean Ron Seeber) on employment conflict management systems for corporations. **Miriam Reiss** (miriam@wisdomcoaching.com), president of Spirited Marketing, is an executive and personal coach, specializing in marketing and career development. She is co-author of *Branding and Marketing Mastery*, release date February 2006. The book is part of the "Guide to Getting It" series.

Daniel Scheraga (Tully, NY; dannypolo@aol.com) reports that since becoming executive director of the Polo Training Foundation in 1996, the organization has grown from teaching 500-600 players and umpires to nearly 2,000 annually, and its budget has grown from \$400,000 to \$875,000 per year. Daniel would like to hear from his Cornell polo teammates. **Charles Wait** (Saratoga Springs, NY; charleswait@hotmail.com) is chairman, president, and CEO of the Adirondack Trust Co. He is enjoying the challenges of his first term as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Charles, who would rather be sailing, writes that he sailed across the Atlantic in May 2005 as a crewmember of the *Pride of Baltimore II*, a replica of an 1812 Baltimore clipper ship, a trip that took one month from Annapolis, MD, to

Falmouth, England. He fondly remembers walking from Cornell to Wells College at 11 p.m. one October with now State Senator **Mike Nozzolio**, MS '77, and would like to hear from Mike, **Steve Schaeffer**, and **Ken Kunken** '72, MA '77.

I had lunch with **Ian Starr** (Wellesley, MA) here in Cincinnati in late October. Ian introduced me to my husband when all three of us were sitting in the back of a police cruiser. We were accompanying the Cambridge police on a portion of their night shift when we all were obnoxious first-year Harvard Law students in the fall of 1973. This program ended abruptly when Cambridge apparently got concerned about the enforceability of the releases from liability we signed at the station before we got into the cruisers. Ian has his own legal practice in Boston, but now spends a good portion of his time traveling throughout the US with his wife and fellow lawyer Natalie Choate, who presents retirement planning seminars to both professional and non-professional audiences. Natalie and Ian are avid birders and ethnic food gourmards, and happily have provided us with a copious list of Mexican restaurants for our planned January 2006 trip to Tucson and southeast Arizona.

This past year's highlight for our family was May 2005 in Ithaca, when we proudly attended the Cornell graduation of our firstborn, **David Greenberg**, a History and Government major. It was also graduation for **Benjamin Stuhl**, a Physics major, the son of my best friend from Cornell, **Sheila Kojm**, M ILR '75 (Bedford, MA), and our two families shared some special moments together that weekend, including a walk out to Cornell Plantations. At the President's reception for graduates and their families later that afternoon, we observed firsthand the obviously strained relationship between then-President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 and Chairman of the Board **Peter Meinig** '61 as they greeted the guests, so the resignation news soon after did not come as a complete shock to us. The following day, I stood and admittedly wept in the grandstand as we sang the Alma Mater at the end of the Commencement ceremony. We then enjoyed the luncheon and diploma ceremony that the History department threw in the lovely garden behind the Andrew Dickson White House. My kudos to the Heights Cafe & Grill in Cayuga Heights, which did a great job serving graduation dinners to many on Saturday evening.

David is now suffering through his first law school exams at New York U. School of Law, where he lucked out with a 21st floor apartment with a beautiful westward view all the way to the Hudson River. An avid hockey fan, David purchased tickets for Cornell's January game in Princeton, where his sister Allison is laboring away on her thesis as a senior molecular biology major interested in children's disease research. ♦ **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phyllis.grummon@scup.org or phg3@cornell.edu.

74 So here I am on the last day of exam week at Cazenovia College, composing the class column at the last minute, in the time-honored manner of students everywhere. Most public schools within a 100-mile radius have declared a snow day, and here in the interior design department, we just

canceled two final design presentations because the instructors could not make the drive in.

Probably all of us have fond memories of trudging up Libe Slope or across a particular quad in a glitter of snowflakes while listening to the Libe Tower chimes. **Debra Hinck** of Woodbury, CT, recalls tray-sliding as her fondest memory of Cornell. She works at the Batelle Inst., enjoys gardening, and claims that her favorite after-hours activity is “breathing.” **Ed Evans**, MBA ’75, writes that he spent a year at the Hotel school helping to start an entrepreneurship program before returning to the private sector as executive VP of HR and organizational development for Allied Waste Industries in Scottsdale, AZ. He has recently reconnected with **Mary Brierley Peterman** ’78, president of CMS-AZ, and **Christine Marchell**, MBA ’81, president of the Cornell Club in Phoenix. Ed’s wife Brenda maintains their home base in snowy Ithaca and he commutes back and forth.

Diana Perryman Taliaferro and husband Phil live in Erlanger, KY, where she works as a self-employed trial consultant. In their spare time, they are building a log cabin in the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York. Much further north, **Carol Feldman** Klein and husband Jack report having had an Alaska address since 1979. She claims that they “forgot to have children.” The Kleins plan to relocate to Switzerland in 2006 to renovate an old farmhouse and perhaps start a retirement home for cats.

Staying on the topic of animals, we find **Dale Mantell**, DVM ’79, and wife Jeanne living in Doylestown, PA, where Dale works at the Doylestown Animal Medical Clinic. He notes extracurricular activities of building and sailing small boats, as well as attending their daughter’s “horse activities.” **Florence Higgins**, DVM ’81, and husband **John Lebens**, PhD ’88, live in Rush, NY, where she fills in occasionally as a small animal veterinarian for a Rochester practice. She also teaches dog obedience and agility training and serves as a taxi service for sons Zack, 11, and Greg, 15. Florence has been running 5Ks to stay active and placed second for her age group in a recent road race. She fondly remembers getting ice cream at the Dairy Bar. **Neil Wolff** and wife Ginny reside in Greenwich, CT, where Neil coaches various teams for three young sons. Their oldest is a freshman at Cornell. Neil works at the Blue Cross Animal Hospital; services for his animal clients include acupuncture, homeopathy, and nutrition counseling.

Classmate **James Hatfield** would most like to hear from “Richie, Lennie, Vera, and the Thurston Ave. gang.” He vividly remembers both the riots and the peace marches from his time at Cornell. An endodontist now and living in Summit, NJ, with wife Kelly, James enjoys bird-watching from his kayak for relaxation. **John Pieroni** is a lawyer residing in Bergenfield, NJ. He enjoys singing and has fond memories of living at the “Shire,” a 20-person cooperative-living arrangement just off campus. John would like to hear from **Thomas “Ag” McAvoy**, MBA ’78. Reporting in from Princeton, NJ, is **Robyn Berger Noterman**, MD ’83, a dermatologist in private practice. She and her husband **Daniel** ’73 are “vicariously reliving Cornell through their son **Ben** ’09, a freshman in Arts and Sciences.

Joan Saltsman Oelschlager reports that after husband **Bob** took early retirement from GE, they moved back to the D.C. area “from the mountains.” This allows them to play a lot of tennis and to keep tabs on son John, a junior at UVA. Bob has started writing, while Joan enjoys quilting and knitting. Over the 4th of July weekend last summer, they enjoyed a couple of big get-togethers at the homes of classmates **Dick Doyle** and **Mike Murphy**. Also in attendance were **Dick** and **Peggy Hayes Spellman** ’76, JD ’82, **Steve Lindquist** and wife Sue, **Jack Wind** and wife Lana, **Gary Schmidt** and wife **Terry (March)** ’73, **Brad Ossip** ’75, **Larry Quillian** ’73, MCE ’77, and wife Suzy, and **Jack Oelschlager** ’75 and wife Debbie. Rock on, you party animals.

Newlywed **Shelly Porges**, MPS ’77, announces that she married Rich Wilhelm in October ’05 and has moved to Bethesda, MD. Shelley’s day job was president of the Financial Women’s Association of San Francisco. She is also a volleyball mom for her daughter Ariel, a high school varsity sophomore; son Stephen is a second-year student at UVA. **Roberta Frank** Palestine reports that she is a dermatologist living with husband Randy Elliot in Potomac, MD. She was very involved earlier this year, preparing for the backyard wedding of her daughter Sandra. The groom is British; apparently he and his groomsmen caused quite a stir in the neighborhood when they appeared in either morning suits or full regalia kilts.

Larry Pape, MBA ’75, lives in Sterling, MA, with wife Elizabeth and has retired from Hewlett Packard, where he was VP, Foundation Services. He is gearing up for a variety of home improvement retirement projects, including landscaping, building a pond, and installing a waterfall. He remembers working as a student manager at the Straight and would like to hear from **Michael Jacobson**, MBA ’80. **Phil Stearns**, MBA ’88, retired from Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals last year and immediately started two new companies. He notes, “Phil Stearns, Consulting is going well, while Phil Stearns, Photography is running a little slower.” He and wife Marilyn live in Morristown, NJ. They recently traveled to Native American ruins in the Four Corners area of the Southwest. He has just finished remodeling their kitchen and teaches literacy volunteers.

Curtis Hamburg, a Miami cardiologist, sounds anything but retired. He writes that he is married to Ana Madeline and “started all over again with two new children, Matthew, 3, and Joshua, 2.” They spent a week at the Statler this summer taking in the atmosphere and showing the kids their possible future. Curtis also has older children, Marni, 28, **Sandi** ’01, 26, and Glenn, 22, as well as a 1-1/2-year-old granddaughter. He enjoys boating and golf and serves as an advisor to a new Beta Theta Pi colony at FIU. In a more relaxed vein, classmate **Mark Schwartz** of San Francisco reports that he has been “basking in the sun.” Mark works days as an usher for the San Francisco Giants and writes poetry at night. He likes to “hang out in North Beach, a land known for beatniks roaming.” Many will recall that Mark brought his latest volume of poetry to our 35th Reunion.

Sandy Wright of Madison, WI, notes that she is a research coordinator for the AQORN

program (Access, Quality, and Outcomes Research Network) at U. of Wisconsin Medical School. She is the owner of Thread Dreams, a fiber arts business, works on affordable housing and community living options for the disabled, and deals with an ailing dad. She’d love to visit both her daughter Wendy Soref, 23, a Teach for America kindergarten teacher in rural Arkansas, and her son Jack, 20, who studies jazz composition at the Berklee Music School in Boston. Nearby in Holliston, MA, **CeCe Hermann** LeBeau teaches piano, leads a youth choir, and plays handbells at church. CeCe enjoys watching daughter Laura, 24, and sons David, 21, and Chris, 19, finish school and grow up. It must be almost 30 years ago that I last saw Cece and her new husband Paul. I was working as a summer waitress at the Christopher Ryder House in Chatham, owned by classmate **Tom Kastner**’s parents, when CeCe and Paul showed up for a fancy dinner during their honeymoon camping trip on Cape Cod.

Thanks to the many classmates who sent along news forms with their class dues! Please send your news to: ♦ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; or **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net.

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I recently had the honor of attending the bar mitzvah of Scott Rosenthal, son of **Vicki Hirsch** Rosenthal and husband David, who is a colleague of mine at Seton Hall U. Scott’s older sister, Michele, is now a sophomore at U. of Pennsylvania. Scott, by the way, has his dad’s dry wit, which found its way into the ceremony. Enjoying the proud moment were several Cornellians. **Joanne Newman** Peyser traveled from Armonk, NY, and is a psychotherapist in Greenwich, CT. She is married to Robert Breslere, who was the only non-Cornellian at the table! Sitting beside Joanne was **Paula Markowitz Wittlin** ’74, a photojournalist in Mamaroneck, NY. She was joined by her husband **Floyd** ’73, an ILRie, who’s an attorney with Bingham McCutchen. **Laurie Michael Roth** and husband **Eric** ’74 were also present, and rightly boasted about their two Cornellian children, **Jason** ’05 and **Ariel** ’08. Eric continues his work as a litigation partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz in New York City. Jason is following in dad’s footsteps as a first-year law student at NYU. Ariel is an American Studies major at Cornell and her faculty advisor is Richard Pollenberg, who was her dad’s advisor!

Robin Michael Koenig and husband **Scott** ’73, PhD ’79, joined in as well. Their son Aaron is a first-year med student at the U. of Pennsylvania, and their daughter **Sarah** is a sophomore at Cornell. **Marsha Miller** and husband **Carl Goldstein** ’73 are neighbors of the Rosentals, living in Berkeley Heights, NJ. Their son **Eric** ’05 just graduated Cornell, and is now at Washington U. in St. Louis. Daughter Julia is a frosh at Syracuse, and Jessica is a high school junior, like my own son Alex. It really was a pleasure to see so many classmates and to learn about how their children (some nearly adults!) were developing.

The Class News mailbag brought in some not-so-typical news from around the nation. Here’s a sample. **Martha Wild** (mawild@sbcglobal.net)

lives in San Diego and works for Alexion Antibody Technologies. Currently, she is working on an anthrax therapeutic antibody. In her spare time she plays in two bands, one Irish and the other an “old-timey band.” During her recent recuperation from mushroom poisoning (which kept her away from reunion), she wrote a small booklet of mountain dulcimer tunes for the old-timey band. As she reflects back on her memories of Cornell, she remembers tray-sliding, sailing on Cayuga Lake, and a panel discussion featuring Fred Hayle, Isaac Asimov, and Carl Sagan. She’d like to hear from classmate **Wayne Henderson**. **Linda Walz Riggi** (rigfam@adelphia.net) lives in South Glens Falls, NY. She owns her own design firm and also teaches part-time at Adirondack Community College. She is also a JV soccer coach for the local high school. Her older son plays varsity soccer, so that, combined with her JV coaching work, gives her little time for sleep! She’d enjoy hearing from her sophomore roommate, **Cinda Emerman**.

Helen Wekstein LeBrecht, JD ’81, writes from Waccabuc, NY (crystal1433@yahoo.com). She is an attorney, but finds time to ski and travel. She also enjoys yoga. Her daughter **Alexandra** just started her freshman year at Cornell, and she will be starting the college search process for her daughter Sabrina. Her fond memories include the Straight and the snow. She says, “I still love winter the best.” She’d like to hear from **Barbara Riggs** and **Steve Lyons**. **David Wright** sent in a short note. He is a landscape architect in Branchville, NJ. From the newspaper clips, we learn that **Anita Golbey** recently married Lee Adlerstein. Anita is VP and deputy general counsel for NY-Presbyterian Hospital and NY-Presbyterian Healthcare System. After graduating from Cornell, she earned her law degree from Fordham.

Richard Kapuscinski (rkapusc104@aol.com) writes from Northern Virginia, where he and wife Susan Birch reside. They were married in 1975 at Anabel Taylor Chapel. Richard is a consultant, currently with Environ Int’l Corp. Their son Matthew is a research analyst with the Congressional Budget Office. Younger sister Anna is a junior at Virginia Tech, and Peter is a high school junior at West Springfield High School. **Marcia Ulrich Seibald** (jms714@aol.com) and her husband **Benny** ’76 continue to stay involved at Cornell. Their son **Daniel** is a junior in the Hotel school and a member of Sig Ep. His older brother **Jonathan** graduated in 2003 and is now at Harvard Law School. Benny continues to serve on the CAAAN committee.

Taking advantage of the terrific Cornell Adult University summer program in Ithaca were classmates **John Abeles**, **Kathleen Clark**, **Mitch Frank**, **Marykate Owens**, **Daniel Schwartzberg, MD** ’75, and **Joanne Tomczak**.

Some class notes that are a bit vintage include messages from **Jeff Shamis**, who lives in Gainesville, FL, and **Laura Davis Keppen**, residing in Sioux Falls, SD. She is a professor of pediatrics at the U. of South Dakota School of Medicine. She spent ten years going to outreach clinics on the Rosebud Indian Reservation to identify children with fetal alcohol syndrome. She has four children ranging in age from 23 to 17. **Cliff Davis** is another proud parent of a Cornellian;

his daughter **Nicole** graduated in 2005 from Hum Ec. Elder sister Lauren works for Zorbitt Resources in NYC, and brother Alexander is a finance major at U. of Connecticut. **Hollis Torem Rosenthal’s** son just graduated from Cornell this past May. She continues to be a CAAAN committee member and runs the Philadelphia Cornell Junior Book Award program. She looks forward to hearing from fellow Cornellians in the Philadelphia area. Her e-mail is hmt6@cornell.edu.

Fanny Ho is back in the NYC area working as a representative of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. She keeps in touch with **Kathy Ng** Tong, whose eldest son **Hung** graduated Cornell in 2002. Fanny hopes her daughter decides to go to Cornell. **Roberta Moran** moved into a log cabin in Kent, CT. **Aline Ordman** is an artist (www.alineordman.com) and has shown her works in several galleries in Maine, New York, and New Hampshire, where she resides in Hanover. Her son Max attends Amherst, and her daughter Samantha is in high school. **Kathryn Grillo** (kegrillo@bellsouth.net) resides in Winston-Salem, NC. Her daughter Kristin is a Duke graduate, while son **Daniel** is Cornell Class of 2008. She recently designed costumes for a new *Rigoletto* for the Virginia Opera and continues her work in costume design for ballet companies in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, as well as for the Santa Fe Opera. **Sayre Fulkerson’s** (sayref@stny.rr.com) son **Steven** is Cornell Class of 2008 and is in its new viticulture enology program. He and wife Nancy and family are celebrating 200 years of farming as a continuous operation as a family business. They now boast of a new wine-tasting room. Come visit—it’s located in Dundee, NY.

Our son Alex is a high school junior at Chatham High School in New Jersey. He played on the football team (he’s an offensive lineman at about 6’4” and 210 lbs.), and the team went to the state finals, playing at Giants Stadium. It was quite a thrill, and while the team lost in the final minutes, it was a really exciting season. He has Cornell high on his roster of colleges. Our daughter Austen is in 8th grade, playing soccer and basketball. My husband Joel is still with AT&T, and I enjoy my work as dean of the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall U. Keep in touch. ♦ **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

76 June 8-11, 2006. Mark these dates on your calendar. Our 30th Reunion! But until then, the news.

Jo Shapiro writes from Belmont, MA. She and husband Peter Goldbach have children Josh, 19, at Eckerd College, Hayley, 17, at Brown U., and Jackie, 14, at Cambridge School of Weston. Jo is chief, Division of Otolaryngology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and associate director, Graduate Education, at Brigham and Women’s and Massachusetts General hospitals. She also co-chairs Pedagogy Working Group, Medical Education reform initiative, Harvard Medical School. **Helen M. Turley** is a successful vintner and consultant to aspiring vintners and was recently featured in the magazine of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell.

John Ostman and his wife have renovated their second home on Cape Cod and turned it into their permanent first home after 22 years in York, PA. He retired after 26 years in various executive positions in engineered products, moved to Cape Cod, and to keep busy, started a new career in banking with Citizen’s Bank. Like John, **Andy O’Neill** also moved to Cape Cod, having just relocated with American Appraisal Inc. from Hong Kong to NYC. He maintains an apartment in NYC, but spends as much time as possible in Orleans, MA.

Marilyn Tebor Shaw and husband **Tony** are living in McLean, VA. Their son **Daniel** entered the Arts college this fall in the Class of 2009 following in his sister **Rachel** ’04’s footsteps. Rachel entered Columbia U. Teacher’s College for a master’s in gifted education. Elizabeth (Bryn Mawr ’07) is continuing her studies in the classics and the ancient Greek language begun in a Cornell summer six-week intensive course—proving that the draw to Ithaca is irresistible! Marilyn recently returned from an educational mission to Kenya on behalf of the Nomadic Kenyan Children’s Educational Fund (NKCEF). She and six friends run this 501(c)(3) organization on an all-volunteer basis to provide high school scholarships to bright, financially needy nomadic Kenyan students. Unlike the US, there is no free secondary education in Kenya. They are currently funding 175 students in this effort. She encourages all of her classmates to visit this beautiful country and its wonderful people.

Marilyn writes of classmates **David Ackerman** and **Ada Tymiak**, whose son Paul, 16, continues to surf the big waves and is beginning the college surf. Their daughter Lauren, 18, is at Boston U. **John Hansman** is a professor at MIT (another of Tony’s physics buddies) who recently stayed with them while on business. His son Chris is going to the U. of Chicago in the fall, and daughter Heather just graduated from Colby College. His wife **Laura Wernick** ’77, BArch ’78, won the senior women’s national soccer championship this past year and continues her architecture practice.

Pamela Coulter Mason lives in Silver Spring, MD, with her husband Michael and sons Jake, 18, and Linc, 15. She and classmate **Peggy Myers** celebrated their 50th birthday together with their families by spending a week in Tuscany. They had a great time and decided that being 50 wasn’t so bad. **Margaret Snow** Paine writes from Sammamish, WA, that she enjoys gardening, reading, hiking, and traveling. She and spouse Cary have children Cary, 22, an ’05 graduate of Washington U. in St Louis, Courtney, 20, at Willamette U. in Salem, OR, and Kendall, 17. Her career has been in childhood education, tutoring elementary-age children, and she currently works in the local elementary school. **Gregg Swanzey** is the executive director for historic Schooner Ernestina in New Bedford, MA, operated by a gubernatorially appointed commission. He is active in initiatives for education and the environment in Massachusetts and nationally. He and wife Emma Sears have daughters Alyssa, 20, and Emily, 17. Alyssa is a theatre arts major at Luterlochen Arts Academy for high school and then at Liverpool Inst. for Performing Arts in England. Emily is a senior in high school.

Janis Versteeg Olson was married for the second time on October 4, 2003 to Kurt Olson. Her daughter Lara had a son Daniel on July 23, 2004—Janis's first grandchild. **Edward L. Robinson III**, MPS '76, is a retired US Navy Commander and is currently a consultant with Celtic Technologies. **Wayne Stokes**, his wife Kristi, and son Conor, 14, live in Lansing, NY, with a beautiful view down the lake where you can see Ithaca and Cornell (when it's not raining). Wayne sold his sign business of 20 years to NY Employees, after earning an MSW. He is happily employed with BOCES as a school social worker trying to prevent emotionally disturbed students from dropping out. For therapy, he helps coach Conor's AAA hockey team out of Syracuse. Wayne urges friends to call when coming back to Ithaca! **Ellen Rubinstein** had her book, *A Journey*, published in 2002 by AuthorHouse, formerly 1st Books. This narrative of fresh exposure to foreign cultures tells of a young American's travels in Israel and Europe, paralleled by her developing relationship with a young European. Ellen resides in New Jersey with her family.

On a personal note, this past fall, my son **Joel '05** played in his final football season for Cornell. In the second season with new head coach **Jim Knowles '87**, Cornell football finished with a winning season in the Ivy League and gained back the Trustees' Cup with their 16-7 win over Penn in their final game. My roommate **Ellen Cord** Dember, her husband Andy, and their sons Sam and Ross joined our family at Franklin Field to watch this very emotional win. Thanks for reading—and remember REUNION 2006! ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@aol.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@rcn.com.

77 Send news to: ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, lorrie_b_rudin@fannie-mae.com or rudin@starpower.net; and **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 A big thanks goes to our new class correspondent, **Chip Brueckman**, for soliciting news from our classmates for this and future columns. Without his help, there would not have been enough news to fill our allotted space. And thank you to all our classmates who promptly responded to Chip's e-mail. You should see your news in this or in future columns. Those of you who haven't received Chip's e-mail yet can expect to hear from him in the future.

Barbara Wooten Chamberlain (momc44@aol.com) works at DuPont in sourcing, logistics, and strategic processes. She lives in Delaware and has children Beth, 18, who attends Cornell, and Jon, 15. **Leslie Dines** Laredo (leslie@laredogroup.com) lives in Ft. Lauderdale and founded the Laredo Group nine years ago, which focuses on Internet advertising. The Laredo Group has trained over 10,000 media professionals from large agencies and corporations, including Kraft Foods, Coors Brewing Company, Verizon, and many others. **Risa Sheer** Goldberg (RSpeedy23@aol.com) and husband **Howard**, MBA '79, live in Short Hills, NJ, with their three children. She runs a Summer Program Advisory Service, so if anyone

has teenagers or other camp-age children, they can contact Risa for some advice. Howard is a research analyst with a "junk bond boutique." Risa writes that her kids are friends with children of local Cornell alumni **Janet Goldin** Rubin '79, and **Marc**, DVM '78, and **Fran Melton Levine** '75.

Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld (joelcg@MIT.edu) has just co-authored the book *Valuable Disconnects in Organizational Systems*, and is serving as the editor for a new annotated edition of Douglas McGregor's management classic, *The Human Side of Enterprise*. This fall, he came back to the Cornell campus to teach a class in ILR 611 with David Lipsky on Dynamic Adaptive Systems, and he also delivered a faculty seminar on US Collective Bargaining in a Global, Knowledge-Driven Economy: Assessing the Capacity for Institutional Transformation. Joel continues to serve as a senior research scientist at MIT's Sloan School of Management and in MIT's Engineering Systems Division. He lives in Newton, MA, with wife Susan and their kids Gabe, 16, and Aaron, 13. **Pam Marrone's** company AgraQuest was featured on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* on November 18, 2004. AgraQuest is a biotech company that "hunts for worm-killing germs," fungi, parasites, spores, and anything else that kills crop-eaters in the wild. Pam's company is a "biopesticide" maker that searches for innovative ways to kill crop pests without using synthetic chemicals. It is a fairly new type of commercial enterprise, but one whose science is decades old. After graduating from Cornell, Pam (pmarrone@agraquest.com) earned a PhD at North Carolina State U. and worked at Monsanto Co. before starting her own company.

Eric Kates, DVM '81 (FastestVet@aol.com) and his wife **Shari Watchman-Kates** '79 have three children and live in Colts Neck, NJ. Oldest son **Alex** is a freshman at Cornell studying Applied Economics and Management. Mitchell, 15, played for the USA National Maccabiah basketball team in Israel last summer, bringing home the gold medal. Jackie, 12, also enjoys basketball and is in the seventh grade. Winter weekends are spent skiing in Vermont. Eric reports that he just retired his World Champion Standardbred mare, Carolina Sunshine. Shari stays busy with her law practice and is active in local Cornell alumni affairs.

George Corneil (george.corneil@rbc.com) has been living in Toronto since graduation. He is married and has children Chris, 17, and Jaelyn, 14. He recently purchased and renovated a large century-old home in the heart of Toronto. George is employed by RBC Dominion Securities, the largest bank in Canada. He oversees operations, sales, and marketing of the commodity futures business globally. He is involved with both the Cornell Club of Toronto and the Cornell hockey alumni, so he sees quite a few Cornell graduates in the Toronto area. He plays hockey once a week with fellow Cornellians **Kevin Fullan** and **Jeff Schmalz** '77.

Margie Ferris-Morris (fma@dc.net) is married to **Peter Morris**, MPS '99, and has three children ages 19, 18, and 14. She owns her own firm, Ferris-Morris Associates LLC, freelancing in areas of conflict mitigation, food security, maternal and child health, and nutrition. She spent seven years living in developing countries. She started her international work with the World

Food Program (WFP) in Thailand, where she served as a nutrition coordinator for refugee camps along the Thai-Kampuchean border. Since then, she has completed assignments in 15 countries with the UN, NGOs, USAID, the Peace Corps' Office of Training and Program Support (OTAPS), the American Red Cross, and private contractors. She also served on staff with the domestic community-based nutrition surveillance program at Cornell for four years. Margie wrote a book for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on standards and indicators in UNHCR Operations. There are now 5,000 copies in print in English and French. Peter is a senior tech advisor for USAID/Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance.

David Bilmes (dudu4tigers@snet.net) lives in Middlebury, CT, and is excited that his son Elie has been accepted early decision at Cornell for next fall. David has attended CAU for a week the last two summers and thoroughly enjoyed it. He and Elie are avid Big Red hockey fans and have seen several games this season. **Peter Cooperstein** (peter@amicis.com) is the president of Amici's East Coast Pizzeria and hails from San Mateo, CA. The *San Francisco Chronicle* wrote an article featuring Peter and his business. He said that it was the nicest thing that was ever written about him. **Steve Friedberg** (stevefriedberg@yahoo.com) writes that he and wife Kathy are now grandparents. Their son Ben and his wife Brooke have a baby girl named Grace who was born last June. They all live in Chicago.

Steve Albert (smalbert@pitt.edu) (also a high school classmate of Pepi's) has joined the faculty in the Graduate School of Public Health at the U. of Pittsburgh, where he does research on public health and aging. He used one of the issues of Cornell's alumni magazine to illustrate the different health goals and experience of people at different ages in a book, *Public Health and Aging* (Springer Publishing Company, 2004). Steve and wife Robin live in Pittsburgh with their children Eli, 17, and Charna, 14. **Tony Anzalone** (aanzalone@ecwa.org) has had some difficult times, but is doing well now and is happy with life. Tony writes that he started a retail lawn and garden store after college and ran it successfully for over 20 years. He had a debilitating stroke in 1993 and learned to walk and talk all over again. He sold his business in 1995 and now works for the Erie County Water Authority. Tony has two children, Anthony, 25, a biochemist who is currently taking a break and is a caddie in West Palm Beach, and Christine, 23, who lives close by in the Buffalo suburbs.

Charlene Moore Hayes (chayes7757@aol.com) and her husband Floyd are the proud parents of a recent graduate of North Carolina Central U., their daughter Kia. **Bill Hines** (Bill_Hines@lincolnelectric.com.mx) is working in Torreon, Mexico, where he has set up a new manufacturing facility on assignment with the Lincoln Electric Co., which makes machines and accessories for the world welding market. He and his family have had the opportunity to visit many places in Mexico, a country Bill describes as beautiful and diverse—culturally, geographically, and weather-wise. He is located in the middle of northern Mexico, which is in the desert and gets quite hot. The main tourist attraction is golf. His biggest

challenge has been learning a new language. He describes the experience for him and his family as wonderful and horizon-broadening.

Thanks to everyone who answered Chip's call for news. Please continue to send your updates to: ♦ **Pepi Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; and **Chip Brueckman**, chipbrueckman@yahoo.com.

79 As I begin this class column, I hope that all of you had wonderful holidays and are facing the challenge of the New Year with great enthusiasm. Last fall was an interesting and fulfilling fall for me professionally. In July I accepted a position as an assistant clinical professor in the College of Health Sciences at Towson U. in Towson, MD. I teach pre-nursing, nursing, health education, and athletic training students. As I wrote this column in mid-December, we were in the middle of finals week, and I can honestly tell you that finals are hard work for the professor as well as the students. Preparing lectures and class activities is also very demanding, but great fun. I am really enjoying this new career and wish I had pursued it sooner. Students always make everything more interesting, and seeing them learn is a very uplifting experience for me. I look forward to spending many years in the academic environment. Family life is also great. My husband **Bob Gould** continues to be a marketing manager at Snyder's of Hanover, the number one pretzel manufacturer in the country. Allison, 17, is diligently finishing her senior year in high school and applying to college. She, like her brother, is interested in southern locations, so that eliminates Cornell and Ithaca College from the list of possibilities. Brandon is in his second year as a political science and economics major at the U. of Virginia. He is very active in University Democrats and actively campaigned this fall for Tim Kaine in the very close Virginia race for governor. He absolutely loves politics and UVA.

The recent collection of class news contained an update from a former apartment-mate, **Joyce Sapin-Schulman**. Joyce is a child neurologist in the Philadelphia area. She and husband Seth live in Ambler, PA, and can be reached at sethjoyce@aol.com. Joyce enjoys travel, theatre, cooking, and reading in her spare time. She would love to hear from another of our fellow Thurston Ave. apartment-mates, **Priscilla Lanigan Nissi**. I would love to have an update from **Laura Grinberg Bennett** and **Debbie Zimmerman Kotloff** as well. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were all waiting to have our futures decided by med, vet, and graduate school admissions.

Daryl Robbins writes from Plymouth Meeting, PA, that he is the president of Wheel Collision Center. His company specializes in wheel sales and repairs in Bath, PA. You can visit the website at www.wheelcollision.com or contact Daryl at wccpa@erols.com. When he is not busy working on wheels, he enjoys bicycling on them. Daryl is also busy with organizing NFL football pools with neighborhood friends and family. He would love to hear from **Celia Rea** and **David Wasserman**. At the other end of the state, **Christina Mann Schmidlapp** (cms4154@yahoo.com) is the project director for Allegheny Commons Restoration.

This is a historic park in Pittsburgh where Christina lives with her spouse Ellis. Christina also enjoys attending her daughter's rowing regattas and would love to be rowing herself. Most of the time she settles for reading, writing, and running in her spare time.

Moving out to the West Coast, **Robert Platt** writes that he and wife Rachel welcomed twins Aaron and Carly in April 2005. The Platts live in Los Angeles and can be reached at rplatt@manatt.com. When he's not working, **Brian Jones** plays in a rock band in San Diego (www.aerodrive.net). A major accomplishment in 2005 was learning to play "Eruption" by Van Halen, which has become a crowd favorite at the band's gigs. **Kristin Barlow** writes from Coto de Caza, CA, that her daughter Jessica is an engineering student in the Class of 2009 at Duke. She welcomes any questions you might have about Duke at KB16STAR@cox.net.

Further north, **Diane Holcomb** of Davis, CA (Diane.Holcomb@ca.usda.gov) is a state resource conservationist for USDA Natural Resources

Jackie Marr. She is chairperson of the board for a non-profit called Senior PHARMAssist. In her spare time she loves to play volleyball and softball, hike, bike, and kayak. She and her spouse Deborah Pilkington live in Durham with their four cats and can be reached at nadle001@mc.duke.edu.

Joanne Reisch is a physician in Norwalk, CT, and can be reached at jreisch@norwalkmedgroup.com. She remembers all the fun she had at Cornell attending frat parties and would love to hear from **Pamela Rottman**. No longer partying on the fraternity circuit, she enjoys movies, theatre, and hiking in her leisure time. In Westport, CT, **Richard Friedman** (rfriedman@dreierllp.com) writes that he and wife Sandra have recently enjoyed traveling down the coast of California with their two children. Daughter Alissa is in the Class of 2008 at the U. of Pennsylvania. Richard is a partner at Dreier LLP in New York City, and is active in Bar Association and business development activities.

Shari Watchman-Kates is also practicing law in Shrewsbury, NJ, at the law firm of Watchman

‘Pam Marrone's company searches for innovative ways to kill crop pests without using synthetic chemicals.’

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Conservation Service. She enjoys skiing, scuba diving, kayaking, hiking, and traveling, as well as movies, theatre, and dining out. She would love to hear from **Loreen Forester**, **Mary Magdalene McGrady**, and **John Gilbert**. **Chris Ritcey** (critcey@yahoo.com) is the owner and operator of Corona Creek Vineyards in Petaluma, CA. They just completed the fourth harvest of pinot noir wine grapes at their farm. When not involved in the business, Chris enjoys running and backpacking. He also teaches computer science at the local high school. He misses hearing the bells ring in the bell tower at Cornell.

From Spokane, WA, **Cindy Hahn** writes that she would love to hear from **Lisa Fleischer '80**, who now lives in Kalispell, MT. Cindy is a neurosurgeon who enjoys jumping horses, bicycling, hiking, and mountain climbing in the Pacific Northwest. **David Chisholm** (Chisholm@alaska.net) is enjoying life as a family physician in Wasilla, AK. He participates in yoga, painting, writing, and taking care of pets and farm animals in his spare time. He would like to be in touch with **Robert Rockower**.

After 24 years in Southern California, **Keith Kozlowski** writes that he and wife Jennifer have moved to Fairfax, VA. The Kozlowskis and son Otus are enjoying the culture of Washington, DC. Keith often plays Ping-Pong with his former Cornell roommate **Judah Epstein** and his wife Lauren. In Durham, NC, **Lisa Nadler** is a family doctor at Triangle Family Practice, which is a member of Duke Affiliated Physicians. Lisa remembers fondly the fun times with the Cornell swim team and would like to be in touch with

and Nadell. Shari, her husband Eric, and their three children live in Colts Neck, NJ, where Shari is hostess for many alumni affairs events and the Cornell Club director. She also runs college fairs for Cornell at local high schools in Monmouth and Ocean counties. Shari misses all of the school spirit and camaraderie at the Big Red and wishes she could "hang out" with her oldest son, **Alex Kates '09**, who is a freshman living in Clara Dickson Hall. She would love to hear more from **Susan Barres '78** and **Cindy Safier Lehrer**.

Your class correspondents would love to hear from you. The news is starting to run out, so make sure to write when you receive your annual News and Dues appeal this spring. The column is only as good as the news that you send us. Let us know what is going on in your life. You can write us at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Cindy Williams**, cw32@cornell.edu.

80 In early 2005, after 25 years of lackluster effort to stay connected with my alma mater, I decided to volunteer as one of five class correspondents. In a further attempt to renew my Cornell linkage, I am replicating my undergraduate study techniques by writing this at 3:00 a.m. on the morning it is due in the offices of the alumni magazine. Unfortunately, there is not a Hot Truck circling the block, so I am relying on a jar of jalapeños and a case of cheap cola to see me through to the finish. The repository is bursting with news of classmates who are sending children

off to college to make their own questionable gastronomic choices. **Stephen Kohn** and wife Nancy have twin daughters. Julia is a freshman at Northeastern and Rebecca is in her first year at George Washington U. Stephen's book, *The 6 Habits of Highly Effective Bosses*, is available on Amazon.com, and a second management tome is in the works. He is president of his own management coaching and employee assistance firm in White Plains. Former fellow Big Red Bandies **Jon** and **Leslie Scheiner Jaffe** are empty-nesters as well. Son Andy is a senior at Brandeis, and daughter Jen is a freshman at the U. of Hartford. With time on their hands, Jon and Leslie moved to Rhode Island (remembering to send a change of address card to the kids), and are in the process of renovating their new home. Jon is a financial manager at First Pioneer Farm Credit in Dayville, CT, and Leslie is a social worker in a foster care program for developmentally disabled adults.

‘Jon and Leslie Scheiner Jaffe moved to Rhode Island (remembering to send a change of address card to the kids).’

DANA JERRARD '80

Big changes are afoot in the Valliere household. Paul John is now a Villanova Wildcat, and his mother **Kathleen Biondolillo** Valliere has returned to the workforce following “17 years as a mostly stay-at-home mom.” After passing the New York Property and Casualty Agent’s licensing exam, she landed a gig in the underwriting department at Amica Mutual Insurance in Fairport, NY. Kathleen’s husband Paul is manager of network planning and information technology at JP Morgan Chase. **Salvatore Moscatello** is a senior partner at a five-man gastroenterology practice in Charleston, SC (whaddya got for jalapeño burn, Doc?). He and wife Julie have sons Matthew, 15, and Nick, who is a freshman at the College of Charleston. The Moscatellos have recently moved to Mt. Pleasant, SC. **Matthew Moeller** put his Cornell degree and an MS from Harvard to good use. He is president and COO of Dade Moeller and Assoc., a consulting firm specializing in occupational and environmental health sciences. Matt lives in Richland, WA, with wife Catherine and daughter Kelly, a freshman in high school. Elder daughter Katie studies architecture at Cal Poly.

Please forgive **Rick** and **Stacy Orr Morgan** of Eden Prairie, MN, for their competing loyalties when Cornell and Princeton take to the gridiron. Their son Nick is an offensive lineman for the Tigers, so we hereby grant a four-year dispensation to the Morgans for occasional misplaced enthusiasm when Princeton has the ball. Rick writes that he enjoyed seeing **Bob McDonald '81**, who recently visited the Twin Cities for a surprise birthday party. Bob and family live in Indianapolis. **George Frantz**, MRP '91, was honored with the 2005 Community Achievement Award from the New York Upstate Chapter of

the American Society of Landscape Architects. George works as a consultant to small towns and rural communities, and is a visiting lecturer on the Hill, teaching courses in urban design and land use planning. Also recognized was Prof. Sherene Baugher of Cornell’s Dept. of Landscape Architecture. Their three-year survey in the Ithaca region identified sensitive Native American archaeological sites in areas proposed for residential development. The resulting plan enabled developers to design around these sites.

Pardon my French, but the news form we received from **Sarah Pedraza** de Lencquesaing had a certain “I don’t know what.” Sarah lives in the historic center of Paris, and her passion for Cornell is evident in all that she continues to do for the school. She refers young French students to Cornell’s summer program, is a member of the active Cornell Club, and, as a trustee of the American Library, provides a venue for Cornell nota-

bles to speak (Professor Kaplan’s bread lecture was formidable!). Recent visitors to her home include classmates **Susan Kalus** and **Barbara Stern**, and **Mary Berens '74**. Sarah writes that she and husband Edward live “on the tourist path, so don’t hesitate to call” when you come to town. From the minimalist file, **Jim Smith** reports that he is “alive, well, and enjoying life” in Buxton, ME.

Smithsonian magazine has announced its “35 People Who Made a Difference in the World,” and our classmate **Jane Mt. Pleasant**, MS '82, is among them. She is lauded for her promotion of the ancient Iroquois tradition of polyculture, a food growing technique recognizing the interdependence of crops. Jane’s programs have helped farmers preserve soil, and rescued from extinction several varieties of corn essential to many Native American societies. Her groundbreaking work has, according to the *Smithsonian*, “blended Native knowledge and Western science to give Native Americans a strong presence in the emerging field of sustainability science.” Others recognized include Maya Angelou, Bill Gates, Yo Yo Ma, Sally Ride, James Watson, Richard Leakey, Wynton Marsalis, and Steven Spielberg. Jane is associate professor of horticulture and director of the American Indian Program at Cornell.

As I once said to Nobel laureate and Cornell professor Roald Hoffmann at a chemistry department end-of-semester reception, “That’s enough about you, let’s talk about me for awhile.” I married classmate **Cathy Vicks** Jerrard, and after 25 years and three bouncing teens we are taking full advantage of a well-kept secret: the quality of life in the Mohawk Valley of Upstate New York. I work with two alums, **Dwight “Duke” Vicks '54**, MBA '57, and **Dwight Vicks III '84**, MBA '91,

in the family printing business. Cathy is an environmental engineer with the US Air Force Base Conversion Agency in Rome, NY.

With the corrosive mixture of peppers and cola now searing my solar plexus, it is time to call it a night. My Big Red renaissance has been fueled not by double suis and caffeine, but by the energetic group of class officers elected at Reunion '05. Led by **Jill Abrams** Klein, who composed 250 of these columns as class correspondent (that’s a lot of jalapeños!), this team is committed to bringing more of us lost sheep back to campus, and more of the current Cornell experience to all members. The Class of '80 now has an official constitution, our class website is getting an extreme makeover, and soon all of us will get an opportunity to learn about and participate in the 2006 Freshman Reading Project.

Your dues payment helps class volunteers do all of this, and keeps *Cornell Alumni Magazine* coming to your mailbox. Please renew your Class of '80 membership this spring by sending in your dues check or, better yet, consider the convenience of the new automatic dues renewal option.

The Gang of Five, your class correspondent team, encourages you to send along a news card or e-mail letting us know what’s happening in your life. We are eager to report those 25th anniversaries, graduations, retirements (yes, we’re that old!), career changes, and assorted life-altering moments that are upon many of us. We promise to publish your news before your college freshman earns his/her MA! ♦ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Tim O’Connor**, tvoc0744@optonline.net; **Cynthia Addonizio**-Biano, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 It’s hard to believe that this is the last column I’ll write before our 25th Reunion on June 8-11. My family and I had the pleasure of traveling this past summer to Lost Valley Ranch in Sedalia, CO. It was a wonderfully wholesome experience for the family to be at the family-run “dude ranch” and spend time on horses and in the mountains. As it turns out, the owner/manager is a Cornell alumnus, **Robert Foster**, MPS '79. In September, I enjoyed a mini-Pi Beta Phi reunion at the Maryland home of **Rosemary Schrauth** Gale, her husband Alan, and their children Samantha, 12, and Jonathan, 14. **Martha Garcia** Cairnie, from Arlington, VA, was there with her two sons. Martha works in advertising sales for the *Washington Post*. **Jill Flack**, also from Arlington, was there with her husband, daughter, and son. Jill is an attorney for the Potomac Electric Power Co. in Washington, DC. **Naomi Gelzer** and husband **Jim Kettler**, BArch '81, were there with their son and daughter. Both having received their degrees in architecture, Naomi consults on renovations while Jim is president of Kettler Bros. in Gaithersburg, MD. They all promised to return for reunion in June.

Joanne Kopsick Barmasse had a successful campaign to win a seat on the Board of Education in East Hampton, CT. She has been busy touring colleges with her daughter Jana, a high school senior, and travel soccer with her son Andrew, 14.

Husband **Mark '78** is a senior associate engineer with Malcome Pirnie Inc., an environmental engineering consulting firm where he has worked for the past 25 years. The Barmasses enjoyed a fall trip to celebrate Dolly Hailstork's 90th birthday in Ithaca. Dolly was the much beloved Sigma Pi "chef" for over 40 years. **John David Wooldridge** writes us from Annapolis, MD, where he is a Delta Airlines 737 captain and also runs a boat charter service. He is married to Julie and has children Blake, 7, and Cain, 5. John keeps in touch with **Kevin O'Donnell** of Houston and **Kevin McCarthy** of Parkridge, IL, near Chicago.

In Glencoe, IL, another suburb of Chicago, **Steve Schwartz** is president and CEO of TCA, "an upscale chain of health and racquet clubs and corporate fitness centers." He added that "compared to my employees, I am always feeling out of shape!" Steve is married to **Claudia (Perry), MPS '83**, and has three kids. Steve has served on the board of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America and has also been involved with the George Eastman House Museum of Photography in Rochester, NY. Also hailing from the Windy City is **Mark Kirk**, who was re-elected this past year to the US Congress, representing constituents from the North Shore area of Chicago. Mark has been back to campus as a featured speaker in the Government department.

Lynn Allen Cione wrote from Goshen, NY, where she serves as the deputy mayor and was twice elected trustee of the Village of Goshen. She is married to Thomas, a judge, and they have three children, ages 13, 11, and 9. From Merrick, NY, **Janet Lockhart** Campbell wrote that she has "recently taken up acting, singing, and performing in several musicals on Long Island." Janet has been married to Larry for the past 16 years and has sons Peter, 15, and Tim, 12. She has also done a lot of volunteer work for the school PTA and their church.

I received an e-mail update from **Gordon Silverstein**. He has joined the faculty of UC Berkeley and is teaching constitutional law, civil liberties, and comparative law in the Dept. of Political Science. **Joe Krueger** is director of radiation oncology for the Falck Cancer Center in Elmira, NY. He is married to Jennifer and has sons Steven, 18, and Michael, 15. They have enjoyed keeping in touch with the TEP fraternity brothers, as well as catching Cornell/Clarkson hockey games. **Robert Contreras** is also in the medical field. He completed his medical degree from Tufts U. School of Medicine in 2000, and has opened a solo family medicine practice at Las Colinas Medical Center in Irving, TX.

Hopefully, **Ann Cuffari** O'Connor will visit her old Stewart Ave. co-op during reunion. She and her husband live on 4-1/2 acres in the northern Virginia town of Jeffersonton. She is a public health nutritionist and dietician with the Virginia Dept. of Health in Warrenton and is active with a local civic group, the Jefferson Ruritans. Ann also enjoys gardening and her three dogs. **Jay Bloom** wrote from Honolulu, HI, where he is president and CEO of Hawaiiana Group Inc. He has children Riley, 9, and Lauren, 7.

It's really awesome when old friends get together! **Susan Wiser** reported, "I had a night

out with **Rhonda Dorfman** Greenapple, whom I hadn't seen in at least 15 years. She was in Christchurch to start a two-week bicycle tour around New Zealand. It was as if no time had passed." Susan has lived in New Zealand for the past 12 years and is a research scientist with Landcare Research in Lincoln, New Zealand. Rhonda lives in Randolph, NJ, and works in marketing for a pharmaceutical company.

Renee Miller Mizia, of Lenox, MA, is a graduate of Western New England School of Law and reports that **Debi Wheaton** Hemdal was also in her law school graduating class. By day, Renee is an attorney. Other interests include equestrian sports, golf, reading, gardening, and raising teenagers. Her daughter **Alyse** is a freshman in the Ag college studying viticulture and competing for Cornell on the equestrian team. Renee would love to hear from **Sandy Mitchell** Kelly, **Michael LaChapelle '83**, and **Lori Smith**.

For those of you that are not aware, you can send your news to us directly at the e-mail addresses below, or send it online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. You can also update your profile or locate addresses of fellow alumni. Please let us know your news and update your e-mail address. Thanks! See you along with my pad and pencil in June! ♦ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, RonJenCam@cox.net (NEW EMAIL ADDRESS); **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com.

82 It's been a slow two months for class news, but we've heard from a few of you. **Daniel Deutsch** writes, "I'm a virtual 'lifer' at a midsize Boston law firm (Deutsch, Williams), where I litigate anything complex and counsel businesses to stay out of trouble. Tough way to make a living but very satisfying." He and wife Brenda live in Lexington, MA. Daniel also writes, "I never imagined that family life in the suburbs could be this fulfilling. I settled in Boston after a business stint, then Boston U. law school. Our son Kerry, 15, and daughter Melanie, 11, are growing up quickly, so soccer Saturdays are giving way to other things. I'm still big on cycling and photography—and hiking, which we all enjoyed while I tripped down memory lane in Ithaca last summer. My attachment to Cornell is alive and well. It would be great to hear from classmates." Daniel can be reached at bd.deutsch@rcn.com.

We also heard from **Anthony Cruz**, who is living in Middletown, NJ, with wife Mary and daughters Rebecca, 14, and Katie, 12. He is a district sales manager for Sanofi-Aventis, which a Google search tells me is the world's third largest pharmaceutical company (No. 1 in Europe), in the business of marketing major pharmaceutical products derived from its research and a very wide range of medicines adapted to local needs throughout the world. Anthony writes that, in true Cornell fashion, he was named a "2005 Winners' Circle Winner" by the company. Also checking in was **Amelia Wrobel** Lamb. Amy and husband David live in sunny Pasadena, CA. Daughter Anna, 8, likes soccer and swimming. Daughter Jennifer, 14, enjoys running cross-country track, singing,

and doing community service. Son Stephen, 16, does football and musical theater and is interested in history. Amy tells us, "Stephen spent the summer at Andover and met with the Cornell rep during the college fair. He was very impressed." I'm not sure if she means Stephen or the rep, but I'm sure in both cases it was true—and either way it sounds like good news for Cornell!

Hearing from Amy brings back fond memories for this correspondent (Mark). The summer after I graduated from high school (and afterward), my friends and I spent many pleasant nights at the Rafter's, the Saratoga Springs discotheque owned by the Wrobel family out on Saratoga Lake. It had a dance floor, game room, and outdoor terrace, and I remember one particular night on that terrace when I witnessed something that could only happen in Saratoga. It was the week of the 1978 Travers Stakes at the Saratoga Race Course, the exciting and ultimately controversial final meeting between Triple Crown winner Affirmed and Triple Crown bridesmaid Alydar. In a perfect spoof of the then-popular light beer commercial "tastes great—less filling," part of the crowd on the terrace started chanting "Affirmed" at which point another group of revelers immediately started the counter-chant "Alydar." It went on for several minutes and I remember it still. Ah, the days of my youth in historic Saratoga.

On a sad note, we were notified of the death of **Glenn Rivera** of Bayside, Queens, NY, on October 13, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer. His partner Kevin Kelly says that Glenn was so proud of Cornell that he'd wear the hat, sweat-shirt, etc., everywhere. Glenn attended Reunion in 2002 and he also volunteered briefly with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN). Karen Cooper, the director at the Film Forum, a theatre at which Glenn worked on staff for the last six years, writes that he "was well-known for his cheerful demeanor and gregarious personality. In Glenn's case, 'courageous' is no cliché. He chose not to discuss his illness, complain, or solicit sympathy. In a world of much gratuitous brutality, he was a generous soul, who engaged in random acts of kindness. We are better people for having known him." This and many other tributes to Glenn, along with a picture of Glenn sporting the above-mentioned Cornell cap, could be viewed at the time of writing (December 2005) at <http://www.filmforum.org/newsletter/rivera.html>.

Richard and Elizabeth Hoare Cowles live in Storrs, CT, with daughters Erin, 15, a Girl Scout, and Alyssa, 12, who attended Cornell girls hockey camp in 2005. Elizabeth has a doctorate and is an associate professor in the Dept. of Biology at Eastern Connecticut State U. in Willimantic, CT. She also reports that her sister **Kim Hoare '89** is the associate pastor at the United Church of Christ in Farmington, CT. **Joan M. Aguado** is living in Pasadena with spouse Alan Shapiro. **Brian Gordon** lives with wife Julie and daughter Emma, 3, in Merion Station, PA. **Stephen Mendell** of Easton, CT, reports that son **Jordan '07** is a junior in the Hotel school.

Kathleen S. Miller bought a new (for her) single-family house in Falls Church, VA, which resulted in numerous decorating and renovation projects. In 2005 she was promoted to Acting

Deputy CFO at the IRS. **Gina Beebe** Nichol (Guilford, CT) writes that she is president of Sunrise Birding LLC, a recently started ecotour business that features personalized, authentic, affordable birding and nature tours around the world. She says, "In 2006, I am leading tours to India in January, Texas in May, and Ecuador in November. In 2007, I will be taking a group to the Galapagos Islands." The website is <http://www.sunrisebirding.com>.

That's the news for this column. To avoid further youthful reminiscences or other digressions, please e-mail or send news to us or to Cornell with your dues, and start to get fired up for our 25th Reunion in 2007! ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; and **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

83 This month's column brings us short greetings from classmates far and near. It is apparent that a number of classmates have been called to, or involved in, the medical profession. **Kevin Cope** of Broadalbin, NY, brings us news that he continues to serve as chief medical officer for Amsterdam Memorial Healthcare in Amsterdam, NY. In July, he took a medical team from Fulmont Community Church, along with daughter Rebecca, 15, on a medical mission to Honduras. He continues to lead a very busy family practice. Across the pond, living in the Netherlands, **Martha Leslie** has a private practice in a medical group there, working in the Dept. of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology. She and her spouse have two children: Helen, age 12, and 4-year-old Raphael (née Dang Xiagu), whom they adopted from China in April 2003. **Laurie Kuiper** dropped us a line that she is currently the director of government relations for Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee, WI. From across the world in Seoul, Korea, **Sung-Jae Lee**, ME '85, announces he was recently promoted to a professorship in the Dept. of Biomedical Engineering at Inje U. He has daughters Christine, 14, and Allison, 12. And in another continent heard from, the bush country of Africa, Dr. **Stephen Letchford** alerts us that he has been practicing medicine in Zambia.

While fulfilling the role of marketing and resource development director for Davidson Medical Ministries Clinic—a non-profit free health clinic in Lexington, NC—**Mike Darrow** tells us he is also serving as the executive director of the Foundation at Davidson Medical. **Lisa Bodenstein** Golan of Atlanta, GA, writes that her husband Moti is keeping busy running his business, Mid-Atlantic Renovations. Son Elan, 18, is attending the U. of Georgia and has declared pre-med as his major. Daughter Maya, 18, attends the Paideia School, where she enjoys singing in the chorus. Lisa is still practicing law as a sole practitioner. She plans on running in the Country Music Marathon in Nashville this March '06 to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. **Rachel Green-gus** Schultz keeps us up-to-date with news that she and her husband have been ex-pats living in London. Their two younger children are attending the Int'l School there, while their oldest is finishing up 11th grade in Andover, MA. Husband Bill is enjoying his very challenging job running

international business for Georgia Pacific, while she has been trying to get licensed to practice medicine. "It's not so easy," reports Rachel, "but I still haven't given up hope." She saw classmate **Susan Cohen** Pannulo, MD '87, recently while Susan was visiting London giving lectures on a new device used to treat brain cancers. "She is doing very well and looks great!" exclaims Rachel.

After ten extremely fulfilling years as a full-time mom, wife, school and church volunteer, and scout leader, **Sharron McGee** Prairie of Hughesville, MD, informs us she is completing her fourth year teaching high school chemistry and physics. Husband Michael and her son Chris, 17, went to the Philmont Scout Reservation in July, and in August she headed to Honduras for a mission trip to build a school. Daughter Kaitlin, 14, will be entering high school this fall. Both children have been involved with band, drama, and sports. **Ellen Hersch** Rabb of Moreland Hills, OH, has twins in 6th grade; Jonah likes building rockets and acting, while Rebecca likes basketball and horseback-riding. Ellen is an avid gardener and is learning metal-smithing "just for fun." She and her family like to vacation at the beach and cook as a family. **Barbara Simpson** Vadnais of Morristown, NJ, married husband John, a Colgate alum, on March 5, 2005. They met while contra-dancing. John is an amateur fiddle player, and Barbara . . . well, she just likes dancing.

John "Jack" Grein III writes from Floral Park, NY, that their oldest child, Jack IV, is off to Amherst College this fall. Allison, 17, is a junior in high school and an "awesome" lacrosse goalie. Eric, 11, is entering the 7th grade. Jack reports that he and wife Ana have been happily married for 21 years. From Santa Fe, NM, **David Contarino** is married to spouse Linda and has children Isabella, 7, and David, 5. And while he owns the largest title and escrow company in Santa Fe, he finds time to be Chief of Staff for Governor Bill Richardson.

Proud dad **Duncan Huyler** reports that his oldest son, **Garrett**, was accepted early decision to Cornell's Class of '09 in the Ag college. Garrett is a third-generation Cornellian, since Duncan's parents both graduated from Cornell in the 1950s. Brother Connor, 15, is a high school junior and excels in academics as well as sports. Duncan and wife **Erica (Nichols)** '82 had a third son, Peter, who died of leukemia in 1994. Duncan has changed careers a few times and is now the COO of a startup hedge fund in NYC, while Erica manages their 30-acre horse farm in Marlboro, NY. The farm houses two polo ponies that Duncan rides a couple of times per week, and his polo team successfully challenged the Cornell men's polo team twice in 2003-04. Duncan's continued involvement as treasurer of Scorpion Fraternity (TKE) brings him back to Cornell from time to time. Also returning to Cornell in November 2004 was **John Hansen**, who joined fellow alumni Hangovers for a performance at Fall Tonic XXV. John's wife and 10-year-old daughter accompanied him on this visit and fell in love with the campus. John began his career in the music field by spending several years as tour manager of the Cleveland Orchestra, but changed careers and is now principal of a small elementary school in central New Hampshire. Keeping some music in her life is **Heather**

Robbins from Kingston, NJ, who informs us she recently started a women's chorus there and that any interested local women would be most welcome to join—"no audition necessary!"

Former class correspondent **Patty Palmer Dulman** writes that she and husband **Scott** continue to live in Arlington, VA, with sons Ray, 10, and Miles, 7. Scott is a director of marketing at Business Objects, while Patty works part-time as a technical writer for various software companies. She also volunteers at her children's school being a "reading buddy," assisting kids using the computer, and serving on an advisory council to the school board. **Deanne Sobczak** '84 is also a parent at her school. Patty says it's always great to run into a fellow Cornellian. This past summer, the Dulmans escaped the humidity of D.C. by visiting relatives in Anchorage and touring Alaska. "The Alaska railroad passes through some amazing scenery!"

Please keep the news coming to me and Dinah. Our annual class mailing will be in your mailbox early in the spring, so be sure to send us news of your life. And don't hesitate to give us your special perspective and personal insights. They make for an interesting column. ♦ **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net; **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, dinah.godwin@earthlink.net.

84 **Sherri Samuels** Lilienfeld writes, "Since graduating, I changed careers four times and am now selling real estate at the Jersey Shore, managing a Jersey Shore vacation website, www.shorebreeze.com, and doing freelance marketing work for start-up businesses. When I graduated, I started in the chemical industry working for Air Products and Chemicals Inc., and after 13 years with them I changed to the pharmaceutical industry. Three years ago my husband and I decided to relocate from Pennsylvania to New Jersey and cut our corporate ties. Now I am self-employed and living at the Jersey Shore and loving the freedom and financial rewards of being my own boss. However, I am most proud of my four challenging but wonderful children—Rachel, 12, Rebecca, 9, Jacob, 6, and David, 2—even though they never listen to me! Raising children is by far the toughest job for me."

Margaret Crupi Crouse Skelly retired from her law practice last year to be a stay-at-home mom. She has two children, Caroline, 9, and William, 3-1/2. Meanwhile, **Jay Lindy** is an attorney in Memphis. He and his wife just welcomed their third child last year. The baby joins big brothers Jamie, 7 and Ben, 4-1/2. **Daniel Platt** is a partner for a law firm in Los Angeles. He and his wife Lisa have daughters Samantha, 10, and Sara, 7. **Daniel Kammen** is director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory at UC Berkeley. Recent PhD graduates from his laboratory have taken faculty positions at Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, and Humboldt State.

Ted Jonas, JD '91, writes, "In October of last year I left Baker Batts LLP in Washington, DC, where I had been of counsel for five years, and joyfully started my own law practice, doing international business transactions. I am happy to report that it is going very well." On a more personal note, he adds, "My wife Nino and I are proud to

announce the birth of our first child, a happy, healthy, bouncing baby boy, Alexander Tsiskaridze Jonas, to be known fondly by the nickname 'Sashka,' which seems to suit him well." Ted is good friends and in frequent contact with **Rick Renner** and **John Paul Moscarella '86**. They occasionally collaborate on business from their company, Econergy Int'l Corp. Rick and his wife Liz had an adorable baby girl, Charlotte, in February 2005.

Naren Shankar, PhD '90, joined the show "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" as a writer! After completing his doctoral thesis on liquid crystal-based fiber optic switches, Naren visited former classmates who were trying to break into the entertainment business in Hollywood. He got a Writers Guild of America internship on "Star Trek: The Next Generation," which led to a job as a science consultant to the show and then as a writer for its last three seasons. That led to jobs on "Outer Limits," "Farscape," and then "CSI."

We are running low on news, so please fill out your News Forms when our annual class dues letter comes this spring, or write to one of us at the following addresses. Thanks! ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; and **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 The great news to share is that the size of our column has increased because more of you have paid your class dues. However, the News supply is running low, so don't hesitate to take this opportunity to send an update! Our annual class News and Dues mailing will be arriving soon. Please take a few minutes to fill out the News Form and send it in. Or e-mail one of your correspondents directly (see addresses at the end of the column).

We heard from our class president **Mark Sheraden**, MBA/MS ORIE '92, who wrote to tell us about some changes in his life. "My tenure in public service has ended. I served on the local Board of Education in Connecticut for almost two years. I was surprised at how political the board was. After living in Connecticut for seven years, my family and I relocated to the Dallas area a few months ago and it has been terrific. The people are incredibly friendly, and my golf and tennis games are improving by the week. Having lived on the East Coast most of my life, it is a big change—but a change for the better. We are now closer to family and are looking forward to the mild winters. I'm interested in connecting with any other '85ers in the Dallas area." You can reach Mark at MSheraden@aol.com.

We also received a news article reporting that **Shaz Kahng** recently married William Diotte. After Cornell, Shaz earned her MBA from the U. of Pennsylvania. She is now the senior director of global strategy for Nike in Oregon. Shaz has also produced *Sunday*, which is a film about relationships. That film received an award for Best Picture at the Sundance Film Festival in 1997. A belated congratulations to Shaz for that achievement. **W. Ted Alexander** and his wife Patti live in Shelby, NC, where Ted has been the mayor since being elected in November 2003. In August 2005, Ted was selected as the keynote speaker at the

Statewide Iowa Downtown/Main Street Summit in Clinton, IA. His presentation was titled, "Getting Down to Business and Making it Work: Downtown Manager Turned Mayor's Perspective." Ted also has a full-time job as the director of the SE Regional Office of Preservation, NC.

Jacqueline Schreiber wrote to tell us that she has left Corporate America to pursue a career in acting. It is best to share her excitement through her own words: "Sounds crazy, I know, but it's been simmering for years, and if I don't give it a try, I'll always regret it. Being laid off from my job at NCR gave me the opportunity to explore this. I am interested in stage, film, and television, and am currently taking acting classes in NYC. If anyone has any advice, help, or contacts to share, it will, of course, be greatly appreciated!" You can reach Jacqueline at jss77@cornell.edu. We wish her all the best in her new career!

There will be a few of us gathering in Florida in the spring for a celebration that we will report on in the next column. I expect to see **Eleanor Dixon**, **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez, **Sharon Tolpin**, and **Joyce Zerkowitz**. I actually have not been to Florida since Spring Break in 1985! Does anyone want to share memories of those Spring Breaks back in the '80s? Maybe, I should ask if anyone actually has memories of those Spring Breaks!

You are reading this column in March, but it's still not too late to send all of you the very best wishes for a healthy and happy 2006! Send news to: ♦ **Leslie Nydick**, LNydick@aol.com; and **Joyce Zerkowitz** Mingorance, jmcorbett@bellsouth.net.

86 My first phone call to collect news for this column left me smiling from ear to ear and surely will do the same for you. I called **Kevin Frank** to hear what he has been up to. "Did you pursue your goal to become a minister?" I asked. Not only did Kevin accomplish that dream, so did his wife, **Emily (Nisco) '87**, and together they have spent nearly two decades in the ministry at an inner city Catholic church in Syracuse. Kevin received his Master of Divinity and is now the pastoral associate at St. Lucy's, a church in the poorest area of Syracuse. Kevin feels it is important to share his life with people who are marginalized and has also organized retreats that bring people from the suburbs into the city to break down stereotypes and negative images of people who are in need. Kevin and Emily have four children, ages 14, 12, 10, and 8, and live just five doors down from the house Kevin was raised in.

Kevin keeps in touch with **Frank Kelly III**, who lives in Baltimore with his family. Frank has two sons ages 14 and 11, and a daughter he adopted from Korea as a baby, who is now 8. Frank is the president of his family's group health insurance business, Kelly and Assoc. Insurance Group. When he joined 20 years ago, there were a small number of employees; today they have 265 and over 11,000 corporate clients. Frank is also a member of the local leadership board for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and he coaches lacrosse in his spare time. So it is no surprise that for the past two summers Frank has convinced Kevin and family to join him in Lake Placid for a lacrosse tournament for Christian

athletes. **Steve Paletta**, **Paul Kuehner '87**, and **Tim Vivian '87** join the fun. We also heard from Tim's wife, **Kristin (Garbinski) '86**, who wrote that while a fire destroyed their home last February, they were well cared for by their church, school, and community and moved to a new home in the Albany area in June. Tim and Kristin have six children and are grateful to be safe and healthy and to have a chance to start over again.

Meanwhile, in Wayne, PA, another Cornell couple, **Grace Wolcott Wadell** and husband **Aaron '83**, MBA '87, are raising their four children and keeping busy with their "daily circus of activities." Grace holds down the fort and does some fundraising for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Aaron is working in Princeton in the field of solar space. Also working in the science field is **Rajat Banner**, MD '95. Dr. Banner reports that he completed his service in the US Army in June, where he was a Lt. Col. and chief of the oncology service at Madigan Army Medical Center. Both he and his wife Rachna are doctors and were seeking academic positions at university medical centers at the time he wrote to us. The Banners have two children, 3-year-old Aradhana and 1-year-old Anand.

Other reports from alumni doctors come from **Sanghamitra Ray**. Dr. Ray has written a book on health titled *From Here to Longevity* (www.fromheretolongevity.com). Her book is a science-based approach to health through nutrition. Both she and her husband Doug Barlow market a whole foods nutritional support program that addresses the deficit of fruits and vegetables in our diets (www.juiceplus4longevity.com). They travel the world with their business. Home base is their home on the beach in the Pacific Northwest, where they are raising daughters Leela, 6, and Nira, 4, and where Sanghamitra also teaches yoga. Another published author in our class is **Joseph Capella**, who is in the field of plastic and reconstructive surgery. Dr. Capella has written a chapter entitled "An Approach to the Lower Body," which appears in the first book ever written about plastic surgery after massive weight loss. He and his wife Carlyn welcomed their first child, Lucas, in August.

Yet another published author in our class is **Stephen Shapiro**. His book, *Goal-Free Living*, was actually featured as a cover story in *O, The Oprah Magazine*. Stephen's book sounds like a



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must-read for every driven Cornell grad. According to the author, we are taught from a young age that in order to achieve great success, we must set and achieve our goals. Often, he says, we become focused on where we are going rather than enjoying where we are right now. His book presents an alternative philosophy on how to have an extraordinary life today (www.goalfree.com).

Sounding like he is enjoying his life right now is my old friend **Joseph Herz**. Joe is a partner at Greenberg Traurig, a top law firm in Manhattan, and he is enjoying practicing corporate law. (Fraternity brother **Jon Lessner '84** joined the firm in their Wilmington, DE, office.) Joe is married and has a daughter Jane, 7, whom he describes as "the cutest girl in the world!" **Debbie Goodman** Ferencsik is enjoying life with her daughter Olivia, who is in fourth grade. Olivia is an avid dancer and just performed for the second year with the Miami City Ballet in the *Nutcracker*. They live in Naples, FL, and Debbie has a new job with BEA systems, a software company based out of San Jose, CA. Debbie also traveled to St. Petersburg, Moscow, Copenhagen, and Sweden this past summer.

'Nick Muccini co-organized a program of short films and sketches made by Cornell alumni in L.A.'

TOM S. TSENG '87

Michael Malaga wrote in that he too has been traveling and catching up with Cornell friends in the process. This summer he visited **Kevin Cornacchio** on the Sorrento Peninsula. Kevin and family have just spent a year in Italy, where they had a beautiful home with a view of the Island of Capri. Michael then went on to visit **Duncan Wood** and his family in Edinburgh, Scotland. Closer to home are Michael's friends **Nigel** and **Elizabeth Vandenbrink de'Ath**, who just had a new daughter, and **Mike Lally**, whose daughter Brittany is already in college (just entered the U. of Alabama on a soccer scholarship! How can this be?). **Steve Pozzobon** made his way through San Francisco this summer and also visited Michael en route to climbing the summit of Mount Shasta. Great to hear that 20 years later, these guys are still scaling new heights. As for Michael, he writes that he lives in San Francisco and started a semiconductor company a year and a half ago that makes sensors for automobiles. He is hoping to have his devices into cars by 2008. Lots of luck to you, Mike.

Reunion is just three months away! Please write to us! Imagine how much fun it will be to get old friends thinking about you before you see each other in June. Also, please visit the Cornell Reunion website. Go to www.cornell.edu, click on "Alumni," and then scroll down to "Classes." You will find lots of information on the weekend and who is registered to attend. Lastly, the search is on for new class officers. It is a five-year commitment and a great way to get involved with the class. All

positions are available. Contact class president **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster at LisaHMan@aol.com. ♦ **Donna Mandell** Korren, donna@elements magazine.com; **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu.

87 On the rare occasions that I write consecutive columns, there is usually a very good reason. This time, please allow me to introduce that good reason: Quincy Hubert Stern was born to my fellow correspondent **Debra Howard** Stern and her husband Charles on December 16, 2005. Quincy joins big sisters Veronica and Ella. Congratulations to the Stern family!

Heidi Russell had a busy fall: "After returning from Europe where I took time off to pursue my passions of photography and travel for seven months, I have now settled in New York City to continue the pursuit of my photography dreams. I found a day job in a financial holdings company, which gives me the freedom to live in the city (Chinatown/Little Italy/SoHo area) and indulge in my photography, the art world, and energy of the City. I love the adventure!" Heidi

continued with her photographic pursuit and had her first public exhibit through Artists Alliance Inc. After Christmas, she embarked on a ten-day artist residency in Budapest, Hungary. Nearby, **Kieran Pape** Murphree, MRP '90, still lives in Sag Harbor, NY. Kieran has been one of the assistant town attorneys. **Stephanie Scantlebury Forsyth** "took a new position as of July 2004 as an assistant superintendent for pupil services in the New Paltz Central School District in New Paltz, NY. Husband **Terry '77** continues to teach at SUNY Cobleskill. He is an associate professor in the plant science and landscape program. They have started a small Thoroughbred breeding farm called Hickory Knoll Thoroughbreds Inc."

Former engineering ambassador **Jeanne Biemer Grzelak** and husband **Tom** were "thrilled to announce the birth of their fourth child, Matthew John. "He was born on October 23, 2005 and joins siblings Stephen, 11, Joey, 9, and Jill, 6." Even better news from Jeanne is the fact that she is "celebrating life as an eight-year breast cancer survivor and keeping very busy with the children." She and Tom also run a computer consulting business, JTG Consulting Inc. "We do database development, network design, systems support, and other computer-related work. Tom was recently appointed to a new position at Rutgers U. He is now associate director for research technology in the Office of Instructional and Research Technology. We are enjoying life at 40. We celebrated by taking the family to Hawaii!" Further south, **Gregory**

DiMeglio left his old job with the Securities and Exchange Commission last fall and joined the law firm of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP as a partner in its Washington, DC, office.

Mary Hohenhaus, who finally joined the ranks of being 40, traded e-mails with me just before the holidays. I spotted her sister **Ann Hohenhaus, DVM '85**, in a news segment on gourmet dog treats one Sunday morning on CBS. Mary had this to say about her older sibling: "I'm actually most proud of her appearance on 'Sesame Street' a few years ago ('A Trip to the Vet')." She took the week between Christmas and New Year's off and jetted to London for a well-deserved vacation. **Andrea Blythe** Dickerson is a board-certified ob/gyn. She recently opened her own practice called "A Woman's Place" in Fayetteville, NC, with partner Dr. Lakshmi Gordon. **Greg Bortoff** moved to Raleigh, NC, where he is a radiologist at Rex Hospital. Greg is a 1994 graduate of the SUNY Upstate Medical U. MD/PhD program. **Douglas** and **Mary Browne Adelman** checked in from East Lansing, MI. I fondly recalled Mary's days as a Big Red basketball star and our freshman year living in U-Hall 5. Finally, as a plug for Cornell's Adult University (CAU), the following classmates took part in the program in 2005: **Dan Alonso** spent a week studying architecture; **Helen Kimmel** chose the course titled Eclectic Cook; and **Paula Pederson** O'Brien learned some new outdoor skills.

The rest of the column is dedicated to West Coast classmates. **Dan Oliverio** directed the American premiere of Michael MacLennan's *The Shooting Stage* at New Conservatory Theater Center in San Francisco in April 2005. Dan has worked in theater for over 20 years both as a freelance director and producer. As co-founder of the Antrobus Group, he has premiered many new works and classics. He is also the author of the new American translation of Spanish Nobel laureate Jacinto Benavente's *The Scheme of Things*, which debuted this past summer in Los Angeles. In addition to his work with Antrobus, he has directed for One Dream Theater in NYC, Theater of NOTE in Los Angeles, and Dead White Male Theater in San Francisco. Dan lives in West Hollywood.

Nick Muccini runs Oratino Entertainment in Southern California. He is a 1996 graduate of UCLA's Anderson School of Management. Last year, he co-organized a program of short films and sketches made by Cornell alumni working or studying in film, media, or the entertainment world in L.A. The program was such a hit in L.A. and Ithaca that Nick and his co-organizer **Jim Tavares '92** decided to take the film festival on the road. They presented the alumni works at KQED, San Francisco's Public Television station, last October.

Michael Abdella, DVM '91, lives in Laguna Hills, CA. The former U-Hall 5 resident wrote that he and wife Brenda Perez had their third child on January 14, 2005, a girl named Carolina Danielle. "Staying very busy with our single doctor small animal practice. Carefully avoiding earthquakes, landslides, and wild fires." You can also find Mike's advice column on Dogsforkids.com. From Portland, OR, I heard from **Leyan Fernandes**, who sent a photo of her two daughters: "We are off to

Hawaii this Christmas and are looking forward to seeing family. My parents haven't seen our girls for a couple of years." Finally, from the Pacific Northwest, where I am visiting my parents for the holidays as I finalize this column, Lt. Col. **Rob Mendel** sent in this postcard: "Hi, classmates! Haven't sent in an update in a while and thought my promotion to lieutenant colonel would be a good reason to put pen to paper. The Army saw fit to promote me on October 2, 2005, after I returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq, earning a Bronze Star medal as a battalion's executive officer for Army CID. My current job at Fort Lewis, WA, has me working on the general staff of I Corps, also known as 'America's Corps.'" Thank you, Rob, for your service to our country.

Send your Spring Break photos and latest news to: ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, tseng@stanford.edu; or **Debra Howard Stern**, dstern39@yahoo.com.

88 Greetings, Class of '88! As I write this column, the year 2005 draws to a close. I hope it was a good one for you and your families. I always love to receive holiday cards from old friends and Cornellians with whom I perhaps have been out of touch the rest of the year. Included photographs show their children or pets (!) growing up, and I hear about their job changes, house renovations, relationships . . . I wonder whether most people are pleased with how their lives have turned out. Are you? What would you change if you could?

Dayna Krouner Nicles reports that daughter Samantha is 9 years old and in fifth grade. She is a member of a dance team, Dance, Dance, Dance Ltd., and has won a gold in her last two competitions. Other daughter Lily is 5 years old and going to kindergarten. She also dances. They have a puppy named Jade. Dayna is now a real estate salesperson working for Coldwell Banker in Upper Montclair, NJ. Please visit her website to view her profile and the areas she handles (www.daynanelles.com). She recently saw classmates **Leanne Ariosta** Lucarelli, **Livia Tuzzo**, and **Loren Lembo** Mularz. Her husband works with **Leslie Lefkowitz**. She also sees **Michael Schiff '87**, who lives nearby.

Meg Miller Ham has been promoted to senior VP of retail operations for Food Lion. In her new position, Meg oversees five retail operations divisions. She joined Food Lion in 2000, and has previously served the company as senior VP of dry merchandising, responsible for perishable and non-perishable product procurement and merchandising. Meg lives in Charlotte, NC, with her husband and two children. **Andrew Levi** writes that he was married last November, and currently lives in Miami Beach, FL. In attendance at the wedding were **David Giat**, **Dan Halem**, **Cory Zimmerman '89**, **Andrew Wiesenfeld '89**, and **Al Goodstadt**. Andrew has been appointed Assistant US Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. He works in the Economic Crimes section, where he prosecutes cases involving corporate, financial, and securities fraud.

Hurray for soccer! **Kristen McCarthy** Barton shares news that she and husband John have two girls, Xanthe and Alexa. She is hoping one of them will "follow in Mommy's footsteps" and play soccer for Cornell. Both girls are learning

Mandarin, so Kristen is already planning to have them enroll in Cornell's new undergraduate program in Chinese studies! She also writes that classmate **Allison Goldwasser** Blunt is being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for her 1984-1988 soccer career. Congratulations!

News from Iowa. **S. Scott Florence** and wife **Alexa (Coin) '87** have children Benjamin and Gabriel. Scott was recently promoted to president and CEO of Hill & Valley, America's leading supplier of sugar-free desserts. **Victor Seidel** writes with word of his marriage to a fellow bandie, but of the orange and black variety. Wife Sandra Hefelbine, Princeton '97, was in the Princeton marching band. They were married in August at Stanford Memorial Church, with Cornell Big Red Band members **Peter Lee**, **John Pinto '90**, **Steve Santisi**, and **Bruce Kruger** in attendance. As the only one who still plays his instrument, Bruce provided trumpet accompaniment for the processional. Victor is on the faculty of the business school at Oxford U., and Sandra is on the faculty of Imperial College in London.

We love to hear from you, and so do your classmates. Have a happy, healthy 2006! Hope to see you on the Hill! ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; and **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 Hurling toward our 40s does not seem to be impeding our reproductive capacity as we continue to receive news of the best kind.

Chicago native and great friend **Chuck Wimbley** and wife **Elizabeth Minaya '91** welcomed family addition Catherine Elizabeth in December 2005 to join her older brother. Also, **Gaye Bluthardt** Keith added to the legacy with second son Matthew on April 22. His 3-year-old brother David is happy with the new addition to the family.

From Upstate New York, **Geza Hrazdina** wrote, "Life continues to unfold in a multitude of wonderful ways. Two weeks ago my wife gave birth to our daughter Katarina Claire—our first. She's an absolutely precious little gem who likes to multitask by eating and pooping at the same time, thereby engaging the entire digestive system! Aside from new-parenthood sleep deprivation, my wife and I still love our life in the foothills of the Catskills. The mountain views are spectacular, and it's only a half-hour drive to Albany, where she teaches high school Spanish and I work with the county and regional courts advocating for treatment alternatives (instead of incarceration) for people who have serious alcohol and drug problems. I've been doing this for a few years now and still love it. I'm involved with the local alumni board (Cornell Club of the Greater Capital District) and am looking forward to yet again hosting the area's second CAAAN student send-off at our home this fall."

"Since I was last mentioned in the class notes," writes **Peter Klose**, "my wife **Jean Voutsinas** and I have been blessed with the addition of Celeste (we now have two), and suffered the tragedy of losing my father **Woody Klose '60**, who practiced law in Upstate New York. Given my dad's legacy in the town I grew up in, I decided to continue the law practice at his little red office in

the heart of Red Hook (five miles north of its more famous neighbor Rhinebeck). I now commute to Red Hook as often as needed and have two law offices (Nyack and Red Hook), where we focus on real estate, small business representation, and litigation (www.kloselaw.com). Jean and I actively participate in the Cornell Alumni Association of Westchester and the Cornell alumni network. We would love if other Class of '89 alumni would join our association (www.westchester.cornell.edu) and participate in the many civic and social events we hold throughout the year."

Although not the addition of a child, responsibilities increased for **Lane Blumenfeld** and family. "In a moment of temporary insanity, my wife and I decided that two children was not challenging enough. So we got a boxer puppy who is just like a young child: doesn't listen to adults, is not potty-trained, and makes a lot of noise." Hey, at least you don't have to pay tuition for them! Lane adds, "I recently opened my own law practice, Virtual In-House Counsel PLLC, designed to serve corporate clients on commercial, corporate, and technology matters by applying a methodology and approach similar to how in-house counsels function when doing the work themselves. Please visit my website, www.virtualinhousecounsel.com." Since graduating, **Jennifer Ritter** Kelly has been busy in the family business. She says, "I'm most proud of helping my family's commercial printing company grow. There are seven family members (18 people total) working at Ritter's Printing and we really do get along. We all have our area of expertise and value each other's strengths. We grew 18 percent last year and are up 12 percent so far this year. We hope to perpetuate the business to my 3-year-old daughter's generation."

With a fantastic promotional spot for Cornell alumni online, **Anna Lynn Mantani** LaRoche wrote, "I am so happy with the alumni section of the Cornell website. I was able to find some old friends that I hadn't heard from since school. It's a GREAT way to reconnect to people you miss." Thanks for the reminder to spend some time there (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>). She also updated us on family matters with, "I'm the proud parent of three daughters, ages 7, 4, and 10 months, and I hope to send them to Cornell. I don't get back to Ithaca often enough for my liking, so their attendance would give me plenty of excuses to head back." Echoing the sentiment of many working mothers, "I'm so busy all the time, between work in personal investment management and family, I wish I could take my family and live a simpler life somewhere."

This issue's award for cool career and making that degree from Cornell matter 15 years later goes to **Andrea Avruskin**. She sends this fascinating update. "I worked the last eight years for Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas as a backstage physical therapist, athletic trainer, and EMT. I earned my master's in physical therapy from USC in 1992 and my doctorate in physical therapy from Creighton U. in 2003. I also performed in a large production show, called *Jubilee* in Las Vegas, as a dancer, for three years. Presently, I am back working as a physical therapist for the newest show in Las Vegas at the Wynn Resort. This show is another huge, \$120 million production show. It is called

Le Reve and is being created by the same man who created Cirque du Soleil's first two shows in Las Vegas, *Mystere* and *O*, as well as the Celine Dion show at Caesar's Palace. We have been working 15-hour days, six days a week for four months to get this show together and are eagerly awaiting the opening so we can finally settle into a normal schedule. It is a great job to be providing sports medicine for such elite and international athletes." Catch the show on your next visit, and say hello to **Paul Berry** at the Bellagio. ❖ **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 Reunion vibes are ubiquitous when **Rose Tanasugarn** is around. Before coming to Ithaca for this summer's 15th Reunion bash, she managed to cross paths with several classmates and Cornellians in a quest to organize a get-together in Japan. **Kenichi Kiriya**, MPS '90, is president of the Kobeya Baking Company, a major baked goods manufacturer and restaurant chain operator. Although he was too busy to help Rose put together a reunion event, he pointed her to **Shiro Atsumi**, MPS '90, general manager of the Hotel Hopinn Aming in Amagasaki that is owned by Kirin Brewery Company. In late April 2005, the hotel temporarily housed residents of a condominium who were displaced when seven cars of a Japan Rail train crashed into the building.

Shiro also informed Rose that the manager of the Portopia Hotel in Kobe, where she was staying, was another Cornell grad. After dropping the magic password "Cornell," the staff took her to meet **Hitoshi Nakauchi** '92, MPS '92. Coincidentally, a Cornell intern had arrived the very same day, so Hiroshi hosted Rose and **June Kim** '06, MPS '06, for lunch in the hotel's swanky Chinese restaurant. Rose has learned first-hand that Hotel school alums are lurking in every corner of the world, and it may pay to mention the Cornell connection when you travel! This summer in Nagasaki, Rose also met up with classmate **Steve Thenell**, one of the masterminds behind Kozo, the Sumo Hippo, a much-copied Internet sensation. **Kavin Bloomer**, MPS '90, and family are still in Tokyo. Kavin recently moved from Goldman Sachs & Co. to Morgan Stanley, where he is vice president of Morgan Stanley Properties. He is helping a group of hotel industry professionals manage 11 hotels (and growing!) throughout the Asia Pacific area.

Carrie Gallup Friend gave birth to her third child last July. Luisa Eldythe joins big brother Noah, 7, and sister Manaia, 4. Carrie also started her own consulting company, Friendsight. In her own words, "After 15 years of working for someone else, it feels great to put my experience as a focus group moderator, facilitator, and strategic marketing consultant to work for me! Of course, seeing more of my kids and my husband (who is a stay-at-home dad) makes it even more worthwhile." Classmate **Andrew Friedman** and his wife Karen Harriman had to skip reunion last year because of the April 15 birth of their second child, Aidan Joseph Harriman Friedman. The couple

also has a daughter, Alexandra Rose Harriman Friedman, who turns 3 this May. Andrew is now senior VP, general counsel at MaggieMoo's Int'l, where he has worked for the past two years. The Columbia, MD-based company is a fast-growing franchiser of super-premium ice cream stores, with 175 stores open today and plans for 1,000 to open by 2008. Andy sees classmates **Alex Ruiz**, **Jonathan Pierce**, and **Eric and Laurie Levinson Wenger**.

Although London-based **Julian Ha** was also unable to attend reunion, he enjoyed a mini-pre-reunion with some of our West Coast classmates. Julian and his wife Annett took a two-week trip to California to relax before he started a new job as director of Evolution Securities China, a full-service investment bank targeting cross-border Chinese M&A and capital markets transactions. "If you know of any Chinese companies that want to raise money, go public, or expand overseas, you know who to call!" Julian and Annett started their sojourn in San Francisco, where they met up with **Paul Tauber**, his wife Shawna, and Richard, their "very handsome and well-behaved" 2-year-old. The pair then saw **Eileen McPeake** and her husband Julio Dolorico "at their beautiful new home in Orinda, and enjoyed home-baked cookies on the patio while playing with Eileen's adorable 2-year-old daughter Caitlin." Julian also tried to rendezvous with **Verna Polutan**, who successfully runs her own law firm in Los Angeles, but in the end had to jump the pond back to London before he could catch up with her in the City of Angels.

Masaki Takai, MCE '92, and his wife Amanda, a UCLA grad, had baby girl Marika last June. Masaki is a doctor in Hawaii. **Mark Tanouye** also lives in the Aloha State with his wife Suzanne. He returned there after graduation and worked for the state as a geothermal regulation officer and drilled water wells. Entering the high-tech industry, he worked for Bose and Apple Computer. However, throughout this, he continued to perform music, sharing the stage with Cecilio & Kapono, a popular Hawaiian duo, Valery Ponomarev, Michael MacDonald, Martin Denny, Ipso Facto, and Maxi Priest. Mark is "currently pushing the next generation of post-bop jazz, funk, and exotica out of Hawaii."

John Cayer is maintaining his Cornell connections by becoming the president of the Cornell Club of Minnesota. Last summer, **David Coyne** took advantage of the "absurd real estate market around Boston" to move into a more capacious home close to his wife Diana's hometown, West Springfield. The Coynes have children Sophie, 4, and Jason, 2, who are loving the extra space and proximity to their grandparents. Dave has abandoned his IT career to follow his passion and start his own interior restoration and remodeling business. Although Dave reports that he and his family will miss seeing their Boston-area friends, they hope to spend more time with Cornellians near his new home, like **Mike Cimini** and **Angela Cheng-Cimini** '92 and **Eric Goldberg**. Clearly looking to put guest room space to good use, he invited "those who pass through Springfield on their way to the Berkshires (you know who you are, **Matt Rubins!**)?" He added the further enticement that his family is now "not too far from Tanglewood and are only a town away from Six Flags,

so give us a holler and come have a mojito with us!" ❖ **Tamiko Toland**, stmoluag@yahoo.com; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net.

91 **Josh Berman** has been appointed the new local chair of the litigation and business regulation practice at the Washington, DC, office of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP. Josh's expertise includes white-collar criminal litigation and investigations, SEC investigations, and complex civil litigation. He was recently named national co-chair of the American Bar Association's White-Collar Crime Subcommittee on Public Corruption and Extortion. **David Zaslow** is a practicing attorney at White and Williams LLP in Berwyn, PA. David and wife Lori live in Bryn Mawr, PA, with their 6-year-old daughter Erika and 5-year-old son Jake.

Kyle Yang and **Mary Helen Immordino**-Yang '93 announced the birth of second child Theodore on May 5, 2005. Theodore joins older sister Nora, who is 3. Kyle writes, "Forty-eight hours before giving birth to Teddy, my wife handed in her doctoral dissertation, so she is now done at Harvard. We will shortly be moving to Los Angeles for her to take a job at USC." **Robert Todd Felton** writes from Amherst, MA, where he is writing literary travel guides for Roaring Forties Press. His first guide, *Transcendentalists of New England*, will be out in April 2006. Todd and his wife have children Tim, 7, and Liam, 4. Todd just recently went backpacking with **Scott Marshall** and **Federico Larco**.

Julia Morehouse Landry was recently promoted to director of logistics for Smucker's. Julia and husband Stephen are living in Cincinnati with their daughters Alison, 5, and Lauren, 3. **Thomas McCauley** is working as a principal investigator at Archemix Corp. in Cambridge, MA.

Doug and Kirsten Blau Krohn wrote to announce the birth of their fourth son, Asher Henry, on June 9, 2005, joining older brothers Caleb, 7, Simon, 4, and Oliver, 3. Doug is hoping that Asher will "buck against his Yankee brothers and join me in rooting for the Mets." Doug started a medical reference publishing company this year, called COSA Media, located in Scarsdale. The first publication, an advertisement-supported manual with a circulation of over 50,000 pediatricians, is scheduled for launch in spring/summer 2006. **Michelle Michalik** Shield and husband Dan are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Matthew James on December 6, 2005.

Last but not least, don't forget that our 15th Reunion is quickly approaching. Hope to see you all there! ❖ **Nina Rosen** Peek, nsr5@cornell.edu; **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; and **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccorri@hotmail.com.

92 Do you find your pride in being a Cornell graduate continues to grow? **Chris Brady**, an associate professor in classical and Jewish studies at Tulane U. in New Orleans, recently sent in this e-mail: "I have been very proud of my alma mater for taking in some 200 students from Tulane who have been displaced due to Hurricane Katrina. My colleague, Dr. Christopher Dunn, has also been warmly welcomed by Cornell faculty

(as have other faculty members). Reports from both students and colleagues are that the Cornell community has been wonderful in this difficult time! It is nice to have even greater reason to be proud of Cornell." As I receive updates about fellow classmates and their accomplishments, I find my pride in Cornell continues to grow, too.

Kayvan Pirouz continues to work as an investment banker in the Leveraged Finance Group at Banc of America Securities, having been promoted recently to principal. This past summer, he and wife Chris welcomed their third child, Konnor James. Kayvan and classmates **Mike Malarkey**, **Jim Gavitt**, **Dan Branon**, **Rick Green**, and **Rob Ring** caught up on old times at a golf weekend.

Lou Diamond and wife Janet have kids Alec and Toby Kate and live in Westchester, NY. Lou is working at Merrill Lynch in institutional fixed income sales and trading. **Michael Reinhorn** and wife Stefanie have been married for three years and live in Sudbury, MA, with their children Noam and Tamar. Micki is a general surgeon in Concord, MA, specializing in minimally invasive and laparoscopic abdominal surgery. He notes they now spend most of their free time keeping up with two kids, but still enjoy cooking and playing outside, especially snowshoeing and skiing.

Daniel Domenech has been working in human resources at Bristol-Myers Squibb for five years. He is involved in his church and has been nominated to be an elder. However, he says, "I like to think my special talent is being able to help raise three boys (Danny, Joey, and Andy) all under age 6 with my wonderful wife Nikki. I enjoy trying to stay in good health and you can find me regularly at the New Brunswick Fitness Center by 6:00 in the morning." **Cynthia Caruso** took a break from her job at Citigroup Asset Management as a managing director in human resources and traveled to Egypt and Jordan for two weeks this summer. She sailed up the Nile, visited the pyramids, and went to Petra. Back home, Cynthia caught up with **Ben Matos** and **Matt Hagopian** during Thanksgiving and reports they are both doing great.

Mindy Zane Rosenthal sent an e-mail to me from her home in Miami. "I'm not sure if I ever mentioned that my second child, Emma Zane, was born on January 9, 2003, and her big brother Benjamin (born in 2000) has been competing with her ever since. I have put my career as a teacher on hold these past few years to spend my time taking care of these little people. While no doubt rewarding, life as a stay-at-home mom can be really tough, even for someone with a degree from Cornell." Congratulations to **Greg DellaRocca** who married Kelly Alberty on November 5 in Columbia, MO. They live in Columbia, where he works as an orthopaedic trauma surgeon at the University Hospital.

Maia Albano Coladonato, husband **Greg '93**, and 3-year-old son Gavin left the Bay Area in 2003 so Greg could attend Wharton in Philadelphia. Maia transferred with SAIC to work from a home office, and when Greg finished in May they moved back to the Bay Area. Greg works as a product manager with Google, and Maia remains with SAIC. Before their move, they took a quick trip to Europe, where they were hosted by **Dan Noll '93** and wife Audrey Scott in Prague and **Marc Bacinic**

'95. **Tania Tyles** Dempsey and husband Steven have a son Alexander, almost 4. Tania has practiced internal medicine in White Plains, NY. Her professional interest is in women's health. **Bill Carson** reports that he married his longtime friend Amy Drummond in a waterside ceremony at the St. Louis Art Museum on September 24. The couple and his new stepchildren (12 and 8 years old) live in a newly rehabbed 100-year-old home.

Jonathan Weis and **Lisa Friedheim**-Weis recently enjoyed a vacation to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu. Last year Jon was named a shareholder at his law firm, Levin Ginsburg, where he is a commercial litigator and the hiring partner. Lisa continues to practice labor law as a senior trial attorney at the National

David and Christine Watters Stuhmiller '93 of Madison, NJ, have found a new love in their lives, first child Sarah Christine, born September 21, 2005. David works for Emergency Medical Associates in the ER at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY, and Christine manages the finances of the Dept. of Surgery at New Jersey Medical School, UMDNJ-University Hospital in Newark, NJ. **Sarah Ballow Clauss** works as a pediatric cardiologist in Bethesda and does research at the NIH on Progeria Syndrome. Husband **Mark**, MBA '93, is still at Corporate Executive Board in D.C. Their children are Alexa, 4, and Jack, 2. Sarah writes, "I recently asked Alexa if she was going to go to Cornell and she said she would like to go to kindergarten first."

'Outsourcing and burnout have taken their toll.'

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Labor Relations Board in Chicago. **Daniel Peirce** is a brand manager for the Gatorade Company in Chicago, where he develops advertising and communications strategy. **Jeff Osterman** gave me a nice summary of his adventures over the last decade. In 1995 he graduated from Harvard Law School, and in 1996 he married **Susan Matula '93**. In 1997 and 1998 they lived in Japan, where Jeff worked in-house at the legal department of Matsushita Electric Industrial (best known for its Panasonic brand) and Susan taught English. In 2003, Jeff was elected partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, a law firm in New York. He works on intellectual property and technology transactions. **Scott Weitzenhoffer** lives in northwest Houston and works for Atmos Energy as a quantitative analyst. Wife Rebecca is a middle school ESL teacher, and their daughters Salem and Raven are 6 and 4 years old, respectively. Scott's hobbies include astronomy, photography, homebrewing, and growing carnivorous plants.

"Even 13 years after we graduated, my husband **Ken**, JD '96, and I still keep in touch with many Cornellians," wrote **Lisa Chin Potash** from her home in Weston, CT. Lisa and Ken have children Isabelle, 5, and Jack, 3. Ken is practicing law, and Lisa recently co-founded a stationery business, PiPo Press. "We recently had dinner with **Lisa Slow**, **Danielle DeMaio**, **Lynne Strasfeld**, **Lisa Lederman Kaufmann**, **Gabrielle Mollo Hartley**, and **Cheryl Knopp**." Lisa Slow is a producer at CNN, where she won two Emmys in 2002 and 2004, Danielle is about to start work on a film, and Lynne is practicing in the area of infectious diseases at New York Hospital/Cornell. Lisa Lederman married **Adam Kaufmann '87** in 2002 and is now home with her daughter Juliet. Gabrielle is practicing law in Leeds, MA, where she lives with husband **Mitschka Hartley**. Cheryl practices law for Bloomberg LLP in New York and occasionally in London. Danielle recently visited **Andrea DelDuca** Cohane in London, where she lives with her husband and daughter Samantha.

Jeff Richmond, MD '96, is an orthopaedic trauma surgeon at North Shore University Hospital on Long Island. His daughter Madeline is now 4, and his son Andrew was born in July 2004. **Seth Isenberg** works for SAP America Inc. and lives in Portland, OR, where he is involved with the local Cornell Club. **Joann Pezzano** and husband Andrew Steinberg welcomed Daniel Joseph Steinberg on November 22 and live in New York City. **Kevin '91** and **Amy Sachs Yam**, DVM '98, are busy chasing 2-1/2-year-old Benjamin while tending to his new brother Mitchell, born in September.

Now that you've read what some of our classmates have been doing, send a note and let me know what you are proud of. ♦ **Renee Hunter Toth**, rah24@cornell.edu; **Debbie Feinstein**, debbie_feinstein@yahoo.com; and **Wilma Ann Anderson**, info@WillPowerEnterprises.com.

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Hi, everyone. Welcome back to the Class of 1993 news. **Helen Chen** Johnson updated us with the news that she is working as a trading system architect at eSpeed. When she is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and her sons, 4-1/2-year-old Colin and 2-1/2-year-old Dylan. **Kim Melchionda** McCormack also has two children, 3-year-old Sydney and 18-month-old Grant. She is a product manager at Schering Plough, where she is responsible for new product development and licensing of the Coppertone brand. She recently returned from a great vacation in South Africa, where they explored Cape Town and surrounding vineyards and also went on a safari!

Meg Morrissey Heinicke is a wine auction manager at WineBid.com and has a daughter, Charlotte, born in June 2004. She is also busy enjoying all San Francisco has to offer. **Michael McMahon** writes that he has a consulting business that specializes in the purchase of thoroughbred racehorses and breeding stock. He recently purchased 60 acres to develop into a horse farm.

Some news also came from online News Forms. **Abraham Kang** sent us the following update: "Outsourcing and burnout have taken their toll. After working for nine years in software development and information technology, I am looking to make a career change. I plan on applying to law school this December. I have a beautiful wife who gave me two beautiful and talented kids. Daughter Bella, 6, loves hockey, and son Esau, 8, loves fencing and hockey." **Jill Nunes** writes that she is a regional director of revenue management for Starwood Hotels and Resorts in Chicago. She also says, "I have some Cornell grads in my life, most notably my new brother-in-law **Tim O'Hara '91**. At my sister's wedding I met several of his Theta Delta friends. **Allison Hutt LeGrand** just had her first son, Jack, and I've been able to spend time with her. As for me, I bought a condo in Wrigleyville nearly a year ago. I'm able to travel often for my job. I took up sculling this year and still haven't tired of exploring Chicago." **Ann Wang** writes that she is developing a private wealth management business and loving it. She is also getting

As usual, the Northeast is rich with updates: **Leigh Benevento-McHugh** is a corporate accounts manager for Syngence, as well as a part-time psychotherapist. She and husband Thomas have a 2-year-old daughter, and Leigh turns to basketball and socializing in her free time. **Michelle Manning Fahey** and husband Paul, both employees of Met Life, are raising two daughters in the Scranton, PA, area. **Chris Horan**, a new homeowner in North Bergen, NJ, recently married Karen Rinaldi; he works as a commercial sales manager at Tyco. **Matthew Hiltzik**, formerly the head of corporate communications at Miramax and the producer of the documentary *Paper Clips*, now runs Freud Communications in New York City. He and his wife Dana have a 2-year-old daughter Ella. **Michael Healy** wrote in from his position as a campaign director for the fundraising firm Community Counseling Service. One notable drive was for St. John's U. in Jamaica, Queens, which surpassed a goal of \$250 million.

Putting us desk jockeys to shame, **Diane Dubovy**, of Manhattan's Dubovy Consulting,

Now for some reports from warmer climes. **Josh Wilson**, MBA '98, recently found time for a golf reunion in California with some of his Zeta Psi fraternity brothers. He's a consultant for Watson Wyatt in Atlanta. Break out the gifts of tin and aluminum for **Channing** and **Jennifer Saylor Hamlet**, who will be celebrating their tenth anniversary this summer. The couple lives in San Diego, where Jennifer is a veterinarian and Channing is a partner in a mergers and acquisitions firm. Another Golden State classmate is **Tara Roth McConaghy**, who wrote from Los Angeles with an extensive update. Tara earned an MBA from Oxford U. and made time for travel during her stay in the United Kingdom. Now, in addition to doing yoga and hanging out with family, she is "helping to launch a new magazine called *Good* that will rebrand the culture of good and highlight the ideas, institutions, and people who are making a positive impact on society." One candidate could be **Neil Cantor**, the co-CEO of Design that Matters, which links engineering students with communities in need. The nonprofit was recently honored by the Tech Museum of Innovation for its Kinkajou Portable Library and Projector, which transforms "how illiterate adults in nighttime classes in rural Mali learn to read and write."

A few relocations. **Tom and Holly Johnsen Hoehner** recently left NYC for Syracuse, where Holly is a lawyer at Hiscock & Barclay and Tom is studying patent law at Syracuse U. and working at Wall, Marjama & Bilinski. They have a son James Thomas. Attorney **Nancy Richmond Goldstein**, JD '97, now works in Washington, DC, and lives in Bethesda, MD, with her husband and son Zachary. Last fall, **Jarrid Whitney** and **Todd LaLonde** cheered for our alma mater at the Harvard-Cornell men's hockey game. Jarrid has traded his admissions job at Stanford for pursue a master's in education at Harvard. "Hopefully, this degree will help me become a dean someday, but first, I have to get used to rooting for the Big Red while in a sea of crimson!" ♦ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, Jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu.

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used to being a homeowner and a landlord; she and her husband recently purchased not just their first house but also their first rental property.

E-mail still tends to bring the most recent news. **Jason Rylander** shared that he and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their first child, Lauren Mari, on November 29, 2005. The family is living in Arlington, VA, and Jason is an attorney for Defenders of Wildlife and enjoys spending his days working on protecting wolves, plovers, sea turtles, and other "neat critters." **Greg Coladonato** e-mailed that he and wife **Maia (Albano) '92** moved out to California in the summer of 2005, after spending two years in Philly while he earned an MBA at Wharton. Greg accepted a position as a product manager at Google, and Maia is back at SAIC in Oakland. Their son Gavin now toddles around the house and practices his Mandarin and Tagalog on his parents.

Keep the news coming. We're happy to hear it all—weddings, babies, graduation, new jobs, or just a general update on your life! Thanks for writing, and enjoy the spring! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com

94 As I write this, the snow is on the ground and the news is drifting in. Back in July, **Thomas Gellert**, JD '00, a vice president of New Jersey's Atlanta Corp., married Melissa Miller in Manhattan. **Lara Hanlon** wed **Michael Palese '93** and gave birth to a daughter, Sierra Olivia, on November 28.

completed the Ironman Florida triathlon on her 33rd birthday back in November (mere weeks before Turkey Day). The course consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike, and a 26.2-mile run, the whole of which she finished in 13 hours, nine minutes, and 31 seconds. Wrote Diane, "After finishing the bike, you are reassured by thinking, I only have a marathon left." Through the organization Athletes Helping Athletes, she took a turn as a model for a worthy cause, posing for a triathlete calendar to raise money for handcycles for disabled children. Go to www.raisingheart rates.org for more information.

As giving birth is another form of marathon, congratulations go out to the following '94ers who have recently been visited by the stork. In Terre Haute, IN, on September 17, **Christian** and **Libby Smith Gallagher '95** welcomed Ronan James into the world. **Kim Charlton** Bedetti of Red Bank, NJ, gave birth in July: 2-year-old David was joined by new addition Daniel Thomas. In November, **Karen Bierman** Hirsh, her husband Peter, and her son Ryan welcomed daughter Avery Jordan. A couple of classmates have made the full transition to family life. From Glastonbury, CT, **Joanne Galinsky** Fontana wrote, "I just quit my job as an actuary to stay at home with my two kids! Lauren is 3 and Adam is 9 months, and I decided that they'll only be young for a little while, so I'd better savor it." **Laura Sauter** Stein, who has left the cruel winters of the North for Charlotte, NC, describes herself as "temporarily retired" from her job as a finance manager to care for her 2-year-old son Scott.

95 In like a lion and out like a lamb. That's what they say about the month of March—at least in the Northeast—and that's what they will say about this installment of Class Notes.

What's that I hear in the distance? A baby's cry? No, many babies' cries! In Connecticut, **Dana Raymond** Roth and her husband Bryan welcomed their second child on August 31, 2005. Two-year-old Eliza is now big sister to baby brother Lewis Nevin. Also in Connecticut, **Sandy Chin** Lynch, MD '99, and her husband Matthew welcomed little baby Lynch into their household in 2005. When not on maternity leave, Sandy is a urologist at a private practice in Greenwich. The road to urology took Sandy to the Weill Cornell Medical Center from 1995-99 and then to a general surgery/urology residency at Harvard from 1999-2004. After all of that intensive schooling, motherhood should be a snap for Sandy!

Dan Hirschman writes that he and his wife Caitlin "have been enjoying the adventure of

parenthood this year. Hailey Alexis was born in January 2005 and at the rate she's growing, she'll be ready for Cornell very soon." Dan, Caitlin, and Hailey live outside Washington, DC, where Dan is a lawyer for the US Dept. of the Interior. And rounding up the baby news, also in D.C., **Adriano Sabatelli** and his wife are proud to announce the birth of their son Giovanni Arcangelo, born on October 25, 2005. "Everyone is doing well!" Adriano is a senior consultant at Thomson.

Switching to wedding news, **Meredith Rosenberg** married Eric Bergozyn on September 3, 2005. Meredith is a psychologist at Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York City. **Edward Han**, a post-doctoral researcher in neuroscience for the Howard Hughes Medical Inst., married Martha Bagnall, a PhD candidate in neuroscience. **Juvenal "Juv" Marchisio** married Dayana Anlas on October 2, 2005. When not preparing for his wedding, Juv is a brand manager on the Peanut Chews Candies product line at Just Born in Bethlehem, PA. In addition to Peanut Chews, Just Born makes Mike and Ike, Hot Tamales, and the world-famous Marshmallow Peeps! I bet you are popular at Eastertime, Juv!

Lisa Michelli of Mohegan Lake, NY, teaches English, writing, and math skills to Latino students. Lisa is loving life and writes, "On a good day, I feel like I'm helping people and I have a sense of humor with the kids I teach. On a bad day, I want to be teaching Spanish to elementary school students." Recently Lisa went on an eight-day trip to Mexico, as well as on a retreat to Allentown, PA. In between teaching and traveling, Lisa is taking a Spanish course on 20th century Latin American and Spanish plays. **Brooke Yules** James is the owner, manager, and veterinarian at the Animal Care Center of Castle Rock in Castle Rock, CO. When not at work, Brooke spends time with her husband Christopher and playing with horses, dogs, and her 2-1/2-year-old.

Jennifer Keene lives in Washington, DC, and is a director of sports marketing. She continues to freelance for *DC Style Magazine*. Jennifer writes, "I recently went to Spain with **Ali Conlin '96** and **Lisa Perronne '96**. Lots of fun! Our pictures are hilarious. The three of us spent time in Barcelona and Mallorca." **Chip Rollinson** reports, "Last June, the day before our 10th Reunion, I received my Master of Education degree from Harvard. I'm putting it to use teaching high school math at Buckingham Browne and Nichols (BB&N), an independent day school in Cambridge. I've been busy this fall, but have been doing my best to enjoy life in the Boston area."

The final piece of news e-mailed in for this edition of Class Notes comes from **Isabel Pipolo** of Peekskill, NY. Isabel writes, "Unfortunately, I wasn't able to join in the reunion festivities last June, because my husband and I were moving into our new house that weekend. After a lifetime in NYC, we bought a 150-year-old farmhouse in a small Hudson River Valley town about an hour north of the city. My new full-time job is restoring our homestead to its original beauty and improving it along the way. We are especially enjoying life in the country now that fall foliage season is here, and the dog is thrilled because she has almost a whole acre to call her own, deer included!"

Joining Isabel in the joys of home ownership is yours truly, **Abra Benson**, MBA '04. In a period of three weeks, I decided to buy a house, got pre-approved for a loan, found a realtor, gave him a list of homes I'd like to see, toured several homes and neighborhoods, made an offer, made a counter-offer, and bought a cute little 66-year-old house on my birthday. The house is in Glenside, PA, just outside Philadelphia. All of you are welcome to visit if passing through the Philly area!

Have a lovely spring, fellow '95ers! And don't forget to send updates to Alison and me. We can always use the news, your classmates enjoy reading about you, and who doesn't love seeing their name in bold, black ink! ♦ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website: <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 Greetings, Sixers! I'm writing this column a couple of days pre-Christmas and Chanukah from an undisclosed outpost in the frigid Midwest (although the people are rejoicing today, as the temperature hit a balmy 40 degrees). I truly forgot it can be this cold, living the somewhat decadent Northern California lifestyle that allows you to drive to and from the snow. I'm rueing the day I disposed of all of my Ithaca-weight sweaters. Folks, it's official—I am soft.

I got a nice little prelude to winter, spending a great weekend in early December with **Katie Butler**, MBA '04, and her adorable pup Lucy in Philadelphia. Katie, also a former San Francisco resident, and I laughed about our dot-com pre-bubble days, which seem so very, very far away. We asked ourselves, rhetorically, of course, why it was that we thought abandoning our low responsibility jobs to aspire to graduate school and meaningful careers seemed like such a good idea back then. Talk about responsibility. As we woke up around 7 a.m. on a Saturday morning to give Lucy her morning walk, it struck me that for many of you out there who have recently written in about starting families, sleeping in on a weekend morning might be the utmost luxury—more so than the down coat and long underwear for which I am currently pining. I truly admire your forays into the land of responsibility. Please write us here at Class Notes and let us know how it's going for you.

Kirsten Carroll Somoza writes that she and husband Vince celebrated their first wedding anniversary in September 2005. They were married in Ottawa, Ontario, in 2004 with bridesmaids **Akemi Tinder '97** and **Emily Kennedy '98**, and **Ryan Ismert '00**, MS '03, in attendance. Kirsten is working as a user interface/interaction designer at Cognos, and is also in the process of finishing up a master's thesis. **Cheryl Melchiorre** Snyder lives in Durham, NC, with her husband Doug. Cheryl is with Deloitte Consulting, based out of their Atlanta office.

Heather Mulcahy and Jeremy Breslau were married on November 5, 2005 in Boston. Cornellians helping the happy couple celebrate their nuptials were **Jeannette Brady** Townsend, **Lisa Perronne**, **Marilyn Mawn**, **Joshua Friedman**, JD '99, **Laura Kornegay**, and **Nate** and **Heidi Straub Henderson '97**. Heather writes, "We had an

unseasonably warm day—almost 70 degrees in Boston at the beginning of November! We spent two beautiful weeks in Hawaii and then returned to our new condo in Charlestown." Heather is currently the VP for brand marketing at Cone in Boston. She also included in her e-mail that she joined **Laura Kornegay** in Dallas on December 10, 2005 to celebrate her graduation from business school. **Dianna Perkins '95** and **Abigail Spencer '95** also were in Dallas to cheer on the newly minted MBA. Afterwards, Laura and Dianna headed to Argentina on a celebratory trip.

Although we're a little light on the news this month, this gives me space to once again plug our upcoming 10th Reunion Celebration coming this June. This is an exciting milestone for all of us, and we hope you and your loved ones will come and share in what has proved to be a fantastic weekend in Ithaca. Those of you who were lucky enough to spend a summer up at school (as well as those of you who attended the 5th Reunion) know that there is no time like summer on the Hill. We're looking forward to seeing you all. (I have made it my personal pledge to beat fellow class correspondent **Courtney Rubin** in the Saturday Morning Campus Fun Run. Courtney, upholding your title is all the more reason to come back from London for reunion, no?)

Sixers, we always enjoy hearing from you—please write and let us know where you landed. ♦ **Sheryl Magzamen**, SLM1@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu. For updated class events, news, and resources, visit <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 It's hard to believe that by the time this column appears in your mailbox, the Class of '97 will be slightly more than a year away from its 10th Reunion. Time has certainly flown by as we've had our fun since taking leave of Cornell. Several classmates have written recently about their fond memories of swimming in the gorges in warm weather, and slightly less fond memories of hustling across the vast campus to class on chilly winter days. It's not too early to reach out to friends you've vowed to keep in better touch with; start thinking about heading back to Ithaca for Reunion 2007!

For many members of the Class of '97, it seems as though the wedding boom of the past few years is giving way to a baby boom. **Steven Walter** shared news of daughter Lindsey Brooke's birth on May 10, 2005. **Ian Geller** and wife **Kira (Silverman) '95** also added a daughter, Chloe Drew, to their household. Ian is a product manager for Mobile Music at Virgin Mobile USA. **Erica Eisenstein Lynett** and husband **Patrick**, PhD '02, report that son Evan Joseph, born August 27, 2005, is already rooting for Big Red hockey! Classmate **John Crego** should take note of all these new arrivals: John reports that he moved to Geneva, Switzerland, in April 2005 to take a position forecasting demand for Procter & Gamble's baby wipes division. John has kept busy rowing, hiking, and sightseeing, and he met up with **Jeff Goldman** in Munich to celebrate Oktoberfest this past fall.

Wedding bells continue to ring for classmates. More than ten years after meeting at Risley Hall

in 1994, **Erik Mulet** and **Megan Heller '98** tied the knot on July 16, 2005 at the Monte Verde Inn in Forest Hill, CA. The couple lives in Los Angeles. Erik is an artist and designer in the entertainment industry, and Megan is pursuing a PhD in anthropology at UCLA. **Jenn Houff** got married on October 10, 2005 to Chris Johnson, an Indiana U. graduate. Amazingly enough, Jenn notes, there were no Cornellians in attendance at the wedding; it was a private family ceremony on Maui, with five American Airlines frequent flyer tickets redeemed for family members to attend ("priceless after our years in consulting," Jenn observes). Jenn and Chris, who both work for IBM, included college friends in the hometown post-wedding celebrations, among them **Jordan '95** and **Elizabeth Schepp Berman**. **Rebecca Goldstein** married Jeffrey Hobbs on September 17, 2005 in Brooklyn, NY. Rebecca is a partner in the Manhattan-based film production company No Hands Productions, and planned to act as a producer on *Keith*, a feature film that was slated to begin shooting last November. Jeffrey is executive director of the African Rainforest Conservancy, which promotes restoration of African rainforests through economic and educational programs.

Those long years of graduate education are coming to a close for many of us, while others continue to hit the books. **Colin Cushing** graduated from Georgetown's MBA program in May 2005 and started work as a senior marketing analyst for America Online in Northern Virginia. Wife **Elizabeth (Soto-Seelig)** plans to collect her MBA from Georgetown in May 2006. In August 2005, **Pete** and **Melissa Carey Heissenbuttel** visited Colin and Elizabeth with 3-month-old daughter Anne in tow. **Seth Guikema** wrapped up his post-doc work at Cornell in May 2005 and will be enjoying milder winters now that he has taken an assistant professor position in the civil engineering department at Texas A & M. **April Bruning** moved to Ocala, FL, from Boston and started her own landscaping design business specializing in personalized landscapes, therapeutic design, and children's, sensory, and memory gardens. April's after-hours activities include volunteering at a local church, where she works with preschoolers and uses her creative talents on set design.

Samantha Youngman Meiler is editor for *Life & Style Weekly*, the first celebrity lifestyle weekly magazine. **Anjana Samant** is an attorney practicing employment law at Outten & Golden; she collected her JD from NYU. **Kate Nemens** is a staff attorney at Clubhouse Family Legal Support Project, where she represents low-income people with mental illness in a variety of family law matters. Kate is active in the Boston Bar Association and in October was selected to participate in its Public Interest Leadership Program. Congratulations are also due to Kate for her September 4, 2005 marriage to Nicholas Decaneas in Peterborough, NH; **Lee Hiram** and **Vanessa Margolis** joined the celebration. **Richard Baecher** is a full-line diagnostic imaging account manager for Philips medical capital equipment sales in New York. In his free time, he's kept busy studying Mandarin Chinese language and culture, pursuing a master's in international management from Thunderbird in Phoenix, AZ, and traveling in British Columbia last summer.

A number of classmates continue to work in health care. **Steven Froeschl** is a chiropractor on the eastern end of Long Island. **Mary Anna Denman** finished her ob/gyn residency in Philadelphia and relocated to Portland, OR, where she is a urogynecology fellow in the ob/gyn department at Oregon Health Sciences U. Mary Anna says she's still getting used to having free time after finishing her residency! **Jennifer Mattucci** Santoro finished her psychiatry residency at NYU in June 2005, started a fellowship in psychosomatic medicine at George Washington U. in Washington, DC, and began part-time work in a private practice in Northern Virginia. Congrats to Jennifer on her April 2004 wedding to John Santoro. Classmates **Robin Yates** and **Jennifer Halsey** were bridesmaids.

New York City was the site of a few classmate get-togethers in 2005. **Kathryn Boniti** Wallace sent in word that she met up with **Laurie Rothenburg** this summer in NYC for lunch. **Chris Braceland** said it was nice to reminisce about "the old days on the Hill" with **Andy Cahalane**, MBA '05, **Mike Bock '98**, **Glenn Minerley '98**, and **Jake Hennemuth '98** during a business trip to New York last year.

Please take some time to share your news and let your classmates know how you've been keeping busy. ♦ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>.

98 As I (Gregg) sit here typing away, it is 19 degrees in New York City in mid-December. Just thinking about how cold it must be in Ithaca right now is frightening. I, however, would be very excited to grab a tray and slide down the slope! And some Hot Truck afterwards to warm up, maybe. Ah, the memories . . . It seems that other people have been thinking about school as well, since we have recently received a good number of e-mails and letters from classmates. Please continue to send them in.

There must be something in the water—we have many new babies to announce. First off, **Evan** and **Jennifer Salzwedel Shenkman** have a lot of exciting (albeit belated) news to report from the Garden State! It was a summer of big life changes for them. First, they would like to joyously announce the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Jake Riley, born June 9, 2005. They also purchased a house in Montville, NJ. They moved down to New Jersey from Boston last summer and had been looking for a house ever since. They made it just in time, with their closing about three weeks before the baby was due! To make things even more "exciting," Evan changed jobs the same month as well. He left Jackson Lewis LLP and joined the Morristown, NJ, office of Ogletree Deakins, another labor and employment law firm. Jennifer is still working for Bank of America, trying to juggle part-time work from home with full-time baby care. She says it is a serious challenge, but luckily the kid is cute! They say they are truly having the time of their lives with him.

On October 14, 2005, **Adam Geller** and **Lauren Cardillo** welcomed daughter Ayla Rose Geller

into the world. Adam is the director of VeriSign's sales engineering team, and Lauren is working on her PhD in social work at Columbia U. They keep in touch with many classmates and other Cornellians. They say having a baby is wonderful but definitely makes them long for the freedom they had while they were students at Cornell! **Kirk Keller** is a landscape architect who is enjoying time with his wife Sandra and 3-1/2-month-old daughter Emma Grace. Kirk and Sandra celebrated their second anniversary on November 1.

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate **Chris Pernoud** and wife Katie on the birth of their second child, Jonathan Gentry Pernoud, on Sept. 13, 2005. They definitely have their hands full, as their older daughter Grace just had her 2nd birthday party in December. Also, congrats to **Ryan** and **Christina Luzzi Wilkes**. Their first child, Arden Katherine, was born on November 21. I look forward to telling all your children the many things you all did throughout college. Thankfully, I have a lot of pictures. Looking forward to it!

OK, enough babies for now. In other news . . . **Saad Hassan** got married in May 2005 to Aamina Ismail. **Naveed Chowdhry** attended the wedding, and got married himself in 2004. Naveed is working at his family's medical-instrument manufacturing business (Medipak). **Alyson Tuck** lives in Claymont, DE, and is a corporate paralegal at Morris Nichols Arsh & Tunnell. She spends her free time working for the Republican Party and is a soprano in the church choir. She reports that her fondest memory is the great friends that she made at Cornell and the beautiful landscape.

Jonathan Yu recently traveled to Spain with **Kei Frances Chong '00** and **Alan Wong '01**, visiting Barcelona, Madrid, and Toledo. Jon reports that they tried many Spanish tapas dishes, drank a ton of wine, and cracked lots of jokes. Jon also thinks that Spain has a much more relaxed atmosphere than New York. Last but not least, **Cristy Matos** wanted to share that she finally graduated from the U. of Puerto Rico School of Law this past June.

Thanks so much to everyone who sent news and announcements. Please keep them coming. If you've sent in a note recently but haven't seen it appear in the magazine yet, please be patient. We'll print it soon. Hope everyone is doing well. ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; and **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

99 Spring is here, and y'all got marriage on the mind! Just read about **Oliver Bajracharya**, patent attorney for Christie Parker Hale LLP in Pasadena, CA, who spends his free time "going to weddings, buying wedding gifts, looking at photos from weddings, or renting tuxes even though I own a tux." We can ALL relate! Love is in the air as '99ers boogie down the aisle, build families and careers, and enjoy the sporadic adventure!

Laura Pires and Rob Tillich walked through a winter weddingland on Dec. 2, 2005 in Basking Ridge, NJ. Meanwhile, up in Ottawa, **Jessica Strauss** and Roger Schonfeld were joined in holy matrimony on Sept. 4, 2005 at the National Gallery of Canada. Jessica now works in building

development for Lexington Corporate Properties Trust in New York after receiving her New York State architectural license in 2003. Ottawa was also home to the union of **Marguerite Wells** and **Alexia "Lexie" Hain** last February. The couple held a reception in August at their Ithaca farmhouse, along the beloved Taughannock Falls.

On Sept. 10, 2005, **Adam Price** married Syracuse grad Ariel Freedman in Sharon, MA. The Prices now reside in Manhattan, where Ariel is a fashion designer for Jones New York and Adam is a labor and employment attorney at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. These lawyers certainly have wedding fever! **Nikkie Adame** married her Tulane classmate and "love of [her] life" Chris Wunningham on May 14, 2005 in Seattle. As of Sept. 2004, Nikkie started practicing environmental law at Fulbright & Jaworski in Houston, TX. Of those in attendance, **Taryn Williams** Stubblefield had an intimate wedding ceremony of her own earlier last year on April 9. A month later, **Kimberly Cobb** married **Kevin Powell** on May 29 in a gorgeous hotel above the California Beach in Palos Verdes. Up the coast in San Francisco, **Dana Kuchem** walked down the aisle with her husband of choice on Sept. 4, 2005. Dana received her master's in higher education and student affairs from Ohio State U. in June 2005.

Risa Shapiro, PhD '04, attended the wedding of **Susan Friedfel** and **Marc Tuckman** '97 on Aug. 10, 2003 in New Rochelle, NY. As of May 2004, the couple lived on the Upper East Side of NYC, where Susan, a Harvard Law School graduate, became an associate at Proskauer Rose while her husband was at Columbia Business School. In New York herself, Risa received her PhD in Molecular Biology from Cornell Med in May 2005 after ten straight years as a Cornellian! (Is that a world record?) As of last summer, she started her job as research manager for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals in Tarrytown.

I'll take matrimony with a twist of fun! **Adrian** and **Heather Hollidge Madland** take the wedding cake enjoying a beach wedding ceremony in Aruba on April 9, 2005. Funny story: although both '99ers, these lovebirds didn't meet up till six years later at a Young Alumni event that Heather planned in Detroit, MI. The Madlands now live in Chicago, where Heather works as a senior associate for Madison Capital Funding LLC while Adrian is an automotive vertical market specialist for Google.

The Rev. **Quinn Caldwell**, associate minister at the Old South Church in Boston, spends his off hours working in support of same-sex marriage rights in Massachusetts and listening to Cornell friends talk about their marriages, pregnancies, and new babies. Indeed, the ranks of Cornellians-to-be is growing rapidly! **Rhiannon Fernald** Bakk-Hansen and hubby Erik welcomed baby girl Liesel Elena on Oct. 3, 2005. Rhiannon tells us she's "enjoying mommyhood despite lack of sleep," and that "Liesel recently graced her parents with her first smile." **Michael Rinke**, a medical student at Johns Hopkins Medical, celebrated the birth of his first child, Coby Robert, on May 24, 2005. "Mom and baby are doing great," he reports. In April 2005, his friends **Michael** and **Kristin Guenther Graffeo** '00 had a baby girl, Daniella Nicole. And as of last September, **Rochelle Crane**

Whaley was "on leave with twin girls and loving it!" Rochelle's currently a caseworker for the Cortland County Dept. of Social Services, and part-time court clerk for Cincinnatus Justice Court.

On the job front, we have a correction for **Mike Pressman**, who is actually at Columbia for business school (not law school as previously stated), along with **Evan Bashoff** and **Anthony Sneag**. Also, we heard that **Aline Prentice** is living and working in Ulan-Ude, Siberia, as of Sept. 2005 (send her a hello via e-mail at alinapren@mail.ru). Congrats to **Louis DeAngelis III**, who opened his own law practice in Cresskill, NJ. And we have a lawyer with a fab sense of humor! **Frank Goldberg**, a third-year litigation associate at Cooley Godward LLP in San Francisco, continues to "live vicariously through his friends who are in rock bands." Rock on, Frank! While

Cornellians, including **Liz Hamilton**, **Blaire Daly**, **Jesse '99** and **Chrissy Shea Brown**, and **Kirsten Rowe**. Besides her duties as a new mom, Betsy continues to work for Marriott as a senior account executive doing corporate sales in the Boston area.

Of course, New York is on our travel agenda, being home to many past, present, and future Cornellians. **Chung Chi Yu** is living in the Big Apple where he is a medical intern at New York Hospital. **Navid Zarinejad** reported that he is working as an actuary for Ernst and Young in New York and just took his ninth and final actuarial exam. Nav also sent news of two recent weddings. **Dave Johnsen** and **Janna Reis '01** married in July with lots of Cornell classmates in attendance. In November, **Brian Bier** married Aisling Clohessy in Long Island and Nav wrote that he, **Bob Devereux**, and Dave Johnsen were

'Julie Hulsebus has the enviable position of working for everyone's favorite supermarket.'

CHRISTINE JENSEN WELD '00

on the subject of living it up, last May **Michael Cortelletti**, MMH '99, assembled a team of friends to participate in a seven-day sailing race across the Baltic Sea between Scandinavia and Germany. "The weather was brilliant," as they sailed bravely into third place on Day 4 of the race! You make us proud to call you alumni.

Bring on the news, people, and Happy Spring! ♦ **Melanie Arzt**, snoopymel@gmail.com; **Jess Smith**, jessica@fenton.com; or **Jennifer Sheldon**, jennifer.sheldon@gmail.com.

OO One of the fun parts of writing this column is taking virtual vacations and hearing about all the interesting spots our classmates are living and working. So, pack your bags and join me for a quick trip. I promise you won't have to contend with jet lag!

Our tour begins in fabulous Las Vegas, where **Xania Woodman** has been taking advantage of all the town has to offer. She is the director of marketing for Vegas Group Entertainment and keeps busy outside of work writing a column in the *Las Vegas Weekly*, "Nights on the Circuit." Xania also writes an online column at www.the.circuitLV.com. **Derek Zakov** writes from another warm locale—Miami. He is a first-year MBA student at the U. of Miami and says that he is enjoying single life in the hot spots of South Florida.

To keep our tans from fading, we'll head to Texas next. **Billy "Beau" Wells** and **Melissa Mallery** now live in Dallas, where they both work as attorneys. The pair moved to Dallas after receiving their JD degrees in 2003 from the U. of Michigan. No trip would be complete without stops in the East Coast's major cities. **Betsy Lewis** Totten sent word from Boston of her son's birth, and also sent some adorable pictures! Jack Michael Totten was born on July 2, 2005 to Betsy and her husband Keith. The family spends time with many other

in the wedding party. **Andrew Montario** and **Marc Greenberg '99**, DVM '03, attended as well. In one of those small world coincidences, Brian ran into **Barbara DeMonarco** Snell, one of his (and my!) freshman-year floormates while on his honeymoon in Hawaii. Barbara was also honeymooning, having married Dean in November. The newlyweds live in Ft. Myers, FL, where Barbara works as a veterinarian.

Next, we'll travel down the East Coast and explore Philadelphia. While you're thumbing through the latest issue of *Philadelphia* magazine, pay particular attention to the redesigned "Style" section. **Jessica Blatt** recently became the magazine's new "Style" editor. Our next stop is the nation's capital, where **Ann Staples** will head after finishing up her PhD in mechanical and aerospace engineering at Princeton U. Annie will live in Washington, DC, where she will hold a post-doctoral position at the Naval Research Lab.

Visiting good restaurants is often the highlight of a vacation, but I sometimes wish I could make a quick Wegmans run instead of eating out when I travel! **Julie Hulsebus** doesn't have to yearn for the delights of Wegmans, since she has the enviable position of working for everyone's favorite supermarket. After completing an MBA at RIT and another graduate program at Yale U., Julie is working as a registered dietitian at the corporate offices of Wegmans Food Markets. Not surprisingly, she reports that she loves her job.

Okay, back to our travels! A quick detour to the Midwest leads us to **Dawn Willow**, who is currently working as legislative counsel for the Office of the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. Our next stop is Seattle, the new home of newlyweds **Katherine Steen** and **Kary Cockerill**. The pair married in July, and served Cornell Dairy Bar ice cream at their wedding! While we're in Seattle, let's visit the Woodland Park Zoo—Katherine works there as the public programs supervisor.

Many classmates have not limited themselves to the confines of the United States, so let's hop on a plane and visit some people living abroad. **Jenny Chen** wrote from Asia to say that she married recently. Jenny moved from Tokyo to Taipei and is now working at Louis Leisure Development. **Charles Basinger** sent news from Mosul, Iraq, where he is serving with the 172nd Stryker Brigade. The brigade is working to rebuild the Iraqi legal system, and Charles is responsible for advising the brigade commander on all kinds of legal matters, ranging from Rules of Engagement issues to claims local citizens bring against coalition forces. He will be stationed in Iraq until this summer.

Whew—that was quite a trip! I only wish I could get some frequent flier miles for it. Keep the updates coming, wherever you might be. ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Hello, Class of 2001! We hope that everyone is doing well! Here's some news from your classmates. Congratulations to **Lori Luckow** and **Alex Gitomer '02**, who were married on November 6, 2005 in Aruba. The happy couple resides in New York City, where Lori works for MTV as Sales Service Executive, New Business Development at MTV. Congratulations also to **Julia Joh** and Andrew Elligers, who were married in July 2005. They met in 1996 at Cornell Summer College. Both Julia and Andrew's parents are graduates of Cornell. There were 25 Cornellians in attendance. The most recent graduates included **John Kent**, **Steve Borst '00**, **Evan Grant**, **Pam Toschik**, **Bill Chang**, **Jim Konopack**, **David Chao '02**, and **Jamie Davis '02**. Julia works as a senior analyst at the National Association of County and City Health Officials (a public health non-profit) and has started a doctoral program in political science at the U. of Maryland. Andrew is a first-year at American Law School. In Julia's spare time, she hopes to train for a marathon. **Julia Bozzolo** got married in Argentina in August 2005. Her e-mail is julia.bozzolo@gmail.com.

A double congratulations to **Mona Arif**, who graduated from medical school at the U. of Rochester in May 2005 and got married in August 2005 to Adil Haque. The wedding was in

Michigan, and **Kristin D'Aco** and **Seema Saifee** were in attendance. She has now moved to the Bay Area, where Adil works, and would love to be reconnected with friends from Cornell. Contact Mona at monakarif@yahoo.com. **Geoffrey Zhao** has started his MBA at the Ross School of Business at the U. of Michigan. He has met quite a few Cornell alums in Ann Arbor among the faculty and the students, and many things remind him of the atmosphere in Ithaca.

Hoteli **Ryan McCarthy** is in Miami, FL, working for Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels after working for four years with Royal Caribbean and Celebrity Cruises. In the fall he finished the Chicago Marathon and is currently training for the Arizona Ironman in April 2006. Another big excitement for Ryan was when he chartered a sailboat for seven days and sailed around the Turkish Coast with Cornellians **Zach Pomerantz**, **Christian Max Cann**, **Marc Smoler '03**, **Richy Petrina**, and **Phil Auerbach**. We'll see Ryan at the 5th Reunion in Ithaca in June!

Christa Cavallaro is living in Liverpool, NY, and working as a staff assistant to Congressman James T. Walsh, where she is handling constituent service and environmental issues. Married classmates **Glenn** and **Karolyn Sutphin Thompson** are living in Berkley, MI, where Karolyn is a civil engineer and Glenn is a doctor. In their spare time, they have enjoyed running, reading, traveling, and woodworking. Although they recently traveled through Europe, they'd rather be back at Cornell and walking through the Plantations.

Congratulations to **Rose Isard**, who has joined the law firm Blank Rome LLP as an associate in the Employment, Benefits, and Labor practice group. Rose attended the U. of Pennsylvania Law School. **Nadine Feinstein** has been busy up in Massachusetts. She will be graduating with a master's degree from the Harvard School of Public Health in June 2006. **Jennifer Mait** checks in from New York City to let us know that she's currently in medical school. **Brian Canlis** checks in to tell us that he is working for Canlis Restaurant as the head of the Department of Adventure. He just returned from spending five months deployed to Kyrgyzstan, but is finally home to stay. He's been spending his spare time playing ultimate Frisbee and being a photographer.

Miki Agrawal tells us that after graduation she moved to NYC and worked in investment banking for a bit (including living through 9/11 in Manhattan) and then played for a semi-pro soccer team, also in NYC, until she blew out her knees. Over the last three years she's been writing a book entitled "Corporate Karma" (still unfinished), and now she's opening up her first (of many) healthy pizza places in Manhattan. "Healthy" means they use organic ingredients, unbleached and whole wheat crusts, spelt crusts, soy cheese, rice cheese, and organic mozzarella cheese. They have high hopes for the chain concept. The store is called "Slice, the Perfect Food" and they're located on the Upper East Side (2nd Ave. between 73rd and 74th streets) for all the New Yorkers! Miki looks forward to seeing everyone at our 5th Reunion!

Remember, reunion is June 8-11 . . . get psyched! For more news about our class and

about reunion, check out <http://classof01.alumni.cornell.edu/>. So . . . what's new in your lives? Any exciting trips? New job? Grad school? Weddings? Babies born? E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. We hope that all is well with each of you—let us know about it! ♦ **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu; and **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu.

02 I had a fabulous weekend wine-touring in early November on Seneca Lake. The weather cooperated and so did my liver. Good times. I highly recommend heading back up to the Finger Lakes for wine tours in the fall—it's a different experience from Senior Week. With final exams still ahead of me, I am looking forward to my trip to Israel this New Year's. No more interviews for this gal, as I have officially accepted a job in IBM's Business Consulting Group in their Organizational Change Strategy division. I'll start sometime over the summer 2006. Hopefully, I'll be able to make some use of my degree.

Annette Grew wrote to me from Barcelona, Spain. "I have been living here a year with my Catalan boyfriend, and work as a marketing coordinator for a luxury boutique hotel chain in Europe, www.thesteingroup.com." Annette says that Barcelona is fantastic, and she loves the food, weather, and lifestyle. "I have also raced in two triathlons this year, and next year I aim to race in a few more." Though not a Hoteli, she likes working in the hotel business and can be of some help if anyone is willing to cross the Atlantic and start a career there. Also, if anyone is living in Barcelona or anywhere nearby in Europe, give Annette a holler. **Adam Frank** currently works at Sterling & Sterling Inc. in Woodbury, NY. "Last year I started a community service initiative at my company. Since its inception, we have raised thousands of dollars for different causes through fundraising and participation in community events. Maybe this can inspire others in our class to do the same," he wrote. It's always a pleasure to hear about our classmates' involvement in philanthropic activities.

Asheen Phansey may have graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering, but he spent two of his four years at Cornell as a Computer Science major. Since graduating, he has continued this trend of reinventing his career every year or two. "At first I worked in proteomics and bioinformatics doing lab work and software design for a biotech involved in the molecular characterization of cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease. After two years in biotech research, I jumped on an opportunity to help start a contract manufacturing plant that specializes in the sterile freeze-drying of drugs for pharmaceutical clinical trials. While this was a great entrepreneurial experience, I've recently moved on to become a process development engineer at a Cambridge, MA, company that makes artificial bones." Asheen also began taking classes for the evening MBA program at Babson College. "B-school has been an awesome experience, but I feel a bit like a Cornell frosh again. I wish my classmates a happy holiday season and trust that their lives have been just as wacky as mine."

Come join us and celebrate!



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A couple of classmates did not move too far from our old stomping grounds. **Rochelle Burns** Pierce is living in East Greenbush, NY, working as a clinical dietitian. **Andy Russell** is living in Loudonville, NY, and teaching Latin at a local high school. After hours, he moonlights as a Cornell alumni mentor. When asked what he'd rather be doing, he writes, "I'd rather be a full-time grad student studying Latin." Most of all, Andy remembers the amazingly talented people from Cornell. "I'm curious to know how **Katie Carlino '03** is doing," he said. Katie, give Andy a holler! Just north of New York, **Shane Downey** wrote in from Toronto, Ontario, where he works for KPMG. "I was recently promoted to senior accountant in the Financial Service Audit Practice after I successfully passed the three-day final exam for designation as chartered accountant (UFE) in September 2005. I will be meeting with several other classmates from 2002 and 2003 in Philadelphia for New Year's celebrations." Boy, oh boy, I hope there will be an even number of people. **Scott Belsky** writes, "I am founding a project focused on developing leadership capability in the creative professional community."

And now a shout-out to my fellow students. **Amy Schwab** just received her MBA from Southern Methodist U. **Abhishek "Abhi" Mathur** writes, "Hey, Carolyn. Nothing interesting . . . just graduated from NYU law school and am working at a firm in Westchester." What a humble guy. How many of us graduated Cornell in under three years? Congratulations! **Li-Fen Chen** is a fourth-year medical student. Her present "After Hours" extracurricular activities include swimming, and recently she's been interviewing for residency. She remembers Senior Week most of all when she thinks of Cornell. Since June 2005, **Sara Dudnik** has been working toward her MBA and Master of Engineering degrees at MIT. "I finally met **Ilyse Cody** last week, who is also at Sloan, and I'd love to hear from other Bostonians."

To no one's surprise, some classmates have paved their own way in business. **Sarah Dickinson**, a fellow Donlon 6-er, wrote in to say that she is living in New York, where she has started a business designing and manufacturing handbags and wallets. "The latest design is made of metrocards, all officially licensed by the MTA. I just got the license and am looking to get them into local New York City shops." Sarah's bags have been featured on ABC news and there will be an upcoming piece about them on a German television network called Deutsche Welle. Check out her website, www.metrocardbag.com, for more information on her one-of-a-kind creations. "I am not even in NYC anymore!" gasps **Adam Kravetz**. "I am living near Stowe, VT, and working on a software startup with **Jeff Cedeno '04** producing workout software (think advanced heart rate monitors)." Adam says he tries to get outside to bike, ski, or climb, and test the software as much as possible. ❖ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; or **Elizabeth Richards**, elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com.

03 As you read this column, the frost and snow will soon be melting in Ithaca. I'm sure many of us are happy to not have to handle those

Bag Lady

SARAH DICKINSON '02

Sarah Dickinson '02 has always had trouble throwing things away. A jewelry and clothing designer now living in New York City, the former history major has managed to turn her pack-rat tendencies into both a fashion statement and a career, recycling used MTA MetroCards—the blue-and-yellow plastic fare cards that replaced the city's subway tokens several years ago—to make a variety of bags. Her creations range from carry-all totes to change purses that she sells at her website, www.metrocardbag.com.

The inspiration was a simple one. "I just had this big stack of MetroCards, and I thought they looked so cool," she says. One night, using a sewing machine and an old tablecloth left over from her Collegetown apartment, Dickinson stitched forty MetroCards together into a tote bag for her own use. So many people on the street asked her where it was from and how they could get one she decided to quit her job at an architecture firm and



go into business. Her bags have been featured on "ABC News Now" and a German television network, and Dickinson now sells several other items, including belts, jewelry, bags of different materials, and, of course, more MetroCard-inspired pieces. "The main idea behind it is taking old, used stuff and turning it into new stuff," she says, "giving it a new life."

— Jill Weiskopf '06

bitter winter walks anymore. However, for some like **Debra Frese**, now an animal care technician in New York, walking uphill in two feet of snow is one of her most distinct Cornell memories. Meanwhile **Erika Ettin** continues with some Cornell traditions and is in an a cappella group called Tonic & Gin with two other Cornell alumni. She hasn't quit her day job as an analyst for Fannie Mae.

Congratulations to **Alina Kim**, who just opened a 125-seat contemporary American seafood restaurant and bar called Blueside Grill. It's located in Englewood, NJ, but you can visit it online at www.bluesidegrill.com. Congratulations are also due to **Anne Marie Murphy Rivard**. She wrote, "**Bryan** and I were married on October 15. Our wedding included many references to our alma mater, including naming our tables after our favorite places on campus. I am working as a clinical dietitian at Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, and Bryan is a mechanical engineer at Pratt and Whitney in Middletown, CT. We were married in Buffalo, NY (my hometown) and then traveled around Italy for two weeks." Somehow I'm not quite sure I believe Anne

Marie when she says she'd rather be hanging out at Collegetown Bagels right now.

Autumn Meister is a US Air Force C-17 pilot. As you can guess, she's been spending a lot of time traveling and flying. **Katie Lavin** has also been traveling to volunteer in the US and abroad in areas of natural disasters. When she's not doing that, she still coaches lacrosse at the Dalton School and plays lacrosse at NYAC. **Jonathan Schoenberg** and **Kate Nelson** are in College Park, MD. Jonathan is a radar systems engineer for Northrop Grumman, where he's worked since graduation, and Kate is a graduate student in animal science at the U. of Maryland, College Park. Since graduation Katie worked in the Animal Nutrition Lab at the National Zoo in Washington, DC. She followed that with a research position at the U. of Maryland before starting graduate school. Jonathan writes that he misses Cornell hockey (as I'm sure many other classmates do). "Back at Cornell, Kate and I had a great time fueling our Cornell hockey obsession, which is still alive today. We look forward to several hockey road trips each season. Let's Go Red!"

Jason Goldman lives and works in the Big Apple, and his extracurricular activities include intramural softball and poker. He fondly remembers wine tours. **John Conlon** is living in New York as well and is working in institutional sales at Sidoti and Co. LLC. **Meghan Ann Dickerson** is in Northport, NY, and is a chiropractic intern while she attends chiropractic college. She is also the manager of and player on a co-ed softball team.

Not too far away, **Jaime Kaplan** is a junior tenant coordinator at a real estate investment trust in Upper Holland, PA. On the other side of the country, **Andrew Rosenthal** is a meteorologist at Atmospherics Inc., a cloud-seeding firm in Fresno, CA. Also dealing with the environment—in a different way—**Kathy Moon** is living in Troy, NY, and is a laboratory technician for NYS DEC at Hale Creek Field Station. She tests fish for PCBs and pesticides.

Natalie Walleser writes, “I finished my master’s degree in public affairs from the La Follette School at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison in May 2005. I’m now working as a legislative analyst for the Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau, evaluating various state government programs. Now that I’m not in the library every minute, I’m enjoying living back in the Midwest, and I spend many weekends working on my family’s farm.” Also in the academic world, **Sarah Jensen** is currently a graduate student in the child clinical psychology PhD program at the U. of Washington, Seattle, conducting research on children with serious behavior problems. **Brooke Lange** is a lab technician in Kansas. **Charlton Stucken** is in his third year at Boston U. Medical School.

Speaking of families, congratulations to **Johanna Velez** LoTempio on the birth of her baby girl! On July 28, 2005 Johanna became the mother of Allison Sophia. Well, that’s it for now. Continue to keep us posted! ♦ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; and **Samantha Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu.

04 Hello, all. We have a lot of exciting news this issue. With an Internet site that showcases more videos of hotels and destinations from around the world than Yahoo and Travelocity combined, **Steve Yu** and his business partner, Young-jun Kim, have finally launched www.epictrip.com. The two co-founders coursed through an interesting story before realizing the launch of epictrip.com. Within months of starting his first job after college, Steve’s dream of climbing the corporate ladder was quickly brought to a halt when he was laid off as a result of his employer’s corporate restructuring. Although there were other options for him to pursue, Steve decided on starting his own business with an idea that had sparked in his mind months before. So he took his severance package and used it as the seed money to start his business. The two men took on odd jobs, from painting people’s houses to delivering furniture, to fund their venture throughout the development of their business. The private beta site version, released months before the anticipated launch at the end of January 2006, has already drawn a great deal of interest. According to Steve, “It’s only a matter of

time before epictrip.com has more travel-related videos and virtual tours than anywhere on the Web. People are referring to us as the video-on-demand travel site.”

Kristen Fiore writes that she moved back to Connecticut and accepted a position as a financial service representative for the First Investors Corp. in North Haven. **Sage Nagai** is in the Peace Corps in Micronesia, working in public health within the Micronesian governmental offices in the capital city. In her free time, she is studying the language of Pohnpei, participating in cultural ceremonies, and learning all she can about the history, culture, and public health problems of the area. She will complete her fieldwork for her master’s in international public health, and she is enjoying every moment of her exciting experience. She also says she would love to hear from her friends, especially everyone from Boldt Tower.

Daniel Kim, MAT ’05, is teaching high school in Louisville, KY. His forte is teaching math courses and using technology in the classroom. Currently, he is teaching mostly geometry courses and using LCD projectors and SmartBoards. His next step is to pursue a PhD in mathematics or statistics education and to try to make it to at least one Cornell hockey game this season. **Esther Pullen** writes that although she would rather be taking a hike through Buttermilk Falls or running in the Plantations with the fencing team, she is really enjoying her job as a raw product coordinator for an apple-packing house and brokerage in Lyndonville, NY. She is also very involved in her local community and church. She sends a warm hello to her sophomore year roommate, **Judy Ranns**.

Russell Shattan is an investment analyst at CNL Hospitality in Orlando, FL, an advisory firm to a hotel investment fund. He works in portfolio and corporate investment analysis, analyzing operating and industry trends for CNL and their competitors. He was able to make it back to Homecoming and had a reunion with some friends in Vegas over Halloween. In his free time, he is biking, traveling, and playing golf, tennis, and squash. **Hilary Smith** has just returned from teaching in Madagascar. She is working at Panera Bread and writing as an intern for Rochester-area *Messenger Post Newspapers*. She spent the fall reacquainting herself with New York by attending “foliage-resplendent fall festivals.” She is also reading and writing a lot. She would love to hear from anyone who lived in Sperry sophomore or junior year, or anyone from Ears or Professor Avery’s research team. She also writes that she misses **Katrina Poetzl**, **Julia Harris**, and **Michelle Gottlieb**.

Send in your updates and join the Class of 2004 groups on Friendster and theFacebook. Enjoy your spring, and hopefully I will see some of you at Slope Day. ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

05 **Dan Schiff** has had quite a year since graduation. He moved back home to Westchester and took a job at Steve and Barry’s, a high-quality, low-price supplier of college apparel throughout the U.S. While Dan’s daily commute takes him from one side of the city to the other (Steve and Barry’s is located on the North Shore of Long

Island), he’s also had some more interesting travels in the pursuit of work. When Dan first started with the company he was sent to India, where—like many American corporations—Steve and Barry’s outsources some of its functions. There are roughly 700 employees overseas, and Dan was encouraged to get to know his “co-workers” during the trip. The company’s facilities were located in Bombay, so when he wasn’t working Dan checked out the city and its silver market.

Dan’s job also took him to Burnsville, MN, this year, where he helped open one of the company’s new stores. It was a short visit due to local union pressures, but Dan and his colleagues were able to travel to Mystic Lake, the Twin Cities area casino, to take in “the largest buffet in the Midwest.” It’s also been an exciting time to work for the company, which Dan says has enjoyed near 100-percent growth over the past year. He was moved into the shipping and supply side of the company, and from his desk, Dan makes sure all of the company’s products go from the shipping point in Ohio to the various stores across the country. As a whole, he’s enjoyed the level of responsibility Steve and Barry’s has given him, and has viewed the job as a great way to gain experience after Cornell.

Brendan Ahern is also in the Metro New York area, where he’s currently finishing up his first year in the NYC teaching fellows program. Similar to Teach for America, Brendan will work at a Brooklyn High School for two years teaching history while earning his master’s degree in education at Pace. Not content to confine his impact to the classroom, Brendan has also taken an active role in the school’s Debate Club, and is working on starting a club track team. Though he’s extremely positive about the experience (“It’s awesome!” he said), Brendan has found challenges in shifting his role from student to teacher. “Some days the kids just don’t want to listen. The freshmen are the most rambunctious and are really more like middle schoolers.”

The student body at Brendan’s school is primarily Hispanic and African American, and the students run the gamut of ability levels. He admits his biggest challenge is differentiating his lessons so everyone can be involved—simple enough to push his slower students, yet involving enough to capture the classroom’s brightest minds. Like most teaching program participants, Brendan’s fellow faculty members are younger, with no one older than 32 on the staff. As a result, he’s been able to gain acceptance and work well with the other teachers. They are so cohesive, they even go out in the City together. Socially, Brendan keeps in touch with **Stephanie Judd**, who’s also in NYC, and his local friends from high school. “Time is just flying by,” he told me of his two-year commitment. Still, even after he’s done with the program, Brendan looks forward to continuing teaching for a few more years. He feels he’s still learning, and between classes and the hard-knock education of running a classroom, he’s gained a lot of experience. “I would like to give back once I really know what I’m doing.”

Jamie Newberry spent the year in Las Vegas working for Harrah’s in hotel operations management and bragging to everyone she knows

about how she no longer needs a winter jacket. She spent the first half of the year working with her boss from two summers ago, who had just acquired a new department. Together the two restructured Harrah's environmental services area (or EVS, as the insiders call it), which kept them plenty busy. Jamie's work also provided her first encounters with union workers, some of whom constantly tried to fight her over various restructuring points. When not fighting with union members, Jamie was involved in rolling out Harrah's customer service program to all the Caesar's properties, as part of the companies' merger.

Jamie has also been enjoying Las Vegas's strong alumni network. She regularly takes part in the Hotel school events, and loves the ridiculously entertaining and lavish dinners. She's also been living with **Josh Pozner** since last December. Together they watch TV, surf their wireless Internet, and generally enjoy not having homework. Since real people like Jamie don't have mounting school bills, and actually make money, they can do fun things like travel and visit friends. Jamie hit up NYC, where she visited **Marcia Regen** and a host of Glee Club and chorus alumni. She also traveled to San Francisco, where she met up with several California alumni and fellow 'oh-fiver **Graham Anderson**.

Graham is currently at Berkeley working on his PhD and lives with fellow PhD candidate Dave Wang. Graham is currently studying the multiple vulvas in worms and their associated phenotypes. Sometimes he gets to branch out to fruit fly courting behavior. When not playing mad scientist, he also enjoys socializing with the other graduate students (they throw amazing parties in their labs, but also go to great lengths not to disturb or wreck any of the equipment—including covering everything in plastic) and bragging about the weather ("California is not cold at all!" he writes). He recently attended his high school's five-year reunion, which he said was just "crazy."

Graham also said that he's been keeping in pretty close contact with **Jevon Bindman**. Ironically, I have been spending the year keeping in touch with **Dylan Bindman**. Dylan is doing well and recently moved into a house in Minneapolis just a few blocks from the U. of Minnesota campus. He's currently employed at the "U" (as the locals call it), and has been a program associate and the graduate medical program's Residency Management Suite (RMS) training coordinator. Dylan's proximity to the medical school has also struck him with a feverish determination to take biology and chemistry coursework. As part of working for the university, he's entitled to take two classes per semester, and is currently working on satisfying the pre-med course requirements. When not training medical professionals in the latest scientific advances, Dylan spends time with his longtime girlfriend Megan, and occasionally . . . me. I just finished up my first year at the U. of Minnesota Law School, and have had the pleasure of catching up with Dylan over several lunches, Twins' baseball games, and occasional bouts of beer.

Have news to share? Tired of reading about people I used to live with? Send us your news!

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06 As Class Correspondents, we would like to welcome the Class of 2006 to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. We encourage you to stay in touch by passing along your experiences and future news to us. Keep your classmates informed about your lives!

This column introduces the newest Alumni Class Council, who will work together on the Senior Class Campaign, as well as on our 5th Reunion in 2011. Congratulations to all the class officers on your new positions!

Class Correspondents: **Kate DiCicco** (HE) of New York City majors in Apparel Design and Business Management with a concentration in Communications. She is a member of the Women's Alumnae Networking Committee and the Cornell Entrepreneur Organization (CEO). She also writes for *kitsch* magazine and has participated in the externship program. Kate plans to pursue singing and songwriting, in addition to working in the entertainment or fashion industry. **Cristian Serna** (CAL) is a Biology major with a Latino Studies minor. He is a Tradition Fellow, Biology student advisor, and very involved in La Asociacion Latino. He hopes to pursue a master's in social work in NYC after graduation.

Co-Presidents: **Michael Zuckerman** (ILR) of Glencoe, IL, served on the Student Assembly for transfer students. As a junior he coordinated the Cornell mock election in an effort to promote civic engagement. Currently, he serves as the president of the senior class. **Kate Nadolny** (CAL) is a founding member of Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, former co-chair of the Student Assembly Finance Commission, CALS representative on the Student Assembly, and president of the Society for Women in Business. Kate will work for Lehman Brothers doing investment banking in July.

Events Chair: **Marie-Jouvelle Aubourg** (A&S) from Roselle, NJ, majors in Biology and Society and has a concentration in Law and Society. Fueled by her love of Cornell, she has planned many campus-wide events aimed to unify Cornellians. She has been heavily involved in Welcome Weekend, the Haitian Students Association, Freshman Orientation, and Class Councils. After graduation, she hopes to explore her career options in the field of event planning. **Miriam Gross** (Hotel), from California, has devoted herself to Cornell through many organizations, most notably Hotel Ezra Cornell and Class Councils. She will continue to stay involved as she moves on to pursue a career in restaurant marketing and operations.

Publicity Chair: **Krystyn Tandy '05** (Grad) is a Natural Resources major from Yorktown Heights, NY. She was heavily involved with the Class of 2006 undergraduate Class Council, serving as President and Vice President of Events. Krystyn hopes to attend law school and pursue a career in environmental law. Secretary: **Nicole DeGrace** (HE) of Levittown, LI, majors in Human Development. Nicole taught dance while attending Nassau Community College, where she received her associate's degree. She

plans to work in Italy after graduation to continue her educational endeavors, and then hopes to become a nutritional psychologist in the US.

Treasurer: **Albert T. Nguyen** (A&S) hails from Northern California. He's triple-majoring in Asian Studies, Economics, and Government. Albert hopes to become an international lawyer some day. Vice President of Participation: **Jared Levin** (ILR) of Newton, MA, is a member of the club lacrosse team and served as a Cornell Orientation Leader and a research assistant in the Labor Economics department. He plans to work as a legal assistant for a few years in the Boston area before pursuing a career in employment law.

Vice Presidents of Athletics: **Linda Trotter** (HE) of Indianapolis, IN, is a Policy Analysis and Management major. She was voted the Big Red's Best Sprinter in 2005 and was a team captain for the 2005-06 indoor and outdoor track and field season. She is also a member of the first Ivy League women's 4x400-meter relay team to qualify for the NCAA Division I Championships that were held in Sacramento, CA, in 2005. Linda is a mentor in Human Ecology, as well as a member of the Campus Life Student Advisory Committee and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. **Phela Townsend** (ILR) is from the Washington, DC, area. She participates in organizations such as MILRSO (Minority ILR Student Organization), CCC (Cornell Concert Commission), and ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, Native American Organization). Phela served as a commissioner on the SAFC (Student Assembly Finance Commission) for over a year and is the coach's assistant for the Cornell football team. Upon graduation, Phela hopes to pursue a career in the sports industry in either law or business.

Vice Presidents of Giving Societies: **Victoria Lauterbach** (A&S), from the Midwest, is triple-majoring in History, Government, and Philosophy. She has served as vice president of the junior class and Cornell University College Democrats. In the fall, she will head to law school, pursuing a career in law and public policy. **Patrick Julius Hough** (CAL) of Winston-Salem, NC, majors in Applied Economics and Management. He has worked for the Cornell Office of Investment Management. After graduation, Jules will work full-time as a financial analyst in the investment management division of Goldman, Sachs & Co. in Pennsylvania.

Vice Presidents of Greek Challenge: **Richard Galati** (ILR) of Glen Head, NY, is a brother in Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, and president and general manager of WVBR-FM, Cornell's commercial radio station. He plans to stay involved with the Cornell community after graduation. **Kristen Munnely** (A&S) is a Neurobiology and Behavior major with a minor in Anthropology. Kristen has been involved with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and is the vice president for the service organization Circle K. She is currently pursuing an honors thesis in the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology department. Kristen is excited about getting more involved with Cornell in years to come.

Send us updates at the following e-mail addresses. We look forward to hearing from you! ♦ **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; and **Cristian Serna**, cs335@cornell.edu.

Alumni Deaths

'30, BS HE '31—**Ione Koller** Borsher of Alexandria, VA, February 5, 2005.
 '38 BS Hotel—**Kathryn Dunn** Earls of Nacogdoches, TX, March 13, 2005.
 '41 BA—**Jean R. Humphrey** of Tucson, AZ, March 6, 2005.
 '42—**Lucy Ward** Schmidt (Mrs. Willard C. '41) of Ithaca, NY, March 29, 2005.
 '48 BS ILR—**Robert F. Anzenberger** of Wakefield, RI, April 19, 2005.
 '51 BS Hotel—**Louis A. Cappello** of Upper St. Clair, PA, March 30, 2005.
 '52 BS Hotel—**Raymond E. Beck** of San Francisco, CA, March 19, 2005.
 '54 PhD—**Jay E. Treat Jr.** of Tucson, AZ, April 28, 2005.
 '57—**Robert A. Luss** of Cortland, NY, formerly of Dryden, NY, March 23, 2005.
 '59 MBA—**Leroy K. Young** of Shorewood, WI, March 2, 2005.
 '63 BS HE—**Anita Bishansky** Burch of Queens Village, NY, February 26, 2005.
 '77 MA—**Sharwyn M. Dyson** of Brooklyn, NY, March 25, 2005.
 '85 GR—**Linda Susan Clark** of Bath, NY, formerly of Moravia, NY, March 22, 2005.
 '88—**Lennard D. George** of Fort Washington, MD, April 21, 2005.

'24 BS HE—**Martha Signor** Bier of Silver Spring, MD, January 26, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'25 BS HE, MED '32—**Doris L. Mitchell** of Ithaca, NY, January 24, 2005; retired home economics teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'27 BS HE—**Ruth Bohnet** Jenkins of Saratoga Springs, NY, February 16, 2005; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'27 BA—**Zaida Hanford** Pierce of Orange City, FL, February 12, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'27 BA—**Louis L. Seaman** of Sykesville, MD, January 22, 2005. Pi Kappa Phi.

'28 BCE—**John R. Hawkins** of Delmar, NY, April 22, 2005; worked for NY Telephone; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'28 BME, PhD '38—**Ludolph F. Welanetz** of Palm Bay, FL, March 13, 2005; worked for Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins U.; veteran; also worked for Westinghouse, Sibley, Thiokol, and Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp.; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'29 BME—**Robert I. Dodge Jr.** of Washington, DC, February 4, 2005; retired Army colonel; mechanical engineer, AT&T; veteran; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'29 BME—**Ranald M. Garrison** of Houston, TX, January 20, 2005; manufacturing manager, Hanson Van Winkle Munning Co.; chief engineer, Verson Allsteel Press Co.; asst. chief engineer, Bullard Co.; consultant, Briggs and Stratton Corp.; veteran; ham radio enthusiast; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'30 BA—**Benjamin E. Krentz** of Naples, FL, formerly of New York City, March 23, 2005;

physician; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'30 BME, BS Ag '47—**Frederic R. Minns** of Nashville, TN, March 5, 2005; aeronautical and ordnance engineer; farm manager; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'30 BCE—**Charles D. Oliver** of Austin, TX, formerly of Atlanta, GA, March 13, 2005; senior vice president, Liberty Mutual Insurance; taught at Emory U.; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'32—**Clarence A. McCarthy Jr.** of Center Sandwich, NH, February 12, 2005; department store and mail order executive; taught marketing seminars; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'32 BCE—**William E. Mullestein** of West Chester, PA, April 20, 2005; CEO, Lukens Steel Co.; active in professional and alumni affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'32 BA, MA '33—**Elisabeth Oldenburg** Parsons (Mrs. Merton S., PhD '37) of Fairfax, VA, March 9, 2005; elementary school librarian; Civil War expert; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'32 BME—**Robert E. Patrick** of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Wilmington, DE, February 18, 2005; worked for DuPont; active in religious and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'32 BA—**Edna Tanzer** Rudiger (Mrs. Carl E., MS '31) of Perry, NY, January 21, 2005; retired high school English teacher; active in community affairs.

'33—**Isadore I. Belloff** of Adams, NY, March 25, 2005; operated Belloff's Dept. Store; research engineer; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'33 BA, JD '35—**John D. Bennett** of Greenport, NY, February 1, 2005; former NY State legislator

and Nassau County Surrogate Court judge; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Theta Chi.

'33 BA—**Louise O'Donnell** Brownell of Largo, FL, formerly of Medina, NY, March 14, 2005; retired lab technician; active in community and religious affairs.

'33 BA—**Herbert Gussman** of Tulsa, OK, March 12, 2005; oil company executive; chairman, executive committee, Missouri Pacific Railroad; art collector; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'34—**Laurence S. Bierds** of Plantation, FL, February 25, 2005; worked in printing.

'34 BS Ag—**Jean L. Merkel** of Boynton Beach, FL, March 31, 2005; orchid grower; plantsman; veteran; active in professional affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'34 BS HE—**Florence Moulton** Wagstaff of Winthrop, NY, April 19, 2005; substitute teacher and home tutor; active in community and religious affairs.

'35—**John A. Custons** of Ossining, NY, February 13, 2005; veterans' counselor, Town of Ossining; retired from Murphy Bed & Door Co.; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'35 BA—**Lawrence B. McArthur** of Scotia, NY, January 27, 2005; assoc. commissioner for manpower, employee relations, and training, NYS Dept. of Mental Hygiene; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'36 PhD—**Arnoldus Goudsmit** of Fairport, NY, February 11, 2005; leader in clinical oncology; chief of surgical oncology, Minneapolis V.A. Hospital; Unitarian minister; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'36 BA—**Sarah Jane Wilder** Silcox of Lansdale, PA, April 4, 2005; nurse; homemaker; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'37 BS HE—**Doris Smallridge** Dykes of Southern Pines, NC, February 25, 2005; real estate agent; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'37 PhD—**Paul E. Newman** of Indianapolis, IN, formerly of Cayuga, NY, and Leesburg, FL, February 27, 2005; retired from Beacon Milling Co.; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Theta Xi. Wife, Julie (Robb) '38.

'37 BA—**David G. Schwartz** of West Palm Beach, FL, April 12, 2005; physician; veteran; active in professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'37 BA—**Edmund L.G. Zalinski** of Haverford, PA, January 20, 2005; retired president, Life Insurance Co.; active in community and professional affairs.

'38 BEE—**Austin K. Bennett** of Decatur, GA, February 22, 2005; electrical engineer.

'38 BME—**Robert T. Brunton** of Buffalo, NY, March 3, 2005; retired machine tool distributor;

active in community and professional affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha. Wife, Alice (Guttman) '37.

'38, ME '39, MME '40—**Gerald W. Ehrhart** of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Trumansburg, NY, January 26, 2005; owner, propane gas business; taught mechanical engineering, Cornell U.; supervised Cornell's Civilian Pilot Training Program in WWII; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'38, BS Ag '43—**Stephen C. Fordham Jr.** of Surprise, AZ, March 29, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'38 LLB—**Edward Harris Jr.** of Rochester, NY, March 16, 2005; attorney; veteran; horseman; active in civic and community affairs.

'38 MCE—Maj. Gen. **Clarence C. Haug** of Decorah, IA, March 2, 2005; retired US Army officer; engineer; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'38 BS Ag—**Walter Johnson** of Hector and Ithaca, NY, February 4, 2005; fruit farmer; extension agent; county legislator; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'38 JD—**Sol M. Linowitz** of Washington, DC, March 18, 2005; attorney; partner, Coudert Brothers law firm; Middle East peace negotiator; Panama Canal treaty negotiator; ambassador to the OAS; counsel to Presidents Johnson, Carter, and Clinton; former chairman of Haloid Corp. (which became Xerox); veteran; author; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Evelyn (Zimmerman) '39.

'38 BS Ag—**Nelly Scott** Roberts of Needham, MA, February 25, 2005; bookkeeper; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'38 DVM—**Stephen J. Roberts** of Bath, NY, January 21, 2005; veterinarian; retired professor, Cornell Vet college; "Dean of College Polo"; author; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Psi.

'38 BEE—**William S. Rockwell** of Alexandria, LA, formerly of Menlo Park, CA, April 25, 2005; engineering sales mgr., Varian Assocs.; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'39 BS Ag—**George Abraham** of Naples, NY, January 27, 2005; greenhouse operator and syndicated gardening columnist; co-host of "The Green Thumb," a long-running radio program; author; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Wife, Katherine (Mehlenbacher) '43.

'39 BS Ag—**Donald W. Hammond** of Potomac, MD, formerly of Mesa, AZ, January 28, 2005; agricultural extension agent; Onondaga County Coordinator, Extension Service; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'39 Med—**Maurice L. Patterson** of Interlaken, NY, February 18, 2005; educator; author; editor; school district principal; math and science teacher; president, Interlaken Historical Society; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'39 BS Ag—**William C. Twaddle** of Chateaugay, NY, February 3, 2005; taught vocational agriculture; farmer; owner, dairy equipment business; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'40 BA, JD '42—**Jerome S. Affron** of Newburgh, NY, March 15, 2005; president, Affron Fuel Oil Co.; active in civic and community affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'40, BS HE '41—**Jane Caryl** Dean (Mrs. Donald J., DVM '41) of Altamont, NY, April 20, 2005; BOCES teacher; active in civic and community affairs.

'40 BS Ag—**Harold J. De Brine** of Rochester, NY, April 12, 2005; worked for Curtice-Burns; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'40 BS HE—**Constance Logan** Gros of Millbrook, NY, February 16, 2005; home economics teacher; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'40 LLB—**Ralph A. Higerd** of W. Hartford, CT, January 20, 2005; attorney, Aetna Life and Casualty Co.; veteran; floral designer; photographer; active in community and religious affairs.

'40 DVM—**Ferdinand A. Lombard** of Troy, NY, January 27, 2005; veterinarian.

'40 BME—**Alex H. Luedicke Jr.** of Newcastle, WA, March 10, 2005. Delta Tau Delta.

'40 BS Ag—**Paul A. Lutz** of Columbia, MO, March 26, 2005; community development specialist, U. of Missouri Extension Service. Kappa Delta Rho.

'40 BEE—**Norman C. Robinson** of Buffalo, NY, February 18, 2005; electrical engineer; business owner; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'40 BA—**Rabbi Sanford E. Saperstein** of Longboat Key, FL, formerly of Merrick, NY, March 26, 2005; rabbi emeritus, Temple Beth Israel; adjunct professor, New College; active in community affairs.

'40 MD—**Edward M. Shepard** of Oyster Bay, NY, April 3, 2005; internist; taught at Cornell Medical School; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'41 PhD—**Vitold Arnett** of Worcester, MA, formerly of Tenafly, NJ, March 3, 2005; retired psychiatrist; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'41 BS Hotel—**Robert L. Bartholomew** of Delray Beach, FL, February 5, 2005; retired teacher and administrator, Palm Beach Community College, Florida College of Business, Northwood Inst., and South College; veteran; salesman; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi. Wife, Eddie (Burgess) '41.

'41 BS Ag—**Einar A. Eklund** of Stamford, NY, February 25, 2005; president, Stamford Bank; owner, Eklund Farm Machinery and A. Eklund

and Sons Farms; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'41 BEE—**Peter C. Foote** of Ephraim, WI, March 22, 2005; retired president, int'l division, Cutler-Hammer; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Psi.

'41—**Oliver C. Fuller II** of Shelton, WA, April 23, 2005; veteran. Chi Psi.

'41 BME—**Leonard G. Hooper** of Scottsdale, AZ, March 7, 2005; engineer; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'41 BA—**Bernadette Kane** Inkeles of Palo Alto, CA, February 3, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Alex Inkeles '41, MA '46.

'41 BEE—**Raymond W. Kruse** of Peterborough, NH, March 26, 2005; executive director, Nat'l Assn. of Plastics Distributors; worked for Rohm & Haas; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'41 BA—**Jessie Hallstead** Pearce of Corsicana, TX, February 2, 2005; art collector; active in community affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Charles S. Pearce '42.

'41 MS—**Jay S. Roth** of Woods Hole, MA, February 7, 2005; professor of molecular and cell biology, U. of Connecticut, Storrs; author; worked on the Manhattan Project; veteran; headed labs at Marine Biological Laboratories; active in community and professional affairs.

'41—**Edward L. Saunders** of Vero Beach, FL, formerly of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, April 16, 2005; insurance agent, Prudential Life; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

'41—**Nathan Schweitzer Jr.** of New York City, March 22, 2005; president, Nathan Schweitzer Meat & Poultry Corp.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Pi Lambda Phi.

'41 BS Ag—**Maja Cavetz** Stamp of Ithaca, NY, April 13, 2005; secretary, premedical advisory committee, Cornell U.; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

'41 MME, PhD '43—**Paul S. Symonds** of Providence, RI, March 28, 2005; professor emeritus of engineering, Brown U.; author; active in professional affairs. Wife, Ilse (Powell) '42.

'41 BS Ag—**Leonard J. Uttal** of Blacksburg, VA, March 16, 2005; botanical curator, Virginia Polytechnic Inst. & State U.; hotelier; also worked for the USDA; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'41 BS Ag—**Albert C. Waite** of Wilson, NY, February 18, 2005; maintenance supervisor, SUNY Buffalo; mgr., Ontario Orchards Cold Storage; gen. mgr., Niagara County Milk Producers Cooperative; active in community and religious affairs.

'42, BA '41—**Hans A. Adler** of McLean, VA, January 29, 2005; senior economist, World Bank; consultant to the Polish Ministry of Finance; taught economics at George Mason U.; veteran; author; active in professional affairs.

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'42 BA—**Lois Deming** Armbruster of West Halifax, VT, April 3, 2005; physician; taught at Waterbury Hospital; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'42 BCE—**Glenn R. Botsford** of Ithaca, NY, March 27, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'42—**Frank K. Burgess** of Batavia, IL, January 23, 2005; vice president, Burgess-Norton Manufacturing Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Chi Psi.

'42—**Charles F. Coffin** of Baltimore, MD, February 1, 2005. Theta Xi.

'42 BS HE—**Renee Dick** Gould of Albany, NY, January 31, 2005; home economics teacher; former head dietician, Pentagon; active in community and religious affairs.

'42 BS Hotel—**Roger M. Merwin** of Sykesville, MD, February 13, 2005; Deputy Chief of Services, US Air Force; veteran; active in alumni affairs.

'42—**James P. O'Donnell Jr.** of Herkimer, NY, February 4, 2005; retired NY State Supreme Court justice; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'42 PhD—**Maynard J. Ramsay** of Bowie, MD, March 20, 2005; economic entomologist; beetle specialist; worked for the USDA; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'43, BA '42—**Robert H. Dinegar** of Los Alamos, NM, April 21, 2005; adjunct professor, chemistry, U. of New Mexico, Los Alamos; Episcopal priest; researched the Shroud of Turin; veteran; author; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'43 BA—**John J. Murphy** of Worcester, MA, February 11, 2005; retired insurance salesman; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'43 DVM—**Richard H. Parmelee Jr.** of Warsaw, NY, February 6, 2005; retired veterinarian; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'43 BME—**Mario F. Pierpoline** of Media, PA, March 19, 2005; retired Westinghouse engineer; expert in power generation and jet engines; active in professional affairs.

'43—**Marshall D. Post** of Williamsport, PA, April 17, 2005; manager of media relations, Bethlehem Steel; journalist; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Nu.

'43 PhD—**William J. Tapp** of Apex, NC, February 17, 2005; worked for Union Carbide.

'43, JD '49—**Walter Weiss** of Teaneck, NJ, February 3, 2005; vice president of human resources, Lightolier; human rights legal advocate; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Wife, Stephanie (Thurnauer) '48.

'44, BArch '49—**C. Gates Beckwith** of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, March 25, 2005; architect; senior partner, Eggers Group; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs. Zeta Psi.

'44, BS ORIE '43—**Chandler Burpee Jr.** of Goffstown, NH, January 24, 2005; industrial engineer, Raytheon; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'44—**Guy F.F. Garman** of Parkville, MD, February 20, 2005; president and owner, Royal Lumber Co.; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'44 BS HE, MAT '67—**Betsey Skinner** Lazcano (Mrs. William R. '64) of Ithaca, NY, March 3, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'44 BS HE—**Lois Leeds** Marcello of West Palm Beach, FL, March 8, 2005; host of public television show "Stitch With Style"; home economics teacher; founder, Mother's Day Out; active in community and professional affairs.

'44 DVM—**Kenneth McEntee** of Eustis, FL, January 26, 2005; veterinarian. Wife, Janet (Fraser) '47.

'44 BS HE—**Donna McChesney** Robinson of Penfield, NY, March 22, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'44 BS Ag, DVM '49—**Malcolm M. Sharpe** of West Palm Beach, FL, March 27, 2005; veterinarian; owner, South Dixie Animal Hospital; state veterinarian, Palm Beach Kennel Club; worked at the Bronx Zoo; active in professional affairs.

'44 BS Ag—**George F. Weick** of Tonawanda, NY, April 3, 2005; manager, Cramer Hardware; active in community and religious affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'44—**Janet M. Willetts** of Encino, CA, February 2, 2005; veterinarian. Alpha Phi.

'44, BA '43—**Anthony T. Zambito** of Elba, NY, January 26, 2005; commodities futures broker; chemist on the Manhattan Project; helped to found Genesee Community College; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'45—**John H. Doughty III** of Highlands, NJ, February 10, 2005; salesman, Hutchinson Inc.; veteran. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'45—**William C. Haughwout** of Exton, PA, February 11, 2005; worked for GE Corp.; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'45-46 GR—**Burton W. Manth** of North Tonawanda, NY, March 7, 2005; founder, Manth Manufacturing and Manth-Brownell Inc.; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'45 BS Ag—**Joseph D. Minogue** of Ithaca, NY, January 29, 2005; retired Cornell U. administrator; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'45 PhD—**Richard H. J. Pian** of Tempe, AZ, March 11, 2005; professor emeritus, civil engineering, Arizona State U.; consulting structural engineer; active in professional affairs.

'45—**Herbert T. Smith** of Fayetteville, NY, March 7, 2005; worked for Bristol Laboratories; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'45 BS HE—**Jeannette Bradley** Valentine (Mrs.

Robert J. '45) of Lexington, KY, February 9, 2005; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Kappa.

'45, BS Ag '47—**Charles G. Whinfrey Jr.** of Geneva, IL, March 29, 2005; founder, Producers Chemical Co.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'46 BS HE—**Louise Wilson Ely** of Winston-Salem, NC, March 31, 2005; active in religious affairs.

'46 MA—**Marie R. MacNamara** of Lady Lake, FL, formerly of Elmira, NY, March 2, 2005; taught at Elmira College, Elmira Free Academy, and Cooperstown High School; active in community affairs.

'46, BA '45—**Estelle Loring Weinrib** of New York City, February 11, 2005; Broadway singer and actress; psychotherapist; author.

'47 BCE—**Allen E. Dekdebrun** of N. Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Amherst, NY, March 29, 2005; former pro football player; sporting goods dealer; chairman, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority; active in civic and community affairs.

'47 BEE—**Matthew W. Farmer** of Minnetonka, MN, February 21, 2005; president, MWF Systems. Phi Gamma Delta.

'47 BEE, MEE '58—**John LaTour** of Daytona Beach, FL, April 3, 2005; worked for Economy Electric Co.

'48—**Joseph E. Bishop Jr.** of Barnegat, NJ, April 11, 2005; worked for Bishops Dairies; active in community affairs.

'48—**Edwin L. Brashears Jr.** of Wilmette, IL, March 31, 2005; president, Nat'l Realty & Investment Co.; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'48 BA—**Herbert S. Brody** of Bound Brook, NJ, April 2, 2005; urologist; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'48 JD—**Ogden R. Brown** of Orchard Park, NY, April 21, 2005; attorney, Brown & Kelly.

'48 BS Ag, PhD '54—**Gordon J. Cummings** of Rochester, NY, April 5, 2005; retired professor of rural sociology, Cornell U.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'48 BME—**Joseph O. Danko Jr.** of Baltimore, MD, March 26, 2005; chairman, Danko Arlington Inc.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Theta Chi.

'48 MD—**Joseph A. Elliott** of Laurel, DE, April 14, 2005; physician; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 MD—**John H. Feger** of Dryden, NY, February 10, 2005; family physician; school doctor, George Junior Republic; worked for Alaska Native Service; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Martha (Fuchs), PhD '49.

'48 BS HE, MFS '49—**Carmel Along Fischer** of Cinnaminson, NJ, April 6, 2005; retired adjunct prof., Penn State U.; active in alumni affairs.

'48 BEE—**Robert E. Greenquist** of Hackensack, NJ, March 1, 2005; electrical engineer, Western Union; veteran; active in community affairs. Wife, Theresa (Dellapenta) '44.

'48—**Edward B. Jenner** of Lake Forest, IL, March 5, 2005; professional horse and dog breeder; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'48 BCE—**Walter D. Smith** of Scottsdale, AZ, January 25, 2005; construction superintendent, Mid Western Pipeline; general manager, Midway Chevrolet; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'48 BA—**Charles M. Snyder** of North Scituate, RI, April 10, 2005; director of computer services, Bryant U.; taught high school physics and chemistry; active in religious affairs.

'49 BA—**Pauline Carson Bloch** of University Heights, OH, March 11, 2005; owner, Bloch & Co.

'49 BS Hotel—**Walter J. Buzby II** of Linwood, NJ, February 21, 2005; retired arson investigator; operated the Hotel Dennis in Atlantic City; veteran; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'49 LLB—**Herbert Fishbone** of Bethlehem, PA, March 29, 2005; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'49—**Arthur G. Heidrick** of Lakewood, CA, April 20, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'49 BME—**Howard E. Kellberg** of Winter Haven, FL, April 2, 2005; engineer, Corning Glass; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'49 BA, MBA '61—**Charles O. Lee Jr.** of Cape Elizabeth, ME, April 16, 2005; chairman and president, David Wendell Assocs. Kappa Alpha.

'49 BA—**Philip F. O'Rourke** of Hilton Head Island, SC, March 21, 2005; owner, real estate brokerage; veteran. Sigma Chi.

'49 BS HE—**Helene Banta Peterson** of Salt Lake City, UT, February 8, 2005; dietician; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'49 BS ORIE—**George B. Rittenhouse** of Villanova, PA, March 1, 2005. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'49 BS Ag, PhD '54—**Maurie Semel** of Bucyrus, OH, February 10, 2005; professor emeritus of entomology, Cornell U.; active in alumni affairs.

'49 MS—**Charles R. F. Smith** of Vancouver, WA, April 1, 2005; chemist, Atomics Int'l and Argonne Nat'l Laboratories; active in religious affairs.

'50 BS Ag—**Seward T. Besemer** of Spokane Valley, WA, February 22, 2005. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'50—**Robert F. Brown** of Kingston, Ontario, April 18, 2005; hotelier; founder, Hovey Manor; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'50 BS ILR—**Francis A. Curry** of Bethlehem, PA, March 4, 2005; president, Moser Industries;

also worked for Rockwell Manufacturing; veteran; active in community affairs.

'50—**Edward G. Dugan** of Bridgewater, NJ, formerly of Somerville, February 13, 2005; retired general manager, Gloeckner and Co.; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'50 BS Hotel—**William L. Dwyer** of Orlando, FL, January 31, 2005; hotel and restaurant owner; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'50 BA—**James R. Farrell** of Livingston Manor, NY, January 31, 2005; retired insurance broker; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon. Wife, Vera (Johnston) '49.

'50 PhD—**Laurence E. Fogarty Jr.** of Mesa, AZ, November 6, 1998; internationally recognized expert on flight simulation; co-founder, Applied Dynamics computer corp.; professor of aerospace engineering, U. of Michigan; chief engineer, Link Aviation; active in professional affairs.

'50 PhD—**Howard E. Gruber** of New York City, January 25, 2005; psychologist of creativity and thinking; science historian; author of *Darwin on Man*.

'50 BS HE—**Sally Morrison Kersey** of Reno, NV, February 28, 2005; worked for the State of Nevada Welfare Division; active in community and religious affairs.

'50 BS ILR—**John T. Nesterowicz** of Angola, NY, April 2, 2005; parole officer; veteran; active in community affairs.

'50 LLB—**Charles R. Simpson Jr.** of La Habra, CA, February 12, 2005; attorney; judge, L.A. Superior Court; former chief deputy director, California Dept. of Industrial Relations; executive, Southern California Edison; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'50 BA—**Darius J. Spain** of Woodbury, CT, March 9, 2005; attorney; commissioner, CT State Workers' Compensation Commission; state representative, CT General Assembly; operated Spain Oil Co.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'50 BS Hotel—**Glenn Van Wagenen** of Cleveland, OH, February 7, 2005. Zeta Psi.

'50 B Chem E—**David G. White** of Washington, DC, March 11, 2005; professor emeritus of chemistry, George Washington U. Tau Beta Phi.

'51 BS Hotel—**Barbara Mapes Bodnar** of Phoenix, AZ, April 6, 2005; retired accountant.

'51 BS Ag—**Carleton P. Cook** of Auburn, NY, formerly of Port Byron, NY, February 9, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'51 B Chem E—**Harry J. Feehan Jr.** of Columbiana, OH, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, April 21, 2005; chemical engineer, General Motors and Detroit Diesel; co-owner, Tarry's Bowling Center; active in community and religious affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'51 BS HE—**Diana Jaszek Giza** of Lakewood,

NJ, January 27, 2005; director, adult studies program, Polish Cultural Center. Alpha Xi Delta.

'51 BA—**Marjorie Mahoney** Martin of Yardley, PA, January 29, 2005; policy associate, NJ School Board Assn. Alpha Xi Delta.

'51 BS Hotel—**Phyl R. Payne** of San Juan, PR, March 22, 2005; hotelier.

'51 BS AEP, PhD '55—**Harry E. Petschek** of Lexington, MA, March 29, 2005; physicist; inventor; president, Avco Everett Research Laboratory; founder, OmniFlow and Autogen; research fellow, Center for Space Physics, Boston U.; active in professional affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'51 PhD—**Gavino B. Rotor Jr.** of Signal Mountain, TN, March 8, 2005; founder, Crestwood Orchids; active in professional affairs.

'52 BS Ag—**Floyd E. Brown** of Orchard Park, NY, February 26, 2005. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'52, BA '53—**James A. Gash** of North Chatham, NY, March 3, 2005; journalist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'52 BME—**Rolf S. Kolflat** of New Braunfels, TX, February 4, 2005; mechanical engineer. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'52 JD—**David O. Lynch** of Washington Depot, CT, February 12, 2005; attorney.

'52 BS Ag—**Lee C. Naegely** of Elmira, NY, April 3, 2005. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'52 BA—**Arthur M. Reader** of Arden, NC, March 18, 2005; scientist; active in professional and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'52 BS HE—**Patricia Cox** Robbins of Marion, OH, April 6, 2005; home economics teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'52 BA—**Peter T. Schurman** of New Canaan, CT, April 13, 2005; founder, Plastic Forming Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Phi. Wife, Judith (Calhoun) '52.

'52 MD—**Peter E. Stokes** of Rivervale, NJ, January 22, 2005; professor emeritus of psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College; pioneer in psychopharmacology; active in professional and religious affairs.

'52, BEE '53—**L. Jack Williams** of East Aurora, NY, February 6, 2005; retired aerospace engineer, Moog Inc.; designed control systems for the space shuttle and missiles; active in community affairs.

'53 LLB—**Emerson R. Avery** of Cortland, NY, March 21, 2005; attorney; veteran; Cortland County judge; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'53 BA, JD '56—**Robert Cantwell** of Greenwich, CT, April 10, 2005; general counsel, Colgate Palmolive Co.; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'53—**Minton B. Cronkhite** of San Diego, CA, March 12, 2005; engineer; project mgr., Cubic Corp.; also worked for General Dynamics; veteran; active in community affairs.

'53 BA—**Joan Zweier** Dodge of Fishkill, NY, March 30, 2005; retired postal clerk; active in religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'53 BS HE—**Marlene Gilliland** Fowler (Mrs. Robert Z. '53) of Knoxville, TN, formerly of Ithaca, NY, January 23, 2005; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'53 BA—**Andrew F. Hanley Jr.** of Pinehurst, NC, March 26, 2005; Armstrong World Industries executive; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Pi.

'53 BA—**Edith Weisbord** Kirsch of Colorado Springs, CO, April 14, 2005; professor of art, Colorado College.

'53 BS HE—**Lydia Whitlock** Linaweaver of Riverside, CA, February 26, 2005; personnel trainer; active in community affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'53 BEE, PhD '60—**David Zammat** of Summit, NJ, March 30, 2005; electrical engineer.

'54 BA, LLB '56—**Arthur J. Golder** of Trumburg, NY, January 23, 2005; attorney; partner in Ithaca law firm of Wiggins, Tsapis, Golder and Freeman; jazz collector; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'54 BS Hotel—**Marley Halvorsen Jr.** of Auburn-dale, FL, April 2, 2005; hotelier; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi. Wife, Barbara (Webster) '57.

'54 BA—**Norman Jaskol** of East Falmouth, MA, April 8, 2005; worked in finance and investments; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'54 MEEd—**Edwin L. Kirby** of Columbus, OH, February 10, 2005; environmental science administrator, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture; associate administrator of Extension Service, USDA; taught at Ohio State U.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'54 PhD—**John H. Madison Jr.** of Newfield, NY, formerly of Gualala, CA, and Davis, CA, February 13, 2005; retired landscape horticulture professor, UC Davis; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'54 BEE—**Alexander M. Prochazka** of Owings Mills, MD, February 3, 2005. Wife, Frances (Hazell) '55.

'54 MA—**Louise Gamble** Schuchat of Bellevue, WA, February 21, 2005; former teacher, Washington Int'l School; active in community and professional affairs.

'54 JD—**Richard B. Wachenfeld** of Chestertown, MD, April 7, 2005; senior general attorney, Conrail; VP, New Jersey Central; gen. attorney, Erie Lackawanna; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'54 MS Ag, PhD '57—**Sidney Waxman** of Storrs

Mansfield, CT, February 10, 2005; horticulturalist; expert on dwarf conifers; established nursery at U. of Connecticut; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'54 BA—**Catherine MacDonald** Wigsten of Ithaca, NY, April 4, 2005; worked for Ithaca City Schools. Alpha Phi.

'55—**Charles W. Benter** of Macon, GA, February 4, 2005; sales manager, Mid Georgia Sales Co.; sales rep, Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'55 BA—**Susan Michaels** Epstein of Commack, NY, February 21, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Herbert R. Epstein '52.

'55-59 GR—**Peter Max** of Queenstown, MD, January 26, 2005; antitrust economist; senior vice president, NERA Economic Consulting; taught at Carnegie Mellon U.; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 MD — **James F. Oates III** of Richmond, VA, April 19, 2005; physician; active in community affairs.

'55 BS Ag—**Otto E. Schneider Jr.** of Newton, NJ, March 29, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'56 PhD—**William C. Denison** of Corvallis, OR, April 8, 2005; founder, Northwest Mycological Consultants; retired professor of botany and plant pathology, Oregon State U.; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'56 LLB—**Carl W. Peterson Jr.** of Venice, FL, February 7, 2005; attorney; partner, Hancock and Estabrook; corporation counsel, City of Syracuse; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'56 DVM—**Norman Pick** of Oklahoma City, OK, January 24, 2005; veterinarian; founder, Normac Foods; president, Anderson Meats and Provisions; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Psi.

'56, BA '57—**Leo Rubinstein** of Los Angeles, CA, February 11, 2005; clinical psychologist; rational-emotive behavior therapist; musician; artist. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'57 MA, PhD '60—**James F. Forrest** of Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada, March 26, 2005; professor of English, U. of Alberta; collector of John Bunyan's works; active in professional affairs.

'57 BS Hotel—**Walter J. Hartline** of Sebastian, FL, February 12, 2005. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'57—**Ronald J. Knasiak** of Venice, FL, March 7, 2005. Delta Upsilon.

'57 BS ILR—**Rabbi Sanford L. Lowe** of Santa Rosa, CA, March 21, 2005; rabbi; biblical scholar; gay rights activist; taught at Santa Rosa Junior College; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'57, BCE '59—**George J. Oehrlein Jr.** of Ashland, OR, February 7, 2005. Theta Xi.

'58 LLB—**J. Carter Bacot** of Montclair, NJ, April 7, 2005; chairman, Bank of New York; director, New York Philharmonic board; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'58 BS Hotel—**Michael Pavelka** of Tequesta, FL, March 19, 2005; hotel owner; pilot.

'59 B Chem E—**William H. Anckaitis** of Colonial Heights, VA, February 6, 2005; retired lieutenant colonel, US Army; logistics engineer; taught at Virginia State U., Florida Inst. of Technology, St. Leo College, and Chapman College; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'59 BS Ag—**Edmund V. Hollenbeck** of Ithaca, NY, February 17, 2005; first vice president, United Engineers; veteran; active in community affairs.

'59 JD—**Jack Lincoln Sanders** of Snyder, NY, April 22, 2005; attorney.

'59, B Chem E—**R. Alan Witherspoon** of Sharonville, OH, February 24, 2005. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'60 BA—**Thomas E. Armstrong** of Greenwich, CT, April 12, 2005; executive VP, Brant-Allen Industries; active in community affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

'60—**Rebecca Silverberg** Koeninger of Paso Robles, CA, February 11, 2005; nurse; elementary school teacher; civil rights activist; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'60, BA '66—**Robert T. Wood** of Clyde, WI, March 3, 2005; corporate vice president, government relations, Wisconsin Physicians Service; economic and political officer, US State Dept.; linguist, US Army Intelligence; veteran; artist; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Delta Chi.

'61 MPA—**Kenneth S. Woodward** of Middletown, CT, April 24, 2005; veteran; active in community affairs.

'62, BS Ag '63—**George E. Agle** of West Chester, PA, April 1, 2005; chairman, Stonebridge Financial Corp.; president, Stonebridge Bank; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

'62 BA, MBA '64 — **Charles D. Delsanter** of Dallas, TX, February 18, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Chi Psi. Wife, Kathy (Skinner) '63, MS '65.

'62 BS AEP—**Stephen A. Engelberg** of Millburn, NJ, February 24, 2005; assoc. professor of economics, Keane College of New Jersey; active in alumni affairs.

'62 BA—**Anne C. Ripley** of Brick, NJ, February 8, 2005. Delta Gamma.

'64 BS Nurs—**Patricia Mazzola** Lewis of Kent, CT, March 23, 2005; chair, Dept. of Nursing, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; active in professional affairs.

'65 BEE, MEE '66—**Ken S. Hall** of Ridgefield, CT, March 4, 2005; VP, Herbert J. Sims Co. Delta Tau Delta.

'66 BS Hotel—**John G. Prentiss** of Rabun Gap, GA, February 13, 2005; real estate developer; hotelier; potter; musician; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'66 BS Ag—**Charles H. Roland** of Albany, GA, February 22, 2005; worked for Rohm & Haas; veteran; active in professional affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'66 BA—**Robert B. Schorr** of Modesto, CA, January 27, 2005; child psychiatrist; mental health advocate; asst. clinical professor, UC Davis Dept. of Family Medicine; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'66 BS Ag—**Robert J. Wilcox** of Stamford, CT, March 8, 2005; investment banker; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.

'67—**Anne Wolkoff** Frazier of Orlando, FL, April 16, 2005; founder, Anne Frazier Realty; director of business consulting, Century 21; artist. Husband, Peter C. Frazier '65, BS AEP '67.

'67 LLB—**H. Kenneth Wolfe** of Staten Island, NY, March 6, 2005; attorney.

'69 BS Hotel—**Bruce R. Butterworth** of Beverly, MA, and Lakeland, FL, March 11, 2005; owner, Pewter Pot restaurant chain. Psi Upsilon.

'69 DVM—**James G. McClure** of Fairfax, VA, February 16, 2005; veterinarian; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Psi.

'70 BA—**William W. Phelps Jr.** of Cypress, CA, January 23, 2005; vice president, labor and legal affairs, NBC Universal; former counsel, Disney Studios and the Writers Guild of America. Sigma Chi.

'71 JD—**Thomas O. Kellogg** of Avon, CT, February 11, 2005; founder, Commercial Loan Partners; attorney; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Wife, Kathleen (Williams), MA '70.

'72 BS HE—**Dianne Nelson** Binger of Salt Lake City, UT, March 23, 2005; president/CEO, Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau; active in professional affairs. Delta Gamma.

'72, BS Ag '71—**Karen Isaacs** Friedman of Larchmont, NY, April 16, 2005; high school science teacher; active in religious affairs.

'72, BA '73—**Richard D. Lockwood** of Highland Park, NJ, March 3, 2005; chairman, French Dept., Rutgers U.

'74 MPS—**James E. Lowenhagen** of Morrisville, NC, February 18, 2005; healthcare manager; director, Joseph E. Robert Jr. Center for Surgical Care; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'74 MCE—**Terrence J. McManus** of Phoenix, AZ, January 31, 2005; director, environmental health and safety technologies, Intel Technology & Mfg. Group; active in community and professional affairs.

'74 BS HE—**Marie Phillipps**-Dowd of Freehold, NJ, April 9, 2005; occupational therapist.

'76 BS Hotel—**Rod A. Siler** of Tucson, AZ, formerly of San Antonio, TX, March 24, 2005; president, Tubac Golf Resort; general mgr., Omni Tucson Nat'l Resort; active in community and professional affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'78, BA '82—**Dale F. Phillips** of Milwaukee, WI, February 23, 2005; taught at Milwaukee Area Technical College and in Chicago public schools; environmentalist; active in civic and community affairs.

'78, BA '79—**Joanne M. Sollecito** of Norfolk, MA, April 4, 2005; attorney; director of affirmative action, Dept. of Correction, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

'79 MS—**Andrew M. Connors** of St. Petersburg, FL, April 17, 2005; physicist; engineer; real estate developer; active in community affairs.

'80 PhD—**Maureen B. Cavanaugh** of Midland, VA, April 4, 2005; professor, Penn State Dickinson School of Law; professor, Washington & Lee U. School of Law; taught classics at Middlebury and Pomona colleges; author; Newfoundland breeder; active in community and professional affairs.

'80 BA—**Timothy C. Harrison** of Cincinnati, OH, March 31, 2005; executive, Procter & Gamble; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.

'84 BS Hotel—**Andrew J. May** of Englewood, NJ, April 21, 2005; hotelier. Phi Sigma Epsilon.

'84 BA—**Madeleine N. Youman** of Madison, AL, April 9, 2005; English professor, U. of Alabama, Huntsville; advisor, Int'l Cultural Organization; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'85 MPS—**Nami Thiyagaratnam** of Richmond, British Columbia, April 10, 2005; president, U. of Victoria.

'86 MPS Hotel—**Balroop K. Mann** of Merritt Island, FL, February 2, 2005; executive asst. manager, Hyatt Hotels; active in community and professional affairs.

'86 BS Hotel—**Charles D. Margolin** of Snowmass Village, CO, February 7, 2005; real estate broker; active in community and professional affairs.

'87 DVM—**Maryanne S. Kern** of Kinnelon, NJ, March 19, 2005; veterinarian; active in professional affairs.

'90, BEE '97—**Edwin R. Colon Jr.** of Las Vegas, NV, February 3, 2005; engineer.

'94 BS ILR—**Ryan M. Holmes** of Columbia, MD, April 22, 2005; information technology consultant; active in religious affairs. Delta Phi.

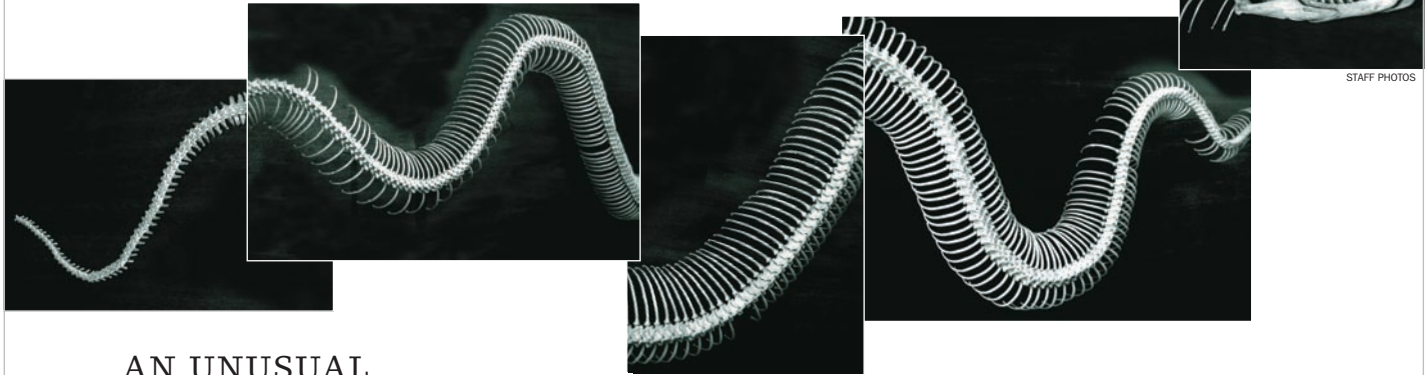
'96 BS Ag—**Stephen R. Breakey** of Walton, NY, February 2, 2005; superintendent, Rolling Oaks Golf Course; active in community affairs.

'01 BS ORIE—**Hocul A. Choi** of Singapore, February 17, 2005; CEO, BSI Group.

'08—**Dan Alexander Pirfo** of Washington, DC, April 24, 2005; engineering major.



King Snake



STAFF PHOTOS

AN UNUSUAL FAMILY HEIRLOOM FINDS A NEW HOME

WHERE DO YOU DISPLAY your twenty-six-foot-long reticulated python? First, find a very long wall. For the Cornell Museum of Vertebrates, new owners of a giant snake skeleton donated by Reed McJunkin '32, the only space big enough to handle the reptile was a hallway tucked away in a non-public area at the Lab of Ornithology. This spring, visitors at the Lab of O will be able to ask for a staff-guided viewing of the python that McJunkin and his family knew as "Ralph."

McJunkin's father, Norman, shot the snake while stationed in the Philippines in 1915 with the Army's Bureau of Insular Affairs. The elder McJunkin was an avid hunter who often went into the countryside with Army officers and local guides. His party was gathered around a campfire one night when a commotion in the trees prompted him to fire a shotgun into the darkness. The next morning, the hunters found the carcass of a reticulated python at the base of a tree. They measured the snake and left it among nearby ten-foot-high anthills before heading into the mountains. A few days later, they returned to find the animal's defleshed remains.

McJunkin gathered the bones and brought them back to the U.S., where he stored them in his Pittsburgh basement in two cardboard boxes—one for vertebrae, the other for skull and ribs.

For decades, Ralph the python lived a quiet second life as a family heirloom. Its spine strung on a cord, the snake made appearances on holidays such as New Year's Eve, says Reed McJunkin, now ninety-seven. "When things slowed down around one o'clock, I'd drag out the snake skeleton and string it out on the living room floor. A couple of the women would get down on their knees and try to count the vertebrae." Norman McJunkin eventually gave the skeleton to his son, who decided to donate it to Cornell in 2003. "I thought it was time that we took Ralph out of the basement and gave him a new home," he says.

The reticulated python is the longest reptile in the world (one example measured thirty-three feet), and putting Ralph's almost one thousand bones in the proper order proved a daunting task for herpetologist Harry Greene, a professor of ecology and evolutionary biology. In August 2003, Greene summoned a pair of snake osteology experts from Lehigh University to help. "We wanted to get this right," Greene says, "and snake skeletons are obviously very complicated." They

reassigned some of the roughly 360 vertebrae and discovered that many smaller bones, including about a hundred ribs and the small vestigial pelvis, were missing. They also determined that Ralph had not lived an easy life: numerous healed fractures offered evidence of at least two or three "traumatic events" involving prey. "Pythons ambush from hiding by striking, seizing in their jaws, and then killing by constriction," Greene says. "Doing that to something like a large wild pig could be dangerous for the snake as well."

Ralph would have weighed more than 165 pounds in life and was undoubtedly a she: female pythons are far longer than males. Reassembled and mounted, the snake now stretches twenty-two feet, consistent with Norman McJunkin's original measurements, given the loss of soft tissue between bones. Its scientific and educational value is significant, Greene says, because few big snakes—especially ones collected in the wild—make it to museums where they can be studied. He's queried other museums, including the American Museum of Natural History and the Smithsonian, and so far hasn't found any with a specimen as long. "Here was a large reticulated python skeleton from a known locality, and it was reasonably intact," he says. "We rarely get this kind of glimpse into the lives of such animals."



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