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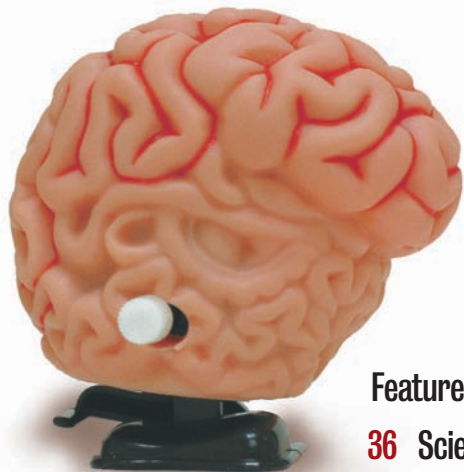
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KATRINA FIRLIK '91

Dr. Katrina Schreiber Firlik spent seven rigorous years training to be a neurosurgeon, among the most demanding of surgical disciplines. In this excerpt from her memoir, *Another Day in the Frontal Lobe*, the first female resident in the neurosurgery program at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center explains why brains don't feel exactly like toothpaste, how to remove a nail from a human skull, and other insights from her journey to the center of the mind.

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BRAD HERZOG '90

When Jimmy Smits, MFA '82, took on the role of a president-to-be in the final seasons of the NBC drama "The West Wing," it was more than a historic—if symbolic—victory for a Latino candidate on the national stage. It was a very real expression of Smits's own passion for mixing activism with artistry.

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DAVID DUDLEY

In 1991, twenty-eight-year-old Patricia Scoville '86 was murdered in the woods outside of Stowe, Vermont. Five years later, with the perpetrator still free and every lead exhausted, David Scoville '61 and his wife, Ann Van Order Scoville '61, urged state lawmakers to deploy a powerful—and controversial—new DNA technology to hunt down the man who killed their daughter.

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The Character of Cornell

THOUGHTS ON DEPARTING DAY HALL (AGAIN)

CORNELL STANDS OUT AMONG UNIVERSITIES FOR many reasons, including its commitment to democratic access and opportunity, its combination of Ivy League and land-grant missions, and its remarkable academic breadth and depth. It is indeed a place where any person can find instruction in (virtually) any study. But I am struck by historian Carl Becker's conviction that Cornell's ethos, its defining identity, is a passion for intellectual freedom.

You can't measure passion, but you certainly can see and feel it in action. Anecdotes help, and Becker tells them best: "There is the story of the famous professor of history, a passionate defender of majority rule, who, foreseeing that he would be outvoted in the faculty on the question of the location of Risley Hall, declared with emotion that he felt so strongly on the subject that he thought he ought to have two votes."

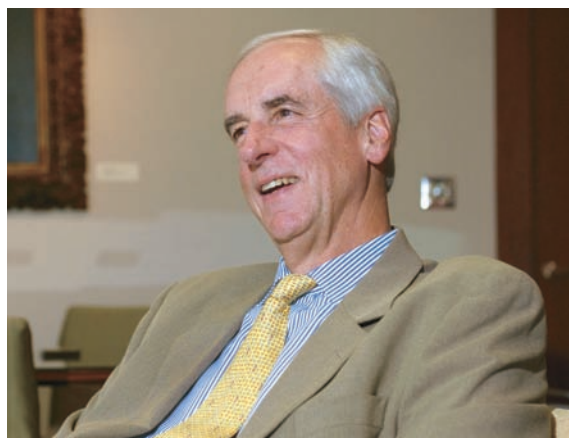
As I return to full-time teaching at Cornell (for the second time), here are my own impressions of the Cornell character in action.

For some years, I have invited students to my office to discuss anything on their minds. One undergraduate, Abby Krich '04, stopped by frequently to urge that Cornell develop wind and solar power as alternative energy sources. I grew impatient hearing the same utopian message from the same student semester after semester, but she made her appeals with passionate integrity, supported them with solid research, and presented them tirelessly and tenaciously to dozens of Cornell administrators and engineers. Single-handedly, she persuaded us to fund and implement two of her proposed initiatives. Abby Krich earned her master's degree in engineering last month—and the respect of many a Cornellian on campus.

As many Americans know, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology has taken a lot of heat for announcing last year that at least one ivory-billed woodpecker lived in the swamps of Arkansas—and then launching an expensive and thus far futile effort to locate the bird. But lab director John Fitzpatrick is not embarrassed, apologetic, or ready to give up. He welcomes critiques by fellow scientists and said in his address to Cornell's doctoral graduates on

May 27 that this project is too significant to abandon for fear of failure. That is a good message to new PhDs about to begin careers in research, and a good example of Cornell intellectual courage at work.

One final example: After Hurricane Katrina flooded New Orleans, thousands of students at Tulane, Xavier, and the University of New Orleans lost their belongings, their campus, and a chance to continue their education. Cornell stepped in to help. Experts from the land-grant units traveled to Louisiana to join the relief effort. And Cornell offered admission—and free tuition—to any student-evacuee who arrived in Ithaca. With an outpouring of support from faculty, staff, Cornell students, and members of the community, 200 hurricane victims spent a semester in Ithaca. Cornell acted immediately and instinctively to assist those in need.



Kicking back: Hunter Rawlings is eager to return to Cornell's classrooms.

If Carl Becker best captured the Cornell spirit in prose, Archie Ammons is our poet laureate. The last lines of Archie's great poem *Garbage* describe the virtues of creative tension:

the
poem that goes dumb holds tears: the line,
the fire line, where passion and control waver
for the field, that is a line so difficult to
keep in the right degree, one side not raiding
the other: if I reap the peripheries will I
get hardweed seed and dried roughage, roughage
like teasel and cattail and brush above snow in
winter, pure design lifeless in a painted hold.

Carl Becker often said that the Cornell spirit was free, but also a bit wild at times. So much the better: I have no doubt that "otherwise thinking" individuals, with independent, irreverent casts of mind, will continue to keep Cornell on "the fire line, where passion and control waver for the field." I can't wait to get back to Cornell's classrooms.

— Hunter R. Rawlings III

Hunter Rawlings completed his term as interim president on June 30.

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Minority Response

IS CORNELL MAKING PROGRESS—OR PERPETUATING PREJUDICE?

IF THERE IS ONE CONCLUSION TO BE drawn from the article “Minority Report” (May/June 2006), it is that racial discrimination at Cornell hasn’t ended. It simply has taken another form.

The fact of the matter is that Cornell, by its practices, is perpetuating racial distinctions and, therefore, racial prejudices. Isn’t it time that we practice what we preach? Does having separate housing for African Americans expedite their being accepted into the social and economic structure as equals? Does having separate alumni organizations for African Americans, Asian Americans, and others improve relations among all graduates and bring us closer together?

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. His dream was not just that African Americans would no longer be automatically discriminated against because of their color but that they, and all the other human beings in this country, would be considered Americans. His dream was of a color-blind nation where all people are equal in every respect and accepted everywhere.

Cornell has failed miserably in achieving such a goal. When applicants for admissions are accepted solely on the basis of their qualifications, when students are assigned housing without regard to race or religion, when alumni organizations are no longer fragmented according to ethnic origin, it will then be a truly democratic institution.

*Walter Grimes ’36
Arlington, Virginia*

CAM DESERVES CONSIDERABLE PRAISE for its well written and impressively researched article regarding African American, Asian, Latin, and Native American alumni, and the prospects of increasing the involvement of individuals of these ethnic backgrounds in Cornell affairs. It’s

heartening to hear of the success of the Cornell Mosaic conference at CU, as well as similar events in New York City and Philadelphia.

As the article notes, “more than 36 percent of the Class of 2010 self-identify as minority.” This fact, alone, would suggest that it is of great importance to continue, and enhance, the efforts to create more interest in the future of Cornell across the spectrum of ethnic, cultural, and (although the term is scientifically problematic) racial groupings.

I would suggest an intensification of efforts to provide more integrative programs during Reunion. Having helped to coordinate three panels of this nature—with varying degrees of success—I realize that this kind of endeavor is neither easy nor formulaic. However, based on the feedback from these events, it would seem that there is much to be gained, both by the University and by the Cornellians who choose to attend.

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

MINORITY CORNELLIANs WORTH THEIR salt want to be treated with equality, not pampered as people incapable of understanding membership in an alumni organization. The Cornell administration, faculty, and alumni need to heed the wisdom of Thomas Sowell and Shelby Steele and stop demeaning people of color. Appeasement of the whiners is a bottomless pit, as acknowledged by Liz Moore ’75 in the article. It is time for Cornell to move on from the debacle of April ’69.

*Joseph Deignan ’61, MD ’63
Glen Allen, Virginia*

WITH REGARD TO THE INVOLVEMENT of minority alumni with Cornell, my main disappointment is with the recruitment



process. I have personally recommended highly qualified minority students with clear career goals and real working experience to Cornell, without any results. They have found other universities that actually responded in a positive manner to their credentials and needs. I find that there is a double standard with student referrals by alumni: if the referral is made by a minority alum who contributes only a modest amount to Cornell, that referral is either dismissed or ignored.

*Juan Morales ’78
New York, New York*



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Critical Thinking

ARIC PRESS'S COLUMN ABOUT "UNFINISHED business" (Letter from Ithaca, May/June 2006) was right on. What the PR and development people need to understand is that the primary educational mission of Cornell (or any real university) is to teach its students to think analytically and critically. If the University succeeds, then feeding fluff and pablum to the alumni should not go down well. There is nothing wrong with a substantive story that is positive, but universities like Cornell are complex (and, dare I say, difficult) institutions in a large and complex society. Thoughtful writing about tough problems is to be expected. Fluff and pablum are turn-offs.

*Sam Greenblatt '61, MD '66
Providence, Rhode Island*

LaFeber's Legacy

THANKS FOR THE PROFILE OF PROFESSOR Walter LaFeber ("The Quiet Americanist," May/June 2006). In his course on the history of American foreign policy, he delivered the best lecture ending I have ever heard. The lecture was on the Versailles conference after the First World War, and LaFeber quoted from the diary of William Bullitt, then a young member of the American delegation. If memory serves, Bullitt described his disillusionment at the betrayal of Wilsonian ideals by writing, "If these politicians continue as they have been, I will quit the delegation, resign from the Foreign Service, go to the French Riviera, and lie on my back in the sun and watch the world go to hell." At which point LaFeber closed the book, looked up, and intoned, "Well, they did, he did, and it did."

*Howard Reiter '67
Storrs, Connecticut*

IN MY SENIOR YEAR, I ENROLLED IN LaFeber's course on American foreign policy. The lecture hall was always filled (even though the class met at 11:15 on Saturdays), and I never missed a class. He was incredible.

A short while ago, I was with my daughter, a freshman at Yale. She was completing a paper for her freshman seminar and the topic was the Cold War. We were at the library looking for some additional

resources, and I remembered Professor LaFeber. I told her to look him up in the online catalog because I was sure he would have a book that would help with her paper. Sure enough, he did!

*Elizabeth Grover '75
Palo Alto, California*

HOW CHILLING TO READ THAT WALTER LaFeber decided to retire partly because, as he put it, "I didn't want to wear out my welcome." If elderly professors are unwelcome at Cornell, this is obviously just as bigoted as it would be if black or female professors were unwelcome. Elderly professors should not knuckle under to ageism. I intend not to. As a fifty-eight-year-old professor at another Ivy League school, I have already informed my chairman that I intend never to retire as long as I can do my job—and as the daughter of a thriving nonagenarian, I expect this to be a long, long time.

*Felicia Nimue Ackerman '68
Providence, Rhode Island*

Ed. Note: We believe that Professor LaFeber was being ironic when he said that. There is no evidence that anyone at Cornell tried to force him to retire—quite the opposite.

Fallout

I FOUND MURRAY PESHKIN'S MEMOIR most interesting ("Building the Bomb," May/June 2006). I do, however, take exception to a statement near the end of the article, when he says that dropping the atomic bomb "may have been the worst decision ever made by a well-meaning president."

Why? Because I owe my life to perhaps the greatest and most difficult decision any president has had to make. I am sorry we did not have the bomb sooner. If we had, my brother might have lived out his life instead of being one of more than 12,000 casualties on Okinawa in 1945.

President Harry Truman made the right decision. Saving an estimated 1 million American lives that might have been lost in an invasion of Japan was the decisive factor. And, in some distorted way, the use of the bomb should have told mankind: Never again!

*Harry Merker '51
Las Vegas, Nevada*

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From the Hill



Banner year: On May 28, the sun broke through the clouds as more than 6,000 graduates received their degrees before family and friends at Schoellkopf Field. It was Cornell's 138th commencement, and the last to be presided over by Interim President Hunter Rawlings.

Inauguration Date Set

CEREMONY WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER

DAVID SKORTON WILL BE INAUGURATED AS CORNELL'S twelfth president in an installation ceremony on the Arts Quad on Thursday, September 7—weather permitting. (If the always unpredictable Ithaca weather is uncooperative, the inauguration will move indoors to Barton Hall.) The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 3:30 PM and will be followed by a reception on the Arts Quad. Skorton, who served as president of the University of Iowa before coming to the Hill, moved into his Day Hall office on July 1. For more information, go to: <http://inauguration.cornell.edu/>.

Return on Investment

PUBLICATION RANKS ENDOWMENTS

IN A SPECIAL REPORT INCLUDED WITH ITS JUNE 2 ISSUE, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* ranked the 2005 return on endowment investments for 247 nonprofit groups. Cornell placed forty-sixth, with a return of 13.6 percent. The overall leader was Yale University, with a return of 22.3 percent. Among the eight Ivy League schools, Cornell ranked sixth, with a return that trailed Yale, Harvard (19.2 percent), Columbia (17.7 percent), Princeton (17.0 percent), and Dartmouth (14.4 percent), but outperformed Brown (13.3 percent) and the University of Pennsylvania (8.5 percent).

Stabbing Aftermath

POFFENBARGER '08 INDICTED FOR HATE CRIME

ON MAY 3, TOMPKINS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GWEN Wilkinson announced that a grand jury had indicted ILR sophomore Nathan Poffenbarger on four counts of assault as a hate crime and one count of tampering with evidence in the stabbing of a visiting Union College student, Charles Holiday, on West Campus during an early-morning altercation on February 18. Holiday, who has since recovered from a punctured right lung, is African American, and Poffenbarger is said to have shouted racial slurs before the incident.

According to the summary of facts filed at the hearing, Poffenbarger, a twenty-year-old native of Woodsboro, Maryland, had been drinking in his dorm room on the evening of February 17 before attending a party at the Sigma Pi fraternity. He was ejected around 1 a.m. after behaving violently and yelling racial slurs at an African American pledge. Outside the fraternity, Poffenbarger's continued use of racial epithets attracted the attention of Holiday and his two companions; in the ensuing confrontation, Poffenbarger stabbed Holiday in the chest with a folding knife. After police arrived, Poffenbarger fled the scene and returned to his dorm room, where he dismantled and hid the knife and burned pieces of bloodstained clothing in his wastebasket. Poffenbarger, who has been suspended and banned from campus since the incident, remains free on \$20,000 bail.

New VP for AAD

CHARLES PHLEGAR TOOK OFFICE ON JULY 1

IN MAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT CHARLES PHLEGAR HAD been appointed vice president for alumni affairs and development. Phlegar came to the Hill from Johns Hopkins University, where he had worked since 2000. He was serving as the interim vice president for development and alumni relations at Hopkins when tapped for the Cornell job. In a statement, President David Skorton praised Phlegar's record of achievement, saying that "his ongoing successes and leadership in development coordination and campaign fundraising, along with his notable record of fostering collaboration between academic and alumni development units, give him a strong base for success here at Cornell, as the University looks forward to a new capital campaign."

Phlegar, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Tech, has also held fundraising positions at the University of South Carolina and East Carolina University. On July 1, he took over from Laura Toy, who was named interim vice president for alumni affairs and development after the resignation of Inge Reichenbach in April 2005. The departure of Reichenbach, who accepted a similar position at Yale, was said to be a source of friction between former Cornell president Jeffrey Lehman '77 and the Board of Trustees. Lehman subsequently resigned as president in June 2005.

Tragic Loss

STUDENT DIES IN APARTMENT BLAZE

IAN ALBERTA '06, A FIFTH-YEAR AAP STUDENT AND FINE arts major, perished in an off-campus house fire in the Cornell Heights section of Ithaca, near North Campus, in the early morning of May 13. Another student resident and an Ithaca firefighter were also injured in the blaze, which heavily damaged a two-story duplex apartment structure with six tenants. The fire was caused by discarded smoking materials in a plastic bucket outside the building.

Alberta, a twenty-two-year-old senior who would have graduated in December, was a 2001 Ithaca High School graduate and musician who played bass guitar in Somatic Umbra, a local rock band. A memorial held in Sage Chapel on May 17 attracted a crowd of more than 800 friends and well-wishers. Alberta's family has requested that contributions in Ian's name be made to Habitat for Humanity-Cornell, Willard Straight Hall, Box 91, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Completely Different

CLEESE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

JOHN CLEESE, AN A. D. WHITE PROFESSOR FOR THE PAST eight years, will return to the Hill again as the Provost's Visiting Professor. If history is any indication, Cleese will take his new post seriously.

Best known for his roles in the Monty Python comedy troupe and the BBC program "Fawlty Towers," Cleese took a creative approach to his periodic visits to Cornell. He lectured on subjects from lemurs to human development to W. C. Fields, often inviting noted experts to join him. He preferred to meet with small groups of students and faculty—such as the master classes he taught in screenwriting and acting—but he also addressed large audiences. In 2004, he spoke in Barton Hall about religion, illustrating his points with clips from the Python film *Life of Brian*. He proved so popular during his original six-year appointment that the Board of Trustees extended his term for two years, which ended in May. Interim President Hunter Rawlings announced the new, three-year appointment at Commencement, saying it came in response to many requests from students and faculty.

Silver Salute

CAM WINS 2006 CASE AWARD

CORNELL ALUMNI MAGAZINE HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN honored in the annual judging for Circle of Excellence awards by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). This year, CAM received a silver medal for general excellence in the category for College and University General Interest Magazines. Since 2000, CAM has won four gold, four silver, and two bronze awards in the CASE competition.

From Punch Cards to Cyberspace

CORNELL'S COMPUTING HISTORY
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JOHN RUDAN, MS '62, STILL REMEMBERS THE NIGHT HIS engineering class first trooped to Phillips Hall, in 1959, to run the Computing Center's gargantuan IBM 650 through its paces. They worked in pairs, punching holes in program cards, loading the cards into the computer's reader, analyzing the output, punching more cards, and then loading them into a tabulator to be printed—a process that today would take only a few taps on a keyboard.

Now director emeritus of the Office of Information Technologies, Rudan has witnessed—and sometimes made—computing history on the Hill. His new book, *The History of Computing at Cornell*, traces the development of campus computing from the punch-card tabulating equipment used in the 1920s to the University's Y2K strategy eighty years later. In the course of his research, Rudan took almost fifty oral histories, including his own. They are posted at www.cit.cornell.edu/computer/history/.

Rudan's book was published by Internet-First University Press. As with all Internet-First publications, the full text is available online at the Cornell Library's D-Space site: <http://dspace.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/62>. Those who prefer a printed book can order one through Internet-First's print-on-demand service. The print version comes with a bookmark—a replica of a punch card.

Shift Change

YEAR-END NEWS FROM DAY HALL

AS THE 2005–06 ACADEMIC YEAR DREW TO A CLOSE, ADMINISTRATIVE announcements included:

- Kent Hubbell '67 has been appointed to a second five-year term as the dean of students. Hubbell, who says “my role is principally as an advocate for students on campus,” oversees the Student Activities Office, the Office of Student Support, the International Students and Scholars Office, and a host of other organizations. Hubbell has been a member of the Cornell faculty since 1993.

- Robert Swierenga, dean of the Johnson Graduate School of Management, will step down when his second five-year term ends in June 2007. He will return to the faculty after taking a sabbatical. During his tenure as dean, the Johnson School has expanded its academic programs and the faculty has grown by nearly 30 percent. “Thanks to his vision and leadership, the Johnson School is known the world over for distinctive programs of the highest quality,” said Interim President Hunter Rawlings.

- Sarah Thomas has been re-appointed as University Librarian; her third five-year term began on July 1. Thomas came to Cornell from the Library of Congress in 1996. She has overseen significant growth of the University Library, especially in the area of rare and special collections, and advanced the digital dissemination of information, including online access to journals and other electronic media.

Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

Eric Lichtblau '87, winner of a 2006 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting for his *New York Times* coverage of domestic spying.

Jonathan Culler, professor of English and comparative literature, elected to the American Philosophical Society for his scholarship in literary theory.

Robert Buhrman, PhD '73, engineering professor and director of the Center for Nanoscale Systems; **Dominick LaCapra '61**, professor of humanistic studies and director of the School of Criticism and Theory; **William Provine**, professor of biological sciences; and **Steven Stucky, DMA '78**, composition professor and 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner in music, elected fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

N'Dri Assie-Lumumba, associate professor of Africana studies, elected to the World Academy of Art and Science in recognition of her scholarship and practice on the importance of women in higher education.

Mustafa Abadan, BArch '82, MArch '84, project architect of Bridging the Rift, a life sciences research complex straddling the Israeli-Palestine border. The design won the 2006 Marché International des Professionnels d'Immobilier/*Architectural Review* Future Projects Award for Innovations.

Susanne Bruyère, director of the Employment and Disability Institute at the ILR school, recipient of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association's 2006 James Garrett Award for a Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Research.

Shawkat Toorawa, assistant professor of Arabic literature and Islamic studies; **William Horning**, program director for Community Centers; and **Jeanne Butler**, graphic designer for Campus Life, winners of Cornell's James Perkins Prize for Interracial Understanding and Harmony for a film and discussion series focusing on Africa.

John Marks '65, recipient of the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship for his work as president and founder of Search for Common Ground, a nonprofit conflict resolution organization.

Madhura Kulkarni, PhD candidate in natural resources, named one of two 2006 Emerging Public Policy Leaders by the American Institute of Biological Sciences, a nonprofit scientific association.

Amandeep Singh, fourth-year MD-PhD candidate at Weill Cornell Medical College, winner of a 2006 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans.

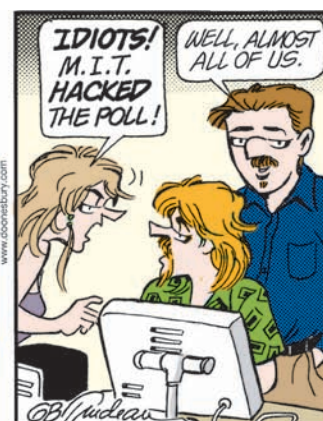
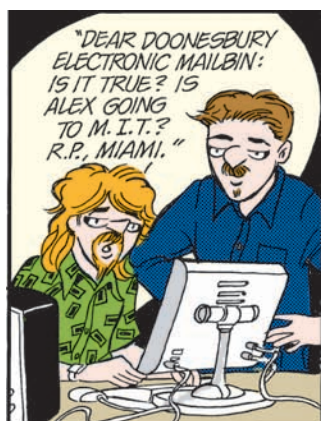
Tony Marks-Block '07, Meredith Odato '08, and Matthew Perkins '08, each awarded a Morris Udall Scholarship to fund further study in environmental public policy.

All's Fair?

ALEX DOONESBURY PICKS . . . MIT

"THEY WANT ME! THEY CRAVE ME!" ALEX DOONESBURY squealed when she was accepted at Cornell. But apparently MIT wanted her more. The college-bound teenager in Gary Trudeau's *Doonesbury* comic strip will be heading to Cambridge, not the Hill, in the fall. Or so it appears.

Alex had narrowed her college choices to Rensselaer, MIT, and Cornell when Trudeau put the choice to readers, via a straw poll at www.doonesbury.com. "Voting was insane, rampant, ingenious, and impressively ruthless," the site reported. While Cornellians made their case in "passionate, articulate, humorous, and convincing" postings—for which Cornell was given the Doonesbury Straw Poll Congeniality Award—an MIT student put up a website that enabled election-riggers to vote early and often. "I've voted three or four thousand times!" one MIT blogger wrote. Although most of the hacked votes didn't make it into the ballot box, MIT won, the site said, thanks to "the will, chutzpah, and bodacious craft of the voting public." (Perhaps MIT students were looking for retribution. Avid readers of the strip will recall that Alex's stepmother, hacker *extraordinaire* Kim Rosenthal, quit a PhD program in computer science at MIT.)



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Follow That Bird

WOODPECKER SEARCH SEASON ENDS, EMPTY-HANDED

TWO YEARS AFTER THE BEST CONFIRMED SIGHTING—AND one year after the public announcement that stunned the birding world—the rediscovery of the ivory-billed woodpecker remains in dispute. The 2005–06 search season ended in April with no additional sightings, though the Cornell-led effort did tally four possible sightings, one by a volunteer and three by members of the public, during six months of scouring the 550,000-acre Big Woods area of Arkansas. At a media teleconference on May 18, Ron Rohnbaugh, director of the Lab of Ornithology's Ivory-Billed Woodpecker Research Project, reported that the team members were "somewhat disappointed" with the results of this year's search, which employed twenty full-time staff and cost an estimated \$1 million.

Nevertheless, the Lab of O plans to hit the woods again next November; organizers intend to cut costs in the future by relying largely on trained volunteers and automated recording devices in their efforts to confirm the existence of a breeding pair of ivory-bills. "We still have a lot of hope that there might be a pair," Rohnbaugh said.

R&D

Bacteria can detect infinitesimal changes in their environments thanks to receptors that assemble into a kind of cooperative lattice on the bacteria's surface. The research may lead to the discovery of a general mechanism for cellular signaling or to the development of molecular devices that sense a wide range of chemicals, light, and heavy metals. *Nature Structural and Molecular Biology* published the research, conducted by Brian Crane, assistant professor of chemistry and chemi-

cal biology, Jack Freed, professor of chemistry and chemical biology, and their co-authors.

Acid rain has altered the pH of soils and reduced the number of sugar maple trees in the Northeast, according to a study published in *Ecology*. Stephanie Juice '04, project assistant at the Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Milbrook, New York, and Timothy Fahey, professor of forest ecology, linked acid rain to acidic soil, which causes sugar maples to produce fewer viable seedlings and to die more quickly.

A type of stem cell in bone marrow helps to create the fertile ground that metastatic cancers need to spread. Dr. David Lyden, associate professor of pediatrics and cell and devel-

opmental biology at Weill Cornell Medical College, and his colleagues published their research in *Nature*.

Internet message boards frequented by adolescents who injure themselves with cuts or burns give many isolated teenagers a safe and supportive forum. But some postings reinforce self-injury and could create a "social contagion" effect, warns Janis Whitlock, PhD '03, director of the Research Program on Self-Injurious Behaviors. Her research was published in a special issue of *Developmental Psychology*.

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

Big Games

APRIL 28-29, 2006



PATRICK SHANAHAN

At a time when lacrosse players were in the national news for all the wrong reasons, Cornell's squads had reasons to be proud of their accomplishments—both on and off the field. On April 28, the women's team defeated Harvard 17-8 to finish 6-1 in the Ivy League and share the league championship with Princeton. It was the first Ivy title for the women's program. The following day, the men downed Brown 10-6 to also claim a share of the Ivy League championship, their fourth straight finish atop the league. Both teams advanced to the NCAA tournament where, unfortunately, they were eliminated in the first round. The men fell to UMass, 11-10, while the women, hampered by injuries, were defeated 16-8 by Notre Dame.

Women's goaltender **Maggie Fava '06** shared Ivy League Player of the Year honors with Princeton's Lauren Vance, and Fava joined teammates **Margaux Viola '08**, **Anne Riordan '08**, **Courtney Farrell '09**, and **Katherine Simmons '09** on the All-Ivy first team. Not to be outdone, the men also garnered an impressive array of awards. Senior **Joe Boulukos** was named Ivy League Player of the Year, freshman **Max Seibald** was the unanimous winner of the Ivy League Rookie of the Year title, and five Big Red players were named first-team All-Ivy: Boulukos, Seibald, and juniors **Mitch Belisle**, **Matt McMonagle**, and **David Mitchell**.

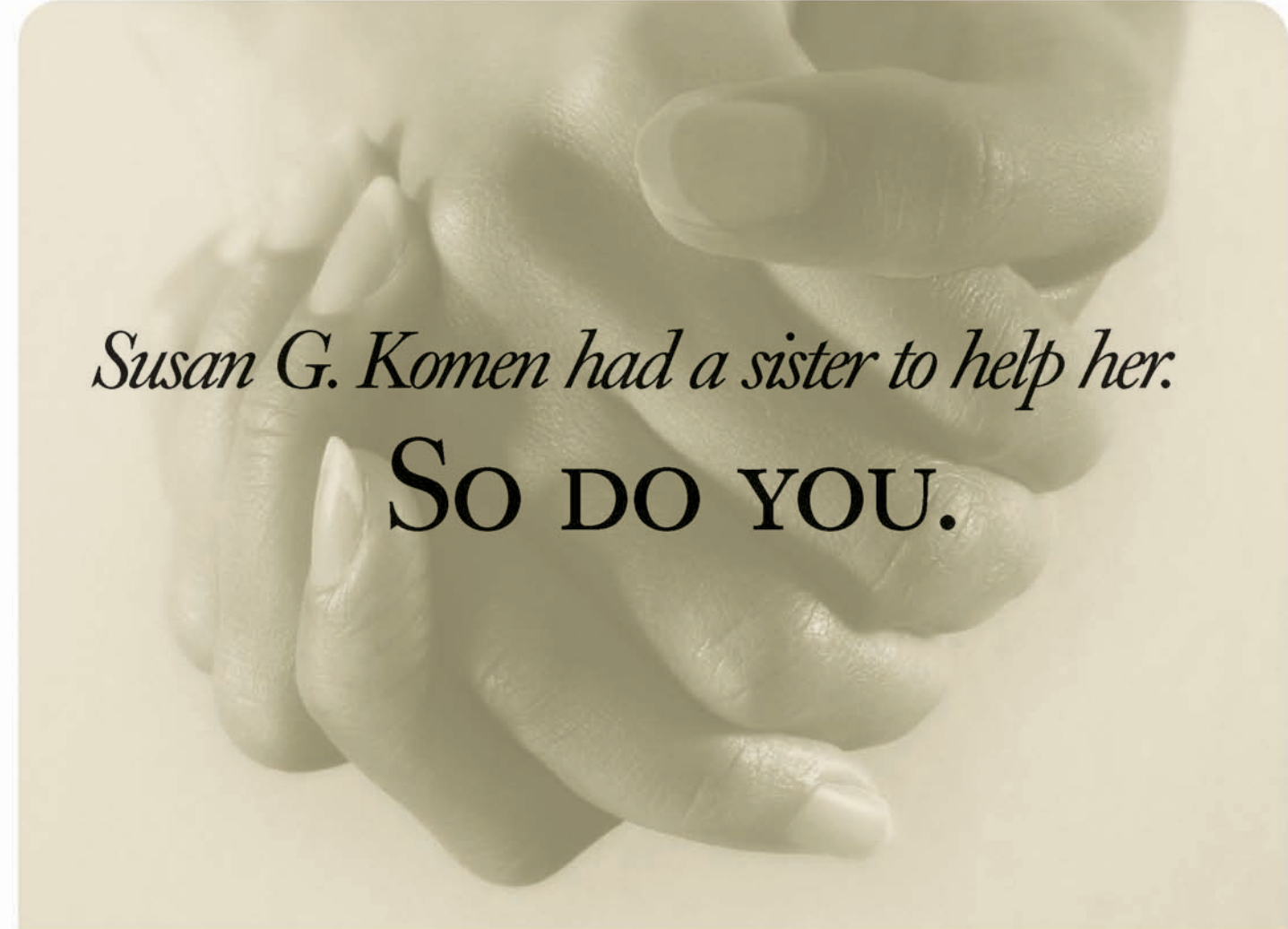
Outstanding: Midfielder Joe Boulukos '08 (above) led the men's lacrosse team to an 11-3 record and was named the Ivy League Player of the Year. For the women, goaltender Maggie Fava '06 (below) won the same recognition, sharing Ivy League Player of the Year honors with Princeton's Lauren Vance. Both teams were co-champions of the Ivy League and advanced to the NCAA tournament.

The Big Red's on-field efforts were matched by their community service during the school year. The women's team held a dodge ball tournament that raised \$2,200 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and participated in such other events as the Student Athlete Advisory Council's annual holiday food drive, National Women in Sports Day, and the Big Red Relief Concert for war victims. In April, the men's team held the second annual 21 Run, a fundraising event that honors former teammate **George Boiardi '04**, who died after being struck by a ball during a game in 2004. Co-sponsored with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and the Family Reading Partnership, the event raised \$10,000 to support children's literacy. Earlier in the year, the 21 Dinner, honoring Boiardi as well as the late **Dick Schaap '55**, raised more than \$50,000 for Teach for America. The men's team also assisted with youth lacrosse programs in Ithaca and launched the Save the Day program to raise funds for assist-



DARL ZEHR

ing critically and chronically ill children. Both lacrosse teams also pitched in for the American Red Cross blood drive this year.



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Sports Shorts

WIN STREAK Another year, another Heps sweep for the Cornell men's and women's track and field teams. By winning the 2006 Heptagonal outdoor championships in Philadelphia, the Big Red ran its overall indoor and outdoor Heptagonal track championship streak to ten, dating back to the 2004 outdoor championships. Led by 800-meter winner **Morgan Uceny '07** and heptathlon champion **Jamie Greubel '06**, the women set four meet records while taking the indoor and outdoor titles for the fifth straight season. The men rallied from a 60-22 first-day deficit to overtake Princeton for their fourth straight outdoor crown. The turning point came midway through the second day when Cornell took the top four spots in the 400-meter hurdles, led by **Aaron Merrill '08**.



Morgan Uceny

DRAFT PICK **Kevin Boothe '05** became the first Cornell player taken in the National Football League draft in nine years when the Oakland Raiders selected him in the sixth round. A 6-foot-5, 315-pound offensive lineman, Boothe earned first-team All-American honors with the Big Red in 2005. He was the only Ivy League player taken in this year's NFL draft.

HISTORIC FINISH A home crowd of more than 2,000 cheered

the gymnastics team to a third-place finish in the USAG Collegiate nationals, the highest finish ever for a non-scholarship team. Led by **Randi Bisbano '07**, who was the top all-around performer in the team event, the Big Red scored a season-high 190.600 points. **Colleen Davis '08** collected Cornell's lone first in the team event, winning the vault, while Bisbano took second in the beam competition. Davis and four other Cornell gymnasts—**Megan Gilbert '08**, **Leslie Gregory '08**, **Kari Kucera '07**, and **Sari Tepper '09**—earned All-American honors by placing in the top eight during the individual finals.

UPSETS In May, the Cornell lightweight crew astounded the experts by winning the Eastern Sprints, held on Lake Quinsigamond in Massachusetts. Seeded eighth, the Big Red surged to the front after 1,300 meters of the 2,000-meter Grand Final and held on to defeat Navy by three seconds. The J.V. lightweight boat also took first. Two weeks later, the lightweight varsity rowed to another national title, defeating Harvard by 0.08 second to win the 2006 IRA Regatta Grand Final on Cooper River in New Jersey.



Randi Bisbano

COACHING

CHANGE Women's ice hockey coach Melody Davidson resigned her position to accept a full-time job with Hockey Canada as head coach and general manager of the women's national team. In February, Davidson had led the Canadian women's team to a gold medal at the Winter Olympics. She will be replaced by **Doug Derraugh '91**, a former co-captain of the men's hockey team, who served as the interim women's coach last season.

BIG SPLASH

Mike Smit '07 broke a 20-year-old school record and was named an All-American at the NCAA Division I Swimming Championships in Atlanta. Smit finished 14th in the 200-meter freestyle and was one of 14 swimmers to better the previous pool record. In the 100-meter freestyle, Smit swam a 44.37 in the preliminaries, bettering the previous Cornell record of 44.39 set by **Randy Sprout '86**, **ME '87**, in 1985. For the women's team, **Jessica Brookman '06** earned a spot in the USA Swimming National Championships after setting a school record in the 200-meter butterfly at the Ivy League championships. At the national meet, Brookman placed 33rd in the 100-meter butterfly with a personal-best time of 1:03.85.

USA! USA! After signing with the NHL's Mighty Ducks of Anaheim and practicing with the team during the final month of the regular season and through the playoffs, former Big Red goalie **David McKee '07** was invited to join Team USA at the World Ice Hockey Championships in Latvia. This fall, McKee is expected to play for the Portland Pirates, the Ducks' American Hockey League affiliate, where he will rejoin former teammate **Shane Hynes '06**.

Sports Scoreboard

SPRING TEAMS FINAL RECORDS

Baseball	10-29; 6-14 Ivy (T-3rd, Gehrig Div.)
Men's Lacrosse	11-3; 5-1 Ivy (T-1st)
Women's Lacrosse	12-4; 6-1 Ivy (T-1st)
Varsity Hvywt. Rowing	2-4
J.V. Hvywt. Rowing	3-3
Fr. Hvywt. Rowing	5-1
Varsity Ltwt. Rowing	4-4
J.V. Ltwt. Rowing	7-1
Fr. Ltwt. Rowing	5-2
Women's Varsity Rowing	2-7
Women's J.V. Rowing	0-9
Women's Novice Rowing	5-4
Softball	32-23; 11-3 Ivy (2nd)
Men's Tennis	11-10; 2-5 Ivy
Women's Tennis	8-8; 2-5 Ivy



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Week 2 (July 16-22)

The Roman Epoch, and Ours Barry Strauss · *Highlights in Astronomy* Yervant Terzian · “*The Master and Margarita*” Patricia Carden · *Drawing Studio: Meditation and Action—Fifty Drawings* Elisabeth Haly Meyer · *The Way Bugs Work: Insects in their Natural World* Cole Gilbert and E. Richard Hoebcke · *Landscape Design Workshop* Marvin Adleman · *Photography Studio: Instant Imaging* Barry Perlus · *Heavenly Matches, Earthly Delights: Wine and Food Preparation and Pairing* Abby Nash · *The Personal Fitness Clinic* Tom Howley · *The Rowing Clinic* Todd Kennett · *The Golf Clinic* Matt Baughan

Week 3 (July 23-29)

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 Warner · *Outdoor Skills and Thrills* David Moriah

Week 4 (July 30-August 5)

The Senate Glenn Altschuler and Joel Silbey · *All Creatures Great and Small: Animal Health and the Veterinarian's World* Howard Evans · *Coming to Your Senses: What They Are and How They Work* Virginia Utermohlen · *The Arts and Crafts Movement in New York State* Nancy Green · *Digital Video Studio* Marilyn Rivchin · *The Eclectic Ethnic: A Culinary Workshop* Shelley Gould · *The Wines Course 2006* Abby Nash · *Underground Ithaca* John Chiment · *The Sailing Clinic* Patrick Crowley and Fred DeBruyn

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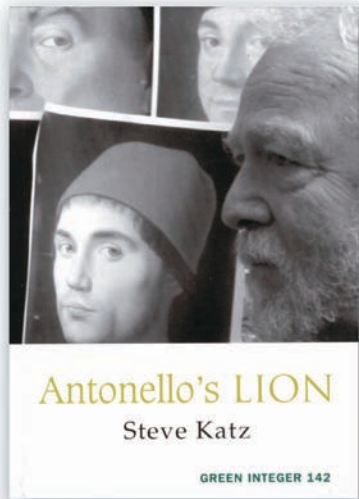
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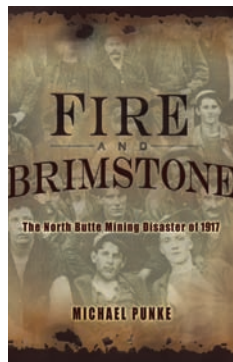
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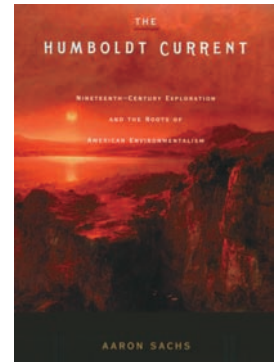
In Brief

ANTONELLO'S LION by Steve Katz '56 (Green Integer). Katz, author of *Swanny's Ways* and *Wier & Pouce*, is one of America's best experimental writers. The critic Jerome Klinkowitz says that Katz, one of the founders of the Fiction Collective, "pushed innovation farther than any of his contemporaries." In his new novel, a father and son set out on parallel quests. Solomon, obsessed with the Renaissance artist Antonello da Messina, disappears while searching for a lost painting of St. Francis; his son, Nathan, tries to find out what happened. The picaresque narrative brims with humor, arcane lore, pratfalls, and imaginative leaps.

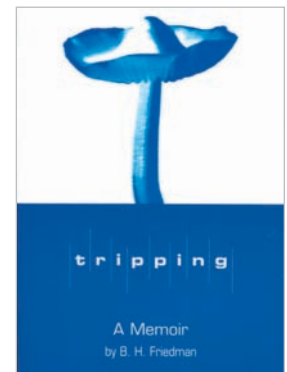
FIRE AND BRIMSTONE by Michael Punke, JD '89 (Hyperion). In 1917, a fire broke out in the Granite Mountain and Speculator mines in Butte, Montana, resulting in the deaths of 164 miners. Punke, a former Washington lawyer, investigates the background of a disaster that catalyzed a series of events: strikes, the lynching of a labor leader, and restrictions on constitutional freedoms under the Montana Sedition Act.



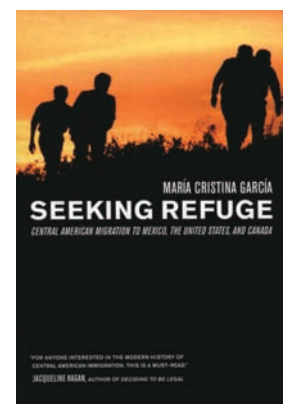
THE HUMBOLDT CURRENT by Aaron Sachs (Viking). Alexander von Humboldt was once a prominent naturalist whose writings were popular in nineteenth-century America. His fame is now far eclipsed by that of Charles Darwin, and later scholars have dismissed his tendency toward mystical romanticism. Sachs, professor of history and American studies at Cornell, attempts to reclaim Humboldt as the first ecologist by examining the work of four other naturalists—J. N. Reynolds, Clarence King, George Wallace Melville, and John Muir—who pursued Humboldt's stated goal to "recognize the general connections that link organic beings."



TRIPPING by B. H. Friedman '48 (Provincetown Arts Press). Friedman, novelist, playwright, and the first biographer of Jackson Pollock, met Harvard psychologist Timothy Leary in 1961 and became a subject in his research on psilocybin and LSD. Welcoming the promise of a new mental and mystical awareness, Friedman wrote reports of his experiences to Leary. Though he had reservations about some of Leary's later behavior, Friedman maintains that psychedelic drugs allow some users to gain clearer self-understanding.



SEEKING REFUGE by María Cristina García (University of California Press). Civil wars in Central America killed a quarter of a million people during the period 1974–1996 and drove more than two million to seek refuge in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. García, an associate professor of history at Cornell, argues that the leaders of these three countries were more interested in free trade than addressing the crisis. She describes how non-governmental organizations aided the refugees and provided a voice for the dispossessed, and how current national security issues affect migrants' human rights.



Recently Published

Fiction

4% FAMOUS by Deborah Schoeneman '99 (Shaye Areheart Books). Schoeneman's first novel draws on her experience as a gossip columnist for the *New York Observer* as she follows three gossip columnists through the chaos of Manhattan celebrity life.

UNCHARTED WATERS by Leslie Bulion '79 (Peachtree Publishers). Jonah Lander spends the summer with his uncle at a seaside cabin, where he learns to confront his fears and live honestly.

DOUBLETHINK by J. E. Schwartz '76 (Raise the Bar Press). In 2012, Joe Winston is a successful attorney in Silicon Valley when a donation to the wrong charity begins his descent from a have to a have-not.

Poetry

RED SUMMER by Amaid Jamaul Johnson, MPS '98 (Tupelo Press). In his debut collection, which won the 2004 Dorset Prize, Johnson writes of love, violence, and how "the dead remind the living of the coming of storms." Johnson is an assistant professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Non-Fiction

A KINDER, GENTLER AMERICA by Mary Caputi '79, PhD '88 (University of Minnesota Press). A professor of political science at California State University, Long Beach, analyzes how longing for the era of "the greatest generation" actually exposes disillusionment with the present.

THINK GLOBAL, FEAR LOCAL by David Leheny, PhD '98 (Cornell University Press). Leheny posits that when states abide by international agreements to clamp down on transnational crime and tighten security, they respond not to an amorphous international problem but rather to deeply held local fears.

CHINESE MEDICINE MEN by Sherman Cochran (Harvard University Press). The Hu Shih Professor of Chinese History at Cornell examines the role of medical entrepreneurs in pre-socialist China in constructing a consumer culture.

FASTER! I'M STARVING! by Kevin Mills '93 and Nancy Mills '64 (Gibbs Smith). A mother and son team shows the secrets to cooking quick and nutritious meals in the time it takes for a sitcom plot to be revealed.

VIRTUAL VOYAGES, edited by Jeffrey Ruoff '85 (Duke University). Film scholars discuss how

travel imagery in movies blurs the distinctions between genres and heightens awareness of cinema as a technology for moving through space and time.

THE EAGLE AND THE VIRGIN, edited by Mary Kay Vaughan '64 and Stephen E. Lewis (Duke University Press). After the Mexican Revolution, the government enlisted artists and intellectuals in the effort to cultivate a distinctly Mexican identity. Two historians examine the massive nation-building project Mexico undertook between 1920 and 1940.

SUBJECT SIAM by Tamara Loos, PhD '99 (Cornell University Press). Unlike its Southeast Asian neighbors, Thailand was never colonized by an imperial power. However, Loos describes how its sovereignty was nevertheless limited by imperial nations while domestically its leaders pursued control in the Muslim south.

GET A FREELANCE LIFE by Margit Feury Ragland '94 (Three Rivers Press). A former assistant editor at CAM presents insider advice on all aspects of a freelance writing career.

THE COVENANT WITH BLACK AMERICA, edited by Tavis Smiley (Third World Press). Tyrone Taborn '81 wrote the chapter that deals with African Americans and the racial digital divide.

WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY IN DEVELOPMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE, edited by Jane S. Jaquette, PhD '71, and Gale Summerfield (Duke University Press). Contributors explore the consequences of women's land ownership and the need to challenge cultural traditions that impede women's ability to assert their legal rights.

CERVANTES IN ALGIERS by María Antonia Garces (Vanderbilt University Press). Miguel de Cervantes was captured by Barbary pirates after the Battle of Lepanto and spent five years (1575–80) in Algerian prisons. Garces, an associate professor of Hispanic studies at Cornell and herself a former hostage of Colombian guerillas, examines the lingering effects this traumatic experience had on Cervantes's writing.

CHILDREN OF COYOTE, MISSIONARIES OF SAINT FRANCIS by Steven W. Hackel, PhD '94 (University of North Carolina Press). As Spanish colonization reduced their numbers, California's Indians congregated in missions, where the Franciscans instituted unfamiliar systems of labor and punishment. After Franciscan rule ended in the 1830s, many Indians regained land and found strength in their ancestral cultures.

SELLING TECHNOLOGY by Asaf Darr, PhD '97 (Cornell University Press). Darr, a senior lecturer in organizational studies at the University of Haifa, Israel, argues that our cultural stereotypes of sales work, shaped during the industrial era and through popular images, no longer apply to the changing nature of sales in an information economy.

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the normal Vignoles harvest, can be produced only under the right conditions—"one year out of two or three," he says.

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— Dana Malley

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in two thick volumes. While the selection of contributors has evolved over time, certain names are constants: Chaucer, Shakespeare, Keats. And Abrams.

M. H. ("Mike") Abrams, Class of 1916 Professor of English emeritus, has served

Heavy reading: English professor emeritus Mike Abrams has edited seven editions of the *Norton Anthology of English Literature* since 1962. For the 6,000-page eighth edition, he took a back seat to the new general editor, Harvard's Stephen Greenblatt.

as the anthology's general editor from the first edition through the seventh. But for the new eighth edition, the ninety-three-year-old Abrams passed the torch—and the responsibility of squeezing English literary history into just over 6,000 pages—to Harvard professor and Shakespeare scholar Stephen Greenblatt. When Abrams first accepted the position, he never expected it to turn into the job of a lifetime. "I thought that we'd get the anthology done in about a year, and the thing would have fair sales for about a decade or so," says Abrams, who continues to advise as editor emeritus. "Instead of a year, it took four years, and instead of lasting a decade, it seems to have become eternal."

More than eight million copies of the *Norton Anthology of English Literature* have been printed over the last forty-four years, a remarkable run for a book that began as a deeply unfashionable enterprise. In the mid-1950s, when the W. W. Norton Company asked Abrams to edit the first anthology, the field of literary studies was dominated by New Criticism, a movement that urged readers to disregard historical and cultural background and focus solely on close reading of individual texts. As a graduate student at Cambridge before World War II, Abrams had studied with the movement's founder, I. A. Richards, but he was unconvinced. When he landed a position at Cornell after the war, Abrams designed a survey class that placed English literary works and authors back in context. "I was certainly swimming against the current," he says. "It was the revival of an older mode of teaching literature."

But that was exactly what Norton wanted. Earlier anthologies were typically put together by one or two editors. Abrams asked six other scholars to join him, dividing up the work by literary period so that each would select texts and write introductions for his own area of expertise. (Abrams assigned himself the Romantic period, the subject of his classic study *The Mirror and the Lamp*.) And he told his co-editors to take seriously the task of writing for undergraduates and those who teach them.

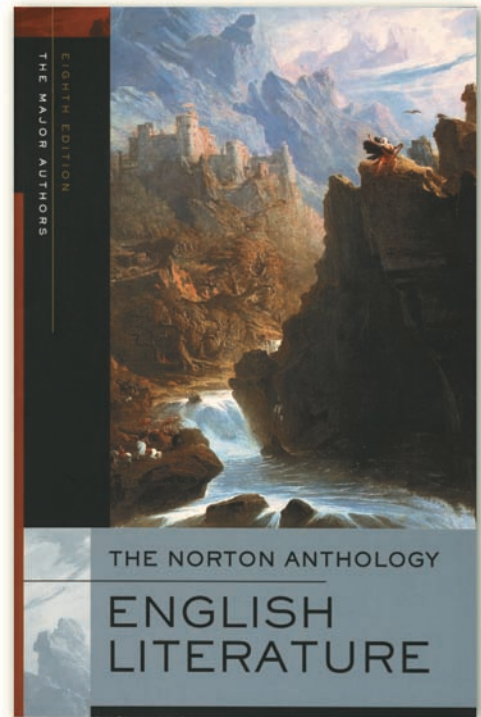
The formula clicked. "It was perfectly clear from the minute that the anthology became available that it would be greeted enthusiastically by teachers of English lit-

erature," Abrams recalls. He received a flood of compliments from teachers and students—along with suggested changes. Abrams surveyed instructors on texts to add or drop for succeeding editions. Over the years, the anthology grew, and women writers and authors from beyond the British Isles, such as Chinua Achebe and Salman Rushdie, now share space with Milton and Dickens.

"There's a leading and a following that goes on with this book," says Julia Reidhead, vice president of W. W. Norton and only the second editor at the company to work with Abrams during the anthology's history. "We follow in the sense that we listen closely to what teachers want to teach. There's a leading in the sense that we have an editorial group of scholars who are in touch with the latest movements in their fields and are able to bring that excitement to the work."

The first edition had fewer than 2,000 pages per volume, printed on the same ultra-thin stock used for Bibles. ("It's not cigarette paper," Abrams says, but he concedes that a few desperate English majors may have used it as such.) When the page count reached 3,000, "we hit the limits of physics," Abrams says. "The books would just fall apart if we tried to make them any longer." Today the anthology can be purchased in six volumes, split according to literary period, but the two-volume set remains more popular.

While the *Norton Anthology* can inspire passionate devotion, it's not without its critics. Some accuse the editors of responding too quickly to shifts in literary and political sensibilities, while others say they haven't changed fast enough. The notion of the canon—a set of texts that represent the eternal greatness of English literature—has inspired much debate of late: interest in works by women and people of color has grown and many English departments now teach courses on film, advertising, and other subjects that stretch traditional definitions of "literature." At Cornell, the year-long course that originally inspired the anthology, the English



Literary Tradition, is no longer mandatory for English majors. "The field of English is now so broad and encompasses so many aspects of culture that it's hard to know what should be required, if anything," says associate professor Debra Fried, who now teaches the class. "I am no longer surprised at what even senior English majors have never heard of."

Students who do enroll in the English Literary Tradition "expect to get a survey of 'the canon' or 'great works' or 'classics,'" says Fried. She's never had a student complain that the anthology is too traditional or doesn't include enough writers out of the mainstream. "And I don't think that those charges would be true anyway."

To Abrams, the debate has always been secondary to the *Norton Anthology's* pedagogical goal. "We had no notion at all of establishing a canon," he says. "It's clear that as the years have passed and millions of students have used the thing, it has come to represent the best that has been thought and said in English literature—the so-called canon—but our vision has always been a teachable course."

He loves to hear about the unorthodox ways teachers use the collection in their classrooms. Fried, for example, has enlisted her students to write introductory essays

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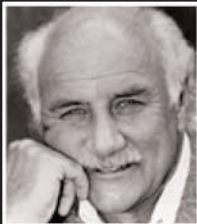
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to the pieces in the anthology, tailored to their own experiences of confusion and revelation while reading the texts. The essays are posted on the course website for the benefit of future English 201 and 202 students. It's that kind of creativity that the *Norton Anthology* was meant to inspire.

"One of Mike's many virtues is that he has always had a clear eye about what would go on in the classroom," says Stephen Greenblatt, who joined the *Norton Anthology* project as associate general editor for the seventh edition. When he met Abrams in the 1980s, he says, their first exchanges consisted of "genial sparring." The two scholars represented different generations, different perspectives. Greenblatt, whose Shakespeare study *Will in the World* was a popular bestseller, has a more historical approach; Abrams tends to be more interested in literary form. The latest edition of the anthology reflects this shift with the inclusion of historical documents such as letters from Queen Elizabeth I and artwork from the relevant time periods. Greenblatt has also overseen an expansion of the anthology's online presence. Works cut from the eighth edition were added to a Norton website (<http://wwnorton.com/nael/>), where they can be downloaded by teachers and students along with other supplemental materials.

What won't change, says Greenblatt, is the anthology's commitment to its primary audience. "Mike established the principle that it's not about impressing your three cleverest friends—it's about thinking hard about what students need."

Abrams believes that the anthology "is as good for the teacher as for the students," he says. "It has enriched my sense of English literature immeasurably and kept me from being insulated in a single specialty. Nothing brings you as closely into touch with the minds of people who have lived before you, in cultures similar to but also very different from your own, like a broad knowledge of what has been thought and written in the English language."

Greenblatt hopes that the anthology will have the same sustaining effect on him that it has had on his predecessor. "It seems to be an elixir," he says. "I think that everyone should take the *Norton Anthology* to bed with them to stay young."

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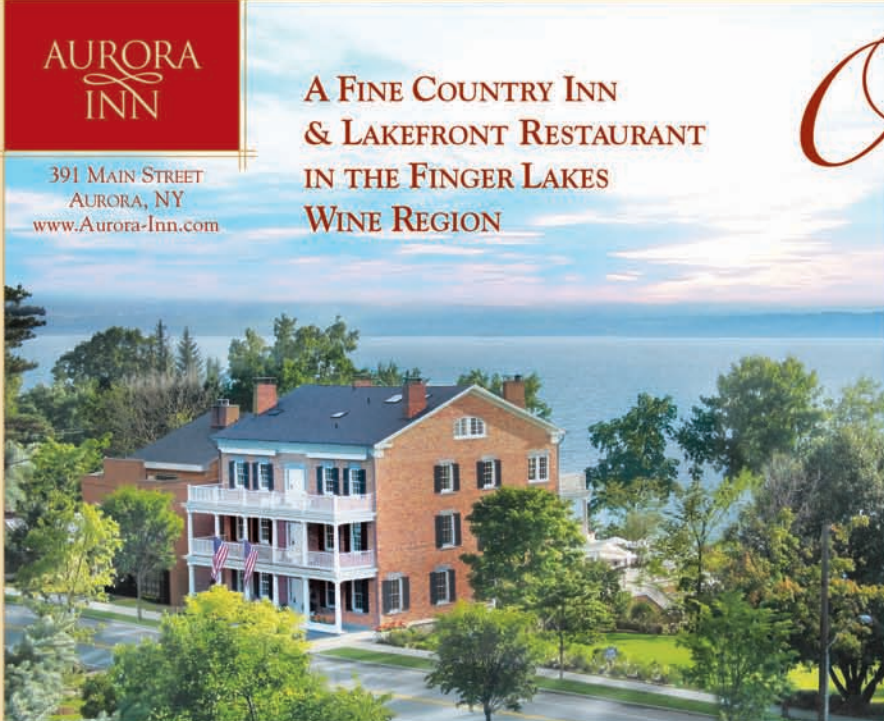


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Security Alert

KAREN GREENBERG '77 PUTS TORTURE ON TRIAL

WHEN IT COMES TO THE WAR on terror, there's not much that *Village Voice* columnist Nat Hentoff and *National Review* contributor Andrew McCarthy agree on. Hentoff is a venerable liberal gadfly and ardent defender of civil liberties; McCarthy's a former federal prosecutor with an appointment at the conservative Foundation for the Defense of Democracy. But as panelists in a discussion on transparency and the courts at NYU's Center for Law and Security, the two ideological foes found a point of mutual accord: the value of meeting face-to-face. "I represented a minority position both on the panel and in the room," says McCarthy. "But it was definitely not a monolithic set of opinions on each side. There were nuances people brought to bear, and it was a real, conscious effort—which I think was successful—to make it a civil conversation where people were challenged on what they thought in a meaningful way. People weren't just bloviating."

Hentoff is equally enthusiastic about the value of such events: "It's the only way you can get people, if not to harmonize, then to recognize that there are perspectives different from theirs."

That's exactly what NYU historian Karen Greenberg '77 had in mind when she hosted the event. The founding executive director of the Center on Law and Security, Greenberg leads a team of scholars, lawyers, and journalists that explores the American legal system's role in the war on terror, confronting hard questions and publicly grappling with the answers. Amid an ever-escalating war of words over 9/11, Iraq, and the threat of future attacks, the participation of informed citizens in bipartisan discussions, Greenberg believes, has never been more important. "Until

Americans learn to trust themselves, instead of falling back on some easy line that takes them out of responsibility, there's going to be a disconnect, and it will always be a public relations campaign rather than a fact-based campaign," she

says. "Our goal is just to get the facts."

The Center posts its quarterly newsletter and reports for free at www.law.nyu.edu/centers/lawsecurity/publications, while its public forums this spring brought together government officials,



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Torture foe Greenberg: "To say that to be critical is to be partisan is outrageous. Everyone wants the country to be safe."

counter-terrorism experts, law enforcement officials, scholars, and lawyers to consider the scope of presidential powers, evaluate the role of radical Islam, and delve into details of the invasion of Iraq.

Greenberg is perhaps best known for her work examining one of the most contentious policy issues to surface during the Bush Administration: the use of torture during interrogation. With defense lawyer Joshua Dratel, who has represented Guantanamo detainees, Greenberg co-edited *The Torture Papers: The Road to Abu Ghraib*, a 1,200-page compilation of government memos, evaluations of the legality of torture, reports on the conditions at Guantanamo, and the conclusions of military investigations there and at Abu Ghraib. She's also edited the essay collections *Al Qaeda Now* and *The Torture Debate in America*, both published last year by Cambridge University Press.

Greenberg's arguments against torture have both practical and ethical dimensions. Brutal treatment of prisoners yields information of dubious quality, she claims, and its appeal is rooted more in an emotional thirst for vengeance than a search for intelligence. "If you separate out the need for revenge from the need for valuable information, you begin to understand why some people support abusive interrogation," she says. "There's a real sense of 'they're the enemy and we want to hurt them.' That's understandable, but that's not what interrogation is supposed to be about. It's supposed to be about getting information."

Moreover, historical analyses suggest that torture undermines the legal foundations of a democratic society. "There is a need to comprehend the human toll, as well as the 'collateral damage' to American democratic processes that has occurred as the government has wrapped itself in overt and indirect defenses of torture," Greenberg wrote in a December 2005 *Nation* article. "Beyond that, there is the need to bring the story to closure, to re-empower the rule of law and to restore integrity to the realm of fact and its institutional guarantor, the courts."

It is those sentiments that have endeared Greenberg to civil libertarians (Hentoff calls her "an invaluable resource for keeping the Constitution alive"). But

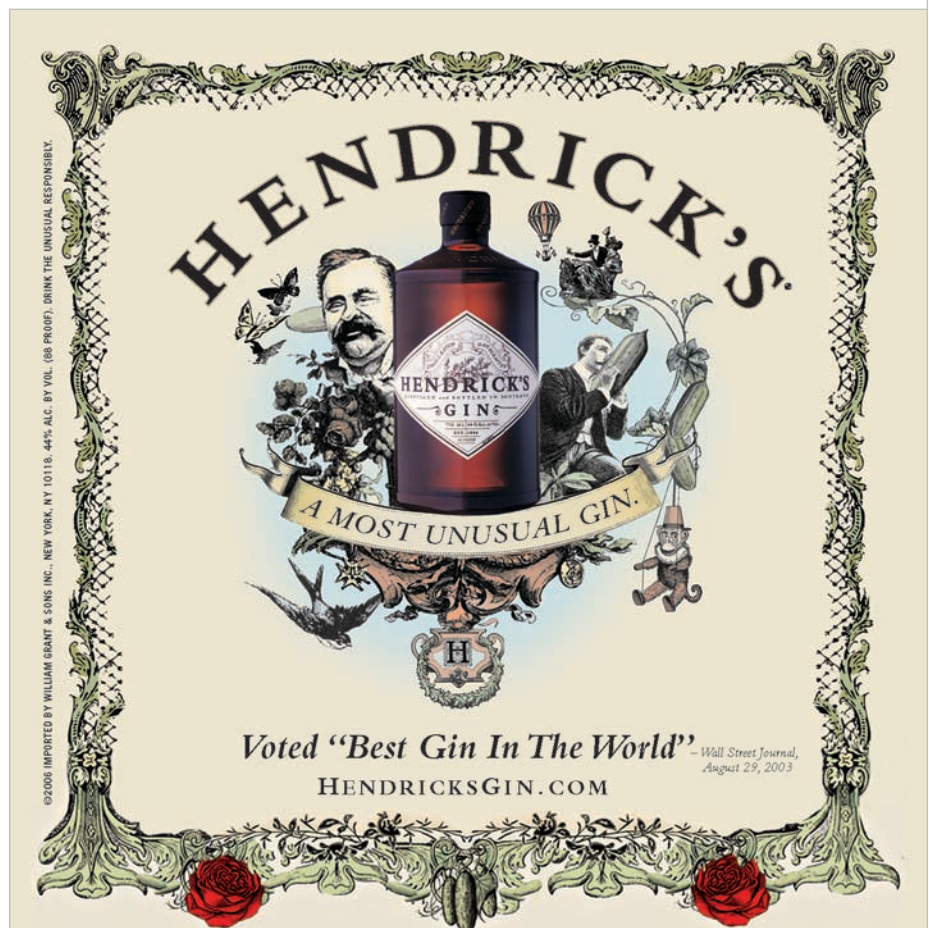
while she is a regular contributor to left-of-center journals, Greenberg resists framing the issue along partisan lines. "Republicans are no more in favor of torture than are Democrats," she insists. "It may be that people think differently about the war on terror and what that means in terms of surveillance and civil liberties. But I think that abusing certain liberties, including physical liberty, is not making us safer. And I am tremendously concerned with being safer."

A native of New London, Connecticut, where her grandfather once served as mayor, Greenberg studied intellectual history at Cornell, taught at Bard College, and worked at the Soros Foundation's Open Society Institute before going to NYU to help launch the international education program. Her cramped Washington Square office overflows with books reflecting her varied interests, which also include fiction writing: she's published short stories in the *Partisan Review* and *Confrontation*, and a novel about Sarah,

wife of the Old Testament's Abraham, sits unfinished on a shelf at home.

It may be some time before she returns to the novel, as NYU keeps her busy monitoring a global struggle that continues to spawn legal dilemmas. In 2004 the Center developed a terrorist trial "report card" for England, logging charges, convictions, and sentencing of alleged terrorists; a similar effort cataloguing data from all of Europe is currently under way. In May, the Center assembled a panel of experts in Florence, Italy, to discuss lessons learned from the attacks on New York, London, and Madrid, and to compare secrecy and democracy in the U.S. and Europe. "We're not looking just to criticize," Greenberg says. "It's about how to get to a safe but also sane, rational place. We're the smartest, most powerful, most technologically advanced nation in the world. The idea that we can't win this war and do it on our terms is unacceptable. That's not partisan. That's patriotic."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



Basic Training

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP GIVES SINGLE MOMS A HEAD START

dAVID OLDS WAS AN IDEALISTIC young guy fresh out of Johns Hopkins when he started working at a day-care center in inner-city Baltimore. The year was 1970. The federal Head Start program was just five years old, and Olds was beginning to develop his own ideas about how to help at-risk kids. “I was a product of the Sixties,” he recalls. “I thought I was going to change the world if I could help poor children get off to a good start by improving their language and development in preschool.”

While the children napped, Olds wrote long letters to the man who would become his mentor: Urie Bronfenbrenner '38, the legendary Cornell social scientist who founded not only Head Start but the field of human ecology itself. After two years of correspondence, Olds came to the Hill to study under Bronfenbrenner, earning a PhD in developmental psychology in 1976.

Over the intervening three decades, Olds has been developing and honing an early-intervention program of his own, inspired by observations he made in Baltimore. Although preschool could give kids a leg up, he realized, it often wasn't enough to counteract such negative influences as physical abuse and prenatal exposure to drugs and alcohol. “For some of the children in my class, it was too little and too late,” says Olds, now director of the Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. “I realized we needed to begin much earlier.” But he also noticed that despite their underprivileged backgrounds, some of the kids were doing relatively well. “Those children had parents who were more deeply invested in caring for them,” he says. “I knew much of what I wanted to focus on had to do with helping parents do a better job of managing.”

The program Olds created is called the

Nurse-Family Partnership, and it's gotten some high-profile press lately, including a feature in the *New Yorker* in February and a segment on ABC News' “Nightline” in

March. The program sends nurses into the homes of low-income, first-time mothers months before they give birth—a head start on Head Start. Olds conducted the



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House call: A protégé of Cornell social scientist Urie Bronfenbrenner '38, David Olds, PhD '76, founded a program that brings specially trained nurses into the homes of single mothers.

first trial in Elmira, New York, in 1977 (his wife was studying at the Law school, so he needed to stay near Ithaca). After years of data-crunching and fundraising, he followed up with trials in Memphis (1987) and Denver (1994).

In 1996, the Department of Justice invited Olds to set up the program in high-crime neighborhoods around the country; three years later, a \$10 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation enabled a nationwide rollout. (Funding comes from state and local governments, Medicaid, grants, and other sources.) Two years ago, Olds founded a nonprofit to oversee the program's administration, and it now operates in about 250 counties, with more than 700 nurses working with some 13,000 families at any given time.

Olds chose nurses, in part, because people trust them: nursing consistently comes out on top in the annual Gallup poll of the most respected professions. Also, he says, "we needed to have service providers who'd have value from the parents' perspective, and nurses have a legitimate agenda to address during pregnancy and in the first few months after delivery." Because nurses are seen as health-care providers, they may have more luck getting into the homes of troubled single moms—but the program's agenda is far broader. Its goals are not only to improve child and maternal health (particularly by facilitating connections to care providers and reducing smoking, drinking, and drug use), but also to make families more economically self-sufficient through education and employment, and to help parents take better care of their children. The latter may involve everything from encouraging them to read to their kids to advising them on how to keep their cool when coping with a cranky toddler to obtaining counseling for a mother who suffered abuse during her own childhood. The nurses—drawn from the local community and specially trained—visit weekly at first, tapering off to every other week and then monthly, ending their visits when the child is two.

As a home-based program, the Nurse-Family Partnership operates on the family's turf. That not only gives the nurses the opportunity to observe parents' daily



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lives and home situations, but forces them to see things from the client's perspective. That way, they can avoid being seen as experts who dispense advice from on high—not an approach many young women are likely to respond to. “Rather than saying, ‘Stop drinking, stop smoking,’ the nurses need to circle around and understand, among other things, what makes a parent want to smoke or drink,” Olds says. “They have to learn how to listen. You can’t just address those countervailing influences on behavior by saying, ‘Oh no, no, no!’ because it will set up a reactive stance on the part of parents that will lead them not to feel heard or understood.” He recalls one young mother, a former drug dealer who faced a crisis when her friends got out of jail and tried to draw her back into the old life. “The nurse, rather than saying, ‘No, you ought not to do that,’ said instead, ‘Really? There might be a lot of reasons why returning to that lifestyle would feel good. Let’s talk about that.’”


The Nurse-Family Partnership demands much of its participants, so it’s not surprising that dropout rates have been estimated to be as high as 65 percent—though Olds calls that figure misleading. In scholarly papers, he has listed improved prenatal health, decreased childhood injuries, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased maternal employment, and better school readiness among the program’s consistent outcomes. In a follow-up study of the Elmira children at age fifteen, he found reductions of 48 percent in child abuse and neglect, 59 percent in arrests, and 90 percent in adjudications as “persons in need of supervision” for incorrigible behavior. He and his researchers are presently gathering data for a study of how the original Elmira participants are doing today, as adults in their late twenties.

“I think the key in all of this is that we’re biologically disposed, instinctually driven, to protect both ourselves and our children,” Olds says. “We can, in almost every case, count on that to be a fundamental human characteristic. If we can find ways of helping uncover that basic human instinct and support it, we can make a huge difference.”

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Wild Thing

BETSY LOWE, MRP '80, GIVES
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Eight years ago, Betsy Lowe sat with some friends in her lake cabin in the Adirondacks. While discussing how recent ice storms and blow-downs had affected the area, Lowe, MRP '80, started to think about founding a museum to celebrate the natural history of Adirondack State Park. This July her dream becomes a reality with the opening of the Wild Center (www.wildcenter.org) in Tupper Lake, New York. "The Adirondacks are a special place and have a unique story in terms of the hundred years of conservation in the area," says Lowe, whose family has roots in the mountainous North Country. "It's a great model for protecting wild spaces."

Lowe wrote her master's thesis on natural resource planning in the Adirondacks, then went on to put her expertise to work at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. In 1998, she launched a grass-roots effort to build a natural history center for the Adirondack region; after intense lobbying and fundraising, her idea blossomed into a \$30 million project that currently has more than 5,000 private, state, and federal funders. As the dream took shape, Lowe quit her job of twenty years to serve as the museum's full-time project director. "You've got to do things when they're hot—when you've got the momentum and interest and opportunity," she says.

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Lowe says that the Center's mission won't stop at the park's borders. "I hope the Wild Center teaches people about the Adirondacks and how we need to take care of them," she says, "but I also hope it inspires people just to be productive in their own lives."

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CARRIE MCGEE '89, MHA '93, was twenty-eight years old when she had her first child. Then the director of strategic planning at a hospital in Middletown, New York, she was married to a physician and was helping raise his four-year-old son from a previous marriage, so she already considered herself a seasoned parent. Their newborn son, Alex, had difficulty eating and sleeping, cried incessantly, and vomited often, but she didn't worry that anything was seriously wrong. "I just thought, Colic is terrible," McGee remembers.

Then doctors discovered Alex had a heart condition and neurological problems. At six months he was diagnosed with Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic abnormality caused by deletion of several genes on the seventh chromosome. Specialists told McGee that Alex likely had a bleak future: mild to moderate mental retardation, cardiovascular disease, serious delays in learning to walk and talk, problems with attention, and a host of other medical concerns. "The day Alex was diagnosed I quit my job," says McGee. "It was this real wake-up call that this child needs me. I read the literature and it was just gut-wrenching."

But McGee didn't accept her son's sentence. As a part-time gymnastics teacher and accomplished athlete (she was a member of the Cornell gymnastics team that won the Ivy League championship in 1988), she knew that repetition and practice could overcome even severe limitations.



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Head over heels: Nine-year-old Alex has Williams Syndrome, a rare genetic abnormality that his mother, Carrie McGee '89, MHA '93, has treated with a therapy called Body-Mind Centering.

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“There’s nothing genetically different between my body and your body, but I could stand there and launch myself and flip over in the air,” she says. “If you tried that, you’d break your neck. Why? It’s a matter of deciding you want to learn something and doing it over and over again until you’ve got it. I initially approached Alex’s illness from there.”

Her search for answers eventually led McGee to a movement-based therapy called Body-Mind Centering, the brain-child of occupational therapist Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen in Amherst, Massachusetts. McGee learned about Cohen’s work from parents of other special-needs children who used her technique, which is based on the idea that infants comprehend math and spatial relationships by moving their bodies. According to her theory, children who are physically challenged or suffer from poor muscle tone miss out on crucial experiences they need to foster brain development and translate spatial concepts into learning.

Alex was three years old when he started working with Cohen. Although she had no experience with Williams Syndrome clients, she concluded that many of Alex’s problems—he had trouble following directions, engaging in conversation, and sleeping—came from disordered nervous system function. “A baby has to know how to move and how to perceive its movement,” Cohen says. “I was helping Alex to perceive what he wasn’t perceiving, through hands-on [therapy]. I could move him in a way that said to him ‘I am moving myself.’”

In her sessions, Cohen spent time observing Alex, gently redirecting his movements, and breaking down his tasks into smaller achievable steps. Alex had difficulty with multiple verbal directions: if asked to pick up a book from a chair and place it on a table, he became disoriented. But when given visual cues—she had McGee slide the chair back and forth on the floor so Alex could see it moving—he was able to accomplish the task.

Alex improved dramatically after his first sessions, and McGee convinced one of Alex’s doctors, who was unfamiliar with Body-Mind Centering, to recommend to her insurance company that the treatment should continue. Although Cohen’s work

is becoming more accepted, it is still largely unknown among physicians. “It hasn’t made inroads in the standard medical practice,” says clinical geneticist Barbara Pober, a professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and one of the foremost experts on Williams Syndrome. “My view on alternative practices is that traditional medicine doesn’t have all the answers, and I encourage people to pursue other things as long as they are sure those things will do no harm.”

The technique was so effective that McGee eventually moved her family—which now included Alex’s younger brother, Rohan—to the Amherst area to be closer to Cohen. In 2001 she started teaching a weekly gymnastics class during the summer using Body-Mind Centering principles for special-needs kids; it quickly filled and then expanded with the addition of another instructor. Seeing a need to accommodate more children in year-round classes, McGee and several other parents founded Whole Children, a non-profit resource and advocacy center that teaches gymnastics, games, martial arts, and yoga to children with autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, and other special needs.

McGee serves as the group’s president, with Cohen as an honorary director and advisor. Since opening in Hadley, Massachusetts, in 2004, the center has helped more than 100 families and made the area a magnet for families whose children have disabilities. “They are different, but they are all whole as they are,” says Cohen of the children the group serves. “It’s important to acknowledge that, rather than seeing them only as the way they are diagnosed.”

McGee’s son is now nine years old and a third grader who attends public school. Alex has curly brown hair and an affable smile. Like many with Williams Syndrome, Alex is very musical. He has perfect pitch, likes to “mess around” on the piano, and is now learning to play the violin. Thanks to Cohen’s intervention and his mother’s inexhaustible optimism, Alex can do cartwheels and handstands.

McGee says, “He’s this bright light that has no pretension—an incredible little person who is alive fully.”

— Jennifer Margulis '90

Bodies Meet Bytes

CHOREOGRAPHY STUDENT HARNESSSES
TECHNOLOGY TO DANCE

EARLY IN CHOREOGRAPHER Kathleya Afanador's most recent dance, five young women run across the stage. Seconds later, luminous lines streak the darkness above them, mimicking their speed and direction. It's one of the few moments where it's clear the electronic scribbles, dots, and starbursts that sparkle above their heads are coming from the women themselves. Otherwise, the dance and the illuminated graphics are of a piece—which is exactly

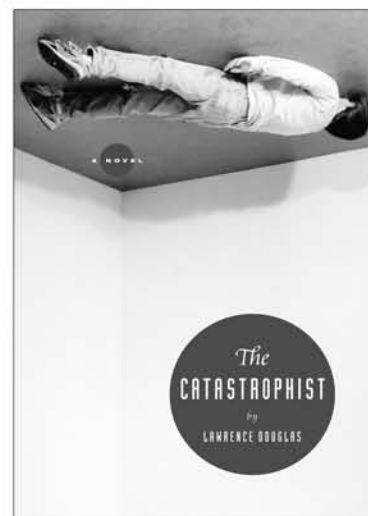
what Afanador '06 had in mind. "That, to me, is interesting: to see what movement can generate in another medium, and that it can be done without making the multimedia aspect the focus."

With the performance of *Perimeter of a Parameter* in March at the Schwartz Center, Afanador and her two collaborators joined a growing group of international artists working with technology that interacts in real time with performers onstage. While well-funded dance companies can



ANDREW GILLIS

Computer savvy: Kathleya Afanador '06 (at left, with Galen D'Amato '06) integrates dancers, interactive software, and video cameras in her choreography.



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afford high-end motion sensors and other sophisticated equipment, artists like Afanador have embraced low-end versions that require not much more than a laptop or two. Their work spans fields from music and the DJ/VJ scene to installation art and dance, fed by listservs where they trade tips on manipulating the most popular software and hardware. Afanador says interactive technology offers another tool in her choreographer's toolbox. "When you just have movement and music, you can see the contrast between them," she

says. "When you have another medium, you have a whole other contrast with either the music or the movement."

Afanador, a College Scholar who was a dance major, and the dance program's candidate for Undergraduate Artist of the Year, has a talent for exploring movement with a fresh and inventive approach, says Joyce Morgenroth '66, a member of Cornell's dance faculty for twenty-nine years. "For me, it's a fantastic adventure if students are able to start to explore movement possibilities on their own," she says. "That's some-

thing Kathleya did from day one."

Choreographers have been experimenting with interactive technologies since the 1960s. Merce Cunningham had dancers in his 1965 piece *Variations V* approach vertical antennae on stage, tripping sensors that emitted the electronic bleeps of John Cage's musical score. Decades later, the advent of personal computers set off a wave of digital technology, especially in the United States. The field's center has since shifted to Europe. At the University of Genoa, Afanador studied for

Of Mice and Metal

GRADUATE ART STUDENT WINS GERMAN FELLOWSHIP



nathan Bennett, MFA '06, has earned one of the art world's most prestigious fellowships by making sculpture from humble materials: salt, rust, thread, and the carcasses of several unfortunate mice. Thanks to Bennett's ability to rework mundane objects, he was awarded a coveted scholarship by the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, or German Academic Exchange Service. It will fund a year of study with the avant-garde sculptor Rebecca Horn at the Universität der Künste in Berlin.

For his MFA thesis, Bennett created a series of installations titled "Caprice: Jouissance and the Mute" in the Tjaden Gallery that reflect his interest in philosophy, science, linguistics, and systems of interpretation. The series includes stacks of metal-framed glass boxes speckled with rust and encrusted with salt. Inside one hangs an intricate webbing of thread; another holds six rusty wire balls. Each of them also houses at least one decaying mouse. (The mice, he says, were

humanely euthanized.) In a corner of the gallery, he used the room itself as another, larger box (perhaps with the viewer taking the rodent's role) by piling 1,500 pounds of salt into an eleven-foot mound.

"I like artwork that's difficult," Bennett says, and his own is inspired by such notoriously abstruse writers and theorists as Georges Bataille and Jacques Lacan, as well as the artist Joseph Kosuth's concept of "anthropologized art." In Berlin, Bennett says, he'll take the outsider view of an anthropologist to transform common objects and other elements into art.

So far his sculpture has generated an array of responses—and that's fine with him. "Even if it's a complete dismissal of the work and someone says, 'Eww, a dead mouse,' that's better than people getting glazed over and walking out without saying anything."

— Matt Berical

a summer with the creator of EyesWeb, one of the more popular software programs. But it wasn't until Afanador saw a dance by American choreographer Trisha Brown, titled *how long does the subject linger on the edge of the volume*, that she knew technology could offer more than a gimmick. "The video was like calligraphy; it complemented the choreography just beautifully," Afanador says. "Seeing that made me think, 'Yes, OK, I can do this.'"

She began talking about *Perimeter* with Allen Fogelsanger, PhD '88, the dance program's coordinator and music director, last spring. Initially they were inspired by the mobiles of artist Lee Bontecou and the delicate lines that stream from the mobiles' cores. Then they inspired each other. "It started with me, doing a chunk of movement," Afanador says. "Then Allen started composing. After that, we just kept making chunks and showing each other what we had made." Fogelsanger eventually wrote two movements of grinding industrial music split by a crystalline piano interlude. Afanador created a similar structure: two jagged, fragmented sections that sandwich a unified one.

Meanwhile, Ryan Spicer '06 worked on the computer programming and graphics. He devised a system in which a video camera tracks three aspects of each dancer: the color of her costume and the speed and size of the "bounding box"—the rectangle made by her extremities. The EyesWeb program analyzes that data. A second software program then translates it into graphics that indicate each dancer's movement, speed, and placement on stage. The graphics are projected within seconds onto a transparent screen (a "scrim" in theater parlance) in front of the dancers. The trick was keeping the graphics from overwhelming the piece, Afanador says. "We kept saying, 'Sparse, sparse.'"

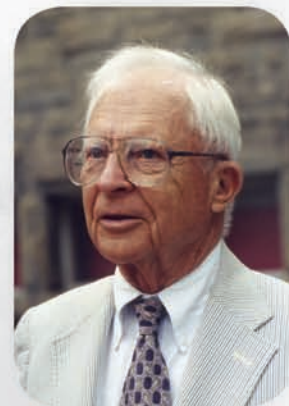
Afanador is pleased with the results, but sees ways to expand on their work. She'll continue to explore the possibilities this fall at Arizona State University, not only as a choreographer but as a PhD student in cognitive psychology. Working in the Arts, Media, and Engineering Program, she'll research how viewers perceive the links between dance and interactive technology. "The connections aren't always obvious," Afanador says. "But they are there."

— Susan Kelley

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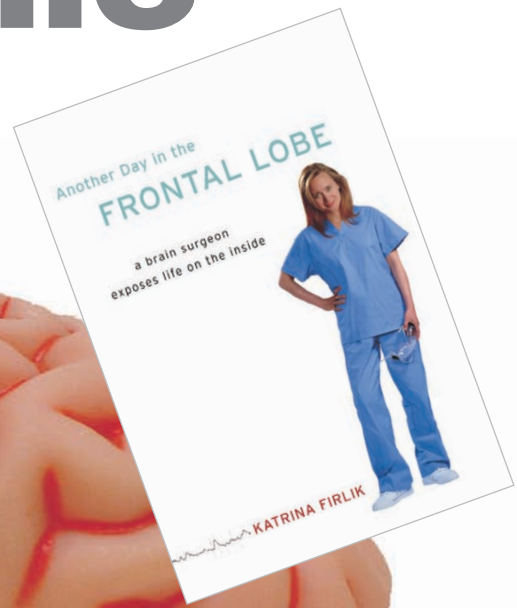
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Scientist & Mechanic



When Katrina Schreiber Firlik '91 came to the Hill in 1987, she intended to major in cultural anthropology. “Even as a child, I was fascinated by the idea that there isn’t one ‘correct’ way to live or to think about things,” she says. “I sought out anything foreign and had pen pals from around the world. Cultural anthropology seemed to fit with that, because it examines the shared thinking that forms the basis for culture.”

It wasn’t long, though, before her interests began to veer in a more scientific direction. Part of that was because of her husband-to-be, Andrew Firlik '90, MD '93. “We met at Okenshields when I was a freshman,” she says. “He wanted to get to know me, so he threw a piece of lettuce at me.” Andrew was pre-med, and Katrina took an interest in some of the subjects he was studying—especially the brain. “That was a natural extension of my interest in cultural anthropology,” she explains. “I could examine things one step deeper—the part of us that forms the basis for those shared thoughts.”

After graduating, Katrina returned to her native Cleveland to attend medical school at Case Western Reserve University. She maintained a long-distance relationship with Andrew, who went to Cornell University Medical College, and the couple married in 1993, just before Katrina’s third year of med school. After receiving her MD, she joined her husband as a neurosurgery resident at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where she was the first woman admitted to the neurosurgery program.

Neurosurgeon Katrina Firlik '91 gets inside your head

During the seven rigorous years of training as a neurosurgeon, Katrina kept a journal. “I didn’t necessarily have a book in mind,” she says. “I just knew that I was seeing some incredible things, and I thought that I’d like to keep track of them. But once I finished my training, I realized, well, I can’t waste these stories. I have to do something with them.” What she did was

write a book called *Another Day in the Frontal Lobe*, which was published in May.

Katrina says her interest in writing was spurred by a Cornell course called the Art of Essay, taught by the late Charles Levy, PhD '62. “He gave us free rein. He would say, ‘OK, this is an essay where you have to convince somebody of something controversial’ or ‘Here’s one where you have to describe how you do something difficult.’ That was so much fun, it wasn’t even work.” She must have gotten an “A” from Professor Levy, because her writing is clear and graceful, and she has the ability to make even the most abstruse neurosurgical procedures both understandable and a bit less frightening.

Currently in private practice in Greenwich, Connecticut, Katrina also serves as a clinical assistant professor at the Yale University School of Medicine. Her husband, while still a practicing neurosurgeon, holds an MBA and works as a venture capitalist with a special interest in the development of medical devices. He is a partner at Foundation Medical Partners in Rowayton, Connecticut, and a member of the Life Sciences Advisory Board at Cornell.

Now expecting her first child, Katrina Firlik says she hopes to continue her writing career, perhaps by picking up where her first book left off. “The last chapter is about the future, so after I finished that, I was inspired to think about book number two, which would be a blend of fiction and non-fiction,” she says. “What will the future look like in ten or twenty years? I have some ideas about cognitive enhancement—procedures performed on normal people who want to improve their memories and that sort of thing. It sounds futuristic, but I think the field is going in that direction.”

— Jim Roberts '71

Excerpt from

Another Day in the Frontal Lobe

the brain is soft. Some of my colleagues compare it to toothpaste, but that's not quite right. It doesn't spread like toothpaste. It doesn't adhere to your fingers the way toothpaste does. Tofu—the soft variety, if you know tofu—may be a more accurate comparison. If you cut out a sizable cube of brain it retains its shape, more or less, although not quite as well as tofu. Damaged or swollen brain, on the other hand, is softer. Under pressure, it will readily express itself out of a hole in the skull made by a high-speed surgical drill. Perhaps the toothpaste analogy is more appropriate under these circumstances.

The issue of brain texture is on my mind all the time. Why? I am a neurosurgeon. The brain is my business. Although I acknowledge that the human brain is a refined, complex, and mysterious system, I often need to regard it as a soft object inhabiting the bony confines of a hard skull. Many of the brains I encounter have been pushed around by tumors, blood clots, infections, or strokes that have swollen out of control. Some have been invaded by bullets, nails, or even maggots. I see brains at their most vulnerable. However, whereas other brain specialists, like neurologists and psychiatrists, examine brain images and pontificate from outside of the cranium, neurosurgeons boast the additional manual relationship with our most complex of organs. We are part scientist, part mechanic.

The scientist in me revels in the ethereal manifestations of the brain: the mind, consciousness, memory, language. The mechanic in me is satisfied by the clear fluid that rushes out of the end of a tube I insert into a patient's brain to relieve excessive pressure. In everyday surgical practice, the science may take a backseat to the handiwork, and that's okay. If you have an expanding blood clot in your head, you want a skilled brain mechanic, and preferably a swift one. You don't care if your surgeon published a paper in *Science* or *Nature*.

I'll give you an example of a most straightforward and manual case. I was paged to the emergency room a few years ago during my training and received the following brief report over the phone: "carpenter coming in with a nail stuck in the left frontal region of his head . . . neurologically intact." What is going through my mind at this point? Do I hark back to my studies of frontal lobe circuitry and mull over the complex neural networks involved in language and memory? No. I'm thinking concrete, surgical thoughts: nails are sharp; the brain is full of blood vessels; the nail may have snagged a vessel on the way in. These thoughts are instantaneous, of course. I spell out the simple logic here purely for effect.

What I encountered in the ER was a young man, in his thirties, sitting up on an emergency room gurney. Perfectly awake and alert, arms crossed in repose and still in his construction boots, he smiled nervously when I walked in. Was he the right patient? He looked too good.

He was the right one. The carpenter explained that he and his friend were both on ladders along the side of a house. His friend was working a few rungs above. They were driving heavy-duty nails into the siding with automatic nail guns. His friend's hand slipped upon firing in one of the nails, and the nail entered the left frontal region of my patient's head below. For the first few moments after impact, the carpenter doubted what had happened.

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Although he noticed a stinging sensation within a split second of his friend's slip of the hand, and heard the loud expletive coming from the same direction, there was no trickle of blood and he felt nothing unusual as his fingers frantically searched the top of his head. He wasn't sure if it went in. His friend knew otherwise.

Upon close inspection of his scalp, past his short crew cut, I could see the flat silver head of the nail, not quite flush with the scalp, but a bit deeper. Apart from the nail, he looked great. I performed a quick five-minute neurological exam and found nothing wrong. I sent him down the hall for a CT scan. The nail entered his brain perfectly perpendicular to the surface of the skull. It had been driven a good two inches into his left frontal lobe. Luckily, it didn't snag any sizable blood vessels along the way. There was no evidence of bleeding within the brain. Unlike the more common gunshot wounds we see, this was a respectably neat and clean penetrating injury.

At this point, my biggest fear—bleeding in the brain from entry of the nail—had been put to rest. Now, do I take a breath and mull over any complex scientific issues at this point? Am I exercising my formidable brainpower as a brain surgeon? When people say, "it doesn't take a brain surgeon," they refer to the assumption that we are the smartest ones around. Have I demonstrated this superior intelligence so far? Again, my thoughts return to the practical and concrete. We need to get the nail out of this guy's head. It didn't cause any bleeding on the way in. We need to avoid bleeding on the way out.

I walked out to the waiting room. His wife was there and so was his friend, who was pale and despondent, looking down at the floor. I tried to cheer them up a bit. Yes, the nail entered his brain, but his brain function, as far as we could tell, was normal and the nail caused no bleeding. Without looking up, the friend opened his hand and offered me a large silver nail that had been warming in his palm, the same type embedded in my patient's head. "I don't know . . . it might help you guys to have one of these . . . so you know what you're dealing with." I hadn't been able to tell from the scan that the nail had two copper-colored barbs sticking out from the shaft at acute angles. I'm not a carpenter, but I figured that the purpose of the barbs was to ensure a strong hold. I thanked him and pocketed the nail in my white coat. On my way back to the ER, I ran my fingers over the pointy barbs and thought about the issue of bleeding again. Avoiding and controlling bleeding are elementary and pervasive themes in surgery—not quite the stuff of rocket science, but critical nonetheless.

After calling on the appropriate team, including the supervising neurosurgeon and anesthesiologist, I took him to the OR, shaved a small patch of hair around the nail head, and made a short linear incision in his scalp, down to the skull. There are no how-to entries in our textbooks regarding removing nails from heads, so we improvised using common sense. We drilled out a disc of frontal bone from his skull, with the nail head at the center of the disc. Slowly, we lifted this piece of bone up away from the surrounding skull, bringing the firmly embedded barbed nail with it. Although we could see a small jagged tear in the covering of the brain and a puncture wound on the surface of the brain itself, there was no blood oozing from the hole, and we considered ourselves lucky. ("Better lucky than good" is a favorite slogan among surgeons.)

Then, using large tools fit more for our patient's line of work, we clipped off the barbs and pounded the nail through the disc of



KIT KITTLE

Dr. Katrina Firlik '91

skull, backward. After soaking the bone in an antibiotic solution, we neatly plated it back in place with miniature titanium plates and screws and sewed his scalp back together. Actually, rather than suture, we used surgical staples from a staple gun to close the final layer of his scalp, unaware, at the time, of the subtle irony in that move. Within less than twenty-four hours, the patient was on his way home, joking the entire length of the hall with the friend who nailed him in the head.

When I recounted this story to my family and friends after dinner one night, they all nagged me with the same question: "How could he be normal? This went into his *brain*." Finally, here's where the scientist in me gets to pontificate a bit, settling into a fast-paced question-answer session in the comfort of my own home with a captive audience. I am not just a mechanic, after all, and the brain is not just tofu.

How could he be normal? First of all, his brain function was considered normal based on our typical bedside examination, which is, admittedly, a bit coarse. His speech was fluent. He answered simple questions appropriately. I asked him to remember three objects over a five-minute time span, and he did. His pupils reacted when I flashed a light in his eyes and his eyes moved symmetrically. He had no drooping of his face. The strength in his arms and legs was normal and so was his sensa-

tion. His reflexes were fine. He was capable of rapid and coordinated hand movements. In other words, his five-minute neurological examination was perfectly satisfactory.

But the frontal lobes harbor quite sophisticated functions, more sophisticated than the relatively simple ones I tested. The frontal lobes make up the largest section of the brain and are the most recently evolved. Compare the forehead of an ape to the forehead of a human. One slopes, the other bulges. We can thank, or blame, our frontal lobes for much of what we consider to be our personality and intelligence. Damage to the frontal lobes can be subtle, including changes in insight, mood, and higher-level judgment (“executive function,” in the professional lingo). I’m not going to detect such changes in the ER during my five-minute exam before he is whisked off to the CT scanner. I’m just the neurosurgeon here. We would need to consult a neuropsychologist to help us evaluate these more complex brain functions.

“So why didn’t you send this poor guy for more sophisticated testing?” my dinner audience asks in a confused and mildly accusatory tone. Why did I simply proclaim him “fine” and send him on his way? I explain that the foreign object was a nail, not a jackhammer. A relatively minuscule portion of brain was violated. The large frontal lobes, in particular, can be quite forgiving, especially when only one side is involved. It’s not unusual to see a frontal lobe tumor, for example, grow to impressive citrus fruit proportions before the patient even detects a problem. In fact, the patient often does not detect a problem at all. It is frequently a spouse or friend who insists on the doctor appointment, explaining: “He’s just not right, but I don’t know what it is.”

There is a redundancy and resilience to certain brain functions. What is compromised in one portion can sometimes be compensated for in another. (A remarkable ability referred to as “plasticity.”) Even if the brain doesn’t compensate directly, the patient often can cope indirectly, without even realizing it. If a person develops minor difficulty with memory, for example, he may start to write more things down, thereby maintaining the otherwise seamless flow of his existence. There are limits, though,

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to the power of plasticity. Damage to a single frontal lobe is frequently well tolerated (the opposite frontal lobe can compensate to some degree), whereas damage to both sides is often irreversibly devastating.

Getting back to our carpenter, we were confident that the very

narrow swath of injured brain in only one frontal lobe would be inconsequential. Even if a faint cognitive deficit could be identified with detailed and time-consuming neuropsychological testing, would the patient really care? Would he, or anyone else, even notice the problem? Would his life as carpenter, husband, or friend be affected? Doubtful. On a more cold-blooded and practical note, would the patient or the hospital be willing to pay for these tests? His insurance would certainly balk at the cost and question the necessity. Besides, given my confidence in the resilience of his frontal lobes, my biggest concern was not sluggish thought but sluggish carpentry. What if he gives up the automatic nail gun altogether?

And with this final thought, the mechanic in me reclaims the front seat, as the scientist heads again to the back.

It doesn’t necessarily take a brain surgeon to think like a brain surgeon, especially when it comes to the fundamentals. Consider this elementary notion: there is a limited amount of room inside the skull. Another central truth, directly related to the first, is: the brain is not the only thing inside the skull. The brain, in fact, makes up about 80 percent of the intracranial contents. The other 20 percent is split about evenly in volume between blood and cerebrospinal fluid. Once you master these central tenets, a good deal of seemingly complex neurosurgical decision-making becomes transparent.

Neurosurgeons learn to care just as much about the 20 percent as they do about the 80 percent, even though everyone else is blinded by the mystique of that 80 percent. I get plenty of wide-eyed questions about the brain, but no one ever cares to ask about the cerebrospinal fluid, a real nonissue as far as the public is concerned. Neurosurgeons care about the cerebrospinal fluid because if there’s too much of it, the brain could be rendered next to useless.

In learning to think like a neurosurgeon, you have to take these thoughts one step further: given the rigid, fixed-volume container of the skull, and the 80/10/10 balance of its contents, what can be done if the equation is disrupted? This tips us more into the realm of mechanic than scientist.

Consider what would happen if you were punched in the eye. The area around the eye becomes swollen and is free to swell as much as it needs to. Aside from the social and cosmetic downsides of having a puffy, swollen eyelid and face, the swelling itself is usually not dangerous. It’s not constrained. It goes down after several days, and the skin and underlying soft tissues recover nicely.

A swollen brain is another matter. There’s not much room for it to swell. Swelling within a fixed container leads to elevated pressure, and unchecked pressure can lead to a cascade of events—namely a last-ditch shifting of delicate intracranial contents—that can be fatal. So as neurosurgeons, we do whatever we can to maintain a normal pressure within the skull when things go awry, such as in a serious head injury.

Although this is “brain surgery,” the options we have for treating high pressures within the head are relatively simplistic and mechanistic: drain off cerebrospinal fluid from within the skull, shrink the brain tissue itself with a temporary dehydrating agent, or constrict the blood vessels in the brain via hyperventilation (although this one can be dangerous in situations when the brain needs all the blood flow it can get). If these options fail, there are more extreme measures, as a last resort: remove a portion of relatively “unimportant” brain tissue to create more room, or remove a section of skull to allow the brain to continue to swell. The decision as to which of these extreme measures you choose is largely a matter of who your mentor was and what he or she preferred to do.

As an example, here is how I handled such a decision recently. It was a warm sunny Sunday afternoon and I was sitting at an outdoor table at an Italian restaurant with my husband. We were eating salad and waiting for our Margherita pizza, content in our idle people-watching and discussing what we wanted to do after lunch. Our contentment was interrupted by my pager. It was one of the medical interns at the hospital: “Dr. Firlik, we need you to see a patient in the ICU, soon as you can. He had a stroke a few days ago and now he’s herniating.”

“Herniating” refers to the end-stage shifting of the brain in response to increased pressure. The word puts everyone into crisis mode, including my husband who, overhearing my conversation, had our pizza boxed up so he could eat it while sitting in the passenger seat of my car as I sped down the highway. He is also a neurosurgeon but, because of his passion for innovation and entrepreneurship, pursued a career in venture capital. He has always been interested in challenging cases, so he still likes to offer his two cents when it comes to critical decision-making.

“So what are you going to do for this guy?” he baits me, between bites, his smile glistening.

“I don’t know. I haven’t seen him yet,” I answer, stating the obvious, not interested in debating the pros and cons of surgical intervention as we have done on so many other occasions with each other and with colleagues, to the point where it feels that we are following a script.

“Well, just call me if you’re going to the OR. I’ll leave my cell on.” He gives up and pulls a second slice out of the box while wondering out loud what he should do to amuse himself while I’m busy. He’ll probably go to a café and read a couple newspapers, further broadening his understanding of the world we live in.

We arrive at the hospital and my husband assumes the driver’s seat. I leave the car, enter the hospital through the automatic glass doors that seal shut behind me, walk down the hallway to the ICU, and prepare to immerse myself in a very small, intense, and isolated world.

I have three priorities: evaluate the scan, evaluate the patient, and then step back for a gestalt, big-picture view of everything. The patient’s scan is a textbook example of a major stroke that has swollen aggressively. An “ischemic” stroke—due to blockage of blood flow to a portion of brain—causes part of the brain to die. (Just as a heart attack causes a portion of heart muscle to die.) Dead brain tissue swells. If a large portion of the brain has died, such as in a complete middle cerebral artery stroke, the swelling can be quite impressive, to the point where it causes the brain to shift within the skull, threatening the viability of the remaining normal brain and brain stem.

Where I trained as a resident, a “strokectomy” was advocated

in certain life-threatening situations. In a strokectomy, a portion of dead brain tissue is surgically removed in order to leave more room for the remaining, unaffected brain. The concept is somewhat controversial and the practice is not widespread, but it truly can be a lifesaving procedure. The question, of course, is whether or not the life in question should be saved, given concerns of quality over longevity, and that’s where the decision can get tricky.

I did a brief neurological exam on the patient while the family waited outside the room. He was clearly in dire straits. I ordered a stat dose of mannitol to be given through the IV to buy us some time. This would temporarily lower the intracranial pressure by dehydrating his brain a bit. The effects don’t last long but it’s perfect for such a situation. I would have a few minutes to talk to the family, the neurologist, and the internist in order to get the critical big-picture view, as this was my first time meeting the patient. What was he like? What would he want? What do we want?

A living will doesn’t always give clear direction. I remember seeing one in a patient’s chart that included a few lines at the end that the patient had added in his own words. It said, in large, almost childlike, handwriting: “I do not want no machine hooked to me. Soley to keep me alive.” Unfortunately, I couldn’t extract any further meaning from these words apart from what was already in the legal text, but the handwritten words were far more endearing.

Conversations like this require as much listening as talking, if not more listening than talking, and this is when the neurosurgeon is neither scientist nor mechanic. After holding court with all parties, the decision was clear: no surgery. The patient was elderly, and fragile in so many ways. His neurological deficits were significant, and his outlook was bleak, even with a technically successful emergency operation. Everyone agreed to no “heroic” measures (an odd term in a situation like this, as sucking out dead brain tissue in a frail elderly man seems more pathetic than heroic).

In the instant the decision was made, the intensity that had stricken that small world vanished. The nurses moved more slowly. The looks of panic, fear, and confusion on the family members’ faces were replaced by a simple sadness. The neurologist and internist left the ICU to attend to other concerns. I lingered for a few moments in an attempt to soften the blow, as if I could somehow soften the blow.

In thinking like a neurosurgeon, not everything comes down to a mechanistic evaluation of the intracranial contents. You do have to know about everything that can go wrong, and then about everything you can do to fix it, but then you also have to know when to do nothing. Certain decisions come down to a judgment call based on the gut, and that’s when both the scientist and the mechanic step aside.

I returned to the nurses’ station and dialed my husband’s cell phone. He answered and I heard music in the background. I could picture him in the café, sipping a latte and flipping through the *New York Times* “Week in Review” section.

“Can you come pick me up?” I asked him.

“Sure. No surgery? Let’s enjoy the afternoon then,” he said, matter-of-fact.

And I did enjoy the afternoon, strangely enough. Because, in thinking like a neurosurgeon, you also have to know how to make a decision in the face of tragedy and then just move on. ●





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**His administration was fiction,
but Jimmy Smits, MFA '82,
is an actor with a real-world agenda**

By Brad Herzog



It may not be the Oval Office, but Jimmy Smits's place of business at El Sendero Productions, his production company on the third floor of the Animation Building at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, is a spacious and immaculate reflection of a man who wields some power in his industry. On one wall is a painting of Smits in one of his early film roles, starring (along with Jane Fonda and Gregory Peck) as a Mexican general descending into madness in *Old Gringo*. On another hangs a framed portrait of his role model in the entertainment business, the late Raul Julia. Sitting on a table in the center of the room are a few items from his most recent foray into the public consciousness—a placard and a couple of political buttons touting the Santos/McGarry presidential ticket.

Dressed in a light gray sweater, blue jeans, and black loafers, Smits, MFA '82, leans back on his chair's hind legs. For a guy who, in two days time, will be named leader of the free world—at least in the eyes of the 8.4 million viewers who will tune in for the results of a fictional election on "The West Wing"—he seems eminently relaxed as he muses on the moment when he was asked to run for president.

"John said all the right things," he says, referring to John Wells, the NBC program's executive producer. It was during the summer of 2004 that Wells flew from Los Angeles to New York to chat with Smits, who was playing the love-torn Benedick in a Shakespeare in the Park production. In the midst of *Much Ado About Nothing*, this was something.

They spent a couple of nights talking about the power of television, about the political process, about the need to galvanize the youth of America, and about a particular story arc Wells was considering. Jed Bartlet, the show's fictional president (played by Martin Sheen), was nearing the end of his term. "The West Wing" was looking for a new statesman. In what would be the last two seasons for the long-running drama, which broadcast its final episode in May, the show would focus on the promise of a new beginning. And Wells wondered: isn't it time to put a Latino on the ticket?

"He really wanted to see what the dynamic would be of having a Latino character who got into the political arena out of a pure sense of doing good," says Smits.

The actor wasn't sure this was a path he wanted to pursue. Should he join a show entering its sixth season? Hadn't he just signed a deal to develop a new show on ABC? But there were other factors to consider, too. Like Shakespeare's Benedick, Smits admits to a certain amount of cynicism. But unlike Benedick, he has no lack of self-knowledge. He knew full well the potential significance of such a move, having been inspired only days earlier by a speech at the Democratic National Convention by U.S. Senator-to-be Barack Obama (who, like Smits, boasts a mixed heritage). On the other side of the political aisle, Alberto Gonzales was on the verge of being named the nation's first Hispanic attorney general, and Cuban émigré Carlos Gutierrez would soon be named secretary of commerce. In a world where perceptions spawned by pop culture can generate new realities, why not take it one step further, presenting a Latino commander in chief to awaken America to very real possibilities?

“I thought long and hard,” Smits says. “But I can show you letters and e-mails I received from people in the business who heard about it, and they all said the same thing: You have to do this. You have to do this.”

The funny thing is, Smits already had a political agenda of sorts, a mission that might be best described as embodying and enabling the breadth of the Latino experience. His devotion to his roots manifests itself in myriad ways. There he is, serving as grand marshal of the Puerto Rican Day parade in New York City, hosting a Latin music segment of the Grammy Awards, and listening to that same music at the Conga Room, a Los Angeles-area nightclub in which he is an investor. There he is, too, sitting for a roundtable discussion with students from Cornell’s Latino Studies Program, hosting a PBS series about how second-generation Hispanics are adapting to American society, and shouting “*Viva la educación!*” while snipping a ribbon at a ceremonial opening of the ASPIRA Youth Leadership Charter School in North Miami.

In his film career, Smits has taken on multidimensional characters that allowed him to explore his heritage. After his turn as a Chicago drug kingpin in the 1986 Billy Crystal vehicle *Running Scared*, he has tried to avoid the stereotyped gardener-or-gangster roles given to Latino actors. Later parts have ranged from a Cuban refugee faced with personal and political dilemmas (*Little Havana*) to the title character in a made-for-TV remake of *The Cisco Kid* to a military veteran slowly embracing responsibility in *Mi Familia*, an intergenerational saga examining the triumphs and tragedies of a Mexican-American family. And then, of course, there was Senator Bail Organa, Viceroy of Alderaan (and Princess Leia’s adoptive father), in *Star Wars* episodes II and III. It may not have had the gravitas of some of his other parts, but, as Smits once joked on the PBS talk show “Speaking Freely,” “you have to have a Latino in space.”

Still, his most resonant characters have been small-screen heroes who were morally grounded and who transcended ethnicity. As Victor Sifuentes on “L.A. Law” (for which he was nominated for six Emmy awards, winning in 1990), he was a high-powered defense attorney with a heart. As detective Bobby Simone on

“NYPD Blue” (five Emmy nominations, one Golden Globe), he was a sensitive cop with a heartbreaking personal history. As presidential candidate Matt Santos on “The West Wing,” he created a character trying to strike a balance between ambition and family, politics and principle. Each of the roles, he insists, was less a revelation than an evolution.

“What’s interesting about episodic TV is that it kind of lives and breathes from episode to episode. So the writers get to see the dynamic of the performer, and they get to add more of what that performer is bringing to that particular character,” says Smits, who—trivia collectors take note—was Don Johnson’s original partner in the “Miami Vice” pilot, but was killed off in the first fifteen minutes.

The roles turned Smits into a sex symbol. In 2002, *TV Guide* named him one of the Fifty Sexiest TV Stars of All Time (he was number seventeen, right behind Dean Martin, Jennifer Aniston, and Linda Evans). But one might argue that it was his characters’ inner beauty—conscience-driven and complex—that captured the hearts of the viewing public. Smits is committed to giving other Latino artists the opportunity to reveal that multidimensional aspect of themselves and their culture, and ten years ago he figured out how to best accomplish the task.

In 1996, while campaigning for Bill Clinton in San Antonio, Smits had a conversation with fellow actor Esai Morales about how to get Latinos into positions of power. That dialogue led to other discussions with Morales, Brazilian actress Sonia Braga, and attorney and political consultant Felix Sanchez. The result was the National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts (NHFA), a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit created to advance the presence of Latinos in the entertainment industry. The NHFA focuses on fostering talent through education and building a network of young professionals with shared heritage and aspirations. Funded by corporate and private donations, the Foundation offers graduate scholarships (totaling more than \$850,000 over the past decade) for Latino college students at programs with pipelines into the entertainment industry, such as the University of Southern California, Yale School of Drama, and Columbia School of the Arts.

The NHFA’s mission includes a push to have the television industry reflect

demographics—Hispanics make up about 14 percent of the U.S. population but only a small piece of TV’s primetime mosaic. Sanchez, who serves as chairman of the NHFA, insists it isn’t only about the quantity of roles, but the quality as well. “We really want to see a more complex, three-dimensional, and contemporary portrayal of Latinos,” he says. “We want to show that Latinos have achieved the American dream—more than the American consciousness realizes.”

Historically, Latino actors have often had to choose from well-worn character types—the sassy housekeeper, the defiant gang member, the Latin lover. By promoting Latinos in front of and especially behind the camera with mentoring workshops, internships, and scholarships in fields ranging from stage and film directing to costume design and business administration, the NHFA hopes to shatter those stereotypes. Smits’s career, from Cornell to fictional candidate, is essentially a standard to which the Foundation aspires. “Jimmy has been so fortunate to play these characters that are giants in the worlds they live in,” says Sanchez, who is CEO of TerraCom, a public relations firm in the nation’s capital. “There’s a tremendous amount of integrity, generosity, insight, compassion, and determination. It’s clearly who he is.”

Smits was the oldest of three children, and, according to his birth certificate, he was “Jimmy” from the get-go. His father Corneles (a factory manager originally from Dutch Guiana, now Suriname) and his Puerto Rican mother, Emelina, raised their family in various New York City neighborhoods. But amid this peripatetic upbringing, it was another move that played the biggest role in developing what Smits calls his “Latino-ness.”

When Smits was nine, he moved to Ponce, Puerto Rico, with his mother and sisters (his father remained in New York) to be closer to his grandparents. Ancestral or not, it was a foreign land to a kid from the Bronx. “It was an identity thing,” he recalls. “They would call us ‘Yankee’ and stuff like that because we spoke primarily English.”



MARK ANDERSON

Leading man: According to *TV Guide*, Jimmy Smits is one of the fifty sexiest television stars of all time. But it's his inner beauty—conscience-driven and complex—that has captivated many of his fans.

Smits talks of a having a void in his knowledge of American culture as a result of his two-year residence in Puerto Rico. The British Invasion? He was listening to *bomba* and *plena*. “Gilligan’s Island”? He was more concerned with survival on his own, unfamiliar isle. But he also refers to the period as his “wonder years,” a time when he learned the language and rhythms and culture and history of his maternal ancestors, all a source of pride for him four decades later. “Although it was traumatic for a kid, I look back now and a large part of my identity was cemented, I guess, from that time,” he says.

Upon returning to New York, this time to Brooklyn, Smits discovered the joys of theater while participating in junior high school musicals. Later, he became transfixed by forays into Manhattan to watch professional performers—in particular, Raul Julia and James Earl Jones. “Raul had a Puerto Rican background,” says Smits. “He had a pronounced accent, but he was still able to do all the classic plays. And James Earl Jones had a speech impediment at one time, yet he was doing Shakespeare and Shaw. The fact that they were ‘minorities’ didn’t hamper them in the least, and their performances gave me permission to

aspire.” The NHFA, Smits notes with pride, now presents an annual Raul Julia Award for Excellence to the person or organization that most advances its mission.

In high school, Smits encountered another clash of cultures, as time restraints forced him to choose between football and the drama club. He chose the latter, and his moment of validation came when a group of his former teammates attended the final play of the school year and, much to his surprise, responded with a sincere ovation. “They came and supported me and didn’t throw tomatoes,” says the six-foot-three Smits, who at age fifty-one still

looks as if he could handle himself between the hash marks.

However, his family took a bit more convincing. By seventeen, Smits had fathered a daughter, and while his grandparents helped with childcare he worked his way through Brooklyn College. (Smits would later marry his girlfriend, Barbara, and have a son; the couple have been divorced for more than two decades, but he maintains a long-distance relationship with his now-grown children. He also has a long-term romance with actress Wanda de Jesus.) Smits was one of the first in the family to pursue higher education, let alone a graduate degree, so his parents viewed schooling in understandably practical terms—even when he earned his BA in drama from Brooklyn and gained admission to Cornell’s master’s program for theater. “Their whole frame of reference was: this means you can teach drama in college, right?” says Smits.

When Smits arrived on campus for the two-year MFA program, he was “one of the sweetest people you ever knew,” says Stephen Cole, associate professor in the Department of Theatre, Film, and Dance. As an actor, however, he was somewhat raw. “He came in with little methodology, little craft, and a lot of talent,” says Cole. “He was used to whisking through a role on instinct, which is what he did for a while. Then we took that away from him. He labored the first year, getting rid of old habits, which is what the first year is supposed to be about.”

In Cornell’s MFA program (since replaced by a BFA program), there were never more than a half-dozen students accepted each year, so the training was intense. “The primary idea of casting MFA people in plays was to help their progress, whether they were suited for the role or not,” recalls Cole, who co-founded the Ithaca Repertory Theater (now the Hangar Theatre), where Smits often performed. Smits’s ethnicity was a non-factor in casting, says Cole, except once, when he played Petruchio in a production of *The Taming of the Shrew* set in revolutionary Mexico.

“The wonderful thing about the program at Cornell—and programs like it around the country—was that it became



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Stage struck: That’s Smits—in feathered Aztec headdress—as Petruchio in a 1981 staging of *The Taming of the Shrew*. Margaret Reed, MFA ’81, played Katherina.

‘At Cornell, it became monastic in a lot of ways,’ says Smits. ‘You’re just eating, drinking, sleeping whatever part of the theater or music you’re involved in.’

monastic in a lot of ways,” says Smits. “You’re just eating, drinking, sleeping whatever part of the theater or music you’re involved in.” He occasionally chafed at seeing his old audition-mates earning small roles on TV while he was busy studying text analysis and mime and dance. “I’m at the ballet barre at seven in the morning at Cornell, and I’m wondering, Did I do the right thing by coming here? Because I just saw my friend on ‘Hill

Street Blues.’ But it gave me tools I could use, in terms of how to approach a role.”

In contrast to his first stage appearance on the Hill (as the nearly silent Chief in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*), Smits capped his Cornell experience by playing one of the most challenging roles in theater—the lead in George Bernard Shaw’s four-and-a-half-hour masterpiece *Man and Superman*. “He graduated ready,” says Cole.

a quarter-century later, Smits still contends nothing can be more beneficial to an aspiring actor than broad-based schooling. “Always be prepared” is his mantra, and, as evidenced by the mission of the NHFA, he believes preparation is fed by a graduate education, and talent is enabled through formal training. But, he admits, it is the networking advantages in the process that are the key to opportunity in what may be the ultimate who-you-know industry.

“When I talk to young people in school, I can’t in good conscience say, ‘If

you get a graduate education in theater arts, you're going to be successful in our business," he says. "It doesn't work like that because there are so many factors that you're not in control of. But I can talk about my experience, which was that an arts education expands your horizon in so many ways that it can only add to what you're going to be as an artist."

Smits doesn't hesitate to roll up his sleeves to further the NHFA's efforts, but he also understands that his celebrity makes him, to a large extent, the face of the organization. So he has been known to hold a press conference with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, for instance, or phone prospective donors who have ignored calls from others. In these efforts, his role on "The West Wing" has been a powerful resource. Being taken seriously is a constant challenge for activist actors who yearn to be more than photo ops and political props, and Smits says that his role as a faux candidate has been "a total civics

contends the role fit Smits "because he projects that kind of humanity and authority and gravitas." Sanchez, the political mentor, claims that Smits was believable as a would-be president because "he came to it with a keen understanding of political life."

Indeed, Smits has long impressed observers in the nation's capital. In 1997, *Capital Style* magazine described him as "the best example of a new breed of activist celebrities who are coming to Washington armed with information, media polish, and attitude." Which is not to say that there is a nonfiction political role in Smits's future. While acting on "The West Wing," he decided to limit his political contributions to the financial, rather than the rhetorical, arena—to allow "space between the character and the actor."

Cyndi Schiebe '76, PhD '87, who used to drive Smits to rehearsals at the Hangar Theatre when she was the props master and he was one of the lead actors, con-

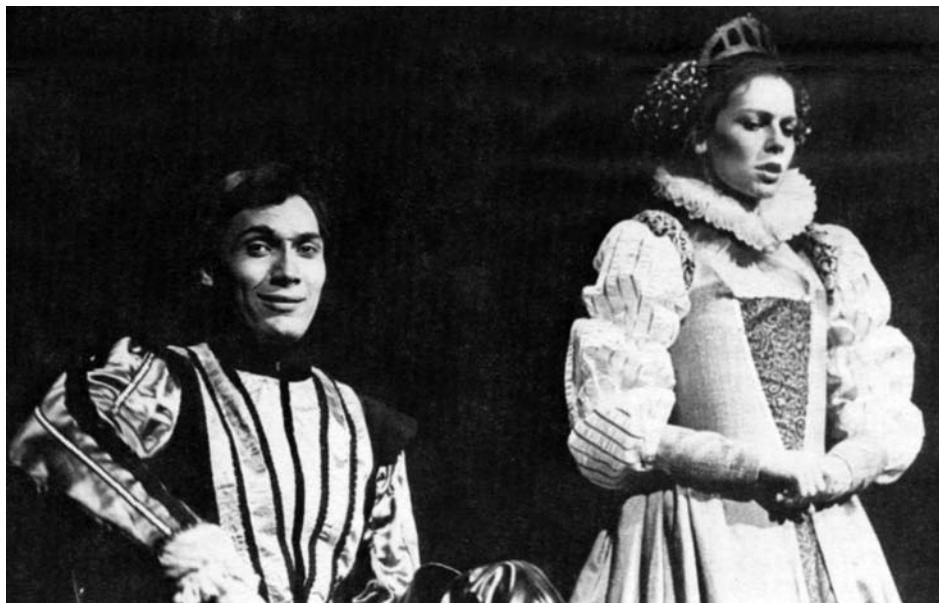
ters. "Anytime something allows people to imagine what a certain kind of scenario is like, I think it makes people feel more comfortable with an idea," she says. "I would certainly suspect that having Jimmy Smits on 'The West Wing' as a viable and appealing and smart candidate for president would make people more comfortable with the notion of a person of color as a candidate."

Comfortable enough, in fact, that in November 2005, following a live debate between Matt Santos and Senator Arnold Vinick (the Republican presidential candidate played by Alan Alda), Zogby International pollsters asked 4,492 would-be voters, evenly split between Republicans and Democrats, which candidate they would put in office. Santos won in a landslide. The result might say much about Smits (he had the overwhelming support of female fans), but it also speaks to the viability of a Latino on the ticket.

Perhaps the line between fantasy and reality isn't as distinct as one might assume. When Smits was on "L.A. Law," fans would approach him about legal matters, and Latinos would tell him he was the reason they pursued a law degree. So maybe it's not surprising that the *Chicago Tribune*, a newspaper that hasn't endorsed a Democratic presidential candidate since Horace Greeley in 1872, declared "MATTHEW V. SANTOS FOR PRESIDENT" in a tongue-in-cheek editorial last December.

Although heartened by the reaction to his make-believe candidacy, Smits remains well aware that there can be a chasm between small-screen acclaim and big-picture attitudes regarding Latinos. And there are times these days when the actor can indeed sound much like an ambitious public servant. "I think things are improving in terms of where our place is in the American scheme," he says. "But while I'm on TV doing this fictional character who's running for president, I'm watching television and I see people talking about this immigration bill, and there are code words that they use—'aliens' and such. And I'm thinking, something's not right. There's stuff to do." 🗣️

In seven seasons, BRAD HERZOG '90 never missed an episode of "The West Wing."



PROVIDED BY STEPHEN COLE

Comedy and philosophy: Smits played opposite Mary Stockhaus, MFA '82, in a Cornell production of Shaw's *Man and Superman*.

lesson for me."

Esai Morales has called his longtime friend the "Abe Lincoln of Latinos" for snagging a stint as a presidential candidate (the irony being that there has always been a Latino president on "The West Wing," as Martin Sheen, a longtime NHFA supporter, was born Ramon Estevez). But Smits's admirers point out that he brought at least as much to the role as the role brought to him. Cole, the acting coach,

tends we should not underestimate the power of popular entertainment. Schiebe is now an associate professor of psychology at Ithaca College, where she directs the Center for Research on the Effects of Television and leads a media literacy initiative called Project Look Sharp. Among the 15,000 hours of program content in her archives is every episode of "The West Wing," which, she says, is a good example of how people relate to fictional charac-

Five years after their daughter's death, David and Ann Scoville made a promise to do everything they could to find her killer

a cold hit

By David Dudley

Sometimes, especially lately, people ask David Scoville about the man who raped and strangled his daughter. If you could get that guy alone in a room, what would you do?

Maybe this is supposed to give Scoville an opportunity to vent some bitterness; maybe those who ask are just genuinely curious. Either way, it doesn't work. David Scoville '61 is a sixty-seven-year old retiree with the mild voice and preternatural patience of a former elementary school teacher, which is what he is. He's not the type to relish the notion of beating the man. "I have no desire to do that," he confirms, polite and a little bemused.

The question was for a long time an abstract one; the perpetrator seemed to exist only as a sample of DNA recovered from the clothing of Patricia Scoville '86, who was twenty-eight when she disappeared on a bicycle ride near Stowe, Vermont, in October 1991. No arrests were made in the case for more than thirteen years. But now Howard Godfrey is sitting in a Vermont correctional facility, awaiting trial for Patty's murder. Godfrey is a thin, weathered man with bristly grey hair, fifty-eight years old, the owner of a window and door company. The fact that he is in a cell is at least in part because of the efforts of Scoville and his wife, Ann Van Order Scoville '61. This might explain the apparent lack of animus toward his daughter's likely killer: in a sense, David Scoville has already exacted a deeper revenge.

The unfolding of that vengeance, if that is what to call it, was

MISSING



Body Of Missing Woman

Police Suspect 'Foul Play'

By BERNIE DAGENAIS and BETH HOLTZMAN Times Argus Staff

STOWE — A six-day search for a Stowe woman ended today when a body was found in a wooded area near the head of Stowe's pristine Moss Glen Falls.

Police believe they found the body of 28-year-old Patricia Scoville, who had been missing since Oct. 21.

"Foul play is suspected," said State Police Sgt. William Merritt. However, Merritt would not rule out the possibility that the death was accidental.

As of 10 a.m. today the body had not been positively identified, but police had called off the search for Scoville.

The body was found near the top of the Moss Glen Falls, about a half-mile from the parking area.

It was located well within the area police and volunteers have been searching since Thursday, and near where searchers had discovered Scoville's 10-speed Fuji bicycle.

Hundreds of people had participated in the search since it began

The body was found today at about 8:05 a.m. by a cadet from Norwich University, Merritt said. The body was not clearly visible and he believed the cadet, whose name was not released, had to move a branch to find it.

Merritt said the body was not buried, as far as he knows.

Lamoille County State's Attorney Joel Page arrived at the scene at about 9:15 a.m. and the Vermont State Police Crime Lab pulled in about 15 minutes later.

"It takes a large effort and a lot of time to do this properly," Merritt said.

The investigation was complicated by the large area that is being considered the crime scene, Merritt said. A grid search will be conducted in an effort to cover the ground carefully and to look for clues, he said. In a grid search, investigators search the ground segment by segment.

Scoville, who had moved to Stowe from Boston on Oct. 1, left

Map Used By Police Searching For P



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on the scene at the time, the cadet noticed the ground didn't look right and moved some material, such as leaves and branches, that had concealed the body.

Vermont State Medical Examiner Paul Morrow said as he left the scene Tuesday that he believed a murder had occurred, but he wouldn't elaborate.

Hundreds of volunteers and police, equipped with helicopters, trained search dogs and an airplane, had combed the area around the 150-foot

Stowe Police Chief Libby said that the immediate reaction was to be the last place for the missing woman, who was moved to Stowe from Boston on Oct. 1.

"If we hadn't been

her datebook, Scoville's Oct. 21 trip to Moss Glen Falls was at least her fourth visit to the area, according to Libby.

"Everything indicates she came up here to sit on the rocks, read and watch the falls," Libby said. "And if you've seen the falls, you know why."

Moss Glen Falls is a 150-foot waterfall in a rugged, wooded area in Stowe near Morrisville and Elmore. It is a popular recreation area for hikers and mountain bikers, and

scavengers. The bikers may be able to walk the area on a weekend day.

As the body was found, a friend of Scoville's, who lives in Stowe, said she had been looking for her friend's bicycle in the area.

Scoville's family is currently in Stowe.

DNA test allowed

Vt. court finds sufficient evidence to take samples

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ements of saliva samples are similar to the character of fingerprinting," said the

agonizingly slow. After Patty's murder, the Scovilles waited more than a decade for police to find the culprit, returning several times a year to the scene of the crime in an effort to keep their daughter's name in the newspapers. When the investigation foundered, they fought to rewrite the law itself. The Scovilles wrote scores of letters, appealed to politicians, and testified to lawmakers in support of legislation to establish a DNA database that could connect crime-scene evidence with convicted offenders. All the while, they professed an unshakable faith in the criminal justice system, and in the technology that would, they were certain, eventually deliver up the man who killed their daughter.

That faith was rewarded in March 2005, when an FBI analyst linked Howard Godfrey's DNA profile with a sample retrieved from Patty's clothing in 1991. In cop-show parlance, this was a "cold hit"—a computer match between crime-scene DNA evidence and a suspect registered in a databank. In the Scoville case, the hit was very cold indeed. State and local police had followed hundreds of leads and discarded scores of suspects in the thirteen years since Patty's death, and, without the DNA database that the Scovilles urged, Godfrey could have remained unknown forever. The journey to his arrest last year would be, for the Scovilles, a primer on the promise and perils of a technology that may revolutionize criminal justice in America, and a fresh reminder of how life can change overnight.

the Scovilles live in a neat white house on a leafy street of older homes in Canandaigua, a lake resort town south of Rochester. The family has deep roots in central New York: Ann grew up in Skaneateles and Ithaca, and she followed both her father and grandfather to Cornell, as did a younger sister, Patricia Van Order '72. When her oldest child, Patty, applied for early admission to Cornell and was accepted, she was thrilled, just as her own father, Robert Van Order '35, BS '36, was when she went off to the Hill. The timing, too, seemed perfect: David and Ann's Class of 1961 and Patty's Class of 1986 would celebrate their reunions in the same five-year increments.

Ann now talks about Patty with an air of practiced composure, unspooling the familiar details of her daughter's short life. "For a long time it was very difficult," she says. "But after a number of years, you don't have as many opportunities to talk about her. Telling the story helps us accept the reality."

The couple met as freshmen at Cornell—a blind date set up by one of David's Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers. Ann was in the College of Home Economics, studying early childhood education; the less studious David "busted out" in 1959 and ended up at the University of Maine. Ann followed him there after graduation, and they married in 1962. A year later, Patty was born, the first of three children and their only daughter. The Scovilles moved back to New York, where David worked on a master's degree at Syracuse and started teaching language skills at schools in a series of upstate towns—Little Falls, Saugerties, then Honeoye. Patty's childhood was a series of small-town touchstones—Girl Scout, cheerleader, honor student. An avid skier and hiker, she had a love of the outdoors—and a passion for travel. In high school, Patty went to Denmark as an exchange student.

Patty was in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell, but academics and career weren't yet a priority. "Patty did well, but unlike a lot of Cornell students, she didn't sweat the small stuff in life," says Linda Falkson '86, one of Patty's close friends and an Alpha Phi sorority sister. "She had a balance in life." Patty served as sorority president and was "a wonderful leader—just a ball of energy. She was petite, but had a huge presence and personality."

Career plans were still vague. Patty returned to Denmark for one semester in her junior year and then traveled around Europe. When several friends moved to Boston after graduation, she followed, taking a human resources job at a bank and enjoying the excitement of city life for a few years. But the corporate world didn't engage her, and when her firm folded, Patty decided on a major change. She would resettle in Stowe, Vermont, where a friend and classmate, Neil Hillmer '86, had a family vacation home. Except for the Hillmers, she didn't know anyone in town and had no job prospects. From Boston, she answered an ad and rented a room in a two-bedroom apartment to share with a woman she'd never met. In the fall of 1991, Patty drove to Stowe and put most of her belongings in storage. "Patty had this confidence that things would just happen as they were meant to," Falkson says.

Back in New York, her parents fretted mildly about Patty's sudden life change. But Patty told them she'd saved some money and was planning to find a job as a ski instructor for kids at one of the local resorts. Besides, Ann was busy caring for her father, who was struggling with terminal cancer, and had little time or emotional energy for her independent daughter. "She was just so good at taking care of herself," Ann says. The two spoke by phone on October 5, a few days after Patty arrived in town. She clearly had things under control, as usual: she was looking for her own apartment, had signed up for the Red Cross CPR course she needed to complete before getting the ski job, and raved about the beauty of the area. "Once we got used to the idea, we gave her our blessing and said we'd visit," Ann says.

She pauses.

"And we have."

david Scoville has saved every newspaper story he could find on his daughter's killing, mounting them in a large album. There are now two of these huge bound volumes, a meticulous chronicle of Patty's story from October 21, 1991, when she was last seen alive.

It was a warm day at the height of leaf season, and Patty was riding her green Fuji ten-speed bicycle, the one she'd had since junior high, around the village of Stowe. That evening, her mother left a phone message for her. Patty didn't call back the next day, a Tuesday. On Wednesday, Ann became perturbed, called again, and reached her roommate. "Didn't she call you?" the roommate asked.

The police were called on October 23, and a missing person's report was filed. Late that day, the phone rang at the Scoville home. It was Ken Libby, then chief of the Stowe police department. A couple had reported seeing an unattended green bike at Moss Glen Falls, a popular scenic attraction and hiking trail a few

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miles north of Stowe. “You’d better come up here,” Libby said.

The search lasted almost a week. The state police were called in, and spotter planes, helicopters, dogs, scuba divers, and more than fifty volunteers scoured the rugged countryside near the falls. On the sixth day, authorities mounted a last-ditch effort, a grid search with cadets from the Coast Guard Academy in nearby Norwich, walking shoulder-to-shoulder through the woods. The body was well hidden. Patty had been buried in a shallow grave not far from the falls, covered in leaves and twigs. On October 29, eight days after she disappeared, Stowe police captain Ken Kaplan and Aimee Stearns, the Lamoille County victim’s assistant, told the Scovilles that their daughter had been found.

“Is she alive?” Ann found herself asking, though she already knew the answer.

Stearns, who now works with the state’s attorney’s office in Montpelier, says that no one was prepared for that moment. Murder was all but unknown in that part of the state. “None of us had ever dealt with anything like this,” she says. “I did everything wrong.” She told the Scovilles that they couldn’t see their daughter’s body—a process then thought to be unnecessarily traumatic—and instead asked if they would like something to eat.

Ann Scoville remembers the moment well, and smiles ruefully at the mention of it; after a rough start, she has become close friends with Stearns. And the years have given her a different perspective on that awful morning. What, she wonders, would her life have been like if Patty’s body had remained undiscovered, her fate unknown? “It’s funny the things we’re grateful for,” Ann says. “But we’re grateful they found her.”

Medical examiners quickly ruled the case a homicide. There was a deep laceration in the back of Patty’s head, but the cause of death appeared to be asphyxiation, and she had been sexually assaulted: traces of semen were found on her clothing. The samples were in good condition—another break. Forensic investigators were able to successfully isolate the assailant’s DNA. Police were initially confident that the case would soon be closed. Any suspects could be confirmed against the DNA evidence, and Patty had kept a detailed account of her three weeks in Stowe. Armed with her day-planner and address books, investigators were able to construct an elaborate timeline and a list of suspects—old boyfriends in Boston, local acquaintances, a young man she had met at a barn dance the previous weekend. But the DNA samples volunteered by those suspects failed to match the killer’s profile.

The case transfixed the state for months. Police received hundreds of telephone tips, and rumors swept the region about the young woman from Boston who was killed so suddenly. As weeks became months, the Scovilles grew increasingly dismayed. The

police had the killer’s DNA; why, they wondered, couldn’t they just test every man within 100 miles of Stowe until a match was found?

Publicly, however, David Scoville was more diplomatic. That May, with no apparent progress, he told the *Burlington Free Press* that he and his wife remained steadfast. “The evidence is there. It’s just a matter of elimination,” he said. “We feel confident that this will be solved. We have to feel that way.”

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he first successful use of DNA testing in a criminal investigation was in England in the mid-1980s. The case followed close on the heels of the invention of DNA “fingerprinting” technology by a University of Leicester geneticist named Alec Jeffreys, who discovered that segments of the DNA found in all human cells contained distinctive, non-repeating codes unique to each individual. Using a laborious process of chemical analysis and radioactive labeling, Jeffreys was able to create patterns that looked vaguely like bar codes on X-ray film. This profile—the so-called DNA fingerprint—could then be matched to DNA found at a crime scene; depending on how many points of comparison were used, the odds of two unrelated individuals sharing the same DNA profile could be in the quadrillions, making it an exceptionally useful tool for identifying people. But its powers, as police soon learned, work in unexpected ways.

In 1986, a fifteen-year-old girl in Leicestershire was found dead; she had been raped and strangled, and semen samples matched those found on another teenage girl murdered in a nearby town in 1983. A local seventeen-year-old named Richard Buckland confessed to the Leicestershire crime but denied the 1983 killing, so police sent both samples to Jeffreys, along with a blood sample from Buckland. DNA analysis confirmed that the perpetrator of the two killings was indeed the same person, but it wasn’t Buckland, who would make history as the first innocent man exonerated by DNA profiling.

British police, impressed with the precision of Jeffreys’s technique, launched a huge genetic dragnet to find the real killer. More than 5,000 local men in neighboring villages were asked to give blood samples to be tested and matched. The Jeffreys lab worked for six months, and found . . . nothing. But a year later, a woman overheard a co-worker claim that a friend had asked him to take the blood test for him. Police picked up the man, took a blood sample, and matched his DNA to the two murders.

The case was a landmark demonstration of the new technology's capabilities, and its limitations. The U.K. became an aggressive proponent of DNA profiling, in 1995 establishing the U.K. National DNA Database, which now holds the profiles of more than three-and-a-half million people. The British system takes genetic samples from all arrestees, regardless of the severity of the crime or, indeed, whether charges are later dismissed. With its vast scope—it's the world's largest genetic library—the database's value as a policing tool is unquestionable: a rapist or murderer can be quickly identified, even if his only previous brush with the law involved being suspected of drunk driving. But to privacy advocates, handing over one's genetic information to the state without probable cause is a civil liberties nightmare—and, in this country, a violation of the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution.

It was this legal and ethical roadblock that the Scovilles faced in Vermont. Some suspects refused to provide a DNA sample, forcing police to obtain court orders. (In other cases, anticipating a refusal, they obtained the orders before approaching the suspects.) And, of course, those who balked at giving DNA quickly became the subject of investigators' attentions, which in turn consumed more time and resources. Simply casting a DNA dragnet and demanding samples from all likely males within the immediate Stowe area wasn't a legal option, not in an independent-minded New England state with a healthy suspicion of govern-

ment interference.

Besides, with the technology and resources available at the time, the lab work involved would have taken years. Dr. Eric Buel, the head of the Vermont State Forensics Lab, notes that the technique used to analyze DNA in the early 1990s, called restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP), had numerous steps and required a substantial amount of material to obtain a reliable profile. "To verify a match, we were looking at four to five weeks of work," Buel says. His lab analyzed samples from about fifty suspects, all of whom were cleared.

For David and Ann Scoville, each suspect crossed off the list brought fresh anguish. "There were a couple of times we thought, This is going to be the guy," David says. "It just looked so good." Indeed, without the DNA evidence, it's possible that one of these individuals—some of whom confessed to the crime—would have been prosecuted, perhaps successfully. But DNA, with its maddening, mathematical precision, exonerated them all.

Years passed, and with each anniversary the Scovilles traveled to Stowe. "We made a pact that we'd do everything we could to keep this case in front of the public," says David. They sponsored tree plantings, dedicated a bench, held a memorial bike ride. The reward money they offered climbed to \$10,000, then \$15,000. After five years, they sat down with Bruce Merriam, the lead investigator with the Stowe Police Department. The department was

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The battle for the future of DNA evidence

Eric Buel, the director of the Vermont State Forensics Lab, calls it "The 'CSI' Effect." It's the notion—dramatized weekly in the popular CBS police procedural—that forensic investigators can take a strand of wayward hair or a scrap of cellular debris and instantly divine a vast amount of personal information about the unknown perp who left it behind. "People expect us to be able to do everything," he says. "It's not so simple."

For one thing, the DNA profiles used for forensic identification and stored in computer databases reveal little more than a standard fingerprint—each is a series of fifty-two digits keyed to so-called "junk" DNA, which does not code for any known characteristics. "We look at all these numbers and we really can't tell anything, except sex," Buel says. "It's just a small snapshot."

Nevertheless, the potential of DNA evidence to reshape policing and criminal justice is of growing interest to lawmakers, legal ethicists, and civil liberties advocates. The key issue for many is the use—and misuse—of the databases of DNA profiles maintained by local, state, and federal law enforcement. Initially, such databases were limited to the most violent convicted offenders and sexual predators, but since the late 1990s sev-

eral states have expanded the legal scope to include those convicted of lesser offenses. This summer, New York State lawmakers considered the All-Crimes DNA Bill, endorsed by Governor George Pataki. It would require anyone convicted of a misdemeanor or youthful offense to submit a DNA sample. Police say that casting the wider net will help prevent more serious crimes, many of which are committed by criminals with lengthy prior records. Foes of the bill, which include the American Civil Liberties Union, cite a number of concerns about security at crime labs, misuse of personal information, and the constitutional right to privacy.

It is a clash that has been brewing ever since DNA profiling technology was invented, says University of Washington professor Phil Bereano '61, MRP '71. He has chaired the ACLU's Committee on Databases and Civil Liberties and is a founding member of the non-profit Council for Responsible Genetics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. "We predicted all this twenty years ago," he says. "It was always obvious that this is a technology of control and surveillance."

Bereano's objections to DNA databases are based on the understanding that government control of such information is a fundamental erosion of civil liberties. "With these databases, there's this notion that we're divvying up the world into good people and bad people," he says. "But just because someone is suspected of shoplifting doesn't

stepping up its efforts, they were told, and as part of a renewed media blitz, they would also publicly announce, for the first time, that Patty had been sexually assaulted, in an attempt to dislodge new witnesses. The Scoville case was one of very few unsolved murders in Vermont, and by far the most high-profile. “We basically said, ‘What on Earth can we do?’” Ann recalls. “We needed to do something.”

Merriam suggested channeling their energies into advocacy. If Vermont established a DNA databank, the odds might change in their favor. In 1994, Congress had passed the Federal DNA Identification Act, which led to the development of the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), a three-tiered network of local, state, and national forensic databases that enables investigators to exchange information among jurisdictions. But the individual databases were subject to state control and regulation; in the mid-1990s, Vermont and Rhode Island were the only two states without any such database. Additionally, Vermont didn’t require violent felons or sexual offenders to give DNA samples, a step that forty-two other states had taken. Because the state didn’t participate in the national program, investigators couldn’t compare their DNA evidence with those on file in other states.

There was a reason for this: “Vermont is a pretty liberal state,” Buel says, “and there was a lot of resistance from a personal freedom standpoint.” He joined the Scovilles in testifying before the

Vermont General Assembly in support of a database bill in 1997. The bill had been approved by the Vermont Senate in 1996, but stalled in the House of Representatives. Buel’s job was to explain to lawmakers exactly how DNA fingerprinting works. “I tried to assuage their fears about DNA and what we were doing with it.”

Opponents of the database voiced several concerns. What if health insurers, for example, had access to this genetic library? Who would be included in the databank—all suspects, or only felons convicted of serious, violent crimes? What happens to the actual blood or skin cell samples—which contain a wealth of yet-unknown personal information? Most states held onto the samples, even after profiling, and some had no provisions for destroying the DNA or purging the profiles of innocent suspects or non-convicted arrestees. The legal waters that surrounded the rapidly developing new technology were exceedingly murky.

It was into this fray that Ann and David Scoville stepped. Soft-spoken and eloquent, the couple proved to be formidable advocates. “They put a face on the legislation and what it could do,” Buel says. “It got it down from the abstract to something real.”

David threw himself into research, talking to DNA and legal experts and writing letters to Vermont legislators. Ann’s role was to make a more emotional appeal. “I’d talk about Patty, because that’s what I needed to do,” she says. Before a House Judiciary Committee hearing in Montpelier, Ann detailed her final phone

mean they have forfeited the right to privacy.”

Though DNA profiles themselves contain little personal information, the samples of blood or skin cells that they are derived from do—and much legislation doesn’t address how, or if, these samples are disposed of. Individual jurisdictions have varying practices; in Erie County, New York, for example, the local crime lab files DNA samples from crime victims as well as suspects, along with profiles of arrestees who were later cleared—often without their knowledge. Police have successfully used this database to close unsolved crimes, but lawyers with the Innocence Project at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in Manhattan have attacked the policy as a violation of the state’s DNA database laws.

For Bereano, it’s another example of how DNA databanks invite and justify misuse. “If the cops could just smash in everybody’s doors, they’d probably find a lot more crimes,” he says. “The Constitution’s founders knew this—that’s what the Fourth Amendment is about.”

Advocates of offender databases, however, can cite such policy discrepancies as proof that more robust DNA legislation is needed. “I think you write the law and make sure it’s fair and funded, and you make sure the abuses don’t happen,” says David Scoville, who testified for the New York All-Crimes Bill in Albany. “Part of the law has to be figuring out how to expunge people who’ve been wrongly convicted.” He also doesn’t support proposals to expand the federal database beyond the ranks of convicted criminals. “If you’ve broken the law, the public has a right to put your DNA into a database. But that’s only if you’ve been convicted.”

University of Wisconsin law professor Michael Smith, who is the chair of a working group of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, has a more radical proposition. “I want to reframe the question,” he says. “Why do we exclude people and who do we

exclude?” Building a DNA database via the criminal justice system, he insists, is not only expensive and inefficient, it deepens a corrosive racial disparity. “This needs to be as inclusive as possible. If the database has a wildly disproportionate representation of African American males, they will be the ones found to have committed previously unsolvable crimes. And when patterns of enforcement are racially skewed, the laws themselves are delegitimized.”

The solution: a universal DNA database. “It’s unpalatable when presented, but I’d say you’d have to take the DNA at birth,” says Smith. Blood samples, he notes, have been taken from newborns for decades to screen for inherited conditions, but the samples are not processed for the identifying DNA profiles. Such an idea has many prominent proponents, including scientist James Watson, the man who co-discovered the double-helix structure of DNA. A prerequisite for establishing a universal database, Smith says, should be some mechanism that would insure that the sample itself—where the significant personal information resides—is purged after the profile is obtained. “To paraphrase, it’s the sample, stupid,” he says. “If we could make a device where you can destroy the sample as it is being typed, then what’s the issue?”

A universal DNA library of some manner may ultimately be a foregone conclusion, but public resistance is strong, in part because the concept of DNA databases has now been firmly linked with criminality. “Is taking someone’s DNA punishment? I don’t think it is,” says Smith. “As it stands, we require justification for sampling people’s DNA. On closer examination, the legal reasons turn to dust. But we’ve established this habit and it’s going to be hard to break. We’ve boxed ourselves in.”



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Resolution: David and Ann Scoville with the memorial tree they planted for their daughter, Patricia, in Cornell's Ag Quad. "We decided early on that if we were going to do something it was going to be positive," says Ann, "and it was going to be in Patty's name."

call with Patty a few weeks before she disappeared, their plans and dreams, the wedding and grandchildren that would never happen. "We were both Cornellians whose class reunions would fall the same year," Ann told the hearing, "so we theorized that no matter where we were or what we were doing in life, we could count on meeting at least every five years in a setting that we both loved. Now those occasions are another reminder of our loss."

The DNA bill passed in 1998. Stearns, the victim's advocate, says that the Scovilles were major players in its success. "They think it's nothing, but if you talk to people in Vermont they'd say the Scovilles were very instrumental in getting that legislation passed," she says. "They poured all their energies into it. They're amazing people."

Part of the effectiveness of their approach was their own personalities, says Linda Falkson, now a deputy judicial administrator at Cornell. Unlike many family members in similar positions, the Scovilles did not seem motivated by personal anger or bitterness. "For them, it's not about revenge. It's about making sure there's justice," Falkson says. The couple also seemed to possess a nearly bottomless reservoir of faith in a criminal justice system that had, so far, done so little. "I've worked with a lot of victims professionally over the years. What was always so remarkable about the Scovilles was that, even over all those difficult years, never did I hear them be anything but thankful for the police and

their work."

David Scoville says that the frustration was always there, but kept behind closed doors. "At home, we weren't so patient," he says. "But I'm enough of a teacher that I know to deal positively with people. You catch more flies with honey."

That frustration only grew as the realities of assembling and using a DNA database became apparent. With the 1998 bill, Vermont was able to use CODIS to search the national DNA registry. But Buel's lab struggled to process a backlog of offender samples that at one point grew to around 3,000. Due to lack of funds, the processing technique that the lab used at the time wasn't consistent with the method required for inclusion in CODIS, further delaying progress.

In 1999, the FBI received the DNA sample found on Patty Scoville and filed it in the national database of crime-scene evidence. But no match with an existing criminal profile was made. "The system was working," David says. "It just wasn't working for us."

The Scovilles continued their advocacy work, testifying for a DNA bill in Rhode Island, speaking out for several victim's rights groups, and maintaining their annual pilgrimage to Stowe every October to observe the anniversary of Patty's death. In 2002, they traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive the National Crime Victim Service Award; in 2003 Fox TV's "America's Most Wanted"

took up their case in an episode dramatizing the killing. And, with phone calls and e-mail, they kept a close eye on investigators in Vermont. “When they didn’t stay in touch, I made sure we did,” says David, who often forwarded newspaper clippings and reports of similar crimes in other states to the police in Stowe.

“If they hadn’t been so vigilant,” says Stearns, “I don’t think there would have been as much activity on the case as there was.”

But Ann had grown weary of this chore. “I felt like they were saying the same thing over and over again,” she says. “I didn’t want to hear any more about what they had done and what they were going to do. You wait and you wait and you wait, and you think, Maybe this is never going to happen.”

back in August 1996, while David and Ann Scoville were beginning their advocacy work, Howard Godfrey was arrested in Morristown, Vermont, a few miles from Stowe. He had struck a woman in the back of the head with a piece of wood and stuck a loaded shotgun in her abdomen. The woman, thirty-one-year-old Karen Kerin, managed to escape, and Godfrey was convicted of aggravated assault in 1997 and sent to St. Johnsbury Regional Correctional Facility. According to Stearns, who worked on the case as a victim’s advocate, Kerin once wondered aloud if the man who attacked her might be the famous Stowe killer who had eluded police for the last five years.

Godfrey was a model prisoner, and he made parole in 2001. At some point during his incarceration, however, his DNA sample was taken, in accordance with the new state law. It arrived at the Vermont Forensics Lab in January 2000, and remained there, unprocessed, for more than four years. A private lab contracted by the state received the sample in September 2004, and the resulting profile was finally uploaded into the national DNA database on February 23, 2005. Five days later, an FBI analyst in Quantico, Virginia, found a match: convicted felon #2000-0043, Howard Godfrey, was linked to the DNA found on Patty Scoville in 1991.

For Vermont police, the endgame to the thirteen-year-old case was brief. Detectives placed Godfrey under surveillance at his construction business in Orleans, in the state’s Northeast Kingdom. At the time of the murder, they learned, Godfrey had owned a house only six miles from Moss Glen Falls. Via a discarded cigarette butt, they were able to obtain a third DNA sample that matched the existing profiles, and Godfrey was arrested on March 30.

The next day, David and Ann Scoville made the familiar seven-hour drive to Stowe from their home in Canandaigua. This trip, however, would be different. “It was just like going up there the first time,” Ann says.

The news had brought other echoes of the past. Ken Kaplan, now the Stowe police chief, called before the arrest to tell them that the FBI had informed the Vermont Forensics Lab of a hit. “We were numb,” David says. “Bewildered. Flabbergasted. We didn’t know what to say to each other.”

The couple arrived in time to watch Godfrey’s arraignment before a district court in Hyde Park on March 31. The legalities were perfunctory; Godfrey, assigned a local public defender,

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pleaded not guilty. Though he had admitted to detectives that he had sex with Patty Scoville, he denied killing her. Ann Scoville sat and watched.

“I had absolutely no feelings about him—it was a void,” she says. “It wasn’t hate and it wasn’t forgiveness. To me, he was just a non-person. Just like Patty must have been to him.”

David was struck by the unreality of the scene: the packed courtroom, the TV cameras, and the haggard man in handcuffs at the center of it all. “It was like we were watching a movie,” he says. At one point he turned to Aimee Stearns, who sat next to him at the courtroom. “What a shame,” he said, “that two people’s lives were wasted.”

Neither Scoville is a death penalty supporter. “It’s answering violence with violence,” says Ann. “Doesn’t make sense.” Godfrey will likely spend his remaining life in prison, and the Scovilles will receive the thin but tangible satisfaction of knowing that they helped put him there. They try not to dwell on the what-ifs that have accumulated over the years, the lost investigative opportunities and near-misses that could have put Howard Godfrey away five years ago, or ten, or fourteen. “That’s fruitless,” David says. “The people involved feel bad enough as it is.”

That is true: Ask Eric Buel about the five-year delay at his lab and he’ll admit that there could be unprocessed DNA samples from other Howard Godfreys sitting in storage right now. “In retrospect, I wish we’d been able to move things along faster,” he says. “My fear is that there’s somebody bad out there, and we don’t have the manpower to profile him yet.”

Which, in part, is why the Scovilles say that their work isn’t done. Recently they’ve testified before the New York State Commission of Investigation in support of a bill that would expand the state’s DNA database to include all offenders, included those convicted of only minor misdemeanors. If passed, the law would be the most expansive DNA legislation in the country. There will be more opportunities to tell their story, how it finally ended, and why, as Ann says, they still consider themselves lucky. They found their daughter, and now they will see her killer in court.

Exactly when that will happen, however, is unclear. Attorneys have some 15,000 pages of evidence to sift through, the residue of the prolonged investigation. A trial was promised this year, but next year is more likely, if then. The Scovilles are in no hurry.

“We’re patient people,” David Scoville says. “We can wait.”

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Changing of the Guard

Federation Board Elects New Directors

At its February 4 meeting, the Cornell Alumni Federation board unanimously endorsed the Nominations Committee's slate of candidates for five at-large and nine director-from-the-region positions. The directors began serving their two-year terms in May. The board also unanimously endorsed

the Committee's candidate for one director-from-the-region position to serve for one year, also beginning in May. In all, eighteen directors represent Cornell clubs and alumni associations from nine regions around the world.

Jerrold Day '71, MBA '78, began a new term as director-at-large, joining veteran directors-at-large who began

second terms: Dean Burrell '77, BS '79, Angela Clark '88, and Linda Vecchiotti Saal '71. Directors-at-large Andrew Chang '74 and Ann Ferreira '88 retired when their terms ended in May.

New directors-from-the-region are: Aaron Gadouas '86 (Midwest), David Tetor '65 (New York/Ontario), Shana Mueller '95 (Northeast), Debra Alzner '93 (Southeast), and Bradford Wellstead '83, MS '96 (Western). They began two-year terms, while Janet Fallon '76 (New York/Ontario) started a one-year term. The new regional directors will join Charles Schilke, JD '88 (Mid-Atlantic), and David Harap '89 (Southwest/Mountain), who began second terms. Continuing on the board for an additional term are: Bernard MacCabe '75, MBA '79 (International), and Scott Pesner '87 (Metro/New York).

Six regional directors retired when their terms ended in May. They are: Eliese Fisher '88 (Midwest), Ross Lanzafame '77, MPS '79 (New York/Ontario), Saunders Wilson Jr. '69 (New York/Ontario), Martha Sherman '73, MPS '75 (Northeast), Bruce Stirling, MBA '73 (Southeast), and Mark Newman '92, MEN '93 (Western). The CAF thanks all incoming and outgoing directors for their loyal service.

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New York/Ontario

CAA/Central New York, August 14—Community service project: Adopt-a-Highway clean-up. Contact Bruce Simmons, 315/682-7603.

Northeast

CC/Boston, July 15—Boston Red Sox vs. Oakland A's, Fenway Park. Contact Rick Arena, rarena@cornellclub.org, 617/734-6060.

CC/Rhode Island & Bristol County, July 23—Whale watching expedition. RSVP by July 10. Contact Jeff Koplik, koplik@abaquseast.com, 401/884-7537.

CC/Boston, July 25—Wine tasting dinner, Lumiere Restaurant, West Newton. Contact Jens Kullman, jkullman@cornellclub.org.

CC/New Hampshire, August 5—Trip to Isle of Shoals. Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu, 978/373-5728.

CC/Cape Cod, August 8—Martha's Vineyard Big Red Reunion. Contact Barbara Silver, 617/236-1969.

Regional Office, August 8—Boston Alumnae Dinner, the Naked Fish, Westboro. Contact Debbi Silverman, dnsilverman@charter.net, 508/836-8983.

Regional Office, August 10—Young Alumni gathering, the Publick House, Brookline. Contact Shara Freeman, sef14@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

CC/Boston, August 12—Trip to Isle of Shoals. Contact Jens Kullman, jkullman@cornellclub.org.

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CC/Boston, August 24—Cornell Professional Network Event: Charley Storey, Harpoon Brewery's marketing VP, guides a brewery tour. Contact Paul Hayre, pnh4@cornell.edu.

CC/Berkshires, August 27—Annual meeting, with guest speaker Myra Hart, Cornell trustee. Contact Toby Levine, toby@tobtlevine.com, 413/298-3868.

CC/New Hampshire, September 10—Board meeting, Bedford Library. Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu, 978/373-5728.

Regional Office, September 11—Boston Alumnae Dinner, Tasca, Brighton. Contact Zuania Pomales, zip1@cornell.edu, 617/953-6680.

Regional Office, September 14—Young Alumni gathering, Cley's Bar & Restaurant, Back Bay, Boston. Contact Shara Freeman, sef14@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

Midwest

CC/Michigan, July 23—Paddle the Huron River and

barbecue. Contact Erick Lavoie, elavoie@ford.com, 313/390-5446.

CC/Pittsburgh, August 2—Cornell Dinner Club. Contact Mady Bauer, mab79@cornell.edu.

CC/Pittsburgh, August 9—Freshmen and returning students send-off. Contact Mady Bauer, mab79@cornell.edu.

CAA/Central Ohio, August 16—Board meeting. Contact Rose Cacioppo, rosecacioppo@netscape.net.

CC/Michigan, August 19—Outing to the Detroit Zoo. Contact Shonda May, babette_30@hotmail.com.

Southeast

CC/Eastern Florida, August 13—Student send-off, Palm Beach Zoo. Contact Dick Marks, rhm22@cornell.edu.

CAA/Atlanta, August 13—New student send-off, home of Joel and Karen Moss, Sandy Springs. Contact Joel and Karen Moss, joelymoss@msn.com.

Southwest/Mountain

CC/New Mexico, August 19—Bizet's *Carmen*, Santa Fe Opera. Contact Helen Pynn, mpynn516@aol.com, 505/986-1830.

Western

CEN/Northern California, July 17—Women in Technology and Science Luncheon Series: Josie Thompson and Rochelle King. Co-hosted by Cornell Silicon Valley and PCCW. Contact Shannon Murray, shm4@cornell.edu, 650/755-9711.

CC/Western Washington, July 23—Annual picnic, Woodland Park, Seattle. Contact Amy Faber, anf5@cornell.edu, 206/256-0442.

International

Cornell Hotel Society/Japan, July 22—Summer gathering, Hakone Hotel. Contact Satoko Ban, hisyog@greenhouse.co.jp.

Carnelian Ahoy

Members of Club 44, the Class of 1944's travel group, dusted off their traveling shoes again in February, this time for an eleven-day cruise-tour of Florida, Jamaica, Costa Rica, Panama, and Aruba. It was the Club's seventeenth tour since 1992. "Great weather, interesting shore tours except for desolate Aruba," writes Art Kesten. "The post-cruise reports indicated everyone had a fine time." About thirty classmates, family, and friends came along, including twelve class officers. Pictured here are (left to right): Art Kesten (webmaster), Kit Sigety (past president), Harold Parker (Upstate New York vice president), Dotty Kesten (president), Dorey Jenkins (treasurer), Alison Barry (New England vice president),



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Janet Buhsen Daukas (Connecticut vice president), Hank Bates (Cornell Fund representative), Andy Capi and Dick Evans (co-senior vice presidents), and Don

Middleton (Upstate New York vice president). Also aboard ship were Nancy Rundell (class correspondent) and Janet Daukas (Connecticut vice president).

Scenes from Reunion 2006



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Rainy days: Despite the cool weather, Reunion canoeists got their paddles in the water. For those who stayed indoors, there was a tuba serenade in Barton Hall—and a chance to talk, like Class of '41 friends Eleanor Slack Randles, Jean Way Schoonover, and Anna-Rose Tykulsker. Stay tuned—lots more Reunion 2006 coverage in the next issue.

Tribute in Tokyo

Robert Beck, PhD '54, former dean of the Hotel school, was honored on April 19 at a joint gathering of the Cornell Club of Japan, the Cornell Hotel Society's Japan chapter, and the newly formed Cornell Food Marketing Society of Japan. More than 100 Cornellians gathered for a presentation on Beck's accomplishments, the unveiling of CC/Japan's new website, and socializing at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Tokyo's Ginza district. Among those pictured here are (seated in front row, second from left): CC/Japan President Chiaki Tanuma, MPS '80, Jane Boggs, Dean Beck, food science professor Bob Gravani, PhD '75, and Eri Tanuma.



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31 As this is written I have no news notes, even from your most “faithful correspondents.” However, I did find a mislaid folder marked “Emergency Filler,” which I had created a couple of years ago for just this situation. I thought it was time to remind you of the contribution of one of the greatest of the ’31ders to our class’s distinctive history. You may recall that I have told you of my own reaction to the “**Sy Katz** ’31 Parade” down Fifth Avenue in New York City after Columbia games. So I thought the following were timely: the reactions of the band members themselves, as reported in issues of “Big Red Band Notes,” the alumni newsletter of the Big Red Band.

Ali Rodriguez ’05 (Sax): “For the past two seasons all I’ve heard is how great and wonderful the Columbia trip is. The City! The lights! The shows! The midnight bus ride! But for me the truly memorable part was the Sy Katz ’31 Parade! It was raining as we lined up in front of St. Patrick’s Cathedral. People were standing alongside of us, probably a mixture of Cornell alums and random New Yorkers. I heard the drum beat. The cadence began and off we went, marching down Fifth Avenue. All during the parade I had a huge goofy grin on my face. I couldn’t believe we were actually marching down one of the most famous streets in the US, if not the world. We stopped in front of the Cornell Club and performed a concert. I have never been more excited about playing. I was bubbling over. In just one trip, I made a lifetime of memories.”

Susan Kloet ’06 (Piccolo): “One of my most treasured memories was the road trip to Columbia. After the football game we rode down Fifth Avenue to St. Pats. To a girl who had never been to New York City before, this was arguably the sweetest thing ever. Then came the Sy Katz ’31 Parade down Fifth Ave. Despite the rain, there was a big turnout of Cornell alumni there to cheer us on. What an awesome feeling! Next came a concert for the Cornell Club. I’ve never seen so many people watch one of our concerts before. Then came a great buffet dinner—and a warm shower.”

Our Sy would have loved those tributes. It was his idea that a band as great as Cornell’s ought to have a parade. He went down to City Hall and got a permit about 30 years ago, and the band is still marching down Fifth Avenue. I’m afraid none of us ’31ders will be able to march on Nov. 11, 2006, but I’m sure the band will welcome all other Cornell classes. Join the fun!

Look for our full Reunion Report in the Sept/Oct issue of this magazine. ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth,

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32 Recently I have heard grumbling that an abundance of electronic devices is smothering both leisurely conversation and written correspondence to the detriment of civility and what once was thought to be respectable grammar. Some relaxation of the rules of syntax (such as “never split an infinitive”) is welcome, as James J. Kilpatrick points out from time to time in his syndicated column, but I still prefer an informal speech by Frank H. T. Rhodes to the prattle that comes from our television set.

When I find a well written letter, one that pleads no cause, among the pile of mail that arrives daily, I often save a gem and take pleasure in rereading it long after it reached me.

John V. Rice, the son of the dean of Ag, grew up on campus. He died in August of 2001. For several years he sent me handwritten letters on lined notebook paper, many running to three or more pages. They were great exercises in stream of consciousness with many recollections mixed loosely together. Here is one:

“My wife’s family and my family used to have our Thanksgiving dinner at Taughannock Farms Inn. There we listened on the radio to the Cornell-Penn game. However, at one time we did not do that and we listened to the game on bleachers in the Drill Hall. Someone had a direct line to the game and reported the info to us. Yes, I think this was later done in Bailey Hall, where a large number of people could listen in greater comfort. Bull Durham always reported to the crowd on how the game progressed. Those were the days. I hope you will find the Xerox copies from the *Alumni News* interesting.”

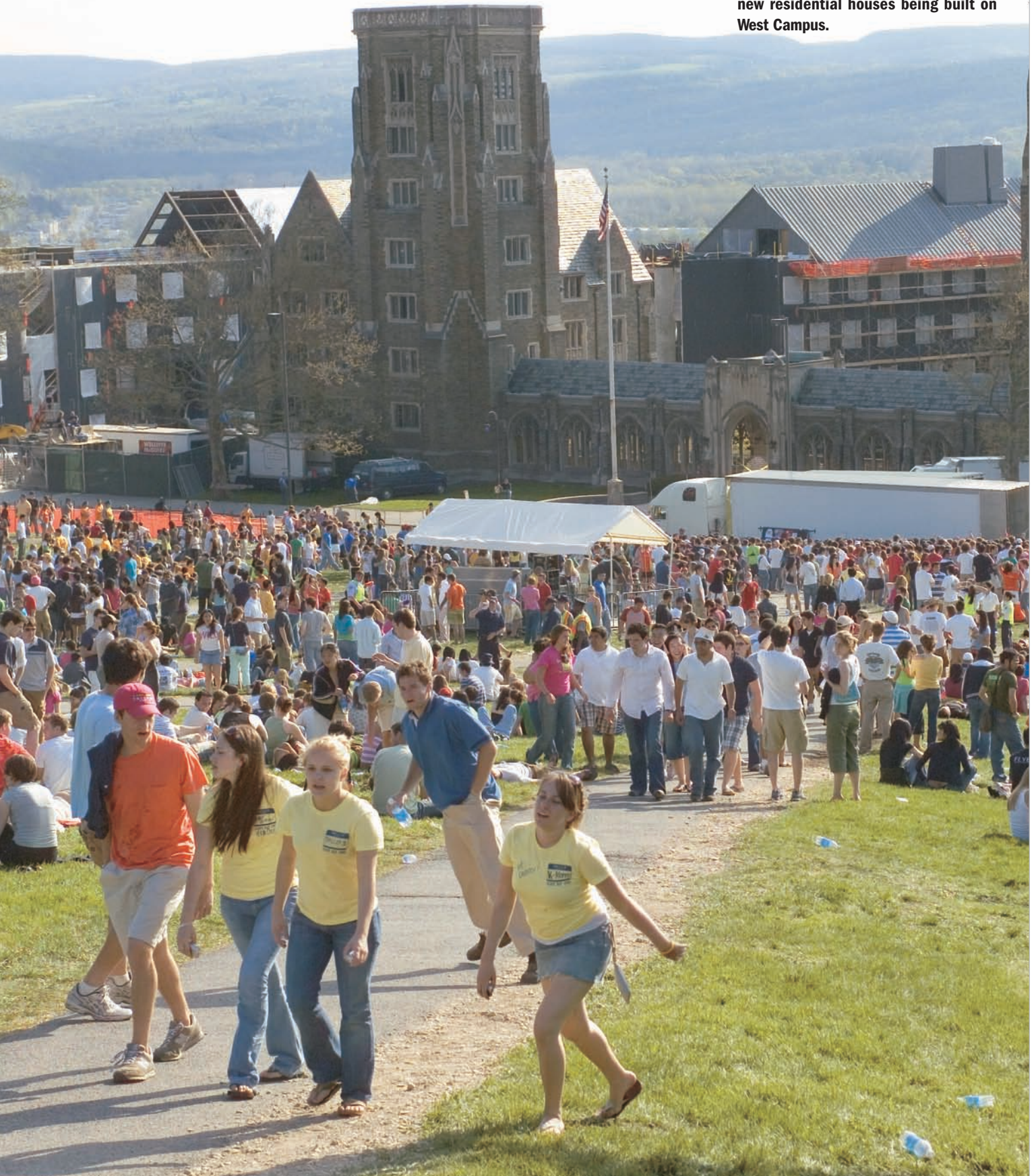
The Xeroxed material mentioned above consisted of six pages plus a full-page picture of a Boy Scout ostensibly lighting a fire by the friction method. The article covered the early days of scouting’s ties with the university. I have no recollection of my inflicting this detailed account on my readers; that might have shut down our Class Notes prematurely. Incidentally, the Bull Durham mentioned above as giving the play-by-play (more or less) of the Penn game was **Charles Love Durham, PhD 1899**, professor of the Classics. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pky., Buffalo, NY 14209.

36 Reunion is already behind us as you read this, but deadlines being what they are at the *Alumni News*, this column is being written in mid-May, well in advance of Reunion 2006. We



JASON KOSKI / UP

Work and play: While the students celebrated the end of classes on Slope Day, work continued on Hans Bethe House (behind McFaddin Hall), the third of the new residential houses being built on West Campus.



received news from several '36ers indicating that they were coming back to the Hill in June. Stay tuned to this space for a full Reunion Report in the Sept/Oct issue.

Ernest Cole, MS '59, wrote in April and was looking forward to seeing the people and the Cornell campus again. His news was penned by his caretaker, Ms. Irene Dalrymple: "Mr. Cole lives at the Sunrise senior community in Palm Harbor, FL. He is mostly in a wheelchair and has aides who help him walk each day for stamina. A wheelchair van helps with taking trips out to eat and other rides. Health permitting, he would like very much to take a cruise sometime this year. He had 50 years in the Rotary Club and enjoyed it immensely." She adds that he does not look his 93 years! With help from her daughter, we also heard from **Ruth Griffiths Bennett** (Bellevue, NE). **Connie Bennett Meunier** '64 writes that her mother was looking forward to attending the 70th Reunion and hoped that others from her class would be there too.

Arthur Glasser (Shoreline, WA) wrote earlier in the year and was working on plans to get to reunion with the help of his son **Sam** '67. "I am now permanently retired and have been living in the Crista Senior Community since September 2004. While in Seattle (28 years), we lived across the street from the U. of Washington. This served to make me a bit humble whenever I looked across the street—while rowing number 7 on the Cornell J-V crew, those lads beat us twice! One of our sons-in-law is on the faculty there. At present, I am working with two grad students at Fuller Theological Seminary (where I served for 29 years), helping with their dissertations. They are both tackling cultural/theological problems in churches in Southeast Asia. I am also involved with Project Mercy, a school and hospital complex in Ethiopia." Arthur's wife Alice is in a nearby Alzheimer's facility, "after 63 wonderful years of sharing life together," and he walks the distance regularly to visit her. "I'm enjoying good health, coupling my visits to Alice with four separate weekday walks around a nearby track. One hour a day keeps me in shape for whatever a Cornell visit would entail!"

As you know, **Harry Bovay** mailed a letter to all classmates last November to talk about reunion and discuss reunion gifts. **Bill Bebbington** sent an engaging and interesting response: "My personal estate, all of which derives from the education I received at Cornell, is in a living trust. In that trust, I have designated only a few specific beneficiaries, the remainder to be divided equally among my three children. The most notable of the exceptions is to Cornell, specifically the Chimes and Sage Chapel for operating costs such as maintenance and equipment, but not for capital expenditures. I am making this gift because the Chimes and the Chapel were very dear to me and my wife, **Barbara** (Wilson). We were married in the Chapel and had the Chimes played for us. Barbara died of leukemia in 1986 after a wonderful life together." Bill reiterates how important Cornell was to him in his letter to Harry: "I'll hazard a guess that you were a CE. I was a ChemE. Baker Lab, which occupies the first page of the 2006 Cornell calendar, is where I learned about everything of consequence." ♦ **Class of '36**, c/o *Cornell Alumni*

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37 I hope that all of you had a pleasant spring and are ready for a beautiful summer. We love to hear from you, so please keep us informed of your many activities.

Elizabeth Nichols Sheldon writes that she and her husband are living in a retirement home and appreciate the convenience and support they receive. **Elinor Sisson** Furnival recently moved from Central New York to 3895 Old Vineyard Rd., Apt 32B, Winston-Salem, NC 27104-4943. She claims that the weather is "fairer" and there is no snow. She keeps busy doing Sudoku puzzles.

We have an active traveler with **Beatrice Hirschfeld** Blumenson. Having traveled worldwide, she has settled for winters in Tucson (six months) and six months in New York. In between time, she is a reading volunteer. **Sarah Shute** McMahan keeps occupied by playing bridge and traveling (her last vacation was to Portugal) and has now become an antique dealer.

Mabel Carroll Street, MA '41, visited her granddaughter **Sarah Ordonez** '08, a sophomore in the College of Human Ecology. Mabel wrote, "Cornell is still very beautiful. What a swinging place it is compared to the deep Depression era." Her daughter **Janet Street** Ordonez was Class of '78. Son John is a pilot who flies a DC-7 and lives in Ohio. **Barbara Pratt** Smiley celebrated her 90th birthday during her annual trip to Vermont with all her relatives, many of whom are Cornell graduates. She and other relatives attended Marion Mack's memorial services. She was their cousin and a former longtime Cornell employee.

Please continue to write us—any time of year! ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

38 We still have a big stack of news to report on from all of you. To fit as much in this space as possible, we'll let you speak for yourselves. Check out the last paragraph for a walk down Memory Lane.

Phil Wolff (Saranac Lake, NY, and San Diego, CA; philipgwolff@aol.com): "We are retired and enjoying life. I am founder, past president, and curator of the 1932-1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum. In 2005, this museum was the recipient of the Olympic Cup, a yearly award given by the Int'l Olympic Committee. I am the oldest licensed two-man driver of bobsleds at the Lake Placid Olympic Run. I also golf, work in my hobby shop, and build ship models." **Jim McKay** (Chevy Chase, MD; jmckay@cov.com): "I am working five days a week at my law firm, Covington & Burling, doing 100 percent pro bono work—primarily representing veterans in the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. I am also very active as a trustee of the George Preston Marshall Trust and am president of its foundation. In my spare time, I sometimes watch movies on Netflix."

Manny Wolinsky, MD '41 (Beachwood, OH): "Haven't been doing too much. I am legally blind and otherwise physically handicapped, but still up and around. Wife Marjorie drives, and I

criticize! I enjoy listening to books on tape, and visiting kids and grandkids in Maine and Vermont. Wish I could still be working at fighting diseases and teaching medical students and residents." **Bernard Gartlir** is still practicing law in New York and Florida, and recently celebrated 65 years in practice, as well as his 65th wedding anniversary with wife **Shirley** (Richmond) '40. In his spare time, he plays golf. **Martin Beck** and wife Lorraine are retired in Boynton Beach, FL (MBeck8901@aol.com). **George Batt** (Princetonville, HI) is an occasional tour guide for the Waioli Corp.—"three to four times a month, as needed. Other activities include being chaplain for the Masonic Lodge, ushering at the Congregational Church, paddling my outrigger canoe once or twice a week, and gardening and taking care of flowers in the yard. We have orchids growing on trees around the house."

Jewel Rost Paley is keeping fit in Boca Raton, FL. She plays bridge and golf. **James Moyer** (Ellenton, FL; ruijimo@aol.com) is also trying to stay healthy. He and wife **Ruth** (Pierce) '41, PhD '69, travel and golf. **Page West** (Towson, MD) is keeping busy and walking as much as possible. "I attend an occasional cocktail party and have dinner with friends at the club." **Hobart Roberts** (Elma, NY): "Doing well. I'm currently residing in my own home that I purchased in 1953 with my late wife Bertha. After retiring from Trico Corp., I caught up with boating and travel. My granddaughter and great-grandson reside with me and take good care of me, as I have dementia. Due to that, I've been unable to join in at reunions or travel like I used to." **William Kumpf**, MS '50 (Elk City, OK; wakumpf@cablone.net): "Retired. I've been 'working' with my computer, exercising, and planning a trip with my son and grandson to Buffalo and Rochester in May."

Here's a sampling of our writers' fondest Cornell memories: Meeting and later marrying my best friend, **Elsie** (Hughes) '39; we celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary last year (Phil Wolff); the fellowship at Kappa Sigma (Jim McKay); the beautiful campus, good teachers, a friend bringing dates from Watertown, NY (Manny Wolinsky); snowball fights at McFadden Hall dorm and the winter walk to Baker Lab for an 8 a.m. class! (Bernard Gartlir); house parties and dancing (George Batt); the high quality of the Physics faculty (Jim Moyer); winters, and sleeping on the screened porch at the DU House (Page West); the beautiful campus and field trips with Dr. Ken Post and Prof. Ralph Curtis (William Kumpf).

Haven't written us yet? Please send your news and best Cornell memory to: ♦ **Class of '38**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, cornell_magazine@cornell.edu.

39 The 2006 Reunion will be over by the time you read this column, written in April. After a relatively mild winter with very little snow, spring has sprung in all its glory with the forsythia hanging down the wall on University Avenue, the magnolias all over in full bloom, and furious games of Frisbee dotting the Arts Quad. Only a few more weeks till exams and

graduation, and then quiet will descend on the campus and town until the middle of August. That much has not changed!

Our Cornell Tradition Fellows, **Mary Montague '07** and **Michelle DuMond '08**, have written delightful letters thanking our class for its help and telling us a little about themselves. Mary is very involved in the Sports Medicine department and travels with the women's lacrosse team, although she can no longer play due to an injury her freshman year. She is taking lots of science courses and hoping to make a career in sports medicine after college. She says, "Cornell has been a life-changing experience for me, and I would personally like to thank you for that."

Michelle is a legacy. Her father and his family are Cornellians. She is a pre-med, planning to become a doctor, and finds the Biology major pretty demanding. However, she still manages to do other things she enjoys, like singing in an a cappella group and leading backpacking trips into the woods as part of the Orientation program for pre-freshmen, one of the popular ice-breakers before classes start. She's involved with a volunteer group called Books Thru Bars, which supplies reading material to prison inmates. "I am so thankful for the Cornell Tradition that I cannot express my gratitude enough. I just hope that someday I will be able to help others the way you all have helped me."

Part of the requirement for the Fellowship is that the recipients must do paid work for 250 hours, and both women are enjoying that—Mary at the country club, and Michelle in a biology lab. Both claim the work experience is invaluable. When we read the wonderful letters the Fellows write, it enforces our belief in the good we do by supporting the Tradition Fellowships. May I suggest that if you contribute to the Cornell Annual Fund, you might indicate a gift to this worthwhile program in the name of the Class of 1939.

Jane Davison Fast sent an impressive Christmas card of herself with her large and handsome family, and good wishes to us all for a healthy and happy year. **Dorothy Kelly** Sennett writes that she and her husband still live in their own home and are doing very well, with strong family support. "We love our spot next to the woods where we can feed the birds and watch the deer." She remembers **Jean Smith** McElwee with great fondness, saying Jean was one of the bravest persons she has ever known, and an inspiration always. One change of address: **Barbara Babcock** Payne, 606 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Have a wonderful summer! ♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

Bob Reid writes that he and wife Becky are now living in Green Valley, AZ, in an assisted-living facility called La Posada. They seem to be quite happy there. Their daughter Janet works at the US Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, and comes to visit them on occasion with her children Andrew, 9, and Ian, 3. **Glenn Robinson** is living with one of his children in Brockport, NY. The basement has been finished off in a nice, cozy apartment. The picture he sent indicates that he feels well and is enjoying his family.

Alfred Kuchler lives in Barneveld, NY. He returned the News Form with his class dues payment, but sent no message this time. Here's a message to all of you: No need to wait for our annual class mailing to send in news. Write us at any time—by e-mail or postal mail. ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

40 Happy 4th of July to all, although this is being written with tulips and dogwoods in bloom and the trees in their leafy greenery. A short column this time, as there isn't much news. Let's hear from you without delay. Send your winter doings now, and then your summer news by Labor Day! You can't have a column unless you send news!

'What a swinging place Cornell is compared to the deep Depression era.'

MABEL CARROLL STREET '37

Bob Storandt recently wrote, indicating that he reads more of the *Alumni News* than just the Class of '40 column. He mentioned an article in the March/April issue by **Brad Herzog '90** that told of Henry Sage's generous gift in 1872 to build a women's dormitory and how that started a widespread discussion about coeducation. Prof. Goldwin Smith even worried that competitive exams would result in women becoming "unmarriageable!" Bob affirmed that that hadn't happened, as he and **Jean (Cummings) '42** had celebrated their 65th anniversary in January! No one else has commented on Prof. Smith's prediction, but '40 has a lot of couples who agree with Bob!

Forrest Griffith reported that he keeps his mind sharp playing a lot of bridge. He also enjoys painting landscapes and portraits and using his computer. He sadly reported that he's the last '40 Delta Tau Delta left since **Dean Wallace** died. He added that he'd been told that Dean died peacefully in his chair, holding a scotch. **Claire Herrick Yetter** is still in the house that she and **Jack '39** moved into 31 years ago. She says she has just too much "stuff" to think about moving—a sentiment a lot of us can sympathize with, whether or not we've moved recently! She also still enjoys gardening and pottery.

That's it for this time. Send your news in SOON! Your classmates like to hear about you. I am still looking for a volunteer to write this column. Surely there's a journalist or newsletter writer out there who could easily take over and who's a lot more qualified. The magazine staff provides a lot of support, too. Best wishes to all for a fine summer. ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., Apt. 416, Winchester, VA 22603.

41 As I write this column in April, spring has come to Ithaca with golden forsythia and pink magnolias. The waterfalls are full and the

trees are beginning to leaf out. Thank you all who sent in news. Cornell is gearing up for reunion and I was delighted to find out that so many were planning to return. Please look in the next issue (Sept/Oct) for a full Reunion Report.

Ann Wallace McKendry of Lacey, WA, writes that she is still enjoying life at Panorama, a continuing care retirement community, where she enjoys many opportunities for near and far adventures. She admits that travel is now difficult—even walking is curtailed. "Horizons shrink as the 80s climb!" **Estelle Richmond** Robinson of West Orange, NJ, celebrated her 85th birthday with her 90-year-old husband, three daughters, and grandchildren. She and her husband are still able to enjoy their summer home on Martha's Vineyard. She likes to keep in touch with Rutgers, where she was a professor of community development.

Lorraine Matarazzo Farina (Schenectady, NY), a regular class duespayer, sent no message this time. **Frank Warner Jr.**, LLB '48, of Slingerlands, NY, says he is still "vegetating" in an adult retirement community, but still is in possession of most of his faculties. **Howard Dunbar**, MD '44, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, is enjoying life in his retirement community, where the average age is 85-1/2. He keeps busy with painting and with his computer and enjoys his two children, who live nearby.

Betty Scherer Lester, MA '42, of Oswego, NY, reports she is very active doing volunteer work at her church. She also belongs to a weekly bowling league, goes golfing occasionally, and walks daily. **Joseph Hilzer** of Flemington, NJ, sent an amusing poem about being fine—"Fine for the shape I'm in." ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504; e-mail, dwiggins@verizon.net.

42 **Joseph L. Hollowell** (Hockessin, DE) was also impressed with **Miller Harris '43's** column on **Kurt Vonnegut '44**. He wrote Miller: "I enjoyed your CAM '43 class review and Vonnegut came. Though our trails never crossed, I sure would have liked to have met the author of 'Why can't we just be kind to one another, and help each other get through THIS, whatever THIS is.' [I hope I got the quote straight.] A sentiment not voiced by our fundamentalist Christian ideologues, who with noose, sword, and faggot intend to put us all on the 'right' track?"

Lots of info about **Duke Shelley**. **Gordon Kiddoo** (Hilton Head Island, SC) writes that Duke is now in a continuing care facility (Sunrise of Arlington, 1395 Mars Ave., Arlington, MA 02476, tel., (781) 777-1078) near one of his children. He had surgery for a brain tumor that was benign but affected his short-term memory. I am sure that he would like to hear from friends. His

Lost in Translation

BETSY SMALL SCHRADER '43

In the mid-1970s, when Cleveland was flooded with a wave of emigres from Cuba who didn't know English, Betsy Schrader knew how they felt. The ESL tutor had experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate in a foreign country, first after World War II when she lived in Japan and the Philippines as a Red Cross worker, and later in Brazil, where her husband was employed for four years. After reading about a Seattle organization that offered free emergency translation, she co-founded the Language Bank of Cleveland in 1974. She believes it is only the second organization of its kind in the country. "I know what it's like to be on the other side of the street," Schrader says. "It's a bummer. And it can be resolved, generally, in a couple of minutes by somebody who speaks your language."

The nonprofit's 100 volunteers do just that. Fluent in fifty languages, they answer forty to fifty calls per month, most from police and hospital staff unable to communicate with recent immigrants from Hungary and Romania. Sometimes the biggest problem is just identifying the correct language, so the Language Bank posts maps of the world in airports and other strategic public places. "If someone can point out on the map where they are from,



then the Clevelander can say, 'Aha, they speak Lithuanian!'" Schrader explains.

The non-English speaker's difficulty usually stems from simple miscommunication or cultural differences: he is heading to Toledo, Ohio, but has mistakenly gotten off the bus in Cleveland, for example, or is unfamiliar with the concept of a telephone area code. But speedy translation can be as crucial as the quick response of police or emergency medical services. "When you don't need it, you don't even know or care if it's around," Schrader says. "But when you need it, you need it right now."

daughter, **Mary Shelley '72**, suggests calling before 7:00 p.m. Mary also indicates that he is making a good recovery and is happy that his book is to be reprinted. He was quite disappointed at the low numbers in the initial printing and seems to have been vindicated in his complaints. His book is on the history of tower clockmakers in the US.

Gordon's email is gk42@cornell.edu, part of the e-mail forwarding service at Cornell. "If I change my ISP, I need notify only Cornell, not my whole address book. This past summer we sold our seasonal home in the mountains of western North Carolina and now our only address is 82 Shoreline Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928; tel., (843) 341-7889. We have a free-standing cottage in a continuing care community called Tide-Pointe, operated by a division of Hyatt. It is owned

by the residents, but operated for us by Hyatt. Loie and I are okay—aging slowing but enjoying life."

Lynn Timmerman (Boynton Beach, FL) heard from **Don Lathrop '53**, MD '57, about Duke's surgery also. **Christina Steinman** Foltman (Ithaca, NY) reports that Duke's daughter lives in Ithaca—as she does. Take a look at Mary's interesting website, <http://www.maryshelleyfolkart.com/>.

Nice words from **Elaine Hoffman** Luppescu (Atlantis, FL). "Have not written to you in a long time, but so much of Cornell is in our lives right now that I wanted to let you know. First of all, my husband Harvey and I are going to London in May with CAU's 'The Play's the Thing' group. This will be our second time with this program and we will surely enjoy it just as much. I have been a theater

buff ever since my days in Cornell's Dramatics Club. In July we will go to Ithaca for a week of reading a modern Russian novel—*The Master and Margarita*—with Prof. Pat Carden. Whenever the Class of 2010 arrives in Ithaca, our granddaughter Caroline will be there, and she is looking forward to it. I am so happy that she has made this choice. Our eldest son was a member of the Class of 1970, so this makes a third-generation representative of the family at Cornell." Now there's an alum.

Arvin White (Grand Junction, CO) moved from Upstate New York to a retirement home close to his daughter. He enjoys his two grandchildren and his daily walks. Married 42 years to Helen, he is looking forward to his 90th birthday. **Glenn** and **Evelyn Bronson** (Canandaigua, NY) send their e-mail: gbronso1@rochester.rr.com. Glenn was elected president of the 99th Infantry Division Association. Six hundred attended the annual reunion in San Antonio, TX. The 99th Division fought across Europe, including the Battle of the Bulge and the Remagen Bridge crossing.

Charles and **Doris Strong Castor '41** (Vero Beach, FL) enjoy life in an ACTS retirement community. They enjoy gardening, church activities, and traveling to visit family and friends. Celebrating their 63rd anniversary, Charlie authored two books on family history and an official history of the 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, all copyrighted and sent to the Library of Congress. He's presently writing a personal history for his family. They have four grandchildren. One works in D.C. for Congressman Mike Pence of Indiana. Dory is recovering from two knee replacements, as well as one hip. Charlie remembers singing in the Sage Chapel choir and continued choir singing for 60 years thereafter.

Sadly, **Harry Vawter** (Highland Lake, IL) passed away recently. He always remembered Cornell with fond memories.

Some interesting facts regarding changes since the year I was born—1921: There are three times as many people. The cost of a three-bedroom home has risen to more than 50 times as much. Average income is up 43 times. A new Ford costs 75 times as much. A gallon of gasoline is up 49 times as much, bread 12 times, milk three times, and a First Class postage stamp 19 times. It's hard not to think of the original costs as they continue to rise daily.

I enjoy all your e-mails and newsletters. They make such interesting reading. ♠ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 Sadly we turn down an empty glass for **Bob Baker**, for erstwhile Big Red lacrosse stalwart **Bill Pape** (Surprise, AZ), for **Robert Robison**, MS '46, microbiologist, agronomist (North Brunswick, NJ), for **James "Scotty" Wilson**, engineer, teacher, caring caretaker (Thomaston, CT), and for former member of the Federal Reserve Board **Jim Lorie**, MA '45, who in his 25-year career at the U. of Chicago, some of it as dean of the graduate school of finance, conceived and directed the extensive (years of input and analysis) computer-generated

stock market studies that led to, among other innovations, today's index funds.

Bob and Doris Lee Zabel (Webster, NY) write: "We have moved to Cherry Ridge Retirement Community—only three miles from our home of 45 years. We love it here—our cottage, old friends, new friends, familiar territory, close to our church and our grocery store. Last summer we enjoyed a visit to Ithaca to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Phi Kappa Tau, Bob's fraternity. Being as old as we are, we get the 'gold' treatment." **Aline Snyder Raisler** (NYC): "I've been spending winters in Palm Beach, FL, taking courses and playing golf. Have met many Cornellians here, including **Ted Zimmerman**, DVM '43, **Emery Polya**, **Annette Fox Levitt** '42, and one-time *Sun* editor **Dan Kops** '39. Hope to attend our 60th Reunion." [Aline, you might've just missed that one, but I think you're on target for our 65th. See you there.]

A note from **Joaquin de la Roza** (San Francisco, CA): "Long time since Boldt Hall. ["Keen" roomed next to me, across the hall from **Don Yust**.] I'm aging fast, Miller. It's the good who die young." **John Vanderslice** writes: "Dottie and I now live at The Woodlands, St. Barnabas Retirement Communities just north of Pittsburgh. We like it very much. Last fall we cruised down the Mississippi—St. Paul to St. Louis—with Marilyn and **Bill Grimes**. A shame that Phyl and **Bill Hopple**, MA '50, had to cancel (he had pneumonia); it was a real fun trip—good weather and fine accommodations on the *Mississippi Queen*."

"Utterly surprised that we (**Bernard** '42 and **Lillian Kornblum Sachs**) are now 84. Still in our own home, doing a lot less yard work, enjoying our four grandchildren. Still in touch with our Cornell roommates. We continue to be impressed by the reading matter in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Always a great read. Enjoyed a visit from **Jean Lewinson** Guttman (Waban, MA). Keep tabs on **Muriel Blum Lipman** (Hamden, CT). The phone just rang: Muriel! ESP! We shared news of Jean Guttman and **Elaine Stone** Millner. Old isn't as bad as I once thought!" The aforementioned Muriel and her unmentioned till now spouse **Bernard**, DVM '43, write: "At Holiday time we heard from **Dorothy Eckstein** Hyde, **Betty Ann Bischoff** Swezey (Palo Alto, CA), and **Rosemary Williams** Wilson (Thomaston, CT). We are delighted to have granddaughter **Sarah Jennifer Lipman** at Cornell working toward double master's degrees in Hotel Management and Finance, the latter in handsomely renovated Sage Hall where my own Cornell affiliation began."

Miller Harris writes: "I was pleased (read: flattered) to learn that good friend **Barbara Wahl** Cate had made a donation to Cornell in my honor. Go thou and do likewise. If enough of you follow suit, there'll soon be an Endowed Chair of Class Notes Writing: How To Scribble for 50 Years. At home. In Your Spare Time. Without Remuneration." [Get a grip, Miller. Recognition like Barbara's is all the recompense one would ever need. That, and \$5/word.]

Bob Hickman (West Grove, PA): "Lost my good wife Andy this past June. She and I enjoyed 12 years of travel, music, and theater, but a three-year bout with Alzheimer's took its toll.

Fortunately we had moved into Jenner's Pond retirement community and their facilities made her illness easier to cope with. I lead birding trips on campus, and to New Jersey's Cape May, Delaware's Bombay Hook, and a few miles down Route 1, Pennsylvania's Conowingo Dam, where bald eagles gather at year-end. We counted 150 one day. Wish I'd spent more time with Dr. Allen [Prof. Arthur Allen 1907] when I was on the Hill."

Class VP **Caroline Norfleet** Church (Lenox, MA) writes: "Maybe someone else wrote this to you: [Affirmative; it was Doris.] In late summer I took a train with **Doris Fenton** Klockner and **Liz Call** Kingsley to northern New Hampshire to visit **Jean Hammersmith** Wright, who is now living at Wake Robin, just south of Burlington. Had a great time. Sad not to be talking with our late friend and class officer **Grace Reinhart** McQuillan. I do keep in touch with **Ginger Shaw** Shelley and **Edy Newman Weinberger**." [Sounds like my cue.] Last month **Joe** '42 and Edy hosted their granddaughter's wedding on Long Boat Key, FL, with **Ruth Ohringer** Frank in attendance. Edy writes: "Had lunch recently with **Helene Scheuer** Rosenblatt, BS HE '94, and **Maxine Katz** Morse, both '45. Maxine is a most enthusiastic and loyal Cornellian, spearhead for her class, but she's upset that '45 isn't at work on a Compendium." [Don't look at me, Maxine.] ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

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It's April and the D.C. area is awash in cherry blossoms, magnolias, redbud, and fruit tree blooms. Forsythia and Bradford pear are phasing out as azaleas begin to pop. The **Kestens'** report on the CACO (Cornell Association of Class Officers) meeting in Philadelphia this year was sent to the 56 names on the letterhead. But for the other 246 members, here's the story.

Attending the meeting with the Kestens were **Peg Pearce** Addicks, **Hugh Aronson**, **Bill Brown**, **Janet Buhsen** Daukas, and **Charlie** and **Dorothy Kleine Van Reed** '45. Newly appointed officers are **Barbara Hall** Bowne, replacing **Bob Garmezey**, **Janet Buhsen** Daukas for **Lou**, **Bob Greenberg** for **Lew Mix**, and Rocky Mountain dwellers **Phil Lewin**, PhD '69, and **Jane Knight** Knott.

Announcements included the awarding of two \$4,000 scholarships from the Fellowship Fund, the 2006 value of which is \$285,085. The Periodical Endowment will be used for the purchase of scholarly journals as well as popular periodicals. The excess donations to the *Cornell Daily Sun* Digitization Project will be used to support the '44 Memorial Room, which needs air-conditioning. The website account is \$15,362, and Art reports completion of 700 pages with 3,000 photos. He will add 300 more pages.

The hard-charging meticulous Kestens did it again—shepherded 29 classmates and friends on a ten-day Celebrity Caribbean cruise. Thirty-two headed for Fort Lauderdale and **Andy**, MD '46, and **Sherrill Capi's** grand send-off dinner party. But **Al Archer** and Nancy were rerouted to a hospital in Atlanta when Nancy fell en route. The others visited Jamaica, Costa Rica, Colon, Panama, and Aruba, dined sumptuously, danced,

and viewed shows. They gathered each evening for cocktails and games.

The games began with a putting contest, then cartoon captioning, guessing celebrity names pinned on backs (Who Am I?), best buy, rip-off contest, boo-boo (certified injury), hold 'em and fold 'em (poker), and weather prognostication (how many rainy days?). Daytime games included shuffleboard, bridge (four-day tournament), and cerebral golf (9 holes untimed treasure hunt). The players—**Fred Allen**, **Hank Bates**, Janet Daukas, **Ellie Bloomfield** Scholl (and daughter), and the Barrys, Capis, Evanses, Golds, Jenkinse, Kestens, Middletons, Parkers, Rundells, Sigetys, and four guests of **Doris Holmes** Jenkins. All winners received points and prizes lugged aboard by Dotty and Art. The one with the most points is Top Dawg. Surprise! The winner: **NTR**. Dick Evans was second, Bud Rundell third, and Phyllis Evans fourth.

A sad note. One night during the trip **Ali-son King** Barry's husband Alan died. They were flown home to Massachusetts from Colon.

Others are traveling. Connie and Lew Mix of Virginia Beach, VA, spent two weeks in Turkey in September. They toured Istanbul, Izmir, and the sites of the seven churches in the Book of Revelation. **Clifford Earl** wrote from Bluffton, SC, that he and Ann vacationed on St. Croix, VI, with his brother **Dick Earl** '43 and wife **Barbara (Johnson)** '42 at his son's condo. **Dunbar King** said the engine on his 1926 Model-T Ford has been rebuilt twice since its journey to Ithaca. It was ready for its annual trip from West Islip to Verona, NJ, via Avenue V in Brooklyn.

The trend to CCRCs (continuing care retirement communities) continues. **Lena Hunt Burdin** describes a quick move to Mt. Pleasant, SC, where she and husband **Arthur** '38 felt young among the old. They settled for the humidity of the Charleston area versus the winters in Ithaca (children and families in those climes). They have probably adjusted to 4:30 dinnertime by now. She wrote of her daughter **Judy Burdin** Asuni '69, who is founder and executive director of an organization in Nigeria that is helping to bring peace to the area. She has been given the title of "Special White Woman of the King in Ughelli Kingdom." She credits Cornell with creating new courses for her intended life in Africa. Barry and **Cushing Phillips** have settled into Elmcroft in Montgomery, AL. Cush is in the Alzheimer's unit, Barry living in an apartment next door, "allowing frequent visits." With their son and family nearby and her two Jack Russells for daily companionship, she is "relearning her way around Montgomery. Everyone is enjoying the change."

Zelda Guttman Damashek and husband left their home of 47 years in Scarsdale to move to an apartment in White Plains. Their children and grands are well. They claim three grandsons and one granddaughter. **Bill Swain** in Sarasota, FL, wrote, "Connie and I and three sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren are well and active." He says that the William H. Swain Co. had one of its best years. He still works part-time but wants to sell and asks for offers. [Bill, send in a description and I'll put it in the column.] ♦

Nancy Torlinski Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

45 A Cornell endowment status report was recently issued, including our class's gifts; we should be proud of our assistance. The Class of 1945 Tradition Fellowship was established in 1993 and currently has a value of \$218,437; current awardees (at \$4,000 each) are: **Michael Barnoski '07**, Architecture (Stanley, NY); **Jeffrey Rudnik '08**, Engineering (Brownsville, TX); and **Jose Gonzalez '09**, ILLR (Lynn, MA). We have also sponsored three Plantations stewardship projects, totaling \$96,250: the Class of 1945 Path to the Wildflower Garden; Class of 1945 Staircase; and Class of 1945 Endowed Lecture Series, established in 2005, which supports lecturers in the Fall Lecture Series.

One of the prime movers for the Plantations projects, **Jane Knauss** Stevens, MBA '48 (Pittsford, NY) has been chosen by the Cornell Alumni Federation as a 2006 winner of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, which will be presented at a banquet in October. Jane follows our other well-deserved winner/classmates **Bill Berley** (NYC) and co-president **Maxine Katz** Morse (Rye, NH). On the subject of awards, I received a message from **Bob Olmsted** (NYC) in which he comments about our report (in the March/April CAM) that he didn't think that his being featured in a *New York Times* article was nearly as much of a "big deal" as his honor by NYU's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service of receiving its Lifetime Achievement Award in Transportation. Regardless, he is worthy of both!

My old roomie, **Mark Pendleton** (Islesboro, ME), called to inform me that spring is starting to arrive "down East" and that he's doing well, with his grandson soon to be a college graduate (Wake Forest). Spring has come and gone in Virginia Beach and it's getting warm. The oceanfront hotels are primping for the summer mobs, and the big topics around here are the possible closing of NAS Oceana (owing to BRAC) and the Ford assembly plant in Norfolk. My daughter, girlfriend, and I went to Bermuda for a few days in March, but it was cool and rainy there while 80 degrees here! My son and family flew in from Glendale, CA, for a pre-Easter visit, so I keep busy, as does **Mary Wright** (Cooperstown, NY), who sent a pleasant message about her longtime contributions as an alumni news columnist for the Hotel school, which she enjoys because it is fun to keep in touch and to hear from classmates from whom you haven't heard in a long time. That is true and I'm starting to run out of news items, so get busy and send me some tidbits if you haven't done so yet. Mary is active in Rotary and helps out at Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard, a nearby working water-powered mill, winery, and country store.

We did receive a mystery which some of you may be able to help solve. A regular Class of 1945 News Form, sent out with our class mailing 1-1/2 years ago and returned to the Alumni Affairs office, reported the death, in December 2005, of John Edward Warner, Fairlawn, OH. It appears to have been sent by one of his children, as it states that "my father always had Cornell close to

his heart with many wonderful memories." The problem is that no current official Cornell document or list has such a name. If anyone has any helpful information, please let me know.

Another ongoing mystery is the identification of those in the class photo taken at our 55th Reunion. Helpful information keeps trickling in, but I am not yet ready to publish a list. Please take another look at your copy and tell me if you recognize any of the following (identified by row from the front and position counting from the left): #2-1, #2-2, #2-3, #2-6, #2-8, #2-16, #3-11, #3-12, #3-17. Many look familiar to me but the memory isn't what it should be! Thanks. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnect.com.

46 Last December, I received about 20 News Forms, and I apologize for the tardiness of getting your news into the column. I hope you'll continue to send to me your important news (just being alive at this age is important), as your old classmates are interested in knowing what is happening to you. Here are some excerpts from the mailman's delivery after Christmas.

My favorite handwritten note was from **Louise Carmody** Wiley (Naples, NY). She has had quite a bout with MS, but is still hanging in there. I remember when Ken brought her to Reunion—I sure wish we could see her again. I also heard from New Yorkers **Maurice '44**, MBA '48, and **Naomi Colvin Gellman** (NYC). Naomi is a retired high school math teacher and spent ten years doing budget work for the Health Dept. Larry and **Sylvia Helbert** Paul (Williamsville) live in Florida during the winter. "We have the experience of preparing for hurricanes. In 2004 a tree hit our home just ten days before our month tour of Italy!"

Marguerite Fellows (Canandaigua) is retired from SUNY Brockport and wrote, "Having fun moving into new houses and out of old ones—Maine, Florida, and back to the Finger Lakes." She is very active with golf and downhill skiing as seasonal activities. In the winter she also enjoys the indoor pool, reading, and listening to classical music. **Hazel Brill** Brampton (Ithaca) is involved in genealogy. She is preparing a small booklet on one of her great-grandmothers who sent her children to Cornell. She also enjoys dancing at the Straight and Barnes Hall, theater, reading, gardening, and volunteering at the History Center. She'd like to hear from Cornellians **Regina Dutky** Marshall and **Alec Hyde '47**, BME '45. **Otis Kidwell** Burger (NYC) wrote that she was taking care of a heart patient, making ceramic sculptures, and writing another novel. She has two daughters, two granddaughters, and a menagerie of pets.

Floridians responding included **Bill and Phyllis Stapley** Tuddenham (Naples). They continue to attend CAU classes and travel to London for the theatre. The highlight of their recent European trip was visiting their high school exchange students who are now in their 50s. Joe and **Kathleen Smith** Mancini (Palm Coast) wrote that Kay retired from teaching in 1982, at which time they moved to Florida. She is a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker. **Marian Cudworth** Henderson (Ormond Beach) is still traveling. She'd like our

help in locating an old classmate from EE school. **Allan Slocum '45**, BEE '47, entered Cornell with her but left for the Army, returning later.

In early April, **Joyce Manley Forney** (Dallas, TX) updated her January news: In addition to being the editor of the *Bugle*, a monthly publication for the 600 residents of her retirement village, she is caring for her husband **Ross '52**, who has Alzheimer's. She keeps in touch with **Priscilla Alden** Clement, **Ginny Dondero** Pfundstein, **Alice McKinney** Luttrell, and **Sara McKissock** Vick. She'd like to hear from **Mary Mershon** Hoffmann '45. **Elizabeth Pearson**'s daughter wrote that her mother is in a nursing home in Grand Marais, MN, diagnosed with Alzheimer's. I know her Delta Gamma sisters remember her. **Joan Auchter** Kraft (Bethlehem, PA) is a volunteer chaplain in the Pastoral Care Unit of St. Luke's Hospital and is the bereavement chairman at St. Anne's Parish.

The first of our Reunion news will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. In the meantime, continue sending news to ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

We'd love to report on reunion, but our deadline for this July/August column is April 15, nearly two months before our "60th in '06." **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, '46 Women's Correspondent for 50 years, and I, celebrating ten years as Men's Correspondent, will together grind out recollections during Reunion's waning hours. Our 50-plus-ten years of service equals "60," Reunion's magic number. Watch for our report in the September/October issue.

Our News Form recently added a request for "Who is the old Cornell friend you would most like to hear from?" The early leader is **Rod Stieff**. Two classmates who chose him are **Allen L. Boorstein** (New York City; allenatamber@cs.com) and **Russell C. Scott** (Richmond, VA). Allen's present primary interest is "use of 'System Dynamics' in strategic planning for governments and businesses and in the field of education." Wife Jane's work is in global population issues. Recently, Allen has labored at moving his New York office into their NYC apartment. To make room, he donated many books to the library in Farmington, ME—near their second home. Among other things he'd rather be doing, Allen lists "rowing on the Cornell 150-lb. crew, eating dinner at Krebs with fraternity brothers—especially **William "Skippy" Fuerst '39**, MS '61—or just enjoying opera at the Met."

Russell has had a rough year and a half in hospitals and rehab, but is now on the road to recovery. Anne and Russell have moved to a continuing care community, where they would welcome calls and notes from friends. (Ed.: Please contact your correspondent for their address and phone number.) They rented a large house in Hilton Head, SC, for a grand Thanksgiving party with children and grandchildren. Both Anne and Russell are thankful for memories of extensive travel and sailing enjoyed in younger days.

Rev. **Donald W. Beers** and wife Teresa still reside in Belvidere, NJ. He has retired after a long, satisfying career in the Episcopal Church. Now he has plenty of time to pursue stamp and coin collection. He fondly remembers years of playing

soccer at Cornell. When **Donald S. Ironside** (Haverford, PA) retired in 1967, he toyed with creating PPM (Philadelphia Precision Measurements). Evidently, he couldn't determine what to measure. He and Beatriz are enjoying their retirement institution called The Quadrangle. It's handy to Philadelphia and their 47-year suburban neighborhood. Don and Beatriz live within three hours of their immediate family, all of whom "are in fine fettle." Don hoped to make our "60th in '06." If so, we'll tell the world in our next issue.

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>.

47 It's hard to believe that at this time next year we will have already had our 60th Reunion. 60! How is it possible?

Barbara "Bimby" Everitt Bryant (bryantb@umich.edu) responded to the recent News and Dues letter via e-mail, telling us she is still working at the U. of Michigan as a research scientist. Remember when we were so proud that she, our classmate, was head of the Federal Census? She reports that she celebrated her 80th birthday with one of the same people with whom she spent her 18th—her freshman roommate **Lois Stamey Spear**. Lois and her husband **Monty '46** were visiting at Bimby's Scottsdale, AZ, winter home. The three then took a 1,300-mile jaunt to San Diego and Palm Springs, CA. I hope they will all attend reunion.

I had a lovely phone conversation with **Mary Lou Gedel** (now just "Lou"), who called me because she wanted contact information for **Bea Carlson Murray**, whom I had written of in the March/April issue. Lou is retired but had a busy life as a nutritionist/dietitian. She worked at Johns Hopkins for 20 years, then moved to Alabama where she first was county, then state, nutritionist for over 24 years. The duties of her job entailed traveling around the state, and she also administered the WIC Program. In retirement, Lou is busy: tap and line dancing, warbling in a chorus singing music from the '40s and '50s, and playing in a washboard band of about 50 people in which she plays the drum using a can. Her groups entertain in hospitals and retirement homes. Lou travels, too, and had one special trip where she started in Canada, crossed Lake Ontario, embarked onto the Erie Canal, and entered the Hudson River, ending in New York City. Sounds wonderful to me.

H. Richard Johnson (dk_jhnsn@pacbell.net) has contributed two good reports. Recently Dick and wife Mary Lou visited their daughter Karen in Bend, OR. Karen is a fourth grade teacher and asked Dick to come to her school to put on a show celebrating Physics Week. The Johnsons arrived with a carload of apparatus for the project. When the students questioned the existence of air pressure, Dick emptied air from a paint can by boiling water in the can, causing the can to fill with steam. Dick snapped on the lid, causing the condensed steam to cause the can to collapse, showing air pressure at work. Dick also made a

bazooka out of a pipe, with a tee at the end of the pipe and a vacuum cleaner connected to the tee. With the vacuum cleaner running and a piece of paper over the end, he put a projectile in one end and it shot out the other end traveling 80 feet. The kids were impressed. Good work, Dick. It sounds as if you were carrying on the tradition of Freshman Physics professor Guy Grantham, who put on similar shows every Tuesday and Thursday in Rockefeller Hall. Dick and Mary Lou have a vacation home at Lake Tahoe; home is Palo Alto. They welcome calls and visits from classmates.

48 **Dianne Shapiro** Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "Retired judge, Civil Court of NY. Present mediator in Palm Beach County. Reading, tennis, bridge. Took Tauck Tour to see Mount Rushmore, Grand Canyon, etc. Traveled to Maine to see grandson, a cellist. Would rather be back on the bench or be a student at Cornell. My three children are lawyers, one of my granddaughters graduated law school, and a second daughter started law school. World's problem today is getting out of Iraq. Wish I knew how."

'Having fun moving into new houses and out of old ones.'

MARGUERITE FELLOWS '46

Dick's second report is one he says he sent to me in 2002 but never saw in the column. I'm sorry for that, as it's interesting and about friends. **Tom Talpey** and his wife **Betty (Alden) '48** recently created "The William E. and Elva F. Gordon Distinguished Lectureship" to be given yearly at Cornell's Arecibo Observatory. Tom's first job after graduating from Cornell was with Bell Labs, and one of his assignments was designing and building telescope receivers for the electronic telescope. On an important visit to the observatory, Tom and Betty invited their son Bill, Dick and Mary Lou, Betty's sister **Priscilla Alden Clement '46**, and her husband **Gordon '44, BCE '47**, to attend the inaugural lecture on November 12, 2002, arranged by Cornell's National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center.

Arecibo's radio telescope is the most sensitive in the world. The spherical reflector, 1,000 feet in diameter, fills an entire valley. The feed structure is suspended by cables 500 feet above its center and is five stories tall. All seven took the five-minute cable car ride from the surrounding hill to the top of the feed. There they toured the steering and focusing machinery and saw the receiver pre-amplifiers, as well as one of the transmitters, sending 2,000,000 watts at 10 centimeters wavelength. They walked off via a narrow suspended catwalk one person wide and about 600 feet long. They met with one of the lecture namesakes, **Bill Gordon, PhD '53**, a former Cornell professor, now 84, who supervised construction of the observatory in 1960-63 after planning and promoting it. Bill was Tom's boss for three years while Tom, on leave from Bell Laboratories, lived in Arecibo with Betty and their two children and helped develop the observatory's first super-sensitive receiver. At that time, their son Billy, then 5, asked a construction worker if he could walk out onto the catwalk, then under construction. When the worker learned his age, he replied, "Too bad, you have to be 6 to go out on it." Billy, now 46, finally got up there. All were treated royally.

Happy summer! Stay well. ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3752; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

Jean Chamoulaud Kimmell, Cornwall, PA: "Disposing of mountains of mail; i.e., catalogs, magazines, charities, bills. I actually had nine catalogs the last three Mondays. If I could just dump them—but there might be a treasure to buy, something to learn, or a waif to save. After-hours activity consists of 'Desperate Housewives,' 'House,' and 'Monk,' plus whatever special things Cornwall Manor thinks up. It's like living in a sorority on my resident hall. There is as much activity in the laundry room and corridors as there is in the apartments. As you get to know the people around you, the more you realize everyone has a story. Some cope with life better than others, in spite of what horrors are thrown at them. Recently visited the mountains of Maryland and the horsey area around Charleston, WV. Tomorrow my beloved daughter-in-law and I are going to be 'the ladies who lunch at a beautiful restaurant'—very posh, yet informal—in an old Queen Anne-style Elmira/Ithaca-type Victorian. Central Pennsylvania may be straight-laced Bible belt, but they know how to eat well. I have eight grandchildren.

"If you had mentioned philosophy to me at Cornell I would have run away screaming. Now I discover all of my conclusions about life that have taken me 78 years to learn could have been absorbed in the '40s at school. Most pressing problem today is making decisions, but I can't decide what the solution should be. World's most pressing problem is religious intolerance. Considering human history since we climbed out of the primordial ooze, there is no solution. Blame it on our genes. Have learned that a good hug can help people more than I ever realized. You just have to know when it's appropriate. Life is. Accept it. Deal with it. Can we be ghosts while we are still alive? I often walk along the familiar paths of childhood and youth. I know I will never see them again physically but the memories are bright, shining, and happy. Meet me behind the falls, beyond and under the suspension bridge over Fall Creek Gorge."

Phil Rowe, BS Hotel '73, Wyomissing, PA: The *Reading (PA) Eagle* reports that Phil, "owning over 30 restaurants in his 58-year career, having bought and sold many, including the chain

of 14 Dempseys Family Restaurants, is 'retiringly' ensconced in his only remaining Dempseys Restaurant at 2250 Lancaster Pike West, in Cumru Township (but he might at any minute start expanding again). Almost everyone in Northeast Pennsylvania has probably eaten at least once in a Dempseys. Phil started working in 1947 at his grandfather's restaurant, the Buttonwood Diner in Reading, where for 50 cents you would get a meat, a vegetable, a potato, applesauce, bread, butter, and coffee."

'Can we be ghosts while we are still alive?'

JEAN CHAMOULAUD KIMMELL '48

Bill O'Brien and classmate wife **Patricia (Hayes)**, East Aurora, NY: "Bill is retired but doing occasional radiation inspection and consulting. We enjoy seeing grandchildren grow up 'too fast'—hope one goes to Cornell. How blessed are we to have friends as we grow older. How great were the Cornell years. We attended a Cornell off-year reunion 2005. It was great! Son Joseph, PhD in Biology and currently in the US Forest Service, was with us. He was very impressed with Cornell. Our problem is to find enough hours in the day to enjoy family and friends. No solution! World's problem is ecology, global warming, and peace. Also Hurricane Katrina. People need to try to get along and take care of each other. We should try to live every day in the best way we can. Life is great!" **Harriet Morel** Oxman, Sarasota, FL: "Returned from a journey to Egypt in May '05; departed Oct. '05 for Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. I just keep going!"

Steve "Coop" Cooper, Fremont, CA: "Present day job is taking care of girlfriend, also after-hours. My children are smarter than I. Their children are smarter than their parents. I was smarter than my dad. Boy, he must have been ignorant! Took trip to Cooperstown last June, L.A. in August. I'd rather be playing golf, trying to shoot my age—on the front nine. Plan to attend the 114th Infantry Reunion in Washington, DC, in September, spend Christmas with girlfriend and her children in Chile, and attend our 60th Reunion in 2008. Since all three of my children live in Fremont, we have BBQs, birthday parties, and backyard swims frequently. Recently discovered how to work on my roof without breaking the tiles. God has a plan for each of us. Live each day so we are ready when He discloses it. God Bless all '48ers." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel. and fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 We're off. To say that we are settled in at our new home is a real stretch. Crates to be opened/unpacked. Things to be found. I give it a year and all will be calm. No matter how skilled the movers, or all the help you get, a move like this is a traumatic experience. Thanks for all your e-mails while this was going on, and special thanks to **Tony Tappin** (Tucson, AZ) for

raising our spirits on St. Patrick's Day. The high point of this move was to open the front door and be greeted by the singing of the Alma Mater by **Henry '42** and **Ruth Goodyer Jones '42**, and **Barbara Stryker Pratt '48**. They knew all the words. They were rewarded with Big Red cheerleader megaphones and a '48 Reunion favor . . . thus reducing our inventory a bit.

Bill Herzog (Columbus, NJ) reports that he and wife **Carol (Felder) '51** met at Cornell and that son **Don '78** met his wife **Linda Winkler '80**

on the Hill. Now their daughter Emma has been accepted. Maybe history will repeat. We received a note from **Robert Corbett** (Annapolis, MD), a fellow ATO. He says he is a mostly retired architect and a member of the Class of '50, but would like to transfer to '49 where most of his friends are. Bob started in 1945 and graduated the five-year undergrad course in 1950. It is amazing that anyone in this era knows his or her class—it was a jumble. Welcome, Bob! Anyone who has a premier ski run at Jackson Hole named after him is welcome.

"Day jobs," "after-hours activities," current goings-on . . . We'll fit as many people in this column as we can. Here's what's been happening recently. **Marilyn Gruenberg** Luebeck (West Bloomfield, MI; alvinmarilyn@comcast.net), facilitator and chairman of the Inst. of Retired Professionals, does tutoring with the Oakland Literacy Council, substitute teaches in the local elementary schools, and leads a book and biography group. In addition to that, she'd like to be staying out of doctors' offices and writing the Great American Novel. **Lee** and **Jan Steele Regulski** (Clearwater, FL; L.Regulski@att.net) write that they travel as much as they can: "Elderhostel programs, 'convertible with the top down' auto trips—wherever fancy takes us." **Herbert Schwartz** (Briarcliff Manor, NY; hschwartz@aremc.com), CEO of Aremc Products Inc., is recovering from arthritis in his back, which keeps him from playing golf and tennis as much as he'd like. He does, however, spend time painting watercolors and as a counselor for SCORE, a national organization that mentors people who would like to start their own businesses.

Ruth Samuels Hanft (Charlottesville, VA; rhanft@earthlink.net) and husband **Herbert** enjoy concerts and dinners with friends. During the day, Ruth serves on community boards and committees, and participates in study groups. She would like to be traveling more. Travelers **Chuck** and **Sis Reynolds** (Vero Beach, FL; CHReynolds@yahoo.com) sent a long note: "We are enjoying our life at Orchard Island in Vero for seven months and then Mantoloking, NJ, for five. We are traveling a great deal and love to do it. Next week we are going to NYC for a weekend with all of our children and their spouses to celebrate Sis's 80th birthday. Mine follows next

year. Immediately after, we are off to five countries in Central America in our plane with a group of five other planes. Should be great!"

Norman Baker (Windsor, MA; CapNorm@aol.com) mourns the loss of his wife Mary Ann. "She has left us with an unfilled emptiness," he writes. What makes him feel better is playing with his three grandchildren, "who never, ever fight with each other, and make me laugh. I flew my little Skyhawk to Washington, DC, Pascagoula, MS, Dallas, TX, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, NM, St. Louis, MO, and home, visiting friends, old Navy buddies, and family." **Dorothea Dashesky** Fast (Livingston, NJ; fastdotmom@aol.com) is "doing all the retired things—traveling, reading, lurching—and keeping a 50-year-old house together." She has lots of family involvement and takes the grandkids, one at a time, on big trips. Dorothea writes, "So far so good as is."

Dick Dietz (Chadds Ford, PA) sent this e-mail last summer, and it has found its way into the column. "I recently became a late-in-life All-American. I returned to competitive skeet shooting some years back, mostly as a social activity. Last year, I participated in enough competitive shoots to qualify and was selected to the 2005 Veteran Class (over 70) All American Skeet Team. I still do some occasional freelance writing, wilderness travel, and field exercising of Labrador retrievers (mine or those of others). Still keep in touch with former Cornell roommates **Herb Twichell '50** (Gowanda, NY) and **Bob Piper '52** (Bozeman, MT)."

Richard Gilbert and wife **Joy (Stern) '51** live in Lexington, MA (apriljoy12@verizon.net). Richard is president of Joy Realty Associates Inc., and works about 60 percent of the time. He says his son is now running the business. In his spare time, he does photography and builds model boats, and he and Joy continue to travel. Recent trips have been to the Black Sea, Central America, and the Rhine and Mosel rivers. **Arno Nash** and wife **Doris** have moved permanently to their new home in Munich, Germany, and spend their days learning to speak German better. **David** and **Joan Dickey Hardie** (Lansing, NY; davejoanh@earthlink.net) have been traveling to Greece and visiting relatives in the US. "We are very happy to enjoy our home, farm, church, and Big Red Hockey!"

What do *you* remember best about Cornell? How about this from the above '49ers: Professors, courses we took, and people we met (David and Joan Hardie); Octagon Club and many of the professors—especially Prof. Smart (Marilyn Luebeck); a come-from-behind last-minute victory over Dartmouth in November 1944 (Herbert Schwartz); the music room at the Straight (Ruth Hanft); rowing on the 1949 Henley Championship Lightweight Crew . . . and keeping those friendships (Norman Baker); the beauty of each season, including those elm trees (Dorothea Fast).

Haven't sent in your news yet? Or your best memories of Cornell? Now's a good time. More news to come in the next issues. Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er! ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 100 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, CT 06492; e-mail, rjk27@cornell.edu.

50 To our News Form question, “If still working, describe,” **Bill Neef**, MME ’54, Prescott, AZ, replied, “HA!” Bill was a research engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Labs dealing with nuclear fusion, but now volunteers with Rotary Int’l and his Methodist Church choir. After a tour of China he recommends we all learn Mandarin. **Robert Rider**, Germantown, NY, says, “Yes, I’m still running the fruit farm, but at 80 it seems tougher accomplishing what 20 years ago I would have laughed at.”

Norman Jennings, MS ’51, Leesburg, FL, has no problem with senior idleness: Leesburg Hospital Auxiliary, reading, dancing, poker, theatre performing, genealogy, Internet, church activities, and RV’ing. **Marie Mayhaus** Martin, Teutopolis, IL, succinctly reported that she works for Children and Youth Services. **Dorothy Coons** Chadbourne, Utica, NY, enjoys easy retirement living at the Masonic Retirement Community and volunteers at the community’s assisted living and health care facility. **Edward Hoenicke**, Punta Gorda, FL, worked as an attorney and business executive, but now volunteers as a director of Care USA. He mourns the passing of his wife Janice.

Henry Mertz, Taylors, SC, retired 20 years ago at age 58 after a career in insurance. He mourns the passing of his wife Eva, with whom he enjoyed extensive travel in all 50 US states, as well as cruises and travels to many countries abroad. **Audrey Rossman Sharman**, Briarcliff Manor, NY, reports memorable visits with classmates and other Cornell colleagues **Tom Kerwick**, **John “Dirk” Ten Hagen** ’49, and husband **Bill’s** roommate and best man **Bob Clark** ’51 and wife Joyce. Also **Clarence “Ben” Berner** and wife **Phoebe (Eisenbrown)** ’51. Ben was a fraternity brother of Bill and served as usher at their wedding; Phoebe was a sorority sister of Audrey.

John Griswold, Woodsville, NH, still “listens to requests for his services” as an independent business research consultant specializing in assessing markets and competitive business conditions. John sings in the 90-member North Country Chorus and is “having a blast” playing tenor sax and clarinet in a small combo at the local senior center—“all the great old tunes from the ’30s, ’40s, and ’50s.” **George Barton**, York, PA, was founder, owner, and CEO of Barton Associates, a mechanical and electrical design firm. Golf and yard work are current diversions.

With wife Mary Jean, **Robert “Bucky” Ellis**, Lake Barrington, IL, celebrated a 56th wedding anniversary. He serves on several hospital and condo committees and enjoys golf, gardening, and travel. **Eric Kjellmark Jr.**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, had a 35-year career with DuPont working in plastics research and marketing. He retired from DuPont in 1985, then worked for ten years as an international consultant on nylon research and development. In Wilmington, DE, his former home, Eric was the volunteer general director of Opera Delaware, president of Opera for Youth, and treasurer of Grand Opera House. Eric is cited in *Who’s Who in America* for his service to the arts.

Helen Bull Neuhaus, Montclair, NJ, and husband Goeff missed last year’s reunion because they were visiting their daughter and husband,

both Fulbright art scholars at the U. of Ljubljana, Slovenia. They toured the Adriatic coast and hiked in the Julian Alps. At home, Helen paints in watercolors, takes piano lessons, and volunteers as a writing coach for ninth graders. **Martha Galvin** Inskip, Kenmore, NY, worked in early childhood education, but now volunteers for Meals On Wheels and as treasurer of her church’s women’s guild. Martha reports visiting her Cornell roommate, **Marilen Tarleton Plumer**, wife of our other classmate **David**.

Peter Rowe, Florence, MA, was Smith College professor of government. He served as faculty lecturer on an alumni trip to India and last fall took a trip up the Amazon to the Peruvian rain forests. He is a trustee of the Forbes Library in Northampton, MA, and ESL tutor for the Int’l Language Inst. **Ames Filippone**, MD ’53, Morristown, NJ, is retired as chief of surgery of Morristown Memorial Hospital, where he has been honored with an endowed chair in surgery. He now reads first-century history and creates models of classical architectural artifacts of the period, such as the Arch of Titus. Ames is seeking advice on how to do a statuary grouping of the founding fathers in a conversational pose.

John Timmerman, Lake View, OH, is a colleague of mine in the search for answers to the UFO enigma. Over a 12-year period he toured the country with a UFO exhibit and recorded unsolicited personal accounts of UFO encounters. These are now collected in a fascinating and engaging book, *Grass Roots UFOs: Case Reports from the Timmerman Files*, by Michael D. Swords. To learn more, contact John at jptimmer@bright.net.

Concerns and Memories. Due to a stroke, **John Kurzenhauser**, Modesto, CA, is in the Hilland Nursing Home in Modesto. We mourn the deaths of classmates **Joseph Kirkland**, Leander, TX, **A. Herbert Nehrling Jr.**, Timonium, MD, **Conner Stephens**, Alfred Station, NY, and **Sell-eck “Jack” Carpenter**, Williamsville, NY.

I’ll happily receive expressions of thanks for sending from Iowa to the Hill Cornell’s new president David Skorton. We previously trained the distinguished Hunter Rawlings out here in the intellectual center of the US. We shall now get busy preparing the next. My wife Erma, acquainted with Dr. Skorton through work with the American Heart Association, reports that in addition to his impeccable professional credentials, he is also a very nice guy. ♦ **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoinder@ix.netcom.com.

51 You may wonder why there is no reunion news in this column, a month afterwards. That’s because I’m writing this in April (the lead time on these columns is nearly three months). Reunion news will appear in the Sept/Oct issue.

Jan Witmeyer Bone, Palatine, IL, sent her best wishes to all at Reunion. “The logistics of an early morning flight through Syracuse, the rent-a-car, and the lodging question, as well as the so-big campus are a bit more than I can handle. I got the metal and plastic knee in Aug. 2004, and due to

some related complications, walk with knee-high brace and cane, and can manage—very slowly.” Jan’s been piloting a business communications training (volunteer) project for staff members at Meadows Community Services, a Chicago suburban faith-based agency that helps 200-300 mostly Hispanic clients. “Assuming all goes well, the project becomes the key exhibit in my cumulative portfolio for the master’s degree (my second master’s; first is MBA) in Training & Development, Instructional Design concentration, which I expect to receive from Roosevelt U. at the December 2006 Commencement.” This spring she taught some 60 learners in two Roosevelt U. classes (English comp and a graduate psychology-writing course) and one Harper College Eng. 101 course. “I still have eight books in print, but have stopped writing books to concentrate on adjunct teaching.”

Alfred, PhD ’60, and **Dolores Blumstein**, Pittsburgh, PA, took their kids (three) and grandkids (four, nearing their teens) on a four-day Caribbean cruise. Al’s year as INFORMS Morse lecturer has taken him to York, UK, Honolulu, and New Orleans for plenary talks on operations research. **Henry, JD** ’52 and **Phyllis Fein Bobrow**, Stamford, CT, are still getting used to being Connecticut residents after being New Yorkers all their lives, but they are closer to their Westport son, **Richard** ’79, and family. Daughter **Joanne Bobrow** Shoelkopf ’76 lives in Winter Park, FL. **Marc** and **Denyse Ginzberg**, Rye, NY, report that the Johnson Museum showed their collection, “African Forms,” in September 2004. Their website is www.africanforms.net.

Joan Falconer writes from Iowa City, IA, that she was able to reestablish contact with **Mary Osborn** Gallwey, PhD ’58, Seattle, WA, as a result of the Nov/Dec 2004 class column. Joan traveled to Jordan and Egypt in 2004. She was in Cairo over Election Day and also when Arafat died and was memorialized there. “Quite an exciting time,” she writes, “and very instructive to hear the Egyptians’ take on both subjects.” **John** and **Rose Carpenter Gernon** ’53 spent three weeks touring New Zealand in 2005. “Great country and we had a lot of laughs with fellow Brits and Aussies.” John is still working with Habitat for Humanity in Glendora, CA, with 14 houses completed. Their seventh grandchild, born prematurely in Paris, is doing well despite a 720-gram birth weight, and was expected to return to the States last May.

Robert Matyas, Lansing, NY, reports meeting **Martha Servis** Ruhling, Branford, CT, at the Brooker Creek Environmental Education Center in Tarpon Springs, FL. Bob and Betty wear their 50th Reunion jackets everywhere they travel, and Marty, a docent there, said she had “one of those jackets at home.” Marty, a retired researcher from Yale’s School of Medicine, sends greetings to her Pi Phi sisters and hoped to come to the 55th Reunion. Bob and Betty visit their son **John** ’78, MS ’85, and wife **Nancy (Wright)** ’77 in Calgary annually, where two grandsons play hockey—both goalies.

The **Frederick P. B. Thorntons**, Drexel Hill, PA, have added a grandson on Fritz’s side and a granddaughter on Olga’s side, making a total of 13. Fritz’s recent leg and foot injuries have restricted playing with them, but he is rehabbing and hopes

to soon resume hiking, biking, canoeing, tennis, and fly-fishing. He recently retired as president and chairman of two 501(c)(3) environmental corporations. He is still active on the board of the Heinz Federal Wildlife Preserve. He sees **Dave Maroney**, Villanova, PA, periodically and reports he is doing well despite the loss of his wife Mary.

John B. Henry retired from medicine in June 2005 after "50 wonderful and productive years" as a distinguished service professor. He retired from the US Navy in 1993 and then directed Transfusion Medicine Service (including HLA & Immunogenetics) and taught at SUNY Upstate Medical U. for another 12 years. He discovered and reported with colleagues a new HLA A0101 null allele. He reports from Skaneateles, NY, that his first grandchild graduated from Dartmouth *cum laude* in 2004 and plans to go to law school in 2006. He has eight other grandchildren and prays for a Cornellian. Georgette and he married at Sage Chapel on June 10, 1953, and he looks forward to retirement life, including more sailing on Skaneateles Lake.

Barry Nolin, Water Oak, FL, sent a photograph of a lunch get-together at the end of February with **Edie Quinn** Franklin '53, **Ken** '52 and **Joanne Huntington Tunnell**, MPA '52, **Lena** and **Donn Terhune** '52, and himself. "Edie and the Terhunes live in the Villages, Barry lives nearby, and the Tunnells were on their way back north after an annual visit to Sanibel Island."

Barry'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 Present at the joint '52-53 class dinner the night before the February Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in Philadelphia were **Joy Rees** Hoffman, our reunion co-chair; **Dean** and **Lynn Heidelberger MacEwen**; **Jack** and **Pat Thornton** Bradt, who was to go to Oxford this summer to discuss the Dover School Board case; **Cass** and **Jean Brown** Craig, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary the next day; **Judy Calhoun** Schurman; **Catherine McDonald** Hegeman; **Trudy Serby** Gildea, our class secretary; and our co-presidents **Tom Foulkes** and **Jan Hofmann** McCulloch. My husband Stuart, seated across from Lynn and Jan and between Judy and Cass, did not suffer. All looked great, but the person who looked most the same was Jack Bradt. The next day Judy and Catherine, along with **Terry**, JD '56, and **Dorrie Crozier Warren**, joined the class officers, which by then included **Gordon Williams**, treasurer, at the class meeting. For a full rundown on the meeting, memories, and 55th Reunion news, check our class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Richard Bosshardt e-mailed to say that he and **Joan (Clifton)** '54 moved back to Switzerland in 1982, where Joan, who had majored in Textiles & Clothing Design, applied her degree and opened "Nostalgiekleider Shop" (Nostalgic Clothing Shop) with 1,500 items of 1910-1970 clothes for rental and sale. He continued, "At its successful peak, Joan died suddenly of an embolism on Dec. 5, 2003. My daughters urged me to continue

in her memory. Amazingly, I was better able to close sales than the substitute ladies I later engaged. Now, at age 76, I am slowly preparing to move back to the US in 2007. The business has been sold to an old friend, who will carry on nearby, exactly in the same pattern as now—a fitting tribute to Joan's memory. You can even see her picture with our models on the website: www.nostalgiekleider.ch." Thank you, Richard.

From the mailbag. Emily and **Theodore Castner**, now of Pittsford, NY, moved from southern New Hampshire to a retirement community. Ted is still doing research in condensed matter physics, but is retired from other academic activities. He hikes, bikes, attends RPO concerts, skis cross-country, interacts with grandchildren, and reads new and old books. The Castners had enjoyed an Elderhostel to the western Grand Canyon that included a hike to Supai Village. In retirement, **Martin Cohen**, Belmont, MA, is a museum volunteer, makes toys for his grandchildren, and is active in local politics. As do so many of you, he answers the "What I'd rather be doing now" question as follows: "What I am doing now. I have a 'satisfied mind.'"

Phyllis Berger Corwin, Basking Ridge, NJ, writes, "Most recently returned from a transatlantic cruise on the *Queen Mary II*, a fabulous ship. But both of us [husband **Stan**] agree that late fall is probably not the best time to take advantage of all the ship has to offer. From one extreme to another: a month earlier we had cruised the Columbia and Snake rivers on a small ship, tracing the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, whose Voyage of Discovery was an amazing feat."

News from Californians. **Ivan Gendzel**, MD '56, Palo Alto, reports that he is an "almost retired psychiatrist." Apart from that, he serves on the civil grand jury of Santa Clara County, is a Red Cross disaster mental health volunteer, and serves on the board of the Pacific Skyline Council Boy Scouts of America. Also in California, **Jim Gibbs** writes from Stanford: "My wife Jewelle and I had a two-week trip to China in October 2005. Highlights included the Yangtze River gorges and the Three Gorges Dam." **Roger**, PhD '65, and **Joan Ganders Glassey** are in Berkeley. Roger is still teaching computer programming for robots built with Lego's Mindstorms kits to upperclass industrial engineering and operations research engineers at UC Berkeley. After hours, he is on the church maintenance committee, plays tennis, and acts.

Joan Jago Townsend, Arlington, TX, recently attended the Cornell-Harvard game in the rain, and also went to the Texas-Baylor game. She writes, "Three of our kids are UT grads and had season tickets to TCU. We sure can pick some winners!" **Richard Reichart**, Princeton, NJ, retired, is "still doing some survey research, both revenue-producing and pro bono." He is active in the Ethical Culture movement, both locally and nationally. Recently he has been doing a lot of e-mail and is starting regular gym workouts to get his walking legs back in shape.

Paul Herman forwarded news from Sandy Lyon, daughter of **Henry** and **Bettie Buell Lyon**, who lived in Hawaii, that Bettie passed away in late March, and that Henry had had surgery shortly after that. "He is doing as well as can be

expected and is dealing with that and the loss of Mom." As Paul, who has known both of them since seventh grade, says, "It gets harder and harder to accept these things." It does. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 Adirondack attorney **Jack Mannix**, JD '58, billed as the world's seventh greatest magician, and fixture at Savage Club shows at many reunions, left the world a better place when, it's sad to say, he died this spring. But he left a legacy of warm nostalgia in a note he sent a few weeks earlier. It seems he was mousing his way around vintage '52 *Daily Suns* on the 'Net (find it through the *Sun* or Library sites in www.cornell.edu) and ran across an account of a whopping **George Boateng**, MS '55, and his soccer teammates laid on Navy. "He was a native of the Gold Coast and the best I ever played alongside," said Jack. "As a freshman, he had a terrible time adapting to soccer shoes since he had always played in his bare feet. We all told him that he had to wear the soccer boot because if anyone stepped on his bare foot he was probably done with his soccer career at Cornell."

"Well, he adapted. Did he ever! He was All-America for three years. He told me in our freshman year that he was not skilled enough to make his local team back in the Gold Coast. Anyway, the athletic doctor told him not to play against Navy because he had a small fracture in his left instep. George would have none of that. He insisted, and prevailed. Doc Rachun wrapped his foot in sponge rubber and turned him loose. George scored all five of our goals with a broken foot. I think the last time I saw him was at our graduation."

If you Google George Boateng, you get a Middlesbrough (UK) midfielder born in Ghana in 1975. He has his own Web page.

"My child bride Dorraine, 13 years younger than I," says **Barry Weiss** (Playa del Rey, CA), "rescued me from widowhood by asking me to merengue with her at a dance for guys over 40 and gals over 35, 14 years ago. That brought me to her two sons to add to my own two sons. Her oldest, a rabbi at Aish Hatorah in Jerusalem, is the only one to provide us with the delight of grandchildren. That gives us ample reasons for one or two visits a year and a wonderful appreciation of Israel and Judaism as well." Barry and Dorraine are partners in Secure Financial Services, which, says he, "helps people use their assets more effectively." About that first date: "The night we met I said I expected to marry someone I'd met at a political event. Well, Dorraine was treasurer of our local Democratic club for nine years, and we work for common sense in government. That's an uphill battle, for it seems, as Jim Hightower titled his book, *If God Wanted Us to Vote, He'd Have Given Us Candidates*."

Retired kindergarten teacher **Louise Klein** Sussman (Elkins Park, PA), current full-time potter, has been teaching kids' clay classes. **Marylyn Aker** Graff (Warren, RI) has been reading copy for a local bi-weekly newspaper. **Helen Abel** Wang (Oceanside, CA) is a Gideon's Auxiliary, providing Bibles for medical offices, teaching English to older Chinese people, and visiting convalescent homes. **Jane Cody** DeVries (Woodbury, CT)

points with justified pride to three accomplished offspring, sons Thomas (science teacher and paleontologist), Paul (geologist), and Mark (chemical engineer). Jane has been a pillar of the local Board of Education and Board of Finance, as well as chairperson of the Democratic Town Committee.

Over in Litchfield, CT, **Joe Alfredo** and sons operate a driving range. The sons are very good golfers, Joe assures us. Two other sons are continuing in the landscaping business. Joe divides the year unequally between Greenwich, CT (eight months) and an oceanside home in Highland Beach, FL (four months). He divides club time between the Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY (48 years), and Boca Raton Resort and Club (35 years). **Edgar MacBurney** “Mac” **Storm**, JD ’60 (Savannah, GA) keeps listing his maiden name on our news and dues form as Ellie Hawes. That’s in memory of the way he, well, dragged through sorority rushing when we were very young. (He settled for Zeta Psi.) He’s still plying southern waters and teaching the fine art of sailing. There has been one trip to the deep, deep south—a visit to Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay to celebrate spouse Barbara’s 70th birthday and the Storms’ 42nd anniversary.

Done with a “long and satisfying” adult and pediatric urology practice, **Stan Landau**, MD ’56 (Hewlett, NY) now reviews cases as a urology expert for medical malpractice lawyers. There’s time for a look at faraway places, like Antarctica, the Falklands, and India. He and wife Maxine duck the New York winter in Sarasota, FL, and beat the southern heat at the Big City’s museums, plays, and concerts. He’s replaced “the joys of sailing with the frustration of golf.” Stan has discovered digital photography and rediscovered classical piano. (He’s taking lessons again after 64 years.) He and Maxine are avid duplicate bridge players. “Our children are great and have given us nine grandchildren. Daughter **Leslie Landau**, JD ’83, is now a Superior Court Judge.”

Ask what’s keeping you busy these days and you never know what you’ll be told. Here’s **Lawrence Smith**’s report from his old home town, Piffard, NY: “I draw manure and worry about multiculturalism. I plant and harvest my crops and ponder Darwin. We are planning a fence to keep the barbarians out. We study Jared Diamond (you remember, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Guns, Germs and Steel*, the first freshman summer reading assignment). We visit the Maya. Spouse **Cathy (Austin)** commutes once a year to visit family and friends in Chile.” ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 **Lee** ’57 and **Ginny Glade Poole** were kind enough to send along a newspaper clipping on **Dorothy Vandercher** Klotzbeacher’s vision to create a nursery school for 2- to 4-year-olds in her local church in Cranberry, NJ. The school has grown from 17 students to 144 over the past 20 years, adapting along the way to new ways of teaching, given our electronically cluttered lives, while maintaining an awareness of the specific needs of small people. **William Osterhoudt**’s “after-hours” activities center around antique cars,

family genealogy, and maintaining the largest garden in the county of Oneida, NY. Fond memories of Cornell include the 60-cent pitchers of beer at the Royal Palm. **Letitia Martin** Heil has recently spent two months in Thailand and was witness to the total solar eclipse on a Mediterranean cruise this spring. Letitia is looking for **Leonore Hess** Yaverbaum. Can anyone help? My search has come up empty.

“Stan Landau has replaced “the joys of sailing with the frustration of golf.”

JIM HANCHETT ’53

John Clarkson has not yet given up his day job as CEO/CFO of Intertego, insurance investigators. However, like many of us, John would like to be spending less time seeing doctors in St. Louis and more seeing the Atlantic from their Ponte Vedra condo in Sawgrass. **David Lipkin** wrote that he actually enjoyed walking up Libe Slope in winter. Perhaps that’s why he hasn’t moved South and is still practicing general dentistry in New Jersey. He does escape for some travel, but did not say in what direction—Alaska, perhaps. **Joseph Hartwig** lives in Florida, but is still enthusiastically employed expanding his manufacturing business. Joe makes high quality furniture and equipment for public and private schools. Since his retirement five years ago, **Steve Krauss** has been able to spend more time in his printmaking studio where he works on woodcuts, etchings, and monotypes. The Krausses, being a musical family, have their own string ensemble, with Steve on the piano. This past year Steve and Carol did a walking tour of Tuscany and a shipboard Elderhostel trip in British Columbia exploring the Strait of Georgia and the Vancouver Islands. While at Cornell, Steve enjoyed walks in the surrounding countryside and taking courses from professors Healy, Vlastos, Burt, and Fritz Stern.

Having decided she would rather swing than shovel, **Betty Siebert** Libera has traded in Upstate New York and made Stuart, FL, her primary residence. We received another upbeat note from **Doris Caretti** Oniskey. I’ve decided that the only thing Doris doesn’t do is play golf, and she may take it up any day. She appears to be in motion at all times, be it driving the elderly, seeing Canada via rail, checking out Colonial Williamsburg, or viewing the Pyramids along the Nile. Doris recalls walking to the Straight, looking out across the valley, and thinking how very lucky she was to be at Cornell. She still feels that way. Doris is seeking the whereabouts of **Willi Beam** ’55. If anyone can lend us a hand here, it would be appreciated. The last question on the news form is stirring a number of memory banks. I’ll list a few people in each column if **Chick Trayford** and I can’t find them.

Gill Henoch, LLB ’58, has cut his lawyering hours a bit and therefore has time for taking on a major home renovation, figuring he and Sheila will stay in New York a bit longer. They took time out to visit the Canadian Rockies of Lake Louise

and Jasper fame and came away awestruck, as does everyone who has seen them. We have a few classmates that are so delighted with their lifestyles that they have one answer that fits all. **Linda Stagg** Long is retired, and chauffeuring grandchildren fits her after-hours activity, doing-recently activity, and rather-be-doing activity. Cruising would appear to fill the same bill for **R. M. Skelton**. **Frederick Battaglia** finds fishing and biking fills

most of his recreation time, with a bit of travel thrown in for a change of scenery. It would appear the same for **Richard Harley**, only mix in a bit of golf with the fishing. Ah yes, and one might add recovering from three hurricanes in 15 months. Yet with it all Richard does not miss the cold winters of his days at Cornell. **Bob** and **Jan Levitan** will celebrate a double wedding for their Cornell grandchildren and then contemplate a move. Bob is accepting suggestions for Moves Made Easy. I hadn’t heard from **Harry Butler** in a bit so was glad to know he too is delighted to be doing exactly what he wishes. I loved his fondest memory of Cornell—the girls. Thanks, Harry.

Letitia Holloway Brown may have retired from hospital chaplaining as a profession, but her life is still one of caring: for grandchildren, for her mind via reading and reflection, for her husband during six months of chemotherapy, for her garden, and for church outreach programs. **James Ritchey** has retired to the land of hurricanes and is fast becoming an expert in dealing with their aftermaths. Isabel caused his latest devastation. Jim, have you ever thought snow might be less of a hassle? Jim is the first person to mention his fond memories of being on the Foreign Student Council and how much it helped him over the years. **Mary Ann Smith** Blied and her husband Ralph live on a farm south of Lake Ontario where they raise vegetables for the Farmer’s Market in Lyons while their son tends the apple orchard. ♦ **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 Feeling nostalgic for the old days at Cornell? I want to remind you that you can still order that great CD of the Cayuga’s Waiters, which has combined 22 tracks from our two favorite albums. The cost is \$10, plus \$3 shipping and handling, for each CD. Make your \$13 check out to Mark Husbands, and mail it to: Mark Husbands, 27 Sailmaster Common, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

Hilly McCann Dearden’s daughter Laurel Gardner has been appointed by the Governor of Alabama to serve on a council concerned with

ecology. Laurel, who's a veterinarian, will be working with other doctors and veterinarians on this project. Hilly herself is still working, but has gone back to being an independent contractor, "and working part-time when I feel like it." She finds she can get as much done working from home, and doesn't miss the 50 miles a day driving. Congratulations to **Kay Hartell** Cattarulla, whose documentary, "Sweet Tornado: Margo Jones and the American Theater," was shown on PBS last March in conjunction with Women's History Month. Some may remember that Margo Jones gave a lecture at Cornell in the early 1950s when she was a national figure, famous in the American theater world as the Texas Tornado. "She fought for success in a man's world, lived too fast, and died too young," but her vision "transformed the American stage." In the documentary, Jones is portrayed by Judith Ivey, and Richard Thomas plays Tennessee Williams.

Bob and Joan Weisberg Belden are taking a Volga boat trip between Moscow and St. Petersburg with Elderhostel this summer, and then they will visit the Northern Italian Lake country with other Cornell alumni in October. **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza e-mails us that she's enjoying her 16th year in Florida, despite the hurricanes. As a landscape designer, "this is flower heaven for me." Like the Beldens, Ruth also recommends the university-sponsored trips, such as the one to the Italian Riviera that she recently enjoyed. Besides traveling, Ruth keeps busy as a member of the board of an organization dedi-

two grandchildren—from college! By the time you read this column, Ned and Paula will have been back to campus to celebrate Paula's 50th Reunion, and from there they'll head to Cape Cod for the summer. **Axel Hochkoepler** announces that he is "slowly turning green from mold," due to the continuous rain that's been pelting Northern California. Axel is still active in his consulting business. Their latest client is the only micro-brewery in the country owned by a Native American tribe. "So far, so good," he notes, in that he has "not yet been voted off the island." **Eva Konig** Ray reports that she's "never enjoyed life more." After a busy, interesting career in science, Eva now has more time for skiing, sailing, family, and friends. She also advocates for women and families and the elderly, and—"at the opposite end of the spectrum"—participates in the Infant Health Advisory Council.

Philadelphia was the site for this year's CACO (Cornell Association of Class Officers) Mid-Winter Meeting. Co-presidents **Fred Antil** and **Barbara Loreto** Peltz report that the '55 group—Mike Avery, Carroll Dubuc, **Phil Harvey**, **Hilda Bressler** Minkoff, **Ginny Wallace** Panzer-Wiener, **Dick Pew**, Eva Konig Ray, and **Charlie and Mary Ann Peck Wolf**—enjoyed "a lot of learning and a lot of fun." Fred assumed his annual February persona, that of Abraham Lincoln, and officially kicked off the meeting dressed as the Great Emancipator, right down to the beard and top hat. More on the fascinating connection between Lincoln and Cornell in a future column.

'Sanford Kaiser liked retiring so much that he did it twice.'

JOHN SEILER '57

cated to helping abused women and children. She also belongs to a gourmet group with **Claire Schubert** Weston '54, who lives nearby. "There are a lot of Cornellians here, but all a lot older!" (Those '55 coeds never lose their youthful spirit.)

Carroll Dubuc responded to **Pete Bowell's** question about what historic event will be celebrated in 2007. "I believe it is the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement in Virginia." Try as he might, Carroll says he can't lose the "Duke" moniker around his Cornell friends. **Rae Pullen** Alexakos reports that they are still in Quechee, VT. Their three children and 11 grandchildren live on Long Island as well as in Hingham, MA, and Lexington, KY ("all lovely places to visit on our way to and from Sarasota, FL"). Rae keeps busy with charity work, golf, bridge, and aquacize, and still gets back to visit Puerto Rico, her old home. **Mike Avery** writes, "After 15 years in the travel business, I'm in the initial stages of a new career, that of real estate salesperson." Mike has finished all his education, gotten his license, and will be working with Long and Foster, a mid-Atlantic regional company. "So all you '55 alumni, send me your references!"

This June marked the graduation of **Ned**, MBA '57, and **Paula Bussmann Arps** '56's first

Finally, some local news: I ran into **Marggy Doorty** Kerr Richenburg last week, whom I hadn't seen since last summer when we had a very enjoyable luncheon with Barbara Peltz and **Nancy Livingston** Hopkins. My husband Ed Petrie still continues his winning ways as the varsity basketball coach at East Hampton (NY) High School, so during the season (November to February), we stay pretty close to home. Springtime brings the opportunity for a little change of scene: a cruise to Bermuda and the Caribbean in May; and during the summer we'll combine a trip to San Francisco with a stopover visit in Utah, where Ed's son has built a new house adjacent to a golf course. Please send me your news via e-mail or snail mail, and I'll be sure to include it in a future column. Your classmates want to know what you're up to! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Writing this column has presented some difficulties: I am writing it several months before our 50th Reunion, and due to the needs of publishing deadlines, you will be reading it a

month afterwards. Maybe it will be news of classmates who couldn't attend reunion and tell you their news in person, or maybe it will be the same news with a different slant. So here goes, anyway.

Some current news about our class writers. Erika Holzer (née **Phyllis** "Tish" **Tate**), Indio, CA, has published her newest book, *Ayn Rand: My Fiction-Writing Teacher*. It is part memoir, part how-to, as Erika writes about her mentor-protégé relationship with Ayn Rand, the author of *Atlas Shrugged* and *The Fountainhead*. Erika's previous books were the espionage novels *Double Crossing*, written during the Cold War in the 1980s, and *Eye for an Eye*, written in the 1980s and turned into a movie starring Sally Field and Kiefer Sutherland, and nonfiction books written with her husband, Prof. Henry Mark Holzer, *Aid and Comfort: Jane Fonda in North Vietnam and Fake Warriors: Identifying, Exposing, and Punishing Those Who Falsify Their Military Service*. You may remember an earlier reunion when Erika was one of our guest speakers. **Steve Katz**, Denver, CO, retired from the faculty of Colorado U. His newest book is a novel, *Antonello's Lion*. **Patricia Brodie**, Concord, MA, has had over 70 poems published in literary magazines and poetry anthologies, and has recently won prizes for her short stories and poems.

Gideon Panter, MD '61, an ob/gyn, says, "What's all this talk about retirement? I just bought a new office at 1060 Fifth Ave., New York City, where I plan to practice for many more years." **Morton Landau**, Lawrence, NY, retired from the construction business in New York City, including work on damaged buildings as a result of 9/11. Dr. **Rose Goldman** Mage, Bethesda, MD, is still working at the NIH after 42 years, concentrating on immunogenetics, boosting the Rabbit Genome Project, developing a rabbit model of lupus, and, in her spare time, belly dancing. Wow!

Marlene Grass Paikoff and husband Sidney divide their time between the snows of Syracuse and the sun of Boca Raton, FL. **Curtis Reis**, Rolling Hills, CA, has relinquished the presidency of Alliance Bank, and now serves as chairman and CEO. The bank has over \$600 million in total assets. **Phyllis Miller** Lee, Dorset, VT, exhibited her paintings on birds and satirical subjects at the Southern Vermont Art Center earlier this year. **Anne Jackson**, Ridgefield, WA, is a retired immunologist "with two dogs and two acres to tend."

Dr. **Roy Curtiss**, Paradise Valley, AZ, heads a research group of 30 young scientists from 17 countries and six continents. Their major new initiative is to develop a vaccine to prevent pneumonia in newborns. It's part of the Global Health Initiative funded by the Gates Foundation. **Lenore** "Lenny" **Brotman Greenstein** (Naples, FL, and Lenox, MA) and husband Rabbi **Howard Greenstein** '57 tell us that their son Rabbi **Micah Greenstein** '84, who heads a congregation in Memphis, TN, was the first Jewish clergyman to deliver the sermon at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. The event was last April and many Cornellians were in attendance.

Sonia Goldfarb Brody, **Anita Hurwitch** Fishman, and **Charlotte Edelstein** Gross, sorority sisters at Cornell, are living in the same apartment complex in South Orange, NJ. **Art** and

Sharon Linkletter **Hershey**, Calabasas, CA, say, "Life just doesn't get any better."

Norman Miller, Tiburon, CA, a retired urologist at St. Lukes Hospital in San Francisco, CA, is a member and past chairman of the Golden Gate Regional Center for the developmentally disabled. **Maria Radoslovich** Cox and her husband Donald donated more than 40 pieces of their contemporary art collection to the Jacksonville (FL) Museum of Modern Art, including work by first-generation abstract Expressionist Hans Hofmann, an oil-on-canvas by Russian-born painter Ilya Bolotowsky, and sculpture by Nancy Graves. The Coxes started collecting in the New York art world in the early 1970s. Maria is now concentrating on garden designs for her home in Ponte Vedra, FL.

James Plunkett, Milwaukee, WI, has been recognized by his firm, Plunkett Raysich Architects, for his 50 years of service to the company. During his tenure, he helped build the firm from 20 to 120, making it one of the largest architectural firms in Wisconsin, with offices in Milwaukee and Madison, as well as in Illinois. Jim continues to practice as a specialist in civic and governmental architecture. **John Anderluh**, **John Talierco**, and **Chris Schmid** and their wives played golf last spring in Florida with former Cornell coach Ted Thoren and his wife Jean just before John Anderluh has his second hip replacement. John Talierco followed with two hip replacements.

As those of us who will have shared our 50th Reunion now know, **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman's collection of modern Asian art was part of our program and exhibited at the Johnson Museum. Margot and husband Paul formed their collection while serving in the Peace Corps in Bangalore, India, in the 1960s. Paul was the director of the US Peace Corps for South India. Margot, **Barbara Barron** Starr, and I lived together at Sage during our sophomore and junior years, and on adjacent corridors during our freshman year at Dickson Five. Barbara, her husband Bob, and I were privileged to be at the opening of the exhibit this past April. Margot told me how she arrived in South India with Paul (who was busy leading the Peace Corps volunteers) and their young children, and wondered how she was going to fill her days. She took the children to the outdoor markets, and one day they saw an oil of a Christ-like figure that they were fascinated with. They came back to the market several times, and the painting was always there attracting Margot to this new world of contemporary artists expressing themselves following India's independence from the British Empire.

Margot never bought that painting, but there were many pieces of art they did purchase. Margot and Paul began to do research and visited artists in their homes wherever they traveled, as Paul's work took him all over South India visiting the Peace Corps volunteers. I would get letters from Margot detailing their visits to places with then-unfamiliar names. The collection grew, and then when they were posted in Iran in the late '60s, the Zimmerman Collection included Persian and modern Iranian artists. When they moved to Kenya for Margot's work in family planning and health, their collection continued to grow. Margot has taken me to their favorite artists and dealers, and at Margot's urging, I would always purchase

something that I now enjoy in my home. I thank Margot for her enduring friendship and guidance over these 54 years since we met in September 1952 on the second floor of Dickson Five. ♦

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Ed '54 and **Joyce Dudley McDowell** had a very busy 2005. In addition to celebrating 50 years of marriage with friends and family at the Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena, CA, they traveled from the Arctic to the Antarctic, viewing polar bears near Baffin Island and penguins in the Ross Sea. And after a Snuff Bottle convention in Beijing, they journeyed to Tasmania, enjoying the wildlife and several wineries. **Janice Littell**, BS Nurs '58, turned 70 the day after Christmas and celebrated aboard the *Norwegian Crowne* as it made its way down the east coast of South America and around Cape Horn. Stops for Janice included Montevideo, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires and Ushuaia in Argentina. Janice describes it this way: "In all, it was a bang-up 70th birthday." She plans on attending reunion in 2007 and hopes **Mary Lou Hennekens** Mahan will be there, too.

Joyce Edgar Schickler, BS Nurs '57, had two big celebrations for her 70th last year: a trip to Disneyland with three children, their spouses, and eight grandchildren, and then a summer gathering for a clambake/lobster roast in Rhode Island. Joyce gets together with nursing school classmates **Kay Hitchcock** Bailey, **Yohanna Casalini**, and **Carolee Gordon** Stray. **Sue Davidson** Braun should be fully recovered from cataract and hip replacement surgery by the time reunion rolls around. Although Sue has retired from the San Diego Board of Education, she continues to volunteer her services by working to implement universal preschool in California.

Efforts continue here in South Carolina to get a Cornell Club going. There was a gathering of Cornellians of the Low Country last March organized by **Jim Vaughn** '72, assisted by Southeast Regional Director **Karen Weinreich** '89. Drinks and finger food preceded a short talk by Life Sciences Provost Stephen Kresovich, followed by a Q & A session. Among the attendees from '57 were **Joan Jeremiah** Reusswig, **Tom Paterson**, and **Don Fellner**. Ruth Anne and **Henry "Hank" Parker** '59 were also there, as well as **Henry Vaughan** and **Valerie Jones Vaughan**, both Class of '60.

We do manage to have a small group that meets the first Friday of the month for lunch at the Yacht Club of Hilton Head (fancy name but just a simple little place), so when you snowbirds or part-timers get down this way in a few months, join us. **Marj Nelson** Smart visited me in early spring and we played golf with Kevin and **Betty Ann Rice** Keane here in Sun City. Getting our games in order for reunion time—less than a year away! ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

Chuck Loppacker, who used to daily update the statistics of each Baltimore Oriole, moved on to a more frivolous career as home inspector for home-purchasing clients. Now retired and living with Betty in the Williamsburg, VA, area, he still

gives seminars on the art of inspecting to national and local chapters of the American Society of Home Inspectors. He and Betty are within 3-1/2 hours drive of three of four children and six of nine grandchildren. **Sanford Kaiser** liked retiring so much that he did it twice, the first time in 1979 from the Air Force and again in 1997 from the Naval Air Systems Command, where he functioned as a senior logistics engineer.

Also leading the good life are **Walter** and **Birgit Wills**, who report on a delightful Italian trip from Sorrento to Rome and spending time walking through history, then flying to Gothenburg, Sweden, to continue the adventure with family and friends. **Don** and **Mary Singer** went to Israel last summer (first time for both) and saw most of the country in a whirlwind ten days. Don milked his 70th birthday pretty well, extending it for four days, with family and office pals passing off the baton.

I'm not sure if **John Brooke** is a professional driver or simply has a lot of cars, but he spends his time driving cars south in the fall and north in the spring. I doubt that he drove to New Zealand to congratulate his daughter's fiancé. He lived in Auckland at the time, but since the wedding this spring, now lives in Pueblo, CO. **Gonzalo Ferrer** has purchased a new home in Vermont and came across a ditty concerning the thoughts that went through (and probably still do today) the minds of the engineers as they relaxed on the East Wing steps of Sibley. Not surprisingly, it involves their assessment of the coeds who passed in review.

Eph McLean reports that he is having too much fun as Regents professor and G.E. Smith Eminent Scholar's chair at Georgia State U. in Atlanta to contemplate retirement. He is active in both teaching and research. **Leighton Klevana** has a fascinating job as president and CEO of Advanced Global Investments, with offices in Prague and Tampa. He shuttles back and forth in search of a myriad of investment opportunities. **Bob George**, my old lacrosse buddy, spent time in Ithaca last fall watching the Big Red football team dispatch an opponent and gawking at the size of the Hotel school and other changes on campus. He also mentions the good times after graduation spent at Lackland AFB with another lacrosse stalwart, **Bob Hoffman** '58.

A plea: My eyesight might be a little suspect, but I couldn't read a few of the news items and thus couldn't report them. If possible, typing and especially e-mails ease the pain considerably. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

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Before getting to some of your recent individual News, here's an update from the class meeting held at CACO's Mid-Winter gathering in Philadelphia last February. Highlights from **Betty Anne Steer** Merritt say that the CACO meeting itself gets high marks for content, especially in VP **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94's glimpse of five outstanding students' lives, and of the current hot theme of "collaboration" (which continued in a workshop Betty Anne attended), illustrated by how such diverse fields as sound

engineering, biology, and music can merge—if collaboration is fostered. A workshop attended by class co-president **Chuck Hunt** showed how Cornell's support to our website can be put into play. Chuck is considering becoming our class webmaster to bring about site improvements that you should see later this year.

"Luncheon was not to be missed in the beautiful Philadelphia Room . . . the hotel having a subtle beauty that we seldom see in NYC," Betty Anne writes. She, Chuck, and co-president **Carol Boeckle Welch**, along with **Harriet Auerbach Peters**, MS '75, **Gladys Lunge Stifel**, **Judy Welling Baker**, **Barb Buehrig** Orlando, and **Jim and Annette Fogo Harper** much enjoyed the luncheon as well as discussion of **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Isaac Kramnick's book, *The 100 Most Notable Cornellians*.

At the later class meeting, efficiently run by Carol and Chuck, several actions were taken: NO class dues increase (we have about \$70K in the treasury), even though *Cornell Alumni Magazine* has increased its price; a plan conceived for an **Elsie Dinsmore** Popkin painting award to a graduating senior; another plan to help sponsor a special program during our next reunion featuring **Jennifer Tipton**, renowned stage lighting expert.

Finally, the class reps decided to send an updated "welcome letter" and open-ended questionnaire to all classmates with the annual mailing in September. They would like to do this via e-mails as much as possible, so all 'mates are encouraged to send their latest e-mail addresses to Chuck to help us expedite that correspondence and save money for the class. We trust you're aware of how easy it is to obtain a free, permanent e-mail forwarding address from the university by way of a link on the Alumni page (go to www.alumni.cornell.edu and click on "Services"); use that if you wish, but one way or the other, please send your e-mail address to Chuck at chuck@nysra.org.

Other matters to garner our attention and decision-making in '07 (in the same city, Jan. 19-20; mark your calendar) include a **Ron Lynch** scholarship, a book restoration project, and funding and celebrating reunion in new ways. Your questionnaire responses will help.

On to individual news. We hear again from **Art Shostak**, who reported that he is to receive an award from the American Sociological Association at its annual meeting in mid-August in Montreal. The annual Distinguished Sociology Practice Award is given only to one for lifetime achievement. Art is in his third year of retirement after teaching the last 37 at Drexel U. in Philadelphia. He travels and gives papers around the world and writes new material to add to his 31 books and 150-plus articles. Art would welcome hearing from any of us who, as movie-goers, believe that seeing a particular scene helped them change their lives. He's reachable at shostaka@drexel.edu. Following up on the news release about **Hedy Cohen** Rose's Convocation Address covered here last issue, we report that Hedy also gave two more lectures at Utrecht U. on the Holocaust and on the process of becoming stigmatized. Hedy writes and researches as a Five-College Associate, having retired from teaching and administration. Her e-mail address is hedycrose@yahoo.com.

Since retiring six years ago from his large Washington, DC, law firm, **John Denniston** has been mountain-trekking, including three trips to the Himalayas, two to South America, and one to Antarctica. On the last trip, he participated in a reenactment of Ernest Shackleton's 1916 crossing of the Island of South Georgia. Medical oncologist **Herbert Goldman** says he's starting to prepare publications in his field, especially in pulse corticosteroid therapy of myeloma, while also working on more exotic vacations (having visited Iceland and Vietnam/Cambodia to start). He and Sarah live in the Virgin Islands.

Robert Mayer adds to last issue's commentary that besides continuing work as a financial consultant for IRAs, he gardens, collects wine, plays golf, and travels. His trip to Oregon's Pinot Noir country yielded "too much wine and poundage," he reports. Bob can be reached at bobmay13@aol.com. The last Newsnote in the file is from **Jim Quirk**, still residing in Orinda, CA, with wife Peggy and enjoying full-time retirement. Jim is an antiquer who also gets out on the slopes (last at Lake Tahoe) and on the links. He travels a lot, says he most remembers his Phi Gamma Delta years on the Hill, and would like to hear from **Al Knight**, his freshman roommate. Jim is reachable at jhquirk@earthlink.net.

I hope this finds all '58ers enjoying summer. Please take a moment to send News to **Jan Arps Jarvie** and I can keep in business for you. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, dhaggard@voicenet.com. For other news and events of our class, see: <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

59 **Harry Petchesky**, co-chair with **Dave Dunlop** of our 50th Reunion, was in the audience when **Peter Yarrow** spoke at the Cornell Club earlier this year. Harry has launched a campaign to restore English 355-356—Ballad and Folklore, popularly known as Rumping and Stomping—to the Arts college curriculum. "Of all the courses I took at Cornell, this proved to be most relevant to understanding the events of the '60s and '70s, and it certainly was the most fun," he says. As student instructor, Peter played a critical role in the course—and in '59ers' appreciation, and memories, of those classes.

Also attending the Cornell Club event was **Carol Horowitz Schulhof**, M Ed '61, who retired this June 30 from her "rewarding and gratifying career" in education. For the last 28 years, Carol worked at the Packer Collegiate Inst. in Brooklyn Heights, NY, and for the last 13 years was head of the Pre and Lower School. She writes that quite a few of her students had parents who are Cornell alumni. "One third grader told me the other day that he wants to be in our school chorus because his father was a Cayuga Waiter!" Carol and her husband **Peter** just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary, and now in retirement Carol plans to heed the advice to "learn something new, travel, and do your good works."

Alexander Levitan is co-chair of the U. of Minnesota's Retirees Volunteer Committee, a group that works on a variety of projects throughout Minneapolis and serves as surrogate

grandparents for new foreign graduate students. He is particularly enthusiastic about the Partners in English program begun last year, in which volunteers meet weekly with foreign language-speaking students to familiarize them with idiomatic local speech and to afford them an opportunity to practice English conversation skills in a relaxed and supportive environment. Alexander and his wife Lucy also serve as volunteer ushers at Orchestra Hall for Minnesota Orchestra concerts. Lastly, he serves on the County Reserve Medical Corps with other active and retired health workers. The Corps' objective is to be prepared to deal with possible flu epidemics and other public health emergencies.

Ruth Chimacoff Macklin has "no thoughts of retirement." A longtime professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Population Health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY, Ruth's focus is on international medical research involving human beings. She serves on two committees at the World Health Organization and a human rights committee at the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. She also directs a training program in research ethics in Buenos Aires. Her latest book, published by Cambridge University Press, is *Double Standards in Medical Research in Developing Countries*. Carrying on Ruth's Cornell tradition is her oldest granddaughter, **Alex Taylor '09**, daughter of **Jim '85** and **Shelly Macklin Taylor '84**.

Steve Douglas, MD '63, medical director of the immunology laboratories at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, is investigating cells in the immune system, especially those in children and adolescents with HIV. Of particular interest in his research are monocytes and macrophages, cells that play an important role in inflammation and host defense. His goal is to understand how these cells interact with cells of the central nervous system. His wife **MaryAnn Foricea**, also a doctor, is a professor in geriatric medicine at the U. of Pennsylvania Medical School. They have two daughters: Hope attends Penn, and Annie begins her junior year in high school this fall.

Since 1995, **Paul Levine** has been clinical professor of medicine at George Washington U. Medical Center, and since 1997 has also held the title of research professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the George Washington U. School of Public Health and Health Services (SPHHS). He currently teaches and does research in cancer. At NIH, he served as project officer on such projects as studies of aggressive breast cancer in Tunisia and providing laboratory support for processing and storage of biological specimens from persons at high risk of cancer. He is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome* and is past-president of the American Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. He is married to **Mimi (Gray)**. Mimi has been a high school teacher in Rochester and subsequently a professional photographer, among other experiences being photoeditor of *Washingtonian* magazine for two years. Her photography currently includes digital improvement of old, damaged photos. They have three children and six grandchildren, all living in the area.

Anne Jackson and her husband **Norman Gauss '58**, now of Paso Robles, CA, were at

Cornell at the same time but didn't meet until many years later in Los Angeles. They met in a support group for people with chemical injuries and led a group called the Environmental Health Association. Last summer Anne traveled East for her high school reunion, staying with **Anne Townsend** Salisbury and her husband, who live on the shore of Keuka Lake.

"Those CAU trips are really great!" writes **Nancy Iams** Walsh, who traveled with CAU to New Zealand in February. Also on the trip was **Helen Watrous** Flanagan. "I don't think I had seen her since we were in Clara Dickson together as freshmen," says Nancy. Perhaps they'll meet again at our 50th Reunion—just three years from now! ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Congratulations to **Larry Klein**, who was elected to the Palo Alto (CA) City Council in November 2005. Allegedly, one of his friends pointed out that "Larry recycled himself," referring to the fact that he previously served on the council in the 1980s and was mayor of Palo Alto for two of those years.

Gerry Cerand sent word from Potomac, MD, that he just bought a home outside Ithaca, overlooking Cayuga Lake, where he plans to retire. "After attending Cornell, having three children attend Cornell, and growing up in Elmira, the draw to the Cornell area becomes excessive," Gerry says. He concedes the following, though: "I still plan on living in Potomac during the winters (guess why?)." His daughter **Jacqueline** will graduate in '07 from the ILR school, while **Tanner '04** is a stockbroker and investment advisor in Washington, DC, and **Lauren '01** is in New York, managing her own public relations firm. Gerry also reports that he sees **Dave Auble**, MBA '62, and **Bob Boehlecke**, BArch '61, quite often in Ithaca, and keeps in touch with several members of other classes. Thinking about old friends, he says there is plenty of room in the Ithaca house for visitors, "but call ahead as reservations are already being taken!"

Other classmates on the move include **Joel** and **Karen Kurtz Bayer**, who built a new house during the fall of 2005 in Okatie, SC, near Hilton Head. "We are enjoying the South a lot," says Karen. "I am very busy with many of the activities that the Hilton Head area has to offer." Also to be found below the Mason-Dixon line are **Alan Fishman**, BArch '61, and his wife Libby, who headed in that direction after he retired from the practice of architecture in Pittsburgh. Now in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Alan says, "Here we are in paradise with hurricanes. Hurricane Wilma was frightening!" He distracts himself from weather worries with part-time work at a local architectural firm and says he's "enjoying semi-retirement."

Also pleased with their situation in Florida are Cy and **Gail Krantz** Glickman. "Living in Sarasota and loving it," reports Gail. "Tennis, dance classes, and work are great!" The Glickmans' two sons are in Atlanta and Washington State and have produced five grandchildren thus far. Still up north are Leonard and **Estelle Gittleman** Weiss

of Jackson, NJ. Estelle says, "We are both retired and enjoying ourselves. We have seven grandchildren, but none close to where we live at this point." Happily retired in the West are **Wilfred '55**, PhD '62, and **Janet Merkel Klemperer** of Boulder, CO. Janet says they enjoy both the winter and summer activities there, and she keeps busy with her music, both piano and choral, and her botany work with the City of Boulder Open Space. The Klemperers have four grandchildren living fairly close by, but two others are in Freiburg, Germany. Though that's far away, says Janet, "southwest Germany is a beautiful area to visit!"

which was led by **Margie Seybold**, Fran's freshman year corridor-mate at Cornell. In anticipation of returning for Reunion 2006 (full Reunion Report due in the next issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*), Fran remembered fall football weekends, long walks in the gorges, the snow-covered woods near campus, and singing in the Willard Straight Music Room with **Peter Yarrow '59**.

Author's Corner. **Barbara Jacobs** Mitnick just completed *The Hyde and Watson Foundation: A History*, which chronicles how two esteemed private foundations merged in 1984 to form one of the leading organizations serving the capital needs

'What the water didn't destroy, the mold did.'

FRAN SHAPIRO IVKER '61

I am sorry to report the death on February 7 of **George Farley** of Naperville, IL. A devoted alumnus and former member of the Big Red basketball team, George is survived by his wife, two sons, and a granddaughter. Further sad news arrived of the death of **Sue Laubengayer Cowing** of Binghamton, NY, on April 2, after a difficult struggle with cancer. A ceramic artist who earned her MFA from the U. of Chicago after graduating from Cornell, Sue was also active in the League of Women Voters, serving as president and in several other positions. Her survivors include husband **Tom '59**, a professor of economics at SUNY Binghamton, three children, and two grandchildren.

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61 *Coping With Katrina.* At the time we submitted this news column at the end of April, **Fran Shapiro** Ivker was still coping with the aftermath of losing her home, office, hospital office, and her entire ob/gyn practice in New Orleans. Here is some of what Fran reported: "My home was submerged under five and a half feet of corrosive water for three weeks. What the water didn't destroy, the mold did. Every stitch of clothing and all of our furnishings were gone." As a longtime resident of New Orleans, Fran placed the blame for what she called "this man-made disaster" squarely on the "greed, corruption, and stupidity" of Louisiana's politicians. Since she could only envision more of the same during the rebuilding, Fran resettled in Birmingham, AL, the last place she ever would have considered moving to when she was a student on the Hill. Now she has a home there, as well as her grandchildren. She's studying for her Alabama medical license and hopes to work part-time in a clinic. She and her husband Barry still return to their former home, don HazMat suits, and search through the muck and slime for family valuables.

Before Katrina last year, Fran's 3-on-3 New Orleans basketball squad was awarded a silver medal at the Senior Olympics in Pittsburgh. Ironically, the gold medal was won by San Diego,

of non-profit organizations. In the book, which is meant to be a primer for foundation boards, she also delves into the history and regulation of philanthropy in the US. Barbara and her husband Howard are planning to move from New Jersey to downtown Philly later this year. Their son John is a lawyer in the White House Counsel's office, and their daughter Jane is a certified gemologist. **Mark Goodman** of Lake Worth, FL, is writing both a professional memoir and a coming-of-age novel set in the '50s.

Leaving on a Jet Plane (or Train). **Doug Fuss** and his wife Sue toured Israel for nine days with a group of Savannians. The tour was exceptionally well-run (and very secure), according to Doug. He was pleased with the mix of culture, religion, history, and politics that they learned about. Following the trip, they spent some time in Paris before returning to Savannah in time for Doug to umpire some US Tennis Assn. and NCAA tennis matches. He became certified several years ago and likes the idea of getting out of the house and becoming active with young people in the sport. Following Reunion 2006, **Gail Smith** McDougall was scheduled to take the VIA Rail Canada's Rocky Mountain Rail Vacation beginning in Vancouver and continuing through Jasper, Banff, and Lake Louise to Calgary. Last winter's vacation took Gail to Mexico, where she "went swimming with the dolphins." At home in North Rose, NY, Gail is developing a website that will feature her unique, one-of-a-kind pins and pendants fabricated from antique and costume jewelry. **Jim Keenan** and his wife Ginny enjoy European travel. When they're back home in Reno, NV, Jim is the county purchasing manager and an adjunct professor at a community college.

Retired and Loving It. **Bill Friedman**, MS '65, has retired from Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in Upstate New York. He wrote, "Now it's finally the right time for me to be able to do the things that I'd like to do, not what I have to do." **Craig Moore's** retirement activities in Melba, ID, consist of music and looking after his ranch. How nice is that!

Update on Cornell Fund activities. With a little over a month to go before reunion, we were closing in on our goals of 550 participants and

61 Tower Club members. The Cornell Annual Fund reported that '61 attained its goals for this reunion ahead of all other reuniting classes. This ensures the continuation of '61's outstanding philanthropic legacy to Cornell and the strong tradition of "giving back" in honor of reunion.

Retirement of Class Correspondent. After ten years of reporting the news of the class, your correspondent is planning to turn the post over to a new volunteer. Thanks to those who have written to tell me how pleased they were with the class columns. And, by the way, thanks and much appreciation to all of those classmates who were so kind and considerate in calling regularly and

For the past 16 years, **Marvin Shaub**, aka Moose (MHShaub@aol.com), has had a consulting company in Princeton, NJ, called Teletienda, specializing in marketing to Hispanics. "Last August, when I turned 65, I decided I had had enough of business and decided to retire and do something else. So I have enrolled in an interesting PhD program and hope to have the degree in two years. It is a small program (only three people per year) co-sponsored by the Taos Institute (a social science think tank in Taos, NM) and Tilburg U. in Holland. I am writing about the acculturation experiences of American immigrants, particularly Hispanic, Japanese, and Muslim, with my

passions—the things that keep us involved, motivated, intense, focused, centered, or otherwise active. A passion might be called a refocusing and different pacing of our drive and ambition. It might be a talent, such as music, art, or writing. It could be work or work-related. Some of us have hobbies, such as theatre, genealogical research, and sports, that we are now able to address with the verve that we have previously only imagined. Maybe it's giving back in an area of our community or world that we are committed to improving, making our planet a better place to occupy. Perhaps it's a second career. Many of us are on a threshold, a transitional passageway of one sort or another. What is that like? What takes us over the threshold? What makes us want to leap out of bed in the morning? What gets our juices flowing? What do you think? Please send ideas for speakers, passions, and help to me at evieskin@aol.com SOON. This symposium takes a lot of planning, and a lot of good ideas! Don't hesitate to volunteer yourself and/or your own passion."

There's more to come. We need more dues-payers in order to have more column space, so if you haven't done so yet, please return your News and Dues from our most recent class mailing. ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

'Dave Cummings retired two years ago and has been on the road ever since.'

BEV JOHNS LAMONT '64

visiting me during my recent recuperation from total knee replacement surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital. These included **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, **Rochelle Kramer** Busch, **Bobbi Horowitz**, **Doug Heymann**, **Dale Abrams** Adams, **Ellie Browner** Greco, and **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64. I'm expecting to be in tip-top shape by reunion and ready to advise others. Gail Smith McDougall calls it the "Popular Club" for our generation. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, e-mail: dsk15@cornell.edu. Class website, www.cornell61.org.

main premise being that in recent days much of the immigrant community—of a substantially different nature from previous major immigrant groups—goes through a process that leaves them not in the Great American Melting Pot but as part of the rising wave of American bi-culturalists—people who can move back and forth seamlessly between cultures and languages. Years of dealing with Hispanics left me with a lot of knowledge about them and their culture. I can speak from personal experience about the Japanese, as I lived in Japan for a few years, have a Japanese wife, still have some things going on in Japan, and have a lot more knowledge about their unique culture than most *gaijins* (foreigners to Japan). The Muslim culture is one that I do not know much about. However, most other non-Muslims don't know much either, so whatever I find out will enlighten someone. When I get the degree I hope to teach some college-level seminars. And there are a few books I would like to write."

Moose received his MBA at Harvard, then spent three years with the USAF, followed by Ogilvy and Mather, McKinsey, and the Franklin Mint. He has three adult children and three grandchildren, all living in New York. "Additionally, I have a daughter about to turn 12. She is bilingual, bi-cultural, a good student, and a fine athlete. She is an up-and-coming figure skater around these parts. We also have a bulldog named Davy, so if anyone would like to give his or her regards to Davy, this would be a great opportunity."

If you're in Switzerland, you may want to look up **Jackie Browne** Bugnion in St. George (jackie@bugnion.org). **Lou Albright**, PhD '72 (LDA1@cornell.edu) is a faculty member in the Biological and Environmental Engineering department at Cornell, with the stated goal of working a few more years and then gradually working less.

The class is fortunate that **Evelyn Eskin** has agreed to chair the traditional class symposium for reunion next year. Here's how you can help. Your class council has been talking about possibilities; some of their ideas are reflected in these thoughts. "We are considering focusing on our

63 Class president **Ed Butler**, MS '65, and other officers **Carol Westenhoefer** Anderson, **Donna Forsman**, **Paula Trested** Laholt-Oeste, and **Gwen Sibson** Porcaro met at the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting on the weekend of February 18. Ed was encouraged by the increase in dues-payers from 2004-05. He hopes that your response will be even better this year. It was decided to increase class dues in 2007 due to a slight increase in the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* subscription.

The book that is assigned reading for the incoming freshman class will be mailed to all class dues-payers—maybe that's an incentive to pay! There was a lot of discussion at the class meeting, as well as subsequent e-mails, regarding a class gift for our 45th and then our 50th. Reunion 2008 is only two years away. Please e-mail Ed at Ebutler24@aol.com with suggestions for what you would like to have included in reunion or if you want to work on any of the reunion committees. **Marijane Beattie** Watson is reunion chairman and is already hard at work.

We just had a visit from **Neil and Edie Osborne Kochenour**, MD '69. Edie retired from the U. of Utah in 2003, where she administered the study skills program in counseling. Neil will retire in June as medical director of the U. of Utah hospital. He had been an ob/gyn for 30 years. They are planning to move to Tucson next year and spend their summers in their home in Big Sky, MT. We are excited at the prospect of having them around Tucson. **Marion Travalini** Rodd is account manager with St. John Record Programs in Valencia, CA. One daughter, **Allison Rodd** Ceppi '92, is a marketing manager for Warner Home Video and has one son. Daughter Amy Rodd Mackenzie (Colgate '94) received her MD from Drexel College of Medicine and has a

62 THE MORE THE MERRIER! That is the goal of the Affinity Group Chair for our 45th Reunion, **Cathy Van Buren Bomberger**. Please write her (cathybomb@aol.com) if you are willing to contact your Cornell friends to make sure your group has a great turnout on the Hill next year. NOW is the time to make contacts so everyone can plan to take advantage of this opportunity to have a wonderful time, renew friendships, make new friends, and enjoy beautiful Ithaca.

News from Cathy and **Pete** '61: "We're just fine, but falling apart, so that's the old part! Disgusting! We're getting in shape (put back together) to go to Hawaii in August and Montana in September. We'll also be attending Pete's reunion in June. This has been a fun year for our family with two new granddaughters. Son Craig and Melissa in Arlington, VA, have 6-month-old Ella Mary, while our daughter Kristen and Gerard Boston, in Covington, LA, have 3-month-old Claire Mae. Luke Boston is 5 now and king of the group. We've been visiting Louisiana about every three months, hoping to be of support. They evacuated to Indiana and are now doing quite well. They were lucky, however, with limited damage." **Jay Keller** has operated the Shire Inn in Vermont for the past 13 years, and "it is time to move on to phase two of our careers, whatever that turns out to be. We are building a home in DeLand, FL (map, plans, and pictures at www.twokellers.com) and will venture from there."

young daughter. Marion reports that **Bill '62** and **Karen Kraengle Evenden** raise lavender and olives in Ojai, CA. **John, PhD '68**, and **Kathy Reimer Hartnett, MA '67**, live in Santa Barbara.

Carolyn Handler Miller and her husband Terry Borst live in Los Angeles. Carolyn splits her time between Los Angeles and Santa Fe, NM. She belongs to Cornell clubs in both places. Her book, *Digital Storytelling: A Creator's Guide to Interactive Entertainment*, was recently published by Focal Press and is already going into its second printing. She has given workshops in South Africa, Rome, and Paris, as well as around the US. She'll be in Dubai in the fall.

Fern Goldstein Schair and her husband Alexander Forger live in New York City. Fern is senior vice president at American Arbitration Association. Her pro bono work includes chairing the board of Fund for Modern Courts (a NYS court reform organization), being president (and co-founder) of Children's Law Center (an organization of lawyers and social workers representing children in New York's family courts), and being first vice president of National Equal Justice Library. She has children Alison Schair and **Adam Schair '90**, who is married with two children. Father **David Willis Geib** is a Catholic priest. He has worked for the past 24 years as a campus minister and recently joined the staff at the Catholic chaplaincy at Stanford U. in Palo Alto, CA.

If you haven't done so yet, please send along the News Form that came with your dues request. Or e-mail me directly. Don't forget Reunion in 2008! ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@msn.com.

64 It's early summer. Time for some light reading. So settle back and enjoy the news from your classmates. Congrats to attorney

Richard Rivitz. Last January he was elected managing partner of his law firm, Kahn Kleinman, of Cleveland, OH. Richard and wife Joan live in nearby Moreland Hills, OH, and have a grown son and daughter and two grandchildren. Last year they vacationed in Jackson Hole, WY.

Dave Cummings retired two years ago, sold his home in Sedona, AZ—and has been on the road ever since, traveling with wife Chris in a 40-foot mobile home, visiting national parks and small towns, plus spending time with their children and grandchildren in St. Louis and Connecticut. Once the summer's traveling is over, they will return to their condo in Palm Desert, CA, that they moved into this last spring. **Joe James** and wife Shirley also moved—from Fresno to Carlsbad, CA. He still works as a produce broker for his own company, Joe James Inc. During the winter, Joe works out of Nogales, AZ. **Lois Weyman** Dow celebrated her "Class of '64 is 64" by getting married to a high school classmate, William Rowe, whom she re-met when her high school class celebrated its "Class of '60 is 60."

Last February, **Marcia Goldschlager** Epstein welcomed the class officers who attended the first Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting to be held in Philadelphia in 101 years, an event which she played a large role in organizing! Attendees included class president

Janet Spencer King, **Linda Cohen Meltzer**, **Carolyn Chauncey Neuman**, **Judie Pink Gorra**, **Barbara Furman Attardi**, **Steve** and **Nancy Lore Einhorn**, **Nancy Taylor Butler**, **Lenore Weitzman**, and **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66. Marcia is still a professor at Community College of Philadelphia and with husband Paul lives in Gladwyne, PA.

Brief notes: Accountant **Cynthia Fulton** Edmondson lives in Houston, TX. **Heather Cole**, a librarian at the Lamont Library at Harvard U., lives in Cambridge, MA, with her husband Stratis Haviaras. **Charles Thornton**, a partner in the law firm Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, still lives in San Francisco.

Thomas Mueller, ME '66, is retired but has what he calls a "pretend job: betting on thoroughbred race horses twice per month." He also is an election officer once a year, which, he says, gives him a chance to meet his neighbors, but he wishes more people would vote. Tom watches Cornell hockey on TV with the Cornell Club of Washington. **Beth Corson** Wagner says her passion is photography, mostly black and white, now almost completely digital, and mainly of flowers, scenic vistas, and architecture. She even has her photos on her website (www.bethwagner.com). Beth and husband Wayne live in Venice, CA. She was contacted recently by her Cornell roommate **Rita Maras**, who lives in NYC and Germany, has enjoyed their renewed friendship, and looks forward to seeing her again after all these years.

Last March, **Harold Evensky**, MCE '67, chairman of Evensky & Katz, an investment management firm in Coral Gables, FL, discussed key issues raised in his book, *Retirement Income Redesigned: Master Plans for Distribution*, a retirement planning guide for baby boomers, at a company-sponsored lecture. Harold co-edited the book with his firm's partner, Deena Katz. **Warren Bowman**, ME '66, is retired but keeps busy traveling with wife Arlene. They visited Argentina and Chile early this year, went to Budapest and Prague in April, and will be in Italy in October. At home in Wilmington, DE, Warren enjoys walking, biking, weight training, music, and reading. **Brian Wruble**, ME '66, and wife Kathleen divide their time between their home in Manhattan, Maryland's Eastern Shore, and Key West, FL, where they recently acquired a home. Their youngest daughter, Zane, is attending this season's Cornell Summer College program for high school students.

When it comes to travel, **Leslie Seiden** simply notes, "all over." Leslie is a psychiatrist with a full-time practice in Manhattan and the Poconos. She lives in NYC with husband Hal Rosenblum and they have two grown sons. Leslie enjoys tennis, golf, and exercise, and writes, "Keeping busy keeps me young." Also still working is **Dennis Sweeney**, a restaurant consultant. Dennis recently was appointed '64 class director for the Cornell Hotel Society. He also continues as an industry advisor to Hotel Ezra Cornell. Wife Maria Palacios-Hardes was recently inducted as an honorary member into the Cornell Hotel Society for her work teaching Hotel school students. The Sweeneys live in Orange, CT.

Marshall Case reports that a second US president has participated in an event of the American Chestnut Foundation, of which Marshall has

been president/CEO since 1997. In a ceremony last September, former President Jimmy Carter helped him in the planting of American chestnut trees at the Carter Center and spoke at their public dedication.

David Keranen is retired from teaching math at Bakersfield (CA) Community College, in the town where he lives with wife Elizabeth. The Keranens have three grown children. David enjoys golf, reading, and travel, recently to Italy, New Zealand, and France. Also retired are **Fred Belinger** and his wife Linda, who live in Indianapolis, IN, where Fred enjoys gardening and woodcrafting. Their recent travel included Florida, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. **Alice Anderson** Rapasky, who lives in Sequim, WA, reports she and husband Rick recently bought a place to crash in Seattle, convenient for their enjoyment of ballet, Broadway shows, and the symphony. The Rapaskys enjoy cruising, recently to Scandinavia, St. Petersburg, the Panama Canal, and the Mediterranean.

Correction: In last November's column, I reported that **Steve Gottesman** attended a CAU course in Great Trails. That should have been Great Trials. Kindly excuse the error. Steve writes that he is recuperating once again from renal cancer, which already has cost him one kidney. Despite this, and assuming his healing proceeds as hoped, Steve plans to return to Cornell once again as an "extramural" student, taking law school courses as he did in the '90s.

That's all the news I have on hand, so as I write this in April, I am hoping lots of news comes in soon from the annual class mailing. Be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 As I sit down to write my first column as your new class correspondent, I must tell you how much I have enjoyed reading all the news I have received. However, we can always use more news so please write or e-mail any one of the three of us and tell us what's new in your lives, what you are doing, if you have seen or spoken to any classmates, and anything else you think might be of interest.

Steven Lazarus writes that *Electronic Health Records: Transforming Your Medical Practice*, written by him and Margaret Amatayakul, was one of the two recipients of the HIMSS 2005 Book of the Year Award. Administered by the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society, the award honors books in the health information technology field that offer practical guidance or strategic insight for healthcare information and management professionals. Steve is president of Boundary Information Group, a national healthcare information systems consulting firm headquartered in Denver, CO.

A letter from **Peter Heylin** talks about a 40th SAE reunion. "Many attended, and one outstanding part of the reunion was about classmate **Bob Crosby**, who died in a tragic accident while serving in the Vietnam War. He was an only child and all of his family is dead. Who was going to remember him like our children will remember

us? Consequently, they made the biggest part of their reunion a memorial to Bob. The flag from his Swift Boat was mounted and now hangs in the SAE dining hall along with a plaque telling vignettes of his short life. A memory book will be placed in the chapter library." Peter is retired and on the Santa Cruz, CA, County Commission and two county advisory committees.

Fellow class correspondent **Ron Harris** writes that he and his wife Marcia bought a condo in Lake Worth, FL. Marcia spent the winter there, missing a Michigan winter, and Ron went down about a week a month, as he is still working for a small consulting/staffing company, ASG Renaissance. Their daughter Elana (Penn '96) is an editor for an advertising company that specializes in the Internet. Son **Andrew '98** lives in Chicago. He received an MBA from the U. of Michigan and works for ZS Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in marketing and sales. Ron is still interviewing high school students who have applied to Cornell. Class VP **George Arangio**, MD '69, has been appointed clinical professor of orthopedic surgery at the Milton S. Hershey Medical College, Pennsylvania State U., and has been appointed to the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society research committee. George and wife Judy recently traveled to Ireland with friends.

Myron Jacobson ran into **Bob Kessler** and **Robert Huret** (not at the same time) having dinner at the Cornell Club in NYC. Myron wants to know if any classmates would be interested in an off-year mini-reunion in NYC. You can contact him at 14 Strawberry Lane, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. In an interesting e-mail, Dr. **Leona Fass** writes that she has been a front-of-house volunteer at the Sunset Cultural Center Theatre in Carmel-by-the-Sea, where she resides. As part of this, she was a volunteer at the recent performance by John Cleese. Not just a Cambridge alum and Monty Python alum, etc., he is now Andrew Dickson White professor-at-large at Cornell. Leona also writes that the Carmel Residents Association Citizen-of-the-Year honoree for 2006 is architect, artist, former City Councilman, and former Planning Commissioner **Olof Dahlstrand '38**, BArch '39.

Jean Dahlstrom Marcucci is presently in the Peace Corps in Kenya. She writes, "We're living outside Nyeri, north of Nairobi, between Mt. Kenya and Aberdares National Park. I can be reached by e-mail (we go into town about once or twice a week to a cybercafé) at danjean@allmail.net, or by phone, 0736 808 284—text is best. I'd be especially happy to hear from anyone living in Kenya." **Laura Star** Sbarra is retired and has moved to Green Valley, AZ.

News from two bicyclists. **Bruce Bennett**, who lives in Oakland, CA, finished a 200-mile bike ride from Oakland to Yosemite in two days. **Jon Farbman** from Atlantic Highlands, NJ, has been a competitive road/criterium bicycle racer for the last five years.

Please send in news directly to one of our class correspondents or send it in with your annual dues. We're looking forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Terry Kohleriter** Schwartz, 36 Founders Green, Pittsford, NY 14534, tel., (585) 383-0731; e-mail, Terryks7@aol.com; **Joan Elstein**

Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028; and **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 Congrats to **Jean Pechuman** McIntyre, Waterville, ME, who recently retired from the Colby College chemistry department.

Her husband has also recently retired from Colby, where he taught German for 30 years. We wish them both well in their golden years. **Anne Gerhart** Larrison writes from Columbus, OH, that she went back to and graduated from law school in 1986, worked for the Ohio Supreme Court, and then spent ten years as director of the Ohio Judicial Conference before she retired. She and husband Larry recently purchased an old farmhouse where they plan to spend time with their five grandchildren. They also are spending a lot of time on Lake Erie and in Michigan when Larry can get away from his stockbroker job.

John Hyland is also enjoying retirement, after 33-plus years as a high school teacher. He lives in Oceanside, CA, but occupies most of his time visiting new places and revisiting old haunts and people he has recently met or known for years. Retirement allowed him to actively learn a new pace of life and he loves it. His biggest problem is trying to choose among the myriad of opportunities and activities that present themselves every day.

Not everyone is retiring. Dr. **John Richert** and wife Nancy are maintaining their Chevy Chase, MD, address but moving to New York City, where John has taken a new job as vice president for research and clinical programs at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Nancy will join the Dept. of Radiology at Mount Sinai Medical Center. Congratulations to both of them! **Carolyn Rider** Chase e-mailed from Salt Lake City that she continues to be a real estate investor and is keeping up her many hobbies—photography, gardening, staying in touch with family and friends, and skiing the greatest snow on earth (Utah).

Sad news to report. **Robert Stewart Ball** died this last December in Washington, DC, where he was attending a meeting. He was director of the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. He had also been in VISTA and the Army Reserve, and before his career with the State of New York, he had human service planning positions for local governments in New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. Our class sends heartfelt condolences to his family.

Madeleine Levine Fay is busy working at the Fallon Clinic as an endocrinologist, keeping very busy dealing with the big increase in diabetes in this country. She is also raising a high school student—and many of us remember the challenges of that! She writes that in her spare time she enjoys traveling, tennis, and skiing and is still trying to get her life back together since the death of her husband **Fred '65** eight years ago.

Richard Turbin fills us in on his last five hectic years. He was elected president of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 2005 and organized a major international Bar convention in Honolulu. He and wife Rai continue to run a very successful law practice, and Rich was honored recently by

Harvard Law School as a "distinguished alumnus." There are unsubstantiated rumors that **Ron Goldstock**, **Rick Mezan**, and **Steve Moldof** and fellow Harvard Law graduates were promised vacations in paradise if they nominated Rich. Just kidding—a very well-deserved award. Rich and Rai are very proud of both of their children. Son Derek is a senior at Occidental College and plays strong safety on the football team (which just repeated as Division 3 NCAA champs for Southern California, going 9–0); and daughter Laurel is finishing her master's in public health at Columbia and will graduate in May '06. This has meant a lot of traveling back and forth from Hawaii for Rich and Rai.

Please continue to send your news (and dues) to any of your correspondents or to **Rolf Frantz** (raf22@cornell.edu) or **Alice Katz** Berglas (akb66@aol.com). A full Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. ♦ **Bill Blockton**, bill@rbsfabrics.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; and **John Miers**, johnmiers@comcast.net.

67 Lots of catching up to do. Some of this has gotten long in the tooth, but if something about your news needs updating, please let me

know, preferably by e-mail. **Michael Platzer**, MA/JD '71 (michaelkplatzer@yahoo.com) is retired in Vienna, Austria, which makes me think that our forthcoming reunion (June 7–10, 2007—be there!) might be titled "Reunion in Vienna" after the Robert Sherwood play in the '30s starring the Lunts. Just a thought. Michael writes that his two daughters completed master's degrees, Miriam at Teachers College, Columbia, and Barbara at the U. of Chicago. Son Nicholas was finishing a BA in film and television studies at Bond U. in Australia.

"Having the best time of my life as my business continues with robust growth: www.coopers townstay.com," **Lonetta Swartout** (Cooperstown, NY; lonetta2000@aol.com) reports. "As founder and CEO, every day is a learning curve. Having learned to reinvent myself more than once, I'm realizing all past experiences were only preparation for this. Would love to participate in women's senior rowing events. Where do I find a crew for women our age?" **Anne Healey** Hollingworth (anne.hollingworth@utswestern.edu) is "still at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas" as senior library information specialist and volunteering at Botanical Research Inst. of Texas (BRIT). "Glad to be in botany once again! Doing plant drawings for BRIT."

John Macaluso (Newport Beach, CA; johnmac@cornellgroup.biz) was inducted into La Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin at Clos de Vougeot in Burgundy. John adds, "I sold all my restaurants in the last few years and formed a consulting group." "On the move again! Back to the beautiful Northeast (western Massachusetts)," writes **Dave DeBell** (Westfield, MA; ddebell@mestek.com), who "started as vice president, human resources, for Mestek, a leader in HVAC and metal-forming equipment. Much closer to family—and back to hills and trees!"

Judy Limouze Price (JLP18@cornell.edu) "retired from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County on April 1 (no joke) after 18-1/2

years. Still have a contract with the Division of Nutritional Sciences in HumEc at Cornell to serve as a food preservation expert/resource for the NYS Extension System. I'm still playing in a handbell choir at my church, volunteering on various committees there, and really enjoying the fact that the alarm clock has been permanently shut off." More retirement, this one by Prof. **Jeffrey Chesky** (Springfield, IL; chesky.jeffrey@uis.edu) from the U. of Illinois, where he gave the keynote talk at the Illinois Mental Health and Aging Conference and has also been selected for the Miami Beach High School Hall of Fame. Jeff adds: "Heard **Ronni Chernoff** give a terrific talk in St. Louis and had dinner with **Harvey Greenberg** in El Paso."

James Munger (Mexico, NY), married to Mary Jean Satterlee of Clyde, NY, writes that he retired as a science teacher at Mexico Central School in 2000. Son Keith is now 32 and daughter Maureen is a physical education teacher in Kingston, NY. James, who's related to Rose O'Neill, creator of the Kewpies, maintains his interest in Kewpie dolls and is a volunteer for the H. Lee White Marine Museum in Oswego, NY. Amid all the retirement news, **Paul Schweikher** (Phoenix, AZ; pschweik@pcds.org) remains director of college counseling at Phoenix Country Day School. He and wife Mary have children Erich, 24, and Claire, 19. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 I hope this finds all well with you. I'm writing this in early May, and am off to Ithaca next weekend to visit my daughter, a sophomore in the Arts college. I greatly look forward to each trip back.

John Grocki lives in Enfield, CT, and works as a consultant in the metals industry. He enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking, and snowshoeing. John would like to hear from **Bill VanEe**, an old friend. I recently saw **Bill Falik** and **Alice Richmond** at a Harvard Law reunion in Cambridge. Bill lives in California and has recently sold the large residential real estate project that he had been developing for many years. He is now considering future plans. Alice lives in Boston with her husband David and daughter Betsy, who attends Brown. After a highly distinguished legal career, Alice is now exploring other opportunities in the foundation and non-profit world.

Carol Fisher Ganz (ganzc@bellsouth.net) lives in Atlanta. Carol has three grown children, two boys and a girl. Her daughter lives in NYC and is a lawyer with Simpson, Thatcher. Carol would love to hear from any classmates in the Atlanta area. **Rebecca Johnson Irvine** lives in Ephrata, PA, with her husband Keith. Their son **Matthew '96** is married and lives in London. Son Joshua is also married and works as a therapist in Pennsylvania, and daughter **Charity '01** is currently attending graduate school for training in counseling. Rebecca teaches in Lancaster.

I regret to report the following e-mail from **Michael Schenker**, JD '74. He writes, "It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that **David Muntner** passed away suddenly earlier in April. He will be missed." I knew Dave from

high school as well as Cornell, and was very sorry to hear this news.

Steve Siegel, our class secretary, let me know that nearly 40 classmates attended History professor Walter LaFeber's special final public lecture at the Beacon Theater in NYC on April 25. Many also joined in the class dinner afterwards that Steve organized at a local restaurant. As you may have read in the May/June issue, Prof. LaFeber is

Charlotte Bruska Gardner notes there are just too many incredible Cornell memories to recall and that her school friendships have been lifelong! Recently, **Leslie Abramson** Conason, **Patty Stahl**, and **Nancy Althouse** Heath—all freshman corridor-mates—got together for a mini-reunion. At home, Charlotte is a real estate developer and realtor who kayaks, swims, skis, and gardens in her leisure hours. However, with a daughter at

'Where do I find a crew for women our age?'

LONETTA SWARTOUT '67

retiring after 47 years of teaching, and the event, attended by more than 2,000 Cornellians, was a moving tribute to a beloved teacher and mentor.

While I'm not able to list everyone's name here, I would happily receive news from anyone who attended the event if you would care to share your impressions of the evening or other news of your life. In addition, our annual class News and Dues mailing was sent out in the spring, and I look forward to hearing from you all on the News Forms. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon_silver@comcast.net.

69 **Bob Kaufelt**, whose picture appeared on the cover of this magazine some months ago with an accompanying story about Murray's Cheese Shop, writes, "The most remarkable thing . . . They put my picture on the cover of the *Alumni News* under the heading 'Cheese Whiz' (or was it 'Big Cheese?'). This elicited two reactions from classmates: 'Kaufelt, you barely attended classes. Why the hell are you on the cover?' And the other was, 'Maybe women will call you now.' It all proves that you can never tell about life: Government major / law school dropout finds happiness in cheese." Writes **Dale Coats**, who retired several years ago only to start another career in real estate, "I do like what I'm doing." He is the site manager for a large senior housing complex, as well as a part-time realtor. And if that doesn't keep him busy, Dale says, "(I am) grandpa of seven . . . and the doer of the honey-do list." He also finds time to jog, relax at his cottage on the St. Lawrence River, and cheer the Ottawa Senators. In answer to the question about fond memories of Cornell, Dale recalls tray-sliding and notes that he still has the tray!

Another classmate who happily remembers tray-sliding is **Naresh Khanna**. He now lives in New Delhi, India, where he is a jeweler specializing in precious stones, as well as a hotel investor. Naresh writes that he has been traveling on business to jewelry shows, most recently to New York City, Dubai, and Singapore, but that he would rather be traveling for pleasure, perhaps cruising or visiting scenic places and resorts. **Ken Hamlet '66** and **Chris Ryan '72** are old Cornell friends that Naresh says he would most like to hear from.

Penn State, she has also been spending time traveling between Vermont and Pennsylvania. Charlotte writes that she would most like to hear from **Jacqui Stark**.

"It was a big year for traveling," say **Al** and **Claire Scully DeLauro**. In May they took delivery of a new car in Europe, which they used to tour Germany and France. Then in the fall, it was off to northern Spain. On both trips, they visited with friends, sampled the local wines, and enjoyed the cuisine. Back in the US, they attended the wedding of Allison Bartlett, daughter of John and **Maria Keiser** Bartlett, where they caught up with **Carolyn Ugiss** Altieri and **Suzanne Backiel** Slattery. More recently, the DeLauros got together with **Peggy Johnson** Nichols and her son **Patrick '97** in Austin, TX.

Douglas Yoder wrote a week after Hurricane Wilma. "The fall has been dominated by cleaning up after hurricanes that should not have caused the extensive damage that they did. At the moment we continue to be without power a week after Wilma, and the extensive tree canopy in Coral Gables has been substantially destroyed . . . noticeably worse than (after) Hurricane Andrew." Doug's concern is professional as well as private, since he is the asst. director in the Miami-Dade Environmental Resources Management Dept. After Katrina but before Wilma, he and his wife adopted an abandoned dog from New Orleans. Doug says that she has fit in quickly and shows her affection at every opportunity. Before the spate of hurricanes, Doug enjoyed an occasional round of golf with his son Todd, and adds that they both sing in the Congregational Church choir. Soon the Yoders will be making their full-time residence elsewhere, as Doug is planning to retire.

Madelaine Dryer is thinking wistfully about retirement but remains busy as a sales engineer for Reliance Gear Corp., a manufacturer of all types of open gearing to service diverse fields from medicine to the aircraft industry. In off-hours, Madelaine is involved in music. She sings in a community chorus in addition to attending opera, the symphony, and locally produced plays and musicals in her native Chicago. Not surprisingly, her fondest Cornell memory is walking across the Arts Quad on a crisp fall day listening to a chimes concert. Another music enthusiast, **Carol Hudson** sings in the Oakland Symphony Chorus and her

Unitarian Church choir. Since retiring as a food technologist and nutrition researcher, Carol volunteers for AACCC Int'l, an organization for cereal chemists. Carol serves as treasurer for the Northern California section and secretary in the nutrition division. And she is the secretary of the Belgian Sheep Dog Club, makes pottery, and is an amateur photographer. What Carol remembers best about Cornell is its scenic campus. **Cliff Neal** lets us know that he is in global project management with Pfizer, based in Groton, CT.

Washington, DC, Park City, UT, San Miguel, the Azores, Narragansett, and Bloomfield Hills, MI. In 2005, 13 DGs visited **Kim Dubin** Saporito's home in Boulder, CO. In addition to Hsiao Ping and Kim, those attending were **Sue Nelson** Anderson, **Bonnie Ershowsky** Caruso, **Peggy Fitzpatrick**, **Rachel Verowitz** Gubman, **Linda Horecker** Lally, **Nena Donovan** Levine, **Judy Mustille**, **Buzzi Brueckner** McVay, **Debbie French** Peverill, **Sue Smith** Quick, and **Jane Gegenheimer** St. John. They visited Celestial Seasonings Tea and NCAR,

Counsel. **Murem Sakas** Sharpe writes that she saw **Paula Noonan** and her husband Phil Doe while they were visiting New York from Denver in the fall of 2005. Paula continues to teach and consult in distance learning, as well as serving as publisher of her son Raleigh's new magazine. **Cathy Souser** Henning and her husband John have developed a spectacular sheep farm and gardens from what were originally untended acres in Petaluma, CA. ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

'One of my section-mates and friends ended up being the current American president.'

JOSEPH CONNOLLY '72

Can anyone tell us about the following people: Robert A. Lester, William D. Alford, Edwin G. Jackson, Peter M. Konefal, Alan J. Levine, John R. Gimbel, Brent G. McGee, David A. Lettick, Robert B. Jacobs, George H. Manlove, Clifford S. Korte, Dennis G. Adelman, Martin A. Levine, Michael Goedecker, Victor P. Addonizio, James B. Lewis, Kathleen Kohles McGuinn, and Stanley J. Jakubaszek. ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

70 **Sandy Schorr** and her husband **Chuck Breckheimer, MAT/MS '69**, enjoyed our 35th Reunion, despite the heat, and especially had fun on campus with Sandy's former roommate **Maryellen Gaidusek Mitchell** and her husband **Bart**. They had some fun moments reminiscing in the Tri Delt house where Bart was a kitchen boy and Maryellen and Sandy worked as waitresses for their board. Bart went straight for a broom and showed them how he could clean the kitchen floor in less than a minute. They all stopped at the Chapter House for a beer. The place hadn't changed, but the hill seemed a bit steeper than any of them remembered. Chuck just retired from teaching high school AP Chemistry (27 years in Ithaca; six in Colorado). Last August, Sandy and Chuck moved to a town outside Asheville, NC, where she is a pediatrician and they are both closer to family. They can be reached at breckschorr@aol.com, and would love to hear from any friends who happen to be traveling through.

Many years ago, **Tom Newman** (tnewman@pharmanet.com), a physician by training, left practice for the pharmaceutical industry. Recently he was appointed COO of Pharmanet Inc., a contract research organization. He lives just outside of Princeton, NJ, and looks forward to watching the Big Red pummel the Tigers (which even happened in basketball this year). Tom says he enjoyed reunion in June '05, although he never believed it could get that hot in Ithaca! **Hsiao Ping Liu** Katz reports that for many years the Delta Gamma Class of 1970 has held annual mini-reunions at various members' homes. Locations have included Chicago, Santa Fe, Arrowhead, CA,

Painted pottery, went tubing down mountain streams, visited national parks, and talked and talked. Next they will visit Buzzi in Minneapolis, where they will have private guided tours of every significant art gallery and go horseback riding. In 2008 their plans are to visit China to celebrate our 60th birthdays together. Hsiao Ping says that as they have seen their families grow and themselves age, they have cherished and shared wonderful memories together.

Allan Weitzman (aweitzman@proskauer.com) and his wife Regina have lived in Boca Raton, FL, since 1995. Allan is board-certified by the Florida Bar as a specialist in labor and employment law and a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. Since the 11th grade, he has always wanted to practice labor and employment law. His ambitions and dreams have been fulfilled, since he has spent his entire professional career at Proskauer Rose LLP and became a partner in its labor and employment law department in 1981. Much of Allan's time is spent litigating in either state or federal court at the trial or appellate levels. He was selected by his peers for the 2005 and 2006 editions of the Best Lawyers in America and his speaking has led to recognition in an international Who's Who of Management, Labor and Employment Lawyers. Because of his experience as a management advocate in arbitration proceedings, he lectured at the ILR school to human resources practitioners. The topics were "The Investigatory Grievance: Developing Facts and Evidence," "Increasing Effectiveness in Arbitration," "Advanced Arbitration Skills," and "The Clash Between Management Rights and Privacy Invasion: Drug Testing, Polygraphs, and AIDS." Allan is often consulted and interviewed by business newspaper and magazine columnists for their articles on employment law issues.

Richard Ruebel has once again been named among the "2006 Super Lawyers" published by *Cincinnati* magazine and *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine. He was in fact listed in the Top 50 Super Lawyers in Cincinnati. Richard is a partner with the law firm Drew and Ward Co. LPA, where he specializes in estate planning and also practices in probate and taxation. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate

71 As this column is going to press, it is more than a month before our 35th Reunion. We ask that you check the September/October issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for coverage of Reunion Weekend plus the Reunion Report for our class.

Approximately 71 classmates gathered at the Chevy Chase home of **Art Spitzer** and **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas on March 26 for a pre-reunion party. The theme of the party was "Show Your Colors—Wear Red" and many people did. The house was decorated with red and white tulips, Cornell memorabilia, and red balloons. Our reunion chair, **Kathy Menton** Flaxman, and **Michael** and **Janet Lynn Cornfeld '72** helped considerably, introducing many classmates who did not know they knew one another. There were delightful reunions among classmates who turned out to be tied to each other in neighborhoods, workplaces, or volunteer commitments, or through children's schools. More than a few people were meeting up with classmates they had not seen in decades. Our pre-reunion gatherings would not have been so successful without the hard work of our class networking captain, **Sally Clark** Shumaker. Thanks, Sally, for your infectious spirit and dedication to our class.

Victor Curran (vcurran@dsgraphics.com), who worked so tirelessly on our beautiful pre-reunion party invitations, lives in the Boston area. Victor's career has been in printing, publishing, and graphic design. He has taught design classes at Northeastern U. and he now works in sales for DS Graphics in Lowell, MA. Victor has two children, Andrew, born in 1984, and Marcelia, born in 1987. Thank you, Victor, for all your hard work on behalf of our class!

This month we received news from **Richard Greif** (rgcardo@aol.com), who lives in Dobbs Ferry, NY. Richard is a cardiologist practicing in Yonkers. He and his wife Vicki have three children who are all Cornellians. **Arel '03** is working in New York for a media company, **Dylan '06** majored in English and Government and co-published the *Public Journal* while at Cornell (check it out at www.publicjournal.com), and **Shana '07** is majoring in Psychology. While at Cornell, Richard was on the tennis and squash teams. He still plays tennis regularly, including USTA leagues and an occasional tournament. (Coincidentally, Richard and **Rich Perlmutter**, who we wrote about in our March/April column, met when they were 12 years old at summer camp and their two camps played each other. They met again at Cornell when they both tried out for freshman tennis!)

Erik Videlock, a partner with the firm of Pepper Hamilton, is a patent and intellectual property

rights attorney in Philadelphia. He was recently elected to the board of directors of Family Support Services, a not-for-profit social services agency operating in Philadelphia and Delaware counties. **Jim Cunningham** (jfc35@cornell.edu) writes from Lexington, MA, that he is running the town Cable TV station and is the project lead for restoration of some important revolutionary war sites. **Rick Furbush** (rfurbush1@tampabay.rr.com) checked in from St. Petersburg, FL, where he has been immersed in building his custom woodworking business. Rick says he enjoyed his trip to campus for Trustee/Council Weekend. He has been president of the Cornell Club of the Sun Coast for the past eight years, which recently hosted a visit by Frank Rhodes.

We received a nice note from **Diana Petitti** in Sierra Madre, CA (dbpetitti@verizon.net). "After finishing medical school at Harvard in 1975, I took flight from the winters of the East Coast. I lived first in Northern California for 17 years and then in Southern California for the most recent 14, with a brief stint in Colorado. I am an epidemiologist (nothing whatever to do with skin—think epidemic). My professional life has been research and writing. I still do both, but also a lot of policy work with regard to the delivery of medical care. Now life. I make quilts, work with glass, hike, and bicycle, but not as much as I should. I have a couple of cats. My only child, a daughter, is 27 and out of the nest—going to law school. I sure miss the fall and the spring in Ithaca and, of course, the parties."

Richard Immerman (rimmerma@temple.edu) writes that he is currently living in London and wouldn't be able to return for reunion. Richard is a history professor and director of the Center for the Humanities at Temple U. His scholarship focuses on the history of US foreign relations since World II and the history of Intelligence. With former Eisenhower Under Secretary of State Robert Bowie, he co-authored *Waging Peace*, a book about Eisenhower's Cold War strategy.

We sadly report the death of **Louis Serpa** last September. He had been a resident of Arlington, VA, since 1987. Louis was a business broker and owned a number of businesses in the Virginia/D.C. area. Survivors include Nancy, his wife of 18 years, and three children, Michael, Matthew, and Kathleen. The Serpas lived in Lagos, Nigeria, from 1998 to 2001, where Nancy was assigned to the US Embassy.

As your class correspondents, we are always happy to receive news about classmates for the column. Please contact us and we will be delighted to write about you. ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

72 **Joseph Connolly** is the Willard Brown Distinguished Professor of Global Finance at American U. in Cairo, after a 30-year career on Wall Street and in London. He is also the US Commissioner for the US-UK Bilateral Commission for Fulbrights and a trustee of the American U. in London. He maintains homes in Manhattan, Boston, London, Paris, Zurich, and Cairo. With elegant understatement, Joe writes: "After I left Cornell I went back to Boston and went to a

local business school. One of my section-mates and friends ended up being the current American president." Others in Joe's circle include "Cornell classmates **Bob Selandar**, now Chairman and CEO of MasterCard Int'l, **Patty Guy**, US Consul in Munich, **Eric Edelman**, US Under Secretary of Defense, **Rich Johnston**, a Boston lawyer, and my best friend, **Jay Branegan**, now doing something on Capitol Hill. **Frank Ruiz** is chief architect in Albany and **Sherri McNulty** is a judge in the same city." Joe "quite enjoy[s] academia" and describes his American U. chair as "a nice perch."

June Feeks Brooks writes: "Last time I wrote it was to tell of the sudden death of my husband of 32 years. This time I have happy news to report. I was married last summer to Dan Kaye, an old friend with whom I had recently reconnected. Dan is the director of the public library in the small town where I teach. We now happily commute together from our home in Eugene, OR. We are both looking forward to retiring in just one more year. Unbelievable!" June and Dan recently spent a weekend in Portland visiting with **Tom Harvey** and his wife **Jan (Wagenhals)** '73. She reports that Tom is a family doctor in private practice and Jan is a school psychologist in the public schools. Their youngest son (of three) has just left home to begin his freshman year at Middlebury in Vermont. This summer, June and Dan plan to visit June's former roommate, **Deborah Kondis**, who is a gynecologist and mother of two in Nashville. From Nashville they will drive to Williamsburg, VA, to visit another roommate and fellow Pi Phi, **Nancy Drews** Harding. June's oldest son, Christopher, will leave home this summer and begin work on his PhD in modern European intellectual history at UC Santa Cruz, and younger son Adam is working in a medical office and will be getting his own apartment, "so Dan and I will soon have that empty nest."

Steven Seifert is a professor at the U. of Nebraska Medical Center and medical director of the Nebraska Regional Poison Center. Last October he organized and hosted an international scientific symposium on venomous snakebites. Steve was also named a senior reviewer by the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* for excellence in manuscript peer review. He plays tenor saxophone in a virtual band, recording and digitizing his parts and e-mailing them to other band members located in another city. "We do get to play live when I visit, but they tell me I sound better at a distance," he says. Daughter **Sara** "will graduate from CALS in '07, which means we'll have our reunion years together. Let me tell you, these things take some long-range planning . . ."

Kathy Price Chiron writes: "My husband **Stuart** '71, director of regulatory affairs for PCCW, and I have been living in Hong Kong for about five and a half years. I retired a few years ago and now work harder than ever as a full-time volunteer! Currently I'm serving as president of the American Women's Association, an amazingly diverse group of nearly 800, representing over 40 nationalities and spanning seven decades in age. We provide educational and social opportunities for our members (lots of trips around Hong Kong and throughout Asia, mahjong, bridge, book clubs, lectures, activities, hikes, etc.) and also support Hong

Kong charities and schools through community service and monetary grants. Every once in a while we're able to join in a Cornell Club activity—a night at the races a few months ago was great fun."

Wendy Gerber Buchberg, MAT '74, began a new teaching position last September with the New Visions Health Sciences program at Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca. The program is for high-achieving high school seniors who aspire to careers in medicine. She has developed an integrated curriculum that combines 12th grade honors English, economics, government, anatomy and physiology, medical ethics, and medical law, while also supervising her students' weekly rotations through each department of the medical center. Wendy writes: "I (almost!) feel as though I'm in medical school, since we are able to observe surgeries and many other kinds of procedures performed at the hospital. It's great to stretch my brain and try something new!" Her daughter **Annie** '03 is completing her master's degree in May '06 in the Sloan Program for Health Administration at Cornell and is looking forward to beginning her professional career. Wendy would like to hear from classmates at wendysb@aol.com.

Margaret Clark of Katonah, NY, tells us that her daughter **Caitlin** '06 will be graduating from Arts and Sciences this year with a degree in economics. Caitlin's grandfather, **William Clark** '50 (Margaret's father), graduated from Cornell Engineering, and her aunt, **Sara Clark** '77 (Margaret's sister), graduated from CALS. **Steven Bienstock** is pleased to announce that his son Josh has been accepted to Cornell and will start in the fall. Daughter Sarah is in the sixth grade, recently played the role of Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and also plays the flute and sings. Her twin brother Eli finished his wrestling season by placing fifth in the state, and is now on to baseball, where he is a starting pitcher. Steve's wife Debbie is a sign language interpreter and a captionist, and Steve continues to practice law in Rockville, MD.

Among the talented high school students who attended Cornell's Summer College Program last year: Justin Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Gary Ellis**; Alexandra Bachorik, daughter of Dr. **Gail Povar** and husband **Lawrence Bachorik** '71; and Anne Linker, daughter of **Diane Spanier** Linker and husband Arthur. ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov.

73 Greetings again from Seattle. We spent the holidays in Niger, West Africa, in what turned out to be a fairly intense visit with daughter Emilie at her Peace Corps assignment. An R&R week in Senegal allowed for a little decompression, but the rest of the time we were packing ourselves into bush taxis, coping with the 100-degree heat, and fending off merchants and beggars. Things calmed down considerably once we were in Tanka, Emilie's assigned village, 120 km east of Niamey. As the only four white Americans in town, we were stars, although accommodations were basic—no running water, no electricity, two-room mud-brick house with a hole off to the side. But the chief, his wives, and the villagers couldn't have been friendlier—charmed, no doubt, by our rudimentary Zarma. "Fo fo!" ("Hi there!")

I was invited to a morning prayer service (it's a Muslim country, so the women remained in the back) and our hosts even killed and prepared a goat for us. The toughest part was getting to sleep at night, since without phones, TV, or books, the evening entertainment consists of gathering in the main road to gossip and dance until 11 p.m., creating a human din so loud I had to use my Air France earplugs. Our next journey is a cruise down the Yangtze before the big dam inundates China's interior, probably the last family vacation before the two girls spiral off into various orbits.

On to the news. **Daniel Smith** (SmithDC@hawaii.rr.com) is in Honolulu as chief of emergency medicine at Queens Medical Center. His only regret is waiting so long to leave Western Massachusetts, where the fishing and diving weren't nearly as colorful. Wife **Janice (Gorzynski)** teaches organic chemistry at the U. of Hawaii, Manoa. She's working on the second edition of her chemistry text, published last year by McGraw-Hill. Erin is training in emergency medicine at UCLA. Jenna graduates from the U. of Hawaii in May, then heads to Korea to teach English. Twins Matthew and Zachary, 11, enter middle school next year.

Charles Steiner (steiner@wichitaartmuseum.org) directs the Wichita Art Museum, and mounted his second one-man show at the Wichita Center for the Arts last spring. "Gardenscapes" focuses on the elaborate gardens that Kansans cultivate to break up the serene monotony of the natural landscape. **Abby Ershow** (ershowa@mail.nih.gov) and spouse Hans Plugge live in Columbia, MD, with children Arie, 20, and Riecka, 18. Abby's a nutrition program officer at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Inst. in Bethesda, as well as a weightlifter and a singer in Columbia Pro Cantare. She'd love to hear from **Janette Cushman**, **Mary Jo McNamara**, **Rosemary Batt**, and **Joan Oremland Richter**, MD '77.

Donald Orlovsky (Dao4law@aol.com) is a law partner in West Palm Beach, specializing in federal Indian law, although he admits he'd rather be sailing Drake's Passage or studying Hawaiian culture in Lahaina. He serves on the board of directors of Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Services and keeps busy raising his 14-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son as open-minded, involved citizens. He remembers Cornell as "perhaps the greatest university community in the world" and says his only regret is that "it passed far too quickly." **Christina Kallas** won election as president of the New York Women's Bar Association and works on the professional development of women lawyers and the fair and equal administration of justice. Perfect, she says, for a child of the Sixties.

James Hilderbrant lives in Whitney Point with wife Anne-Marie and is a consumer safety inspector. He misses those intense conversations over shrimp rolls at Cornell. **Jeffrey Hubsher** owns South Salem (NY) Animal Hospital and lives in Ridgefield, CT, where he spends time with his two kids, rides horses, skis hard, dreams of being an artist and writer, and misses being young and invincible. Attention **Al Giuffrida**, Jeff wants to hear from you.

Sandra Sharon Rapoport lives with husband **Samuel '72**, MD '76, in NYC, where she is a writer and mother of three. She recently documented the untold stories of the women in the Bible as co-author of *The Passions of the Matriarchs*. Attention **Shiela McGuirk**: Sandra's looking for you. **Cynthia Weniger** (csw25@cornell.edu) teaches ethical culture at Fieldston School in Riverdale, NY, and in her spare time sings in a chorus, hosts foreign students, and fixes up an "old creaky house" in Tarrytown.

Denise Meridith (dpm29@cornell.edu) is a business consultant in Phoenix, and the author of *Thoughts While Chillin': Autobiography of a Black Public Servant*, available online at www.thoughtswhilechillin.com. She shows Cairn terriers, misses Cornell ice cream, and wants to hear from **Karen Knight**. **Torin Togut** (tandt@mindspring.com) lives in Lawrenceville, GA, with wife Teresa and works for Georgia Legal Services, frequently representing students with disabilities. He's also president of the Georgia ACLU, although he admits he'd rather be vacationing in the Greek Islands. Wouldn't we all! **Jeff Corwin** teaches neuroscience at the U. of Virginia School of Medicine, spends summers as a researcher at the Marine Biological Lab in Woods Hole, MA, and is fixing up an old stone house on the sunrise side of the Blue Ridge Mountains named "Ahaluna" or "the lookout place." It was at a Cajun dance class that he met fiancée Linda Beard.

Norman Lange (NEL1517@yahoo.com) is a commercial loan officer at Cleveland's National City Bank, and breeds horses when he isn't reading stuff like *The Peloponnesian War* and assorted Peter Drucker books. He'd like to hear from old friend **Joseph Yancy '72**. **Sheila Kennedy Holtzman**, MBA '74 (skholtzman@aol.com) and husband **Richard '76** will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a trip to Fiji, one of the few spots able to compete with Koloa, HI, where they live with son Kevin. Daughter Jennifer is a Syracuse grad, and Whitney is a junior at ASU. **John Kontrabecki**, JD/MBA '77 (jtkontrabecki@tkginternational.com) works in real estate development with TKG in San Mateo, CA, but discovered a latent love for farming and recently sold his first 100 acres of wine grapes. Wife Nicole gave birth to son Charles, so named because "everyone we know named Charles we like"—especially classmate Charles Steiner.

Jay Goland (Redondodoc1506@aol.com) is an ENT doc in Long Beach, CA, who misses the "beautiful women" at Cornell and the creaky wooden floors. They remind him of old friend **Walt Jacobson '72**—where are you, Walt? **Julia Smyth-Pinney**, BArch '76, is a professor of architecture at the U. of Kentucky College of Design who spends her spare time in vigils and peace marches against the war in Iraq—when she isn't hatching plans to rehab downtown Lexington, KY. She spent 2-1/2 years in Rome researching Borromini's church S. Ivo alla Sapienza and "having a life." She remembers Cornell as the place she found her life-long passion for art and architecture, and would love to hear from **Siri Schwartz** Mills, Kathy, Marjorie, and the other grads of Fine Arts '73.

That's it! Great response this month. Contact us at: ♦ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 Go see a football or basketball game. Or log on to www.elynah.com. Over the past couple of years, I've generated a bushel of friendships in person and online with Cornellians a decade older and too depressingly many decades younger. We've met for dinner at Pepe's in New Haven before Yale and Quinncipiac hockey games and at the Nines in Collegetown before a variety of home sports events. The "eLynah Forum" covers topics far broader than just the 200-by-85-foot surface at the rink. Sports events are a great way to stay in touch, as we're pretty much halfway between reunion years, and not very significant reunions at that—past 30, heading for 35, and a long way from 50. Sheesh, can it be that many? Indeed.

Sandra McLean became a judge of the Superior Court in Butte County, CA, in December 2005. In conjunction with that role, Sandra, previously Sandra L. Schweitzer, says she resumed use of her maiden name. She lives in Chico, CA, with husband Douglas Keister. **Bill Ruskin**, JD '77, of Greenwich, CT, joined the New York City office of Epstein, Becker & Green PC in its national litigation practice. Although based in New York, Bill will be servicing Connecticut clients through EBG's Stamford office. He came from Shipman & Goodwin and will handle environmental, product liability, and toxic tort litigation. He also sits on the board of the New York and Connecticut League of Conservation Voters Education Funds.

Laurie Harris is a high school math teacher in Concord, CA, where she lives with husband Paul Crissey. Life has been busy obtaining her teaching credential, and in her spare time Laurie dabbles in property management. **Marianne Stein** Kah and husband Jeff Coe are looking to the future: "Purchased land in Santa Fe, NM, and hope to retire there."

David Barenberg is a gastroenterologist living in Danbury, CT, with spouse Phyllis. **Fred Siegel** and wife Cheryl live in Durham, CT. Fred is an ob/gyn—"days, nights, and weekends." (He says he'd rather be relaxing.) Another ob/gyn, **Susan Dallimonti** Peck, loves her career and thinks she'll work forever—at least until she's 70, when she plans to open a bookstore/café. Susan and husband Michael live in Glenville, PA. When she's not working, although she appears to be working most of the time, she plays tennis and field hockey, sings, and does auto-racing with her son in the Hooter's Pro-Cup Series. **Barbara Gales** is a physician and adjunct asst. professor living in Brooklyn, NY. She admits that she, too, has been working too hard and would sometimes rather be spending time in a foreign country like Saudi Arabia. She keeps fit at the health spa and bicycling. Barbara remembers the peaceful tranquility and diversity of Cornell and would like to hear from **Elizabeth Pritchett '76**.

In addition to 1974s among the ranks of professors and administrators, several are in alumni relations and development work. There is, of course, **Mary Berens**, director of alumni affairs for Cornell. Also, **Bob Boynton** is executive

director of the office of alumni relations for New Jersey Inst. of Technology in Newark. Bob commutes from Staten Island (from his days working at Wagner College there) and keeps his parents' old house in Ithaca, where he weekend-commutes regularly to work on a fleet of antique cars (Triumph, Ford F250 pickup, Ford Model A) and sail his Catalina 22 harbored on Cayuga Lake. **Elizabeth Coit** of Arlington, VA, is director of development for the Center for Community Change, an organization that is dedicated to social and economic change for low-income communities and communities of color in the US. After hours she writes, bikes, hikes, and travels, goes to movies, and is active in the Unitarian Universalist Church. She'd like to do more traveling and travel writing, but changing jobs has meant lots of after-hours work, and she periodically helps care for her mother in assisted living. An old Cornell friend she'd love to hear from is **Janis Kelly '71**.

Please send news to any of the class correspondents. We'll make sure the right person gets it. These are prime years for college matriculations and graduations, weddings, and even news of grandchildren. If you've retired early, tell us—go ahead, rub it in. ♦ **Bill Howard**, wkh2@cornell.edu; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; and **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu.

75 Several of your class officers attended the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in February, held for the first time in Philadelphia. **Charlie Temel** (president), **Vickie Thaler** Vaclavik (secretary), **Karen Kaplan** (treasurer), **Susan Fulton** (reunion co-chair), and I enjoyed the great stories, long-standing memories, and camaraderie of fellow Cornellians as we learned about exciting research by professors and students, the new residential colleges on West Campus, and a myriad of campus and alumni activities. Our own planning for the upcoming years included a new look for the Class of '75 website and new events and communications with classmates.

First, the news from around the Washington, DC, Beltway where I live. **Joe Lavin** (jlvain@harborstonehospitality.com) is president of HarborStone Hospitality in Potomac, MD, a new company that he founded to develop and own hotels. Joe has also served as "executive-in-residence" at the Hotel school for the fall 2005 semester, where his daughter is a junior. I spent four wonderful days with fellow DGs in Charleston, SC, walking, touring, shopping, dining, and enjoying the company of good friends. **Diane Kopelman '74** once again organized a fabulous get-away attended by **Susan Corner Rosen** (who with husband Robert lives and practices law in this wonderful city, and hosted us one evening), **Karen Leung Moore**, **Myrna Bank Gardner**, **Elyse Byron**, **Laurie Musick Wright**, **Betsy Beach '74**, **Kimberly Christy Gordon '74**, **Jackie Dolat '74**, **Marty Slye Sherman '73**, and **Karen Broten Sieburgh '73**. My son, Jack Keefe, will be a freshman at Swarthmore this fall (much to my chagrin, I couldn't talk him into Cornell!).

South of us, in Charlottesville, VA, **Jerald Pinto** (jerry.pinto@cfaainstitute.org) is director,

curriculum projects at CFA Institute. But his big news is his January 2005 wedding to Rosemarie Spence. Congratulations! Also south of the Mason-Dixon Line, **Mark Powers** (power022@mc.duke.edu) and wife Karen Lauterbach live in Chapel Hill, NC. Mark admits that he would rather be traveling, sculpting, playing, and reading novels rather than working, but his job as assoc. clinical professor for pulmonary, allergy, and critical care at the Duke U. Medical Center occupies the majority of his time.

'Susan Dallimonti Peck does auto-racing with her son in the Hooters Pro-Cup Series.'

BILL HOWARD '74

Kenneth Rosen lives in N. Caldwell, NJ, and is partner and chairman of the bankruptcy and creditors rights department at Lowenstein Sandler PC in Roseland, NJ, and NYC. He's a member of the board of Saint Barnabas Healthcare System and chair of Saint Barnabas Hospice & Palliative Care Center. Ken would like to hear from **Steve Rubenstein**. Across the river in NYC is **Susan Hirsch**, who works in public relations. She's been enjoying all that the Big Apple has to offer—theatre, fine dining, concerts, museums, and galleries—and wishes that she were retired to be able to enjoy more of these wonderful activities! Fond memories bring Susan back to Straight Breaks at 9 pm after long hours of studying in the library. How could we forget! Susan (shirsch18@nyc.rr.com) would like to hear from **Ellen Mazur** and **Robert S. Harrison '76**.

Nina Weisbach Palmer (jpalmer756@aol.com) is a psychiatrist at Harvard Vanguard Medical Assoc. in Boston. She and husband Jonathan live in nearby Newton and enjoy traveling with their family. Nina fondly recalls the fall days at Cornell picking apples, having lunch at the Dairy Bar, walking Libe Slope, and her summer job with Paul Buck in the Nutrition department. Also in Massachusetts is **Patricia Gray**, senior VP and chief legal officer for Panera Bread in Needham. She enjoys traveling for business and golfing in Palm Springs, but is looking for someone to accompany her to Ireland for golf. Interested? Update your passport and e-mail her at patricia.gray@panerabread.com.

From the West we've heard from **Rex Griswold** (anzio123@aol.com). He and wife Mary Ellen sold their restaurant, and Rex was elected to the City Council of Mesa, AZ. They enjoy their three grandchildren and local politics. A teacher at the Nevada City Elementary School, **Francine Zalkin** Foster lives in Grass Valley, CA. She and husband Mark took a hiking trip to Switzerland last year, and Francine rates hiking, wine tasting, skiing, political action, book clubs, and gardening on her list of favorite after-hours activities. **Susan Sullivan**, Francine asks that you contact her at franmark@sbcglobal.net.

Hotel alums **Laurie Clemente** Milnor and **Nancy Kiesendahl** Bloch '71 are partners in

Shop Talk 2000 in Alton, IL, which provides sales evaluations and training primarily for the hospitality industry. Laurie and husband George are parents of four children ages 5 to 21, which leaves little time for her other loves—traveling and volunteering. She's also been active in the Library Foundation Board, the CAAAN committee in St. Louis, and several school and parent volunteer projects. Laurie (lmilnor@aol.com) would like to find classmate **Maureen Millane** Rusk if anyone knows where she might be.

Randall Smith (randall.smith@midwestairlines.com), VP of sales and distribution for Midwest Airlines, resides in Kansas City, MO, but commutes weekly to the headquarters in Milwaukee to help build Midwest's market share and visibility. He's rebuilding their sales team and mentoring new leaders in their organization. Randy and wife Christine are raising children Griffin, 13, and Katie, 10. While Randy reports that he's currently "having a grand time . . . life is good," he fondly recalls the great hockey games at Lynah Rink. Also in the Midwest is **Marty Siegel** (tcreator@aol.com), who works in real estate in Eden Prairie, MN. After hours, he's on the board of trustees for the Boys & Girls Club of the Twin Cities, serves on the executive board of Park Nichollet Health System, and founded Trees for Toys, which has collected more than 100,000 toys for local charities during the past 15 Christmas seasons. In January, Marty joined fellow '75 classmates **Andy Reese** and **Steve Semlitz**, MBA '76, for their annual "Rendezvous in the Rockies" ski trip to Vail.

Harry Solomon (harry.solomon@med.ge.com) missed reunion last year because of scheduling problems. Five years ago he moved from Philadelphia to Highland Park, IL, about 23 miles north of Chicago, where he works for GE Healthcare, defining international standards for sharing electronic medical records. As a result he's been on the road frequently to Washington, DC, San Diego, Stockholm, and Budapest. In his spare time, Harry sings tenor in the Chicagoland Jewish Community Chorus. He and wife Judy help run the Monday International Folk Dance in Evanston, an interest he first developed at Cornell. They have three sons, one who lives in Oregon (his Dad calls him sort of a hippie), another a civil engineer in New York, and the youngest a student at Brandeis.

Writing from Greenwich, CT, **Ron '74** and **Myrna Bank Gardner** (myrnagar@optonline.net) are both excited that their daughter Callie was accepted to the Class of 2010. I had met Callie during our 30th Reunion last summer and can vouch that she'll be a wonderful asset to the up-and-coming ranks. Also with a daughter in ILR at Cornell (**Lauren '07**) is **Steven Benenati** (sben222@hotmail.com), who lives in Norwich,

NY. For the past 22 years he's been labor relations administrator for the School Alliance, a consortium of seven public schools sharing labor and legal services. When not working, Steven enjoys basketball, weight training, and watching son Ryan (who's applied to Cornell ILR) play football, basketball, and track as a high school senior. His youngest is in eighth grade and also loves basketball, track, and soccer.

We're looking forward to hearing from more of you, so please pass your news along to: ♦ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu; and **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com.

76 As I write this column in April, our 30th Reunion is two months away and our class is making preparations. By the time you read it in July, many of you will have already made the trip to Ithaca and had a great weekend on the Hill. A full Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue.

News was sparse in the early spring, so if you haven't done so yet, please send an update with your annual dues payment, or write any of us via e-mail at any time. **Debra Hertz** wrote that her daughter **Laura Southerland '06** graduated from the ILR school. Younger daughter

'I have nicknamed the new car Katrina.'

MARK MAYRSOHN '77

Erica will graduate high school this year; at the time Debra wrote in February, Erica had not yet chosen a college. **Caroline Hecht** sent an e-mail from the alumni.cornell.edu website. Her present day job is as a Web programmer at Cornell. She has three children, including a freshman at Oberlin, a senior in high school who will probably attend Cornell Engineering in the fall, and a sixth grader. Caroline still remembers hanging out at the Commons Coffeehouse when she was at Cornell.

Some personal news. I had a flashback to the last final exam I took while at Cornell. For professional development I recently completed a graduate course and had to take a final exam. After 30 years, it was hard to remember how to study for it. I think I passed. I am in my 13th year teaching in the Lexington Public Schools and enjoying the second graders in my class. My husband **Morris Diamant '74** has been honored as "Man of the Year" by the Temple Emunah Brotherhood. His dedication and services to the Brotherhood and Temple are extraordinary. We will be joined by **John Gmeiner '74** and his wife Faye, and other friends and relatives at a breakfast in Morris's honor. Our daughter Julia, who is finishing her freshman year at Mitchell College, and son Sam, who is working and in school in Sarasota, FL, will be joining us. ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@rcn.com; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@optonline.net; and **Pat Relf Hanavan**, Relf@tds.net.

77 It's been 50th birthday party season for me, involving a fair amount of travel to celebrate with classmates. In March, we drove up to Scarsdale to be at a surprise party for **Janet Lorn Cobe**, MBA '78, hosted by her husband Burt. Burt's sister **Patty Cobe Feldstein** is a Cornellian, Class of '70. Also at the party were **Mona Mahlab Longman '79** and her husband Tom. They came directly from their ski vacation, having just dropped off their three kids and luggage before coming over to the Cobes'. Two weeks later, we drove up to New Jersey again for a party at **Dave Joseph's** home in Manalapan. **Bob Bowers** and **Mark Monroe** and their families were there, too. All of our kids are around the same age, but we hadn't gotten together in years as we live in Maryland, the Bowers live in Pennsylvania, and the Monroes live in New York. So what would be more natural than to meet in the Garden State in celebration of our combined 200th birthday? The eight adults laughed all evening while the kids rolled their eyes at our stories, obviously amused at the fact that we old people thought we knew how to have fun. And I just printed off my airplane boarding pass in anticipation of an all-girls weekend at the Ritz Carlton in Key Biscayne, FL, to celebrate with **Ellen Haas Sternberg '78** (married to **Bill '78**) in honor of her 50th birthday.

Mark Mayrsohn is a resident of Key Biscayne and wrote of his horror story during Hurricane Katrina. "When the storm hit Key Biscayne, I was driving home and was two blocks from my house. Suddenly the street became a river that stalled my 2003 Lincoln LS. I had to jump out of the car to avoid the rising waters and walk home through the hurricane in the dark. After the hurricane passed, my insurance company declared the car a total loss as water had risen in the car up to the level of the dashboard. The electrical system was shorted and the engine was flooded. Now I'm driving a Volvo CX90 with the highest ground clearance of any SUV on the market. I have nicknamed the new car Katrina." I also spoke to **Maria Reyes Schoen** right after Hurricane Rita. She lives in League City, TX, which is between Galveston and Houston, and right in the path of the hurricane. She evacuated while her husband stayed home and watched over the house. Fortunately, they didn't have any damage.

I also heard from **Marc Schlusel**, MBA '78, fairly recently. Marc is a real estate developer working primarily in New Jersey. He chairs the Teaneck Economic Development Corp., promoting business development in Teaneck. He is also very involved in Cornell Hillel. Marc's daughter Katie is studying in Israel this year and will be attending Brandeis next year. Middle child Emily is a sophomore at Frisch, a yeshiva high school. She is the jock of the family, playing both soccer and hockey. His son Adam is in seventh grade and just had his

bar mitzvah. Mark's old Cornell roommates **Stan Bernstein** and **Myles Akabas** attended. **Karen Zekind Buglass** moved to Potomac, MD (a neighbor!) last summer after 23 years in Winchester, MA. Karen and her family moved for her to take a job as a fourth grade teacher at Green Acres School in Rockville, MD. Green Acres has a wonderful reputation and Karen says she loves her job. Husband **Ralph '75** had been director of communications for a public policy think tank up in Boston, and daughter Amy is a senior at Ithaca College, majoring in photography. Amy has been active in the IC radio station and jokes that her perfect job would be as a staff photographer at National Public Radio (where my husband works as political editor). Karen would love to hear from her old Donlon, Dickson, and MVR friends; her e-mail is Kbuglass@comcast.net. **Paula Spina** notes, "I'm supposed to be retired again, but it seems all I do is work." In addition to acquiring real estate, she does folk dancing and martial arts, skis, and, as she lives in Seattle, sails the Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan De Fuca. Paula says the last three years have been a roller coaster ride. She got divorced, but now is getting into as much trouble as she can—sort of reliving her lost teenage years.

Rick Jaso is married to **Debbie (Graham) '78** and is a managing partner at Unisys. He has been playing golf with **Steve Corbo '78** and **Jon Clemente '78**. Son **Ben '07** is a junior at Cornell while Michael is a freshman at the U. of New Hampshire. Rick has many great memories of Cornell and was back there on a crisp morning last fall. The chimes of the Bell Tower brought back a flood of memories. **Brenda Jacobs** works at Sidley Austin in international trade, representing retailers, importers, and foreign governments and manufacturers.

Chris Haynes will be moving his family to Richmond, KY, to build a chemical weapons demilitarization facility. This is his 18th relocation in his 27 years of employment with Bechtel. **Judy Gross** spent the past 20 years in various legal jobs on Wall Street, but has recently started her own consulting firm to advise hedge funds on start-up operations, compliance, and legal issues. **Sandra Gong** and husband Victor Sloan live in Flemington, NJ. Sandra is VP for human resources at Merck. They recently traveled to China with daughter Wei-lin to adopt another beautiful girl in September 2004. Her name is An-lin Eileen Gong Sloan. Sandra says, "We've won the Chinese adoption lottery two times!"

The event of the season is reported by **Benn Edney Fass Jr.** He returned to Ithaca on Labor Day to celebrate his 50th birthday bash arranged by fellow Hotelies. The bash was hosted by Prof. Emer. **Greg Norkus**, MS '87, and wife Kate at their cabin on 40 acres. Attending the event was **Drew Nieporent**, who provided a magnum of Chateau Neuf du Pape, as well as **John '74**, MBA '76, and **Elaine Mead Alexander**, Cindy and **Bill Grant**, Jody and **Craig Mance**, Brenda and **John Longstreet**, Mark and **Diane Petersen Parmelee**, Vera and **Larry Reinstein**, Kathy and **Scott Tremble**, Mary Kay and **Mark Woodworth**, MPS '78, and **Mike Harney**. The festivities included a party (with boat tours) at the home of John and Brenda Longstreet on Cayuga Lake. All in all, the

Hotellies continue to know how to throw a good party. One person who couldn't make it to the bash was **Al Groos**, who is manager of the Chateau Sonesta in New Orleans and was dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. We wish Al the best and hope for a speedy resurrection and rebuilding of the Crescent City.

Lastly, several of our classmates are working on the next generation of talented Cornellians. Attending the highly competitive Cornell University Summer Program for talented high school students (which serves as a "farm team" for bringing promising students to Cornell) in 2005 were: **James Farrell**, ME '80's son Mac; **Candida Kreigh** Haasch's daughter Karianna; **Charlie Peters**'s son Nicholas; and **Timothy LaBeau**'s daughter Katherine. ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, lorrie_b_rudin@fanniemaec.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 **Greg Wickham** (Greg.Wickham@DairyMarketingServices.com) is the CEO of Dairylea Cooperative in Syracuse, a \$1.3 billion company that markets milk for over 9,000 dairy farms. The Cooperative also provides other services to farms such as risk management, livestock marketing, health insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and supplies. Dairylea also manages Dairy Marketing Services, a milk marketing business that handles over 50 percent of the raw milk in the Northeast. Greg and his wife Lisa reside in Manlius, NY. They have three children, **Lindsay**, an '04 Cornell graduate employed by Cazenovia College, Scott, a junior at the U. of Buffalo, and Steve, a junior in high school.

Paul Lahti (plahti@comcast.net) is a professor of chemistry and associate dean for facilities for the College of Natural Science and Math at UMass, Amherst. His wife **Maureen (Vickers)** works in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences on assorted research duties. They wrote that a reunion of former residents of the Holland Int'l Living Center was held in NYC last summer. Their daughter Melanie attends Yale as a music major. She spent part of last summer in Berlin, studying German with Yale's summer language institute. Son James graduated from UMass with a major in computer science. **Peter Schacknow** (pschack@optonline.net) has returned as a senior producer at CNBC. He started there originally in 1989, but then moved to Bloomberg Radio as an anchor/reporter until his recent return to CNBC. Peter lives in South Huntington on Long Island with his wife **Peri (Appollo)** '81. Peri is a part-time radio anchor at WKJY on Long Island.

Doug Porter (dporter@rmhccni.org) joined Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and Northwest Indiana as the CEO in late 2004. Doug says the job gives him a "tremendous perspective on what is really important in the fast-paced, hectic world." He stays in touch with classmates **Mike Fleury**, **Tom Scott**, **Cal Fastuca**, **Steve "Axe-Man" George**, **Bob Shaw**, and **Stewart "Pid" Grote**, as well as **Norm Bartlett** '79 and **Kevin Burns** '79. **Maureen Buglin McKenna** (mmckenna@mnsfld.edu) enjoys living in Endless Mountains, PA, where she is the VP for university advancement at Mansfield U. She and her

husband **Zack** '71 have daughter **Cait** '05 and son Zack, who graduated from Hartwick College. They are always looking to see fellow Hotellies and keep an eye out for them when they travel to Florida to entertain Mansfield U. alumni in Sarasota, Naples, and Celebration. They also get to Cornell to see hockey and lacrosse games.

Angela DeSilva DeRosa (zamad@houston.rr.com), her husband Mike, and son Andrew were very busy last year. Andrew went to Europe with a school group last summer, and the whole family traveled to Oregon last summer as well. Andrew attended snowboarding camp at Mount Hood while Angela and Mike drove around Oregon visiting fossils, lava flows, redwood forests, and beaches. A visit with Angela's former sixth grade pen pal was also arranged in Vancouver, WA. Last fall, the family went to Pennsylvania to visit Fallingwater and then went on to Ithaca for Homecoming at Cornell, where they saw **Mary Bowler** Jones and **Roger Anderson** (Roger's mother was there to receive the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award). Andrew is in high school now and the family managed to fit in a trip to Disney World last winter to meet up with Angela's sister **Donna DeSilva** '82 and her family. They all had a wonderful time.

Miriam May (MiriamMay@aol.com) is the executive director of the ROSE Fund. The fund works to help victims of domestic violence regain their self-esteem through education, award, and plastic surgery programs. Miriam is married to Shaye J.D. Cohen, a professor at Harvard. They have four children, Shaye's daughter Ava, 27, and their three, Jonathan, 15, Ezra, 13, and Hannah, 7. They live in Newton, MA. Miriam encourages everyone to read about the ROSE Fund at www.rosefund.org and would be delighted to hear from classmates. **Tom Farrell** (thomas.c.farrell@bankofamerica.com) lives in Newport Beach, CA, and is the Southwest regional executive for the Bank of America's Home Builder Division. He is married to Kristy and they have three teenagers, Erin, Ainsely, and Ian. Tom attended a Cornell vs. Long Beach basketball game last fall. The Big Red didn't win, but Tom said the game was still fun to watch.

Lynne Schulte DuVivier's (LDuvivier@aol.com) company, The Creative Factor, has signed an exclusive contract with Westport Country Playhouse to work on their marketing, merchandising, and branding program. The Westport Country Playhouse, in Connecticut, is the second-oldest continually running theater company in the US and has just completed a renovation that will allow it to host performances year-round. Tazewell Thompson has just taken over as artistic director from Joanne Woodward. Lynne attended the Cornell Women's Networking Event that allows juniors and seniors to meet with alumni and ask questions about career directions. **Marc Perosio** (Peros65@aol.com) writes that he and a group of friends from freshman year have remained close and get together at least once a year. Lately, the Super Bowl has been the event of choice for the get-together. The group includes **Drew Bonthron**, **Andy Striso**, **Holton Falk**, **Mike Finnegan**, **Phil Bracht**, and, of course, Marc.

In 2005 **Walter Milani** (milanivice@msn.com) was with the company managing the Asian tours of *The Sound of Music* and *Chicago*. He traveled to Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, China, Australia, and Thailand. He caught up with international hotelier and fraternity brother **Larry Lee** in Hong Kong. Larry took Walter to his favorite Dim Sum place. **Lynn Adams** is a senior consultant of strategic and business planning for R.W. Beck. She is based in Denver and focuses on strategic, business and marketing planning and implementation for utility clients in the Midwest region.

Your annual News and Dues class mailing arrived in the mail recently. If you haven't returned it yet, please do . . . and send us your news! ♦ **Pepi Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; and **Chip Brueckman**, chipbrueckman@yahoo.com.

79 Greetings and happy summer to all. This past February, the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) held its first Mid-Winter Meeting outside New York City. The destination was Philadelphia, and by all reports, the event was a big success. **Cathy Cappucci** Needle reported that **Mary Wilensky** Kahn arranged for '79 classmates to meet at the Bellini Grill, where everyone enjoyed an evening of great food, wine, and fun. Attendees included: class president and Cornell trustee **Jeff Berg**, MBA '81, and his wife Debra Paget; Mary Kahn and her husband Stuart; **Jordan Schell-Lambert**; **Janet Goldin** Rubin, **Nancy Sverdluk**; **Beth Anderson** '80; **Mike** and Candace **Curran**; **Mike** and Wendi **Furman**; **Charlie** and **Beth Howland**; **Paula Fuchsberg**; **Doug Candeb**; **Celinda Crego**; **Ted Teeng**; and **Bob** and **Cathy Needle**. CACO will meet next January in Philly and classmates are encouraged to attend.

In early March, we received the sad news that classmate **Brian Miller**'s father, Prof. Emeritus **Frank B. Miller Jr.**, PhD '53, had passed away after a brief illness. Prof. Miller was on the ILR faculty for 31 years and associated with the university for nearly 50 years. During that time, he devoted himself to teaching and to mentoring students and was beloved by many. Our condolences go out to Brian, his mother Charlene, and to his other family members.

When the class news forms were sent out earlier this year, classmates were asked to respond to questions such as "What would you rather be doing now?" and "What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell?" In the news below and in upcoming columns, we are including those comments. Write back and tell us if these thoughts triggered favorite memories for you.

Mark Hallock has been living in London for the past six years with his wife Claire and his sons Nick, 11, and Robert, 8. He is the managing director of Helix Associates. The family will be returning to the NYC area later this year. Mark enjoys coaching his sons' baseball and soccer teams. Mark's fond remembrance: the Chapter House jukebox. **Marcy Wachtel** is a law partner and the head of the matrimonial law department at Katsky Korins in Manhattan. She and her daughter Allison recently traveled to Greece. Marcy writes that she would rather be

“watching the sunset behind Uris Library” and that she fondly remembers “midnight ice cream runs to Uni Deli for mocha chip ice cream.”

Stephen Kaminsky is the director of protein and analytical chemistry, working on AIDS vaccine design and testing at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative in NYC. He is married to Lisa Wilson and has kids that keep him busy. His memories of Cornell include “great friends, great town, great education!” **Frank Cohen** uses the pen name Philip Innes in his job as a restaurant critic for several publications; his writings include a series for *Slammed* magazine in which he critiques other restaurant critics. Frank is also involved in buying and selling island real estate in the Philippines in Palawan. At some point in the not-too-distant future, Frank and his wife Ann hope to retire to the Philippines and run a small resort on their own island while Frank edits and writes articles via the Internet.

Judi Greif is a nurse practitioner and author who lives with her husband Joseph Pedreiro in East Brunswick, NJ. Judi is running her own writing/consulting business, Griffin Communications, and specializes in healthcare/medicine issues. She misses the opportunity to go to Cornell hockey games and has fond memories of the camaraderie of her friends (with whom she still keeps in touch), the stimulating academic environment, and the beautiful campus. **Debby Yowell** Alberts lives in Beverly Hills, CA, with her husband Richard and her three stepchildren who are 5, 9, and 16. Debby is a freelance graphic designer and has recently been busy restoring a 1930s Spanish Mediterranean house. Debby fondly remembers working on the Cornell Concert Commission. **Jeanne Perl Rudell** is senior VP of human resources with Clayton Holdings Inc. in Shelton, CT. Jeanne is married to **Rob**, who did graduate work in ILR.

Richard Maisel lives in Berkeley, CA. He is a psychologist, writer, and instructor, and co-authored a book entitled *Biting the Hand that Starves You: Inspiring Resistance to Anorexia/Bulimia* that was published in October 2004 by W.W. Norton Co. In his free time, Richard enjoys listening to music and attending concerts. **John Schafer** was recently appointed general manager of the 1,100-room Hyatt Regency Denver at the Colorado Convention Center. **Doug Wylly** is the senior litigation management officer for American International Group. In his spare time, Doug enjoys skiing, swimming, writing, playing poker, and model railroading. Doug and his wife Virginia live in South Huntington, NY.

Dana Ellsworth lives in Ogdensburg, NY, and works as a diagnostic and CAT scan technician. He enjoys camping, hunting, four-wheeling, and traveling. “My friends” comprise Dana’s best memories of Cornell. **Stuart Kessler** is the director of the Dept. of Emergency Medicine at Elmhurst Hospital Center in Elmhurst, NY, and the vice chairman of the Dept. of Emergency Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. **Donald Menz** is the owner of Blue Ribbon Pest Control and lives in Honeoye Falls, NY, with wife Suzanne. He has been busy “growing his business” and enjoys snowmobiling. He, too, fondly remembers Big Red hockey. **Robert Eisenberg**

writes to us from Fort Lauderdale, FL, where he states that his present day job is “drinking at the beach.” Previously, our records note that he was a lieutenant in the NYC police department. Enjoy your new day job, Robert!

If you’ve enjoyed reading about your classmates in this column, please consider taking a few moments to write us a note with your own news. Send e-mail to us at classof79@cornell.edu so that we can all keep in touch. Also, you can write to us directly at: ❖ **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net; and **Cindy Williams**, cw32@cornell.edu. Have a great summer!

80 Well, folks, now that we have finished our first rotation of the new cast of correspondents, what do you think? I’ve gotten rave reviews from you readers (some of whom are not even in our class!) in response to our new team approach. Glad you like it. And I’m happy that our new format gives us access to a larger cross-section of the class.

Our class officers have been working hard to facilitate a new cohesiveness in our class. Their efforts have already paid off and have included the “We missed you at reunion” postcards that were sent out to those of you whose friends made the reunion instead of yourself, as well as the great organization of the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in Philadelphia, where our illustrious **Jeff Estabrook**, JD ’83, put together our class dinner as well as the fabulous alumni event at the baseball stadium on Sunday. It is incredible to see the energy that these middle-aged former students still have! In addition, our own **Thomas Murphy** has set up a fantastic website to help us keep abreast of what’s happening with fellow classmates! Visit it at <http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu/> and see for yourself!

News-wise, I am happy to report that my dear friend **Vivian Cok** has written about her marriage to Keith Harmeyer in November. Her most recent note is exuberant as she describes her happiness in having found a true soulmate with whom to spend the rest of her life. She and Keith were married at the Truth Presbyterian Church in Queens by the husband of her friend **Kummi Kim**, after which they were off on a fabulous honeymoon in Greece. Vivian writes, “Our extended family now consists of three terrific teenagers: Andy, Jacqueline, and Kendall. We’re currently planning a bareboat sailing trip in the British Virgin Islands for the whole family! Life is full of unexpected twists and turns, and I wish everyone patience if they haven’t yet found their true happiness!”

Nancy MacIntyre Hollinshead has checked in, having been sidelined from her “tennis therapy” with a shoulder injury, but is keeping busy with family and keeping a stiff upper lip. She notes that her daughter Sarah is doing well at college, combining math and music, and may delve into modeling soon. **Nayla Rizk** is the proud mom. She writes that her oldest son, Peter, was accepted early decision to Princeton for the fall. She vows to work on younger son Andrew to come to Cornell! Nayla is busy traveling, having been to Japan, Spain, and Rome. For business?

With our international Nayla, it’s hard to tell.

Other notable college-bound seniors are Alana Mildner, daughter of my suitemate **Esther Elkin** Mildner, who was accepted early decision and will be attending Cornell this fall as a public policy major; Monica, daughter of **Steven Jackman**, from Chatham, NJ, who was also accepted early decision and will be attending the College of Engineering; and Ilyssa, daughter of **Eric Meren**. All of the incoming freshmen will be reading F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby* as part of the New Student Reading Project. Everyone, including alumni, is encouraged to take part and contribute to the dialogue during the year, both on campus and on the Web.

Jill Abrams Klein has had news from **Matt Callahan**, who took his stage acting career from his native Philly across the country (with stops from D.C. and Philly to California) and is now finding success behind the scenes in the movie industry. Matt was the set decorator in the 2005 movie *The Family Stone*, and you can see his name in the credits! Jill notes that Matt loves working in film and looks forward to continuing his artistic endeavors. When he is relaxing, he can be spotted rollerblading along the beach in Santa Monica. Academically speaking, **Kenneth Pomeranz** has been named Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar for 2005-06. Kenneth is Chancellor’s Professor of History and professor of East Asian languages and literatures at UC Irvine. He is also the author of *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*, *The World the Trade Created*, and *The Making of a Hinterland: State, Society and Economy in Inland North China, 1853-1937*.

George Frantz, MRP ’91, visiting lecturer in the Dept. of City and Regional Planning, had an exhibition of his photographs on campus in March. For those of you that didn’t catch it, the exhibit consisted of a collection of photos taken during his four-week trip to central Vietnam in 1996. His daughter Elizabeth had scanned the original 35mm negatives to create high-resolution digital files that he touched up, printed, and framed. He has been very busy both at his day job and teaching his field workshop in CRP. On the overseas front, **Shawn Boyne** is currently living in Berlin, Germany, doing field research for a PhD that compares prosecutors in Germany and the US. After practicing law for almost ten years in New Mexico, he decided to take a refresher course in school. He writes, “Thanks to the fact that I have a good orthopedic surgeon, I am still rowing and competing in masters events in double scull.”

Alumni’s teens who had the opportunity to spend part of their summer on campus at the Cornell University Summer College program included **David** and **Laura Day Ayers** ’78, MBA ’86’s daughter Kathleen; **Sarah Pedraza** De Lencquesaing’s daughter Cecilia; **Walter Isenberg**’s daughter Nicole; Steven Jackman’s daughter Monica; Esther Elkin Mildner’s daughter Alana; **Lily Berrios** DeMille’s daughter Marie; **Walter Peek**’s son Walter; and **Craig Tendler**’s daughter Helena. I hope all of these talented students missed the heat wave that the 25th Reunion crew experienced!

Don't forget to visit our website, and feel free to share a picture or two! Any news can be addressed to any (or all) of the culprits below. Have a great summer! ♦ **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leona barsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; and **Tim O'Conner**, tvoc0744@optonline.net.

81 Did you attend our 25th Reunion in Ithaca this past June? It was a grand time. Congratulations and many thanks to **Heidi Fleischman**, MS '83, **Jim Hauslein**, MBA '84, **Steven Ritchey**, and **Celia Rodée** for planning such a lovely weekend for all of us. Headquarters was Mary Donlon Hall on North Campus and highlights included: tent parties on the Arts Quad, a lecture by classmate **Sheryl WuDunn**, a beach party at Beebe Lake, a picnic lunch at the Plantations, dinner with President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, and a University Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance acknowledging the lives of our classmates. In the Sept/Oct issue of the magazine, we will have full coverage of reunion, including the Class of 1981 Reunion Report. In that issue, your class correspondents will have all kinds of scoops for you—stay tuned!

In the meantime, can you believe it's July already? How is your summer going? It's the best time of year. Enjoy every minute of it with your family and friends, wherever you are. Your Cornell friends are busy with life, doing great things throughout the world. Here's the latest update.

Nan Simon recently hosted a ladies spa weekend at her summer home on the Jersey Shore. Attending were **Leslie Watson** Pearson, **Chris Ritenis**, **Wendie Smith** Cohick, PhD '89, **Carol Wolverton** Johnston, **Monique van Perlstien**, and **Anita Romano**. The girls had a fabulous time and treated themselves to manicures, pedicures, cocktails, and walks on the beach. Everyone enjoyed catching up with each other and their busy lives. Nan works as an IT specialist at a well-known pharmaceutical company; Leslie teaches fourth grade in Greenwich, CT; Wendie is an animal science professor at Rutgers; Carol is an ophthalmologist in North Carolina; Monique is an interior designer in New York City; and Anita works as a career counselor at CUNY in New York. Chris recently struggled with breast cancer, but we are so pleased to report that she looks wonderful and is on the road to recovery. Her courage and energy are amazing.

Pulitzer Prize-winner **Sheryl Wu Dunn**, who spoke at reunion, has written two books with **Nicholas Kristof**. They include *China Wakes: The Struggle for the Soul of a Rising Power* and *Thunder from the East: Portrait of a Rising Asia*. She and Nicholas won the Pulitzer for their coverage of China's Tiananmen Square democracy movement in 1989. We congratulate Sheryl for all of her success. **Jackson Wong** (moywong@aol.com) is a pediatrician in Palm Beach County and Fort Lauderdale. He and his wife **Millie My Moy** live in West Palm Beach with their son **Jackson Jr.**

Here in Boston, **Susan Peck Phillips** is an attorney with the law firm **Mintz Levin**. She received her JD from the U. of Chicago Law

School in 1987. Susan practices in the firm's environmental section, where she counsels clients on a full range of federal, state, and local environmental and land use regulations. She advises developers, lenders, purchasers, and sellers of property with hazardous waste or environmental permitting issues, and assists in securing permits and approvals necessary for property transfer and development. Susan was recently invited to join an international task group to develop a national standard for evaluating vapor intrusion into buildings.

If you are a Cornell alum living in the Boston area, you should join the Cornell Club of Boston. They have some exciting events planned for the year, including beer-tasting in Cambridge, a tour of Fenway Park, a day of service with Habitat for Humanity, dinner at Ming Tsai's amazing Blue Ginger Restaurant, and wine-tasting at Lumiere Restaurant.

or small" or those having ideas for souvenirs, meals, or events to e-mail Terry at cornelltko@aol.com or Teri at harvey@goes.com. On the reunion theme, **Wendy Raymond**, our class affinity chair, asks: "Who would you most like to see when you come back to Ithaca in June 2007? What memories bring a smile to your face right now when you think of Cornell? Our class officers can get you in touch with friends, compatriots, people from your favorite organized pastime (Big Red Band? the Hangovers? Fine Arts majors? all Aggies?)." Send Wendy an e-mail (wraymond@williams.edu) to get in touch. Wendy herself hopes that she will see **Nina Butwell**, **Jennifer Jorgensen** Dempsey, **Michael Bergman**, **Ron Dombroski**, and all TriDelts in Ithaca next summer.

We did hear from **Michael Lucas** (mlucas500@att.net), who has a new street address in Chicago. He reports that he is in sales for Leading Edge Investment Advisors and spends a lot of

‘Miriam Honore Akabas spent three days over spring break as a tourist in her own city.’

MARK FERNAU '82

On a personal note, I (**Kathy Philbin** LaShoto) wanted to let you know that this is my last column as a Class of '81 correspondent. Believe it or not, I have served for the past 15 years! Yikes! Where has the time gone? It has been such a pleasure keeping in touch with all of you, sharing duties with Jenn and Betsy, and working with the fine team of professionals at *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Thanks for giving me this great opportunity.

That's all the news for now. Enjoy your summer vacation. Look for us in Sept/Oct with all the reunion news. Drop us a line anytime to let us know what you are up to. Take care. ♦ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; and **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net.

82 As I write this column in April, I just received my dues renewal form in the mail, which tells me two things. The first is to remind you all to send in those dues so that we will have a treasure chest for our 25th Reunion in 2007. The second is that if I'm getting my dues letter it means that we have pretty much run out of submitted news for the previous year to report to you in this column. So if you didn't do it right away, fill out those news forms and return them with your dues so that Nina and I will have an easy job (I mean, some interesting material) for the columns to come.

Of course, a milestone reunion is on the horizon, and **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom and **Teri Williams** Harvey, the chairs who brought you such a wonderful reunion in 2002, remind you to get psyched for reunion, June 7-10, 2007. They are planning a "stupendous 25th event." They welcome those interested in helping "in any way—big

time on business travel. After hours, he is spending time on his own apparel design business, Catch E Designs. If he had spare time, Michael says he would be vacationing in South America. The one thing he remembers most from Cornell is the time spent on the basketball court trying to make the Big Red competitive. The old Cornell friend he would most like to hear from is **Laura Jean McCarthy**. **Patrick Bennett** checked in from Santa Monica, CA. He is married to classmate **Varda Hardy** and they have daughters Paloma, 13, and Raven, 10. Patrick is the executive director for business applications at E! Networks on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Donna DeSilva reports that autumn and spring have been extremely busy with travels to Japan, California, Arizona (the Grand Canyon), Boston, Miami, Orlando, Rhode Island, Connecticut, North Carolina, and South Carolina, with Vermont upcoming. Most of this travel is associated with her older daughter Kimberly's college search. Younger daughter Maria was admitted to her favorite private high school, Georgetown Day School, and will matriculate there this fall. In between school travels, Donna traveled on business with her husband overseas and to Asia, and for vacations. They also had a French exchange student and a school friend of Kim's staying with them for the spring. The exchange student was visiting Maria, who plans (as of this writing) to take her exchange to Paris in May, and Kim's friend was with them because her parents were transferred overseas for the final semester of her senior year. As with many of us, Donna reports that hectic schedules abound still.

Teacher **Miriam Honore Akabas** writes that, with her children, she spent three days over spring break as a tourist in her own city (New York City), first visiting the New York Botanical Gardens in

the Bronx and taking in the Orchid Show there. Then it was on to Wave Hill, a park also in the Bronx, to see the grounds, the art exhibit, and the gardens and to make kites and miniature kites. Finally came a tour of lower Manhattan, starting with the Smithsonian (National) Museum for the Native American, housed in the original Customs Building, a glorious structure with a spectacular rotunda. From there, it was across Bowling Green to take in the big bronze bull of the financial district, the stock exchange, and 68 Wall Street (the site of the Buttonwood tree, the origin of the stock exchange). Then they took a bus to Chinatown for a bit of shopping and a visit to Pearl Paints, a huge supply store for all visual arts and crafts projects. A good time was had by all.

well done and the entertainment was great (mummers and the Phillie Phanatic). Terry says, "I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

Cmdr. **Charles Stuppard** uses the same phrase to report that he has thoroughly enjoyed his command of destroyer USS *Arleigh Burke* (DDG 51). He sent along a picture of himself looking comfortable and at home in the captain's chair on the outside bridge of his ship. He has spent time in Spain, Italy, Greece, Malta, and other Mediterranean area spots, with time for some sightseeing. His tour of duty at sea ended in April, and his next duty station will be Newport, RI, a bit closer to Cornell than Virginia Beach was. He looks forward to the fun of the 25th Reunion and hopes to attend Cornell events

with her husband and son, when Ann was pregnant with twins. Ann has since given birth to Emma and Eliza. Dina also recently had dinner in NYC with **Carin Lewis-Evans**. Says Dina, "Carin was the first person I met at Cornell when I arrived (we had side-by-side single rooms). We don't see each other as much as we'd like, but it's always wonderful whenever we're together."

Beginning the college hunt with her oldest, Joshua, 17, is **Ellen Winchell-Goldman**, the thought of which, she admits, "is a little scary." Ellen is also the proud parent of two other children, Benjamin, 14, an avid percussionist, and Jacqueline, 12, who will have had her bat mitzvah in May. Ellen is in the travel business and was fortunate to travel with her husband and children to Italy in December and Costa Rica in February.

Another proud parent of a college-bound student is **Debra Wilson Strauss**, whose daughter Melanie is the valedictorian of her high school class and has been accepted early decision to the Wharton School at Penn, where she will be in the Class of 2010. Debra is a professor of business law at Fairfield U. Dolan School of Business and has a consulting business, where she gives presentations on judicial clerkships to law schools and legal organizations, as well as signings for her book, *Behind the Bench: The Guide to Judicial Clerkships*. She lives in Southport, CT, with her husband **Michael '81** and children Melanie, 17, Jonathan, 15, and Andrew, 10.

Starting perhaps later than most of us with the whole "parenting job" thing is **Jay "J.J." Solomon**, a Hotelier who has been in the restaurant business for 20 years. Currently owner of Jay's Patio Cafe in Denver, CO, and Eat Street, a cafe in the Children's Museum of that city, Jay is planning to open a third cafe later this year. He also had about 14 cookbooks in print at one time or another (Amazon.com still carries some of them). In his salad days, Jay stayed in Ithaca after graduating, and owned a Caribbean restaurant near the Commons ("Remember downtown Ithaca?" quips Jay.) He met **Emily (Robin) '92**, MS '97, and they are now married and have three children, Maddie, 6, and 4-year-old twins Noah and Bella. They moved to Colorado in 1998 for the sun, the mountains, and the people; according to Jay, all three are amazing. Musing on the thought of raising a family later than most (and I would say to Jay that there are many more than he thinks who followed a similar life path), Jay had this to say: "While many people my age have grown-up kids heading for college, two of my kids are still not ready for kindergarten. I do not regret raising a family at this stage of my life—in fact, I may have a better appreciation for this parenting job. Okay, sure, I'll be working till I'm 85, but at this stage of my career and my life, reading bedtime stories is sometimes the highlight of the day."

Maintaining one foot solidly in business and the other firmly grounded in academia is **Ruben King-Shaw Jr.**, who has settled in Carlisle, MA, with his wife, a UC Berkeley alum, and their daughters Alexandra, 12, and Angelica, 7. They have kept their home in Tallahassee, FL, as a hedge for when they cannot take the frigid New England winters anymore! Since leaving the George W. Bush Administration in 2003, Ruben

‘Jay Solomon had about 14 cookbooks in print at one time or another.’

DAVID PATTISON '83

Class president **Lorraine Aronowitz** Danzig reconnected with **Michael Hoard '81**, MBA '82, who also lives in Manhattan. While searching Craig's List for Cornelliana, Lorraine found a listing for someone selling a pristine unopened Cornellopoly game, circa 1990. Lorraine enjoyed catching up with Michael, a fellow Dickson resident. He works in Norwalk, CT, and is involved with Cornell activities. Several of us journeyed to Albany, NY, to see the ECAC championship hockey games there. **Mark Fernau** and his daughter Leanne saw the Friday night victory over Colgate, several weeks after witnessing a miserable game at RPI with **Brian Rooney '80**, **Joe Kane '79**, and **Michael Lennon '81**. **Nina Kondo**, Wendy Raymond, and Terry Oosterom, along with various family members, also caught the weekend games. Terry reports that her son Arie, 7, experienced his first Cornell hockey game and kept saying, "I love these fans!" (She did have to deprogram him after the weekend from saying a certain verb related to vacuum cleaners that has become part of the sports vernacular.)

Terry also gave us a recap on the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting, which moved from Manhattan to Philadelphia for the first time this year. Class business was transacted, some of it at a great brew pub attached to the convention site. Officers also viewed the PBS special on Cornell (which Terry reports was very well done; she learned quite a bit about Cornell and its founding that she never knew). A fellow Cornellian who is involved with the management of the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team hosted a "Welcome to Philly" event at the ballpark, and Terry reports that it was exceptional, with food, Cornell hockey, and basketball live on the big screen, a meeting with the mascot, etc. She won two hockey sticks at the silent auction (won the right to pay for them actually!), one signed by the entire current team and one signed by former captain **Charlie Cook '05**, who plays for the Phantoms. The tours of the stadium were

in Boston, my stomping grounds. We will have to get him into Lynah East with us to boo the Harvard hockey team. (We won't use that S-word, Arie!) ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; and **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

83 In March I sent out an e-mail blast requesting news from those of you who have your e-mail address on file with the Cornell Alumni Association. Thanks to those who responded. Many of the addresses were no longer current, so be sure to log onto our class website, <http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu/>, and update your latest personal information. Now, as for the rest of you, I'm sure life has not just passed you by. If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment to write and tell us what's been up with you. Send an e-mail directly to one of the addresses at the bottom of this column, or send back the News Form from the recent class mailing.

News is increasingly dominated by announcements of classmates' kids in or about to enter college—with a few future Cornellians among them. **Dina Wolfman Baker** and husband **Brad** are the proud parents of **Audrey Baker '09**, now enjoying her freshman year studying Biology and Society. They also have son Isaac, 15, a freshman in high school. When she was a student, Dina never dreamed she'd be old enough to have a child attending her own alma mater! In the next ten years, Dina hopes to get both of her children through college "and suddenly have some disposable time and income—at the same time—for the first time ever!" Dina also informs us that in late November, she took a position with DuPont as senior marketing communications specialist, going back "inside" after five years consulting with a variety of for-profit and non-profit clients. Brad continues to thrive as president/founder of Baker Creative, a landscape design/contracting company since 1988. Dina caught up with **Ann Trautman Spindler** at Ann's apartment in NYC,

has established his own private equity investment and advisory firm, Mansa Equity Partners Inc., which specializes in selecting promising emerging companies and technologies that serve the health-care sector. Among its most successful holdings is Pan American Risk Management Associates LLC, which is jointly held with best friend and fellow ILRie and freshman-year suite-mate in High Rise 5, **J.R. Murray**. In the fall of 2005, Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney appointed Ruben as a trustee of the U. of Massachusetts, and in February 2006, he was part of a delegation from UMass to South Africa, where former President Nelson Mandela and his wife Chancellor Graca Michelle were awarded honorary degrees. "Meeting Mr. Mandela was clearly the highlight of the trip," enthuses Ruben, "but the energy surrounding the re-birth and re-creation of South Africa was both wonderful and intoxicating. I have been reading how several of America's elite universities—Harvard, Amherst, and Princeton among them—have begun 'new initiatives' to enroll talented low income and historically disadvantaged populations. Someone should include in such articles that we at Cornell have done this successfully since our founding in 1865 and that their 'new initiative' in this regard remains at the heart of the Cornell experience. To draw on the words made famous by country music star Barbara Mandrel: 'We were diverse when diversity wasn't cool.'" Well said, Ruben.

In February, the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) had its annual Mid-Winter Meeting. Our class representatives discussed the budget, our effectiveness at fundraising, and utilizing our class website, and started the preliminary planning for our 25th Reunion in 2008. Now is the time to start thinking about what kind of events you would like to see held at our reunion. Black-tie formal? Dancing? Any particular celebrities or faculty members for a guest speaker? Also begin to consider what skills, time, talent, or knowledge you can contribute to that year's big event. We'd love to hear from you! ♦ **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net; and **Dinah Godwin**, dinah.godwin@earthlink.net.

84 **Terri Port** McClellan was wearing a Cornell jacket at her son Harry's first Little League practice. One of the fathers came up and said, "Did you go to Cornell? So did I. What year did you graduate?" Classmate **Jim Martin** was surprised when Terri said 1984. Harry and Jim's son Luke will be playing for the Hollis Indians this season. And Jim will have the date of our 25th Reunion memorized by the end of the season, because Terri will remind him over and over and over again. **Tammy Bieber** recently relocated from New York, where she was a litigation partner with Shearman and Sterling, to Washington, DC, to join the Securities and Exchange Commission as the senior legal advisor to the chief accountant. Her 12-month-old son Max is enjoying being next-door neighbors with the pandas for a few years, and Tammy is enjoying being in the same city again with her college roommate, **Manette Leeds** Mayberg.

A lot has happened over the past few years to **Curt Alliaume**. He and his wife Karen are now

living in Naperville, IL. After 15 years of apartments in NYC and lots of debt while Karen got her doctorate, they became happy homeowners in May 2005. Just a little over three months after moving into the house, Curt's publishing house reorganized the department and let all the top people go, including him. With a realization that it was time to try something else, he's made a complete switch and is now a division leader at Primerica Financial Services, a division of Citigroup. Curt writes, "Starting a new career in middle age is a bit daunting, but I certainly love what I'm doing. The best part of our lives is our 2-year-old son Daniel. Any and all future successes I have will be due to his inspiration."

Christoph Meyer has been in Texas for the past ten years, where he is an orthopaedic spine surgeon. Recently, he partnered with 20 other surgeons to build a hospital, which opened in February of this year. He writes, "It's a great place to work and has been getting great reviews locally. My wife Tina and I are getting ready to go to Italy for our second anniversary, and hope to finally move into the house we've been building for three years!" **Vicki Keenan** Gillespie lives in Australia, where she is the CFO for PepsiCo Australia. In her after hours, she is school council president and the Parents and Citizens Association ballet patron vice president.

David Kim has been living in Boise, ID, since 1994 with wife Susan and children Zachary, 12, and Ethan, 8. "Amazing how time moves forward so quickly nowadays." He works as an emergency physician in southwest Idaho's only trauma center and is the medical center director for the hospital's flight program, Saint Alphonsus Life Flight. They are excited to be building a log cabin in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area near Stanley, ID, and hope to see it finished early this summer. David continues to take advantage of his Cornell education. In fact, he still enjoys squash and downhill skiing, both of which he learned during freshman year gym class! He writes, "If you like the outdoors, Idaho is the place to be. I'm looking forward to another year of fly-fishing, camping, hiking, and rafting." **Robert Altman** is an ob/gyn for the Sutter Gould Medical Foundation, a 200-physician multispecialty group in Modesto, CA. His wife **Yvonne Brouard '83** is a pediatrician at the Medical Foundation as well. They have three boys, Alexander, 13, David, 9, and Jonathan, 5, who are all doing well in school, scouts, sports, and community theater. Robert spends most weekends hiking, camping, and performing community services with his boys. He has two Cornell friends that he would very much like to hear from: **Charles Price** and **James Fina**.

Caroline Sommers Barujel has been a producer at ABC News in New York for the last six years, writing and producing episodes of A&E "Biography," as well as documentaries for the Discovery Channel, Court TV, and other cable clients. She and her husband Marcelo became parents in 2003 with the birth of son Dino Jose, followed by his sister Luna in 2004. Caroline frequently travels to Argentina to see her husband's family. She stays in touch with **Lois Baskin** and **Howard Kagan** from our class and looks forward to seeing everyone at the 25th Reunion!

Bill Zempsky and wife Janna are living in West Hartford, CT. Bill is an associate director and assistant professor in the Dept. of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, U. of Connecticut and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Janna is a pediatric nurse practitioner. They have sons Noah, 10, and Eli, 8. Eli is a huge Red Sox fan, and Noah is really into reading. **Chris Martin** and his wife Ginger are both architects in Boston. They have recently renovated their house in Wellesley, MA, where they live with their daughters Celeste, 10, and Felice, 5. The whole family loves camping and skiing and plans to do a lot of it in the coming year.

Don McManus and I are still living in New Hampshire. Don is a computer hardware design engineer for BAE Systems Inc., and I am an environmental lawyer for the New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services. Our kids Collin, 10, and Hannah, 6, are finally old enough to enjoy outdoor activities with us. We like to ski, camp, and walk the beach with our Boston terrier, Molly. ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 Since you are reading this column, I know you expect to read updates on friends you haven't seen in a while. There are also many who want to read about you, so when you're done reading this issue's column, go find that News and Dues mailing from the spring and send us your News! Joyce and I will share it in a future column. Thanks to all who have already written in!

Scott Bookner is still working as a pediatrician in Scarsdale, NY. He may have also completely lost his mind (he said that!) because despite never doing any serious running, he decided to sign up with the American Stroke Association to run a marathon in San Diego on June 4. By the time that you read this, I'm sure that he finished the marathon and is very proud of himself for raising money to fight strokes, our nation's third leading killer. We are hoping that some of you made it out to the race to show your support for Scott. **Laura Clark** finished up her master's in humanities in August 2005 at the U. of Chicago just in time for the birth of her son Jack at the end of November. Laura also shared that **Sam Kamel** and his wife Karen welcomed son Jamie in January.

Toyota Material Handling USA (TMHU) announced in January that **Brett Wood** was named VP of Marketing, Product Planning, and Dealer Development. Brett is now responsible for all aspects of product and strategic planning, marketing, dealer development, and market representation. Brett has been with TMHU for 16 years. He lives in Manhattan Beach, CA, with wife Jamie and their daughter Madison. **Ed Catto** and his wife Kathe enjoy living in Ridgewood, NJ, with daughters Cassie, 15, Tessa, 12, and Lacy, 9, who are all very involved with competitive dance. When the girls are not at practice, Ed said that they typically transform the kitchen or living room into a stage! When Ed isn't enjoying his daughters' performances, he continues to work in New York City. He recently joined the 141Worldwide Division of Ogilvy Advertising as a senior VP.

Big Brothers of Massachusetts Bay, a service of Big Brothers Big Sisters, recently persuaded **Wendy Foster** to join their organization as the new vice president for program services. Big Brothers of Massachusetts Bay is the nation's oldest and largest mentoring program. Wendy brings her executive leadership and a deep passion for youth development to her new role at the Massachusetts agency. Wendy's career has included consulting for PBS, a longtime senior executive with AOL Time Warner, and a senior director with Time-Life Kids Publishing. She has also had a distinguished volunteer career with several organizations, including Girls Inc., Brookline Community Taskforce on Teen Behavior, Meals on Wheels, and In2Books. Wendy lives in Brookline, MA, with her spouse and daughter.

When you read this in July, the women of 216 Delaware will have already enjoyed their annual weekend reunion. Yes, those terrific women who lived at 216 Delaware during our junior and senior years are still in touch. I am sure many of you remember enjoying some great parties at the 216 house (or maybe you don't remember too many of the details!). This year, the group met in North Carolina in mid-May. We will share news of who made it to the annual reunion in an upcoming column.

For those with whom I am in touch, you already know that I am very active in Cornell alumni events and initiatives. Some of you have asked why I stay so involved. I have come to truly appreciate that in addition to four wonderful (and fun-filled) years in Ithaca, these post-Cornell years have been a real bonus. I have connected with so many amazing individuals simply because our initial bond was that we attended Cornell (and most often not at the same time and not even in the same decade). These individuals have become dear friends, business advisors, networking contacts, and nice people to know.

Whether you want social contacts, to expand your business network, or to participate in community outreach, connecting with Cornellians is an outstanding resource. If you are not sure how to connect in your area, just send me an e-mail and I will put you in touch with the right person.

For those in the Metro New York region, there is an easy way for you to start getting connected. I recently started a monthly business networking breakfast at the Cornell Club-New York. If you can get yourself to the Club at 7:30 AM, then I promise that it will be well worth your time (even though you have to be a bit more sleep deprived). Seriously, it really is an outstanding opportunity to connect with alumni. We even have some attendees who have to take a 5:00 AM train to get to the breakfast on time, but they keep coming back each month. Please send me an e-mail if you want to join us at the next breakfast.

Once again, please send us your news. Let us know what you've been doing since we left Ithaca, if you have gotten together with fellow classmates, if you want to hear from someone you lost touch with, or anything that you want to share. We really do look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Leslie Nydick**, LNydick@aol.com; or **Joyce Zerkowitz**, jmcornett@bellsouth.net.

86 As I write this in April, reunion is just around the corner, and I know it will give a lot of us a chance to catch up in person. I must say that connecting with old friends via telephone has been great as well. When else would I have been able to hear my old friend **Howard Feiler** executing trades while simultaneously chatting with me? Howard is an independent trader and broker of federal fund options in Chicago, where he has lived for the most part for the past 16 years. Howard moved from New York to the Midwest for business school at Northwestern and built his life and career in Chicago. He is married, with four children ages 12, 10, 8, and 4, and is a former member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Many of the friends I caught up with moved from New York to other states as well. **Kim Buckner** Boggess, my roommate and friend from AEPi, now lives in Chapel Hill, NC, where she is on the faculty of UNC and practicing ob/gyn. Her husband John is a surgeon at UNC, and the couple has children Emma, 8, and Mason, 5. Kim made me laugh when she told me that her sister, who lives in Connecticut, gets her weather report from Cornellian **Bob Maxon '87**. Bob was studying to be a meteorologist when we were at Cornell and I'm glad to hear that Kim, among our other friends, reached her professional goals.

It was great catching up with my very dear buddy **Carol Baccile** Rosenberger, who also lives in North Carolina, in Charlotte. After college, Carol moved to Florida and has never left the South. Carol's husband Larry works for the Bank of America. They have daughters Madison, in ninth grade, and Katie, in sixth. Carol keeps busy with Girl Scouts and the Junior League and has promised me that she will visit me in New York very soon. She also filled me in on her brother **Peter Baccile '84**, who is now living in Greenwich, CT, with his wife and four children. Peter works for JP Morgan Chase.

My husband Todd and I took a drive up to Greenwich this month to visit with **Mike** and **Lisa Hellinger Manaster**. We had a great time, and I truly believe we haven't changed all that much since our college days. At least I would like to think we haven't. We still laugh the same way we did! I traded e-mails with our pal **Jim Connolly**, who always made Lisa and me laugh. He shared the great news that he is married and has a 3-month-old son Jack. He lives in Manhattan and works for Citigroup in the convert bond group. He keeps up with many of his Phi Delt buddies, including **Gregg Kaufman '87**, **Adam Kaufmann '87**, **Erik O'Neill**, **Eric Hage**, **Erik Sorensen '87**, **Keith Olson**, and **Dan Thompson '88**, who works at Citigroup as well.

I also heard from Jim's Phi Delt fraternity brother **Brian Parmelee**, who keeps up with many Phi Delt's as well. Brian married Cornell sweetheart **Susan (Stiff) '87** and they have three children, Brendon 15, Trevor, 13, and Melissa, 11. Brian is currently the VP, Southeast for JAMS, a mediation and arbitration company that provides alternative dispute resolution worldwide. Brian reports a very busy home life in San Clemente, CA, with the kids' baseball practices, school plays, band, and other activities. Brian aptly explains,

"Sue is taking a break from her career as a social worker to keep the kids' teenage 'careers' on track." Recently Brian attended a reunion dinner in Los Angeles with **Peter Bell**, **Steve McPherson**, and **Bob Goldman**, along with other Cornell friends including **Emile Levisetti '87**, **Gregg Kaufman '87**, **Steve Bloom '87**, **Steve Peters '85**, **Jason Grode '89**, and **Geoff DeStephano '89**. Those Phi Delt's really keep in touch!

Reunion Chairs **Dina Lewisohn** Shaw and **Katie Roth** Boyar are hearing from a lot of alumnae who will be coming back for reunion. **Sue Elliott-Sink** e-mailed Dina with news that she is the editor of a brand new, upscale lifestyle magazine called *California Driver*, set to debut in Pebble Beach, CA, in August. Sue also edits custom publishing magazines for Primedia, including the *Barrett-Jackson Experience* and *Overhauled: The Magazine*, both on newsstands.

Also in the creative field is **Leora Brayer** Mechanic. Leora and her sister write music for the children's program "Dittydoodle Works," which airs on PBS Channel 21. After leaving Cornell, Leora and her sister wrote pop songs, but they have found that their catchy melodies translated well into kids' songs. "Dittydoodle Works" is geared toward children ages 3-7. Leora and her husband Steve have three kids of their own, Rick, 10, Jake, 8, and Andie, 4. They live in Rockland County.

A full Reunion Report follows in the next issue! Keep sending us your news! ♦ **Donna Mandell** Korren, dk26@optonline.net; **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu.

87 Former Cornell regional office colleague **Karla Griffin** wrote in April: "Husband Paul and I moved the family to New Albany, OH (from Southern CA) at the end of March (yes, we did it again!). New Albany is the result of Les Wexner's vision, the founder of the Limited Companies. Lots of new growth and beautiful architecture and it reminds me of being on the East Coast. Paul took a position with a law firm in Columbus as their finance director. It was a big move but a good one for quality of life. We bought a house and I'm still up to my eyeballs in boxes and various renovation projects. I'm getting pretty good at this renovation thing. I'm thinking it may be a profitable business in my future!"

Intrepid ex-class president **Gligor Tashkovich**, MBA '91, played field reporter for this column. He sent in quite a few entries: The *Cornell Daily Sun* published an interview of **Jose Arroyo** on March 13. On the previous Friday, Jose had spoken about his rough journey of making it as a television writer with a lecture in Kaufmann Auditorium entitled "All Jokes Aside: What to Do with an English Major." He has been an Emmy- and Writers Guild Award-winning staff writer for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien." After ten years of struggling as a comedic performer and writer, Arroyo persevered to join the staffs of late-night shows, such as "Politically Incorrect" with Bill Maher, "Dennis Miller Live," and now "Conan O'Brien." A premed when he first attended Cornell, Jose took a detour to Washington, DC, after he was asked to take a leave. He worked part-time washing dishes and began performing gigs at comedy clubs. "I

got hooked,” he said, after a couple of comedy shows. He returned to the Hill as an English major with a new career in mind. After graduation, Jose moved back to D.C. and then New York City to pursue opportunities in comedy. He got his big break when Jay Leno took over the “Tonight Show,” and got paid when Leno performed some of his material. Eventually, a representative for “Dennis Miller Live” saw one of Jose’s shows and asked him to try out for the late-night HBO show, ten years after he had started to pursue a career in comedy. He joined Conan’s writing staff in 2002.

Cornell’s Entrepreneurship Legal Services (ELS) is offering a new program in professional-quality legal services to emerging growth-oriented businesses. The program is sponsored by JGSM and the Law school. Its executive director is classmate **Zachary Shulman**, JD ’90. He was a corporate lawyer for 12 years before joining Cornell. He also serves as general counsel and faculty adviser to BR Ventures, the Johnson School’s student-run venture capital arm, and BR Incubator, JGSM’s student-run consulting provider. On April 4, Cornell Entrepreneur Network, in partnership with the Metro NY Regional Office, presented a talk on real estate and the hospitality industry featuring Alan Tantleff, executive VP of Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels. Alan discussed topics such as what made NYC hotels hot again after 9/11, and the latest trends within the hotel industry. Gligor also went to a talk at the Cornell Club-New York. Randomly he sat down next to classmate **Gregory Morris**.

Two classmates were in the national news this past spring. *New York Times* journalist **Eric Lichtblau** won a Pulitzer Prize for national reporting. Eric and his fellow *Times* reporter James Risen were honored for their “carefully sourced” stories on the National Security Agency’s secret domestic eavesdropping program. They shared a cash award of \$10,000. According to the Pulitzer board, their stories began a national debate about the tensions between combating terrorism and preserving civil liberties. During his undergraduate days, Eric worked as a *Daily Sun* reporter. He began his professional journalism career as a reporter in the Washington bureau of the *Los Angeles Times*, and now serves as a Washington correspondent for the *New York Times*. Prior to winning his Pulitzer, Eric was back at Cornell on April 10 to speak to students on the role of a journalist in a post-9/11 world.

In Redmond, WA, Microsoft shook up its senior management by moving **Steven Sinofsky** from Microsoft Office to the Windows and Windows Live Group. Steve assumed responsibility for the process and planning of future versions of Microsoft’s Windows operating system. Steve, my former RA in South Baker, has been in charge of the Office product line after serving as Bill Gates’s technical assistant. During his tenure in the Office division, Steve has achieved a reputation of meeting release deadlines. His transition to head Windows and Windows Vista has led industry watchers to predict “a rock solid release of Windows Vista in January 2007.”

Our very own weatherman, **Dave Price**, spent a week entertaining the troops and reporting from the frontline in Iraq. Appearing on CBS’s “The Early Show,” Dave accompanied entertainers such as musician Charlie Daniels. Reporting from

Baghdad, Dave said: “Throughout this whole journey, despite what the headlines we read and see in the US are, the morale of the troops may surprise you.” “The Early Show” co-host Harry Smith asked Dave on the air to compare and contrast this visit to a previous year’s trip to Afghanistan. Dave said: “Well, I’ll tell you the conditions here in Iraq are significantly better than they were in Afghanistan. And as anyone who’s been on their second or third tour will say, things have really begun to improve. Things are operating much more smoothly here, and it’s a much more comfortable place to be. Yes, there are still pockets of violence. Our base was shelled while we were in the Sunni triangle and off performing. But I think most soldiers would say that, now, the hard work has begun. Now it is time to settle in.” Thank you, Dave, for showing your support of the American troops.

Joel says, “It’s almost always sunny and warm in Malibu, but we try not to gloat too much when reading reports of sub-zero temperatures on the East Coast. In 2002 I married Christina Chiung-Hwa Wu, a Taiwanese computer programmer. Best man at the very-L.A.-style, trilingual wedding (English, Mandarin, Spanish) was **Ansar Fayyazuddin**, now a physics professor at the U. of Stockholm and Brooklyn College. My wife delivered our son, Isaak I-li Fetzter, in 2003, and he is now keeping us extremely busy. Last academic year we lived in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Taipei as the faculty family for the Pepperdine-in-China program.”

Nancy Michalski Wall reports, “I am finishing up my MAEd (Elementary) and will soon enter the market for a teaching job. I finished my student teaching (27 fifth graders!) and think that

‘Their stories began a national debate about the tensions between combating terrorism and preserving civil liberties.’

TOM S. TSENG ’87

In the spring, my wife Rebecca and I went to Santana Row in San Jose to meet up with her cousin Cid, who was in town on business. I ran into **Karen Fann Townsend**, who was having a “girls night out” with some of her running buddies. I asked after **Karl**, and she informed me that he is still with Palm and enjoying his work. He does not travel overseas as frequently as in the past, but he does like the opportunity of developing new hand-held gadgets. Karl and Karen continue to train for marathons and triathlons, a passion they developed several years ago.

Finally, I must remind everyone that our 20th Reunion is now less than a year away! Please mark your calendar, June 7-10, 2007. We look forward to seeing many of you back in Ithaca. And remember, this class column is not as interesting and informative if you don’t tell us what you’re up to these days. So send your 4th of July pictures, summer vacation itineraries, and news to: ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, tseng@stanford.edu; or **Debra Howard Stern**, dstern39@yahoo.com.

88 Hey there, great ’88ers! Many of us are turning 40 this year—that seemed ancient to me when we were at Cornell. When I was 20, I thought 40 meant you were at the top of your career, had been married or were in a committed relationship forever, and had “old” kids. Although that’s true for some of our classmates, many others are just marrying or having children now, and I am constantly amazed at the wonderful heights everyone continues to hit with their career advancements. Thanks to everyone who wrote in and shared.

Joel Fetzter tells us that last year he was tenured and promoted to associate professor of political science at Pepperdine U. in Malibu, CA.

I have finally found my niche! The family and I are also going to be headed back to Georgia, where we recently bought a home to be affectionately known as either ‘Stately Wall Manor’ or ‘Oz,’ depending on how you look at it. All three daughters are doing very well. Middle daughter Gabi recently won an excellence award at the Okinawa Science Fair for her project called ‘Does color affect perceived sweetness?’ She made good use of my degree in Food Science. We hope to stop in Taipei on the way back for a little break before making Georgia home once again this summer.”

Jayne Gilbert Peister shares the following: “I traumatically turned 40 in December! My wonderful husband Darren threw a surprise party for me—and I was! Some Cornellians who were there: **Laura Pearlman Kaufman** ’89, **Alyse Etelson Lieberman** ’89, **Debbie Etelson** Mayblum ’91, **Damara Gutnick**, and **Jay Schiff**. My husband and I live in New Rochelle, NY, and have daughters Emma, 9, and Sophia, 6. I am STILL working for Lilly selling pharmaceuticals (since graduating Cornell!), and in my spare time I am president of my girls’ school’s PTA, on the Religious School board of our synagogue, and involved in our local community in various ways. Not much free time! Life at 40, though, is good. I had hoped I’d be exactly where I am now!”

Alicia Schwarcz is having double the fun! “Just wanted to let you know about the birth of my twin boys Liam Isaac and Timothy Jacob on January 10, 2006. They are fraternal twins with their own personalities and smiles that light up the room! I’m living in Princeton, NJ, these days and work for a satellite operator out of D.C. (Intelsat) selling satellite communication networks. It’s a fun job and I get to work from home.”

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer. As always, please write us with your news and

updates—on yourself or any other Cornellians you may see or bump into! Take good care. ❖ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; and **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu

89 Hope everyone is having a good summer reflecting on the memories of beautiful, sunny Ithaca days (yes, there were many!). I spent a few summers on campus during our college years, and they were good times. Speaking of good times, if you haven't done so yet, please e-mail us with your News—or send it in with your class dues payment. Not only do we, your class correspondents, personally want to hear it, but we want to share it with all our classmates. I know I have fallen out of touch with many, but it is always exciting to hear wonderful news of someone I haven't heard about in a long time. It makes all these years vanish in an instant!

So let me share some of this news. **Amy Wilson Goodrum** wrote in January to tell us that **Phil** took a new job with Blasland Bouck & Lee based

Remember, you can send us your news all year round—you don't have to wait for the dues forms. Submit the news online or just e-mail one of your class correspondents. ❖ **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; and **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com.

90 Now that summer is warming your heels (especially in rain-drenched Northern California), perhaps you will sip iced tea while reading the *Alumni News*.

New Kids on the Block (almost always like ice tea). **Christie Fanton** and husband **Matt Kuhn** had a big day on Sept. 30, 2004 when baby Zoe arrived. **Larry '89** and **Kim Sumner Mayer** welcomed Eli, and everyone couldn't be happier. Kim works at the Children of Alcoholics Foundation in New York City and helps families affected by a parent's substance abuse survive and recover. Just a little farther downtown from

New Beginnings. **Sean Bolks** married **Kathy Kraus '91** at Sage Chapel on Aug 6, 2005. The wedding party included alumni **Karen Kraus '88** and **John Crosby '90**. After a Statler reception attended by 23 Cornellians, the happy couple visited Dunbar's and the Hot Truck. **Marc Goldman** married **Cara Smith** on November 13, 2005. The wedding party included best man **Marshall Kohen**, groomsman **Scott Pesner '87**, and bridesmaid **Cheryl Goldman '94**. Many Cornellians joined the celebration: **Mary Hohenhaus '87**, **Doug Onsi**, **Jeff '91**, MD '95, and **Robyn Lipsky Weintraub '91**, **Arik Marks '91**, **DJ** and **Pia Napolitano Ledina '91**, **Ellen Goode '91**, **Dave '92** and **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller '93**, **Jeff Anbinder '94**, and **Stacy Slomovicz Rosenberg '96**. Marc is currently an associate director at the NYU Center for Career Development, and Cara works as an assistant director at Yeshiva U. Career Services. Marc and Cara live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The ever-charming **Michael Karangelen** reports that **Jeff Bershad** married **Kathleen McCullough** at Manhattan's Ritz Carlton on Feb 19, 2006. Also attending was **Rob Lynch**, MBA '91.

Summer Vacations. **Suzy Schwam** Tomassetti and her husband write that life in Jupiter, FL, near the beach is super, despite the hurricanes. Suzy now works part-time in real estate after eight years of pharmaceutical sales. **Cary Attar** works as general manager for the Central Market in Houston, TX. Kids Hudson, 10, and Veronica, 4, will keep him busy for the summer. **Theodore** and **Anna Henderson Endreny**, MAT '91, and their children Sierra, 7, and Noah, 4, are spending the spring and summer in Cyprus. Ted has a Fulbright fellowship and is on a sabbatical leave from SUNY-ESF. Anna is working on editing a preschool science curriculum and practicing Greek with her children.

Stephanie Jensen began working as associate director of commercialization for Nektar Therapeutics. Her company will introduce Exubera inhaled insulin in partnership with Pfizer. Before starting the new position, she will visit Indonesia for two weeks of scuba diving in a biologically diverse marine habitat. **Andy Alpart** writes that some weekend plans to see **Pete Christakos** and **Matt Richardson** were squashed by an attack of croup. Otherwise, he spent a week in Biloxi in December volunteering in the wake of Katrina—a life-altering experience. **Benjamin Pavone** is living his dream life in San Diego, CA, and works as a civil attorney. In Tucson, AZ, **Allison Duncan** and **Jeff Hoppert**, ME '99, removed 30 tons of topsoil from their front yard. Undoubtedly, they broke new ground using their Ag and ME degrees to help them decipher the mini-excavator earth-mover's operation manual.

Thanks to all for responding to my "Friends, Romans, Alumni" news solicitation e-mail. Without your responses, this column would be a whole lot shorter. Please keep sending your updates! ❖ **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; **Tamiko Toland**, stmoluag@yahoo.com; and **Amy Wang Manning**, aw233@cornell.edu.

91 Once again, alumni from the Class of 1991 have been busy with families, careers, and adventure in general. I know that many of you

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KELLY ROBERSON '90

in Syracuse. He will continue environmental consulting on human and ecological risk assessment. **Marianne Schnall** is the co-founder and editor of two popular websites: the 12-year-old environmental site www.EcoMall.com, which she runs with her husband Tom Kay, and the 11-year-old women's non-profit organization and website www.Feminist.com. She is also a writer and interviewer whose writings have appeared in a variety of magazines and on the Web. Marianne was a contributing writer to Robin Morgan's latest anthology *Sisterhood is Forever: The Women's Anthology for a New Millennium* (Washington Square Press). She is married to her soulmate and they have two daughters, ages 5 and 8. What does she remember most about her time at Cornell? Good friends, inspiring conversations, and lots of fun.

On February 15, 2005 **Laurence Bailen** and his wife welcomed twin girls Lily and Molly to the family. Big brother Daniel loves playing with his new sisters! **Stephanie Keene** Fox welcomed twin boys Kyle and Ryan on February 5, 2006. Stephanie also has a 3-year-old son, Colin. Mom and Dad are sleep-deprived but doing well.

Here on the home front I have become involved with animal rescue organizations after losing my dear Mr. Grey to an illness. I am on the junior board of PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving), which focuses on turning Chicago into a no-kill city and works to alleviate the pet overpopulation program through saving lives, prevention, and education. If you live in the Chicago area and are looking to adopt an animal or want to come out to one of our fundraising events or simply want to get involved/volunteer, check out www.pawschicago.org.

Kim, **Mike Eidelman** and partner AJ Vincent are proud fathers to Katie and Connor, born on June 30, 2006. Mike is a partner at West Village Dermatology in NYC. On Dec. 15, 2005, **Anne Wilkinson** and husband Steve Weirsmas greeted their new little guy Tate. In May, Anne returns to work as an interior designer at Babey, Moulton, Jue & Booth in San Francisco, where she has worked for 13 years. Let's hear it for long maternity leaves and long-term jobs.

Anne Foster Foley and husband Brendan cheered their second son Connor's birth in July 2005. He spends most of his time watching his older brother Danny, 2. Anne stays at home with her children and enjoys their very family-friendly Seattle suburb, while her husband works at Microsoft. She would love to hear from fellow Cornellians in the Seattle area. (Drop the correspondents a note and we will forward.) Anne is in touch with **Heather Meyer** who, after a short stint back in Ithaca, is now living in Saratoga Springs balancing work and raising her son Jackson. Heather and her husband work at Skidmore College. Meanwhile, in Ithaca, **Bob '88** and **Helen Herrador Arco** joyfully welcomed their first child, Adam, on December 27, 2005.

New Jobs (let's hope there's time for a summer vacation). **Richard Kaltenbach** became associate counsel for ICAP North America and is cheered on by wife Leslie and daughter Charlotte, 2. Richard reports that **Frank Cirillo** married **Alexandra Von Knorring** in May 2005. **Peter Pruyn**, MS '92 (pwp@mlisp.com) now lives in Cambridge, MA, where he immerses himself in the field of organizational learning after four years in Houston at NASA.

had the chance to catch up during our spectacular 15th Reunion in Ithaca last month. Stay tuned to the Sept/Oct issue for a full Reunion Report.

Ina Kurcz moved to Marina Del Rey, CA, last December to join her fiancé David. Another new Californian, **Kim Nguyen**, MA '94, moved to Santa Clara with his wife Thuy and their 2-year-old son Liem. Kim is VP, Finance at Intel. After a dozen years of living in New York City, **Matthew Joseph** recently moved to Harrison, NY, with his wife Michele and their kids Morgan, 4, Tyler, 2, and 1-year-old Cole. Matthew is a partner at a structured finance practice at the law firm McKee Nelson LLP.

Sharlyn Carter Heslam is happy to report that **Kristin Hurley** Van Riper, **Jenny Harris**, and she all had babies within two weeks of each other last August and September. Kristen welcomed her second baby boy, Cory; Jenny's son Jonathan welcomed new little sister Emily; and Sharlyn celebrated her newest family member, daughter Clara. Sharlyn traveled from Boston to meet the other two for a brunch at Jenny's place in New York City, and they were joined by **Kari Ginsberg** Nesbit and **Cynthia Lee** Dow. They had such a good time that they promptly reconvened in January for a long weekend in the Berkshires, joined by **Kristen Sciacca** and all of their families.

Todd Merkle and his wife **Sarah** (Gallagher) '92 (Santa Monica, CA) celebrated the first birthday of son Thomas. **G. Michael**, JD '94, and **Cheryl Jacobson Favale**, MILR '94, celebrated the birth of their third son, Matthew, late last year. Matthew joins older brothers Nicholas, 5, and Joseph, 2. Cheryl notes that the family relocated from New York to Richmond, VA, where she is a human resources director and Mike is an assistant attorney general.

Allison and **Jason Bernbach**, JD '94, and big sister Ryan, 4, celebrated the first birthday of son Bryce. The entire family lives in Millwood, NY. Frank and **Elena Yotides** Fechner live in Worcester, MA. Elena recently changed jobs to work for Genentech Inc. Though her new company is based in San Francisco, Elena telecommutes from home, allowing her more time with her daughter Katarina, 2. **Betty Ng-Beckler** and husband Laurence welcomed their second son, Gordon, in February. Gordon's big brother Harrison, 3, named him after his favorite Thomas and Friends train! Betty and her family continue to live in New York City, and she plans to return to her job as VP of Derivatives Sales at Mizuho Corporate Bank Ltd. **Birdie Matern** married husband Stephen last year and celebrated the birth of her first child, Kai, in February. She will soon be returning to part-time work as an attending family physician at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ.

April Horowitz Moulart writes that daughter Aurora, 1, is "just perfect." April took a new job managing the State of Vermont Wetland Protection and Restoration Program in the Vermont Dept. of Forest, Parks, and Recreation. She reports that earlier this year she visited **Beth Huizenga** Shaz and **Alice Michael** in Boston. Beth has a son Andrew, 1, and Alice has daughter Sadie. **Emily Kramer** Neill and husband Dayton welcomed baby girl Addison into their family last November. Emily is living in the suburbs of Boston, and is VP of Business Development for the Greater

Boston Chamber of Commerce. **Ardrell Mannings** (Frederick, MD) is happy to report the birth of his son Kyndl and the fact that he was promoted to VP of Human Resources at the Chase Card Services division of JPMorganChase.

Craig Miles rang in the New Year by making partner in the law firm of King & Spalding, where he practices international arbitration in the firm's Houston office. Last March, **Seth Briskin** was elected partner at the Cleveland law firm of Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis. Seth provides labor and employment counsel to unionized and non-unionized companies and was named to Crain's "Cleveland Business 40 Under 40." Seth also serves as chairman of Cleveland Bridge Builders and serves on the executive committee for the Center for Employment Training, the American Jewish Committee, and the Cleveland Jewish News. He is also a member of the American, Ohio State, and Cleveland Bar associations, and was recently named by his peers as an Ohio Super Lawyer.

David Kadosh moved to start a new job as ass't prof. at the U. of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in the Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology. **Emily Jordhamo** was promoted to VP, Client Services for Quintiles Medical Communications in Hawthorne, NY. **Kate Pierson** Lundin is working at MTV in their business development group on the launch of a new channel. She reports that she and husband Steve are still living in New York City and loving it! After four years of working with Morgan Keegan in Memphis, **Brian Mellone** was elected managing director. Brian is also head of the fixed income capital markets taxable banking group. **Gayle Kaufman**, MS '92, lives with husband **Kevin Bell** '90 in North Carolina and has two children, Emily, 6, and David, 2. Last spring Gayle was promoted to assoc. prof. of sociology at Davidson College and is currently on sabbatical, working on a project about fathers' experiences with work/family conflict.

Julie Nielsen Lindsey is pleased to report that she "finally" finished her medical residency last June and has been enjoying working part-time as a family physician in Chapel Hill, NC. She spends the rest of her time raising her children, ages 5 and 3. She also manages to do some local road races and play tennis. **James Mister** has worked at Cargill Risk Management since receiving his master's in international studies from the U. of Pennsylvania Wharton School. James lives in São Paulo, Brazil, with his wife of two years. **Geoffrey Moskowitz** has lived in Moscow, Russia, for the past nine years with his wife Madeliane and their kids Ivan, 5, and Mikaela, 4. He founded and manages Tip-Top Cleaning Co. **Keith McAfee** has once again relocated back to the West Coast, this time to San Diego. He found a great opportunity with Intuit, creator of TurboTax and Quicken software, and boasts that the weather is fantastic. Keith is still playing soccer, and though he is sorry that he missed everyone at reunion, he notes that he could not resist the siren's call of the World Cup in Germany!

Emily Kaplan married Gregory Dodge a year ago at the Four Seasons Biltmore in Santa Barbara, CA, a destination wedding weekend of festivities for the happy couple and their friends and family from the East Coast. Classmate **Philip Pilla** and

his wife Leah were in attendance, and their daughter Sophia was a flower girl in the ceremony. Also in attendance was head football coach and family friend **Jim Knowles** '87. **Kevin Rosas** was married to Cristiane da Silva in Brazil last December. The newlyweds have since moved to Cooperstown, NY, where Kevin has accepted a job as an orthopedist.

Becky Levine Leibowitz lives in Scotch Plains, NJ, with her husband and two children, Jonah, 3, and Sam, 1. Becky works in the research and development division at Ethicon, a division of Johnson & Johnson. **Mayra Jimenez** Lucero writes that she has been a management recruiter for the Capital Group Companies for 11 years. She joined Capital in New York City and then relocated to San Francisco, where she lives with her husband Marcelo and their children Gabriel, 3, and new daughter Natalia. Mayra also enjoys being a mentor to Bay Area Cornell freshman **Angie Morel** '09 and plans to attend some of the upcoming Cornell Silicon Valley/Cornell Entrepreneur Network meetings. Mayra reminisces that nearly 15 years after she graduated from Cornell, her deepest friendships remain with those people she met during her first couple of years at Cornell. Keep in touch. ♦ **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com; **Nina Rosen** Peek, nrs5@cornell.edu; and **David Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com.

92 Remember, if you'd like to volunteer to serve on the Reunion Committee for 2007, the people to contact are: **Michelle Struble** Bouton (mlbouton@hotmail.com) and **Tracy Furner** Stein (tracy@hylandgroup.com).

I just got back from Universal Studios Florida with my family and, oh boy, do you get your money's worth—of waiting. We got there at 11 a.m. and stayed till closing at 10 p.m. We didn't get to see everything because waiting in the lines took up most of the time. I am such a get-up-and-go gal that it was hard for me to be still and wait 45 minutes for a ride. But I looked in the faces of my four kids and saw something I had rarely seen there before. It was determination and patience—with absolutely NO complaining. Wow. They were going to get on that Shrek 4-D ride no matter how long it took. It was a much-needed reminder for me. And a costly one. These theme parks are expensive! I'll start saving now for next year's adventure, and next time I'll be sure to wear my walking/standing/leaning, super-shock-absorbing shoes. Meanwhile, I still enjoy singing with the band justCharmaine (.com), I'm still at the helm of MahoganyBaby.com and slated to be featured in a *Time* magazine article on discipline, and I'm a contributing writer for the travel magazine *Odyssey Couleur*.

Dylan Willoughby, MFA '95, has poems forthcoming in *Shenandoah* in the US and *Interpreter's House* and *Coffee House* in the UK. Five of his poems were recently featured in *Chapman*, a Scottish literary journal. **Priscilla Powell** Coq was admitted to the Florida Bar in fall 2004. She currently holds the position of ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) coordinator for the Miami Dade Housing Agency. She is married and still enjoying the adventures of motherhood with her three sons.

Mark Bailen is a new partner at the Washington, DC, office of Baker and Hostetler LLP.

He is a member of the litigation group and concentrates his practice in media law and commercial litigation. He earned his law degree from New York U. School of Law in 1997 and is admitted to the US Courts of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, US District Court, District of Columbia, District Court, District of Maryland, and the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Massachusetts Bar associations.

The latest round of News updates was just starting to come in as this column was being written. The many questions on the News Forms elicited lots of varied responses from all of you. If you haven't done so yet, take some time out from nurturing your lawns, planting perennials, or shuttling kids to their extra-curriculars and STOP and take a breath. Write in and share your news! Here's a sampling of what had been received as of early May. More to come in future columns.

Elena Brower Lyon is a yoga teacher and studio owner in New York City (www.virayoga.com). **Jae Pak** lives in a new house in Herndon, VA, and is director of operations at the College Board. He is busy with work and with his family—wife Barbara and two daughters—and dreams of being on perpetual vacation. What he remembers most fondly about Cornell is life in the fraternity with the brothers.

David Murphy remembers the landscape/setting at Cornell. He lives in West Hartford, CT, and is a consulting engineer/hydrologist, although he says he'd rather be working part-time than full-time. That could be because he and partner Barry Walters just adopted a baby boy, born Feb. 1, 2006. Congratulations! David would like to hear from **Samantha Williams**. **Tomitra Latimer** lives in Chicago, IL, where she is an attending pediatrician at Children's Memorial Pediatrics at the Uptown Clinic. After hours, she enjoys reading, spending time with husband John Ehresman, and hanging out with her sister and her two kids. She's been studying a lot for her pediatric board recertification exam, but says she'd rather be reading a great legal thriller. She fondly remembers a Fashion class in the HumEc school and would like to hear from **Rhonda Johnson** and **Sam Harden '91**.

Ann Rojas of Haddonfield, NJ, wrote just as she was about to "retire" to travel for a few months. "Then I'll look for work in public health closer to home. I'm consulting for non-profit organizations as needed." Ann had recently returned from three weeks in Australia and was getting ready to go to Thailand in May. When asked what she'd rather be doing, she said, "I'm lucky to be doing exactly what I want right now." Of Cornell, she writes, "I remember most fondly the optimism and hope that comes from opportunity and youth." Ann would like to hear from **Ann Koriath '93** and **Liz Chiasson Bello**.

We look forward to hearing from all of you. Until next time. Be a light, and be well. ♦ **Wilma Ann Anderson**, info@WilPowerEnterprises.com; **Debbie Feinstein**, Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com; or **Renee Hunter** Toth, rah24@cornell.edu.

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Happy summer! I hope you are all very busy visiting classmates and planning exotic summer vacations, events that you will later colorfully

and succinctly summarize and submit to your class correspondents for inclusion in future editions of Class Notes, of course! Until then . . .

Many of our classmates have written in recently to share their latest career accomplishments. **Darren Carpizo** graduated from his general surgery residency at UCLA and will begin a surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Looks like Darren and wife Katherine will celebrate their first wedding anniversary in New York. Also headed east is **Karen Nakamura**. Karen was hired away from her job at Macalester College in Minnesota to Yale U., where she has taken a position as an assistant professor of anthropology.

We have several consultants among us. **Gabriella Salvatore** is director of corporate education at Vantage Partners, a Boston-based consulting firm. She runs a practice area focused on building individual employee's skills in the areas of negotiation, communication, and strategic relationship management. Gabriella writes that she spends her free time doing yoga and playing with her 3-year-old son. **Jay Cammermeyer** recently joined management consulting and engineering firm R. W. Beck's water and waste resource practice in Seattle. Jay is a civil engineer and will provide support to project managers and teams on a broad range of design and consulting projects.

Katherine Catinchi, DVM '96, is a veterinarian with her own clinic. Katherine lives in San Juan, Puerto Rico, with husband **Armando Rodriguez '95**, MHA '95. **Kristin Iglesias** is also a veterinarian. She and husband **Matthew Scott '94** live in Middletown, NJ.

We heard from a few of the lawyers among us. **Erik Feig** writes, "I made the move from my position with a large law firm to start the legal department of a residential real estate multiple listing service." Erik, wife Heidi, and daughter Hannah, 2, live in Potomac, MD. **Robert Guazzo** was named special counsel to Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, a national law firm. Robert works in the New York office in the firm's corporate practice. **Andy Velez** is also an attorney. He and wife Marti have two sons and live in Floral Park, NY.

Zachary Rabinor is founder and president of Journey Mexico Inc., a specialty tour operator and travel agency that works exclusively in Mexico. The company is based in San Diego. **Winnie Rieder-Su** has also broadened her horizons beyond the US. She is living in Switzerland with husband Harald and working as a consultant for information systems at Man Investments, a hedge fund.

Jason Halio e-mailed to say, "After five great but snowy years in Boston, I relocated back to NYC this month. I still work for Morgan Stanley, but joined the equity derivatives group. I've spent the past month reconnecting with fraternity brothers **Jeff Chabrowe**, **Marc Warm**, MBA '94, **Jon Stein '94**, and colleague Dr. **Michael Aberman** and am looking forward to seeing many more Cornellians in the near future!" Jason is not our only classmate in the financial world. **Geoffrey Suval** is a partner and financial sales manager. Geoff lives in Reisterstown, MD, where he's been enjoying time with wife Louise, daughter Anna, and son Spencer. "Eating too much and not

exercising enough!" **Steve Haggerty** is an equity trader at Capital Research and Management in San Francisco. Steve and wife Elizabeth have children Julia and Billy. The *New York Times* reported that **Michael Rudegeair** married **Claudia Reitenbach '91** on December 11, 2005. Michael is a manager in the tax department of RSM McGladrey, a business consulting and tax firm in New York, while Claudia teaches kindergarten.

Traci Nadel Friedman wrote, "My husband Jeff and I recently located to West Hartford, CT, where we have met up with a number of Cornellians. Our twins Emma and Jacob just turned 3-1/2, and our daughter Sophia is celebrating her second birthday next week." **Wil Andersen** is a landscape architect with CPL Partnership, a multidisciplinary design firm based in Matawan, NJ. He writes, "Currently my landscape design projects range from a contemporary church campus to urban redevelopment communities." As if that did not keep him busy enough, Wil is also the CAAAN chair for Hunterdon County, as well as co-chair for Warren and Sussex counties (all in New Jersey). Finally, **Elizabeth Smith** DeSpirito is a psychotherapist. She lives in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, with husband Antonio and daughter Sofia.

Please keep the news coming. You can either e-mail your class correspondents or submit your news online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. Please note that we cannot write about engagements or pregnancies—only marriages and births. Thanks! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu.

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How many people can, in one year, add the titles "Ironman" and "Calendar Girl" to their names? At least one classmate can—**Diane Dubovy**. On her 33rd birthday, she completed the Ironman Florida in 13 hours, 9 minutes, and 31 seconds (and in the top half for her age group!). That led to the calendar gig: she posed for a 2006 calendar of New York City triathlon chicks to raise money to buy handcycles for disabled children through Athletes Helping Athletes. Diane is the picture in the top left hand corner at www.raisingheartrates.org/html/theProject.html. "You can also go to www.raisingheartrates.org/html/theCalendar.html to order your very own and support this worthy cause."

Sean Alexander, MBA '01, is also a triathlete, and was recently licensed to teach Scuba diving. His day job is as a vice president at Deutsche Bank in Hong Kong. **Chris Fitzgerald** continues to work as director of animal services for the City of Rochester, NY. Chris is now a single parent and spends most of his non-work time co-parenting and running around with his 3-year-old daughter. **Don Nguyen** reports a busy life. In 2004, he got an MBA from the U. of Chicago in finance, marketing, accounting, and entrepreneurship. Since September 2004, he has been working as the Metrics and Analytics Workstream Leader (financial/business analysis role) in sourcing and logistics at DuPont. He married Shantii Penareddondo on September 18, 2005, and honeymooned in Tahiti and Moorea. See the pictures at: <http://dnguyen.smugmug.com/>. In his

spare time, he enjoys tennis, Tai Chi, and playing X-Box Live. His screen name is “donny boy 72.”

Holly Ripans Witten reports, “I have had a busy 12 years!” After working in D.C. for four years in the hospitality industry, she got an MBA from Emory U. She then moved back to D.C. to do marketing and branding for the American Red Cross. Since 2003, she has been back in Atlanta at the helm of her own marketing company, Leap Forward Group. In November 2005 she married Doug Witten. **Deb Bushell** Gans and **Laura Sauter** Stein were at the wedding.

Elizabeth Golluscio was recently named senior director, marketing for The NewsMarket Inc., an on-demand video platform for journalists. **Jane Lee** got her MBA from UC Davis in June 2004 and is active with the Cornell Alumni Association of Northern California (www.cornellnorcal.com). **Josh Cantor**, wife **Penny (Tchakirides) '95**, and sons John, 5, and Jason, 3, moved from Southern California to Williamsport, MD, last year, where Josh works as director of parking and transportation at George Mason U. in Fairfax, VA. Penny is a manager at CitiGroup.

Jeff Anbinder is now an associate with the law firm of Martin, Clearwater & Bell LLP, a mid-sized firm in midtown Manhattan that specializes in the field of medical malpractice defense. He is proud to say that his law school work on the Innocence Project resulted in the release of an innocent prisoner. **Stacey Merola**, PhD '01, married Peter Schildkraut; the couple got Scuba certified while on their honeymoon! **Janice Kam** and husband Hyeon Lee welcomed son Emerson Kam Lee on October 21, 2004. She has the scoop on some other births: **Laurie Kisloff**, **Chris Tsai**, and big brother Tommy welcomed Alex Michael on December 4, 2004; and **Wayne '93** and **Cindy Morrison Phoel** welcomed Annabel Joy in August 2004.

Lisa Sacks and husband Jonathan Richer welcomed daughter Talia Glory on December 23, 2004. Just two weeks later, on January 8, 2005, **Elizabeth Kaufmann** Hale, husband James, and 2-year-old Dylan welcomed Ryan Matthew. Elizabeth is an assistant professor of dermatology and practices dermatologic surgery at the NYU medical center. A few months later, on February 16, 2005, **Brad Hirst** and wife Fran welcomed son Philip Joseph John Hirst. Brad is senior producer on ESPN2's morning show, “Cold Pizza.”

Fall 2005 was a life-changing time for **Nicole Vantuno** Wagner. In September she earned her master's degree in microbiology from Seton Hall U., which she managed to achieve on a part-time basis while she continued to work at Schering-Plough. Then, on October 27, Nicole and husband Stephen welcomed twin boys Leo Benjamin and Calvin Theodore. She writes, “We're all doing well despite the inevitable sleep deprivation, and I am already singing Cornell songs to the boys to give them a head start.” **Rosario “Charo” Gonzalez** had a baby girl on Christmas day. Charo reports that Victoria Isabel Rodriguez-Gonzalez is the spitting image of big sister Sofia, who is 2.

I am pleased to announce a new addition to my own family. Nathaniel Dennis Wasyluk arrived on December 28, 2005. Nate joins big brother Alex, who will be 3 by the time you read this. In

between chasing after my two sons, I continue my work specializing in copyright and trademark law in Tampa, FL. What are you up to? Let us know!

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95 Greetings, all, and welcome to the back of your *Cornell Alumni Magazine*! My guess is you turned here first to: a) look for your news; b) look for news about your friends; or c) read about classmates you never met while at Cornell but would be more than happy to run into on the street. After all, who doesn't like to run into Cornellians, especially 1995'ers!

‘How many classmates can, in one year, add the titles “Ironman” and “Calendar Girl” to their names?’

DINEEN PASHOUKOS WASYLIK '94

Babies! Babies! Everywhere! Let's start with baby news. **Amy Leitner** Straus writes, “I gave birth to a little girl, Shayna Danielle Straus, on September 27, 2005. She is doing great and has joined her big brother Ethan, who will be 3 in April 2006. I am not working and am busy with the kids in Plainview, Long Island.” On December 12, 2005, **Jenny Tu** gave birth to Katie Noelle Zhao. Despite lack of sleep, Jenny says the new family is doing fine. Closing out 2005 and gaining a delightful tax break, **Karen Fellowes** Siwinski and her husband welcomed their second child, William “Will” Henry, on December 30. Will has 2-year-old big brother Jack Peter to teach him the ropes.

Several classmates started the new year with a new family. Future Cornellian baby Peter greeted his parents **Matthew** and **Sonya Hand Stover '96** on January 10. **Mindy Goodman** Sickle e-mailed her update: “My husband Jason and I live in NYC on the Upper West Side. We had a baby girl, Jordyn, on January 12, 2006. She joins big brother Preston, who turned 2 on March 5. Having two kids less than two years apart is challenging, rewarding, and entertaining, all at the same time. Sleep is a luxury these days. I am still doing consulting as a project manager, but switched in 2004 from BearingPoint to a much smaller firm that is family-friendly and requires almost no travel.” Two weeks later, on January 29, **Jon Barnes** and his wife Stacy welcomed their first child, Emma Olivia, who at two months is a very happy baby. Not sure if anyone noticed their stealthy behavior last June, but according to Jon, “We knew that Stacy was pregnant last summer at our 10th Reunion, but since we hadn't told anyone yet, we had to sneak around the campus store as we bought some Cornell gear for our upcoming baby!”

Patrice Winter Rousell sent in the lone piece of wedding news. She writes, “The past year-and-a-half has been a whirlwind! I spent Oct. 2004 in Tanzania teaching English in a

nursery school, followed by a six-month sabbatical as a ski instructor in Steamboat Springs, CO. While there I met James, we got married in Seattle in July 2005, and a few months later, we moved to Edinburgh! So I'm now working as a project manager for an insurance company and looking forward to exploring Scotland for the next year or so!” Wow, Patrice, you have moxie!

The next stop on our back-of-the-magazine journey will include careers, trips, and pastimes. Remember the Olympics? **Shawn Hecht** and **Christine Chang** traveled from NYC to Torino, Italy, to watch the first week of the Olympic games. They saw tons of sporting events, and highlights from the trip included meeting Al Roker from the “Today” show, sampling every

pastry/pasta/chocolate from the region, and cheering on the US with some of the athletes' families and friends. Shawn commented, “Winter survival skills from our four years at Cornell came in handy during the freezing temperatures (the Alps!) and a two-hour hike during a blizzard to get from the ski venue to the train. Only in Italy! Plans were made to travel to Vancouver in four years to continue the fun.”

Brenda Janowitz recently sold her first novel—in a two-book deal—to Red Dress Ink. Look for *Scot on the Rocks (Or, How I Survived My Ex-Boyfriend's Wedding With My Dignity Ever-Slightly Intact)* on bookshelves in April 2007. Brenda also recently published a short story with LostWriters.net. **Veronica Brooks-Sigler** and her husband Jeffrey live in Wallingford, CT, where Veronica is an English teacher at Alternative Center for Excellence. In Washington, DC, **Brian Wildstein** is a real estate attorney at Arnold and Porter LLP. When not working long hours at the office, Brian can be found riding Ducati motorcycles along the “twisties” in the Virginia back country. Across the US in Oakland, CA, **Shauna Handrahan** and her life partner Colin Tong started a business called Art of Eden that assists people in building the life of their dreams.

In the Philadelphia suburbs **Sanjoy Biswas** works for GlaxoSmithKline as a senior scientist in the microbiology department, trying to develop new antibiotic drugs. Lucky Sanjoy managed to take a five-week vacation during the first part of the year to Calcutta, India, to visit his extended family. In November 2005, **Brian Rose**, his wife Caroline, and their two children moved from Dallas to Highland Park, IL. Brian is a portfolio manager at Magnetar Capital LLC. In addition to his day job duties, Brian studies the Torah with the distinguished rabbi of the Chicago Torah Networks.

And last, but certainly not least, is **Caroline Kim Oh**. Caroline reports, “My husband **Chong**

Freedom of Choice

MICHELLE CRAMES '96

If you—or your children—grew up in the 1980s or 1990s, you probably remember the interactive “Choose Your Own Adventure” books for young readers published from 1979 to 1998. The stories were written in the second person and allowed the reader to decide how the action should progress. Michelle Crames remembered, and she’s betting that the idea is due for a high-tech comeback.

Crames’s production company, Lean Forward Media, will be releasing the first of the “Choose Your Own Adventure” series on DVD this August. Featuring the voices of actors Frankie Muniz and William H. Macy, the interactive animated movies bring the popular stories to life. Each DVD pauses at crucial points in the action where the viewer needs to make a choice that will affect the story’s outcome. “Kids don’t have any control in their lives,” says Crames. “They’re told when to get on the bus, when to eat, what after-school things they have to do. Finally, this is a mechanism where they can control a story.”

A longtime lover of children’s entertainment, Crames studied both hotel management and engineering on the Hill with hopes of a career designing theme park attractions. After brief stints working at Disney and Warner Brothers, Crames was inspired to start her own entertainment company. She enrolled in Harvard Business School, where she and



business partner Jeff Norton came up with the idea for the DVDs. After acquiring the rights to “Choose Your Own Adventure” from the two original series founders, Crames and Norton started Lean Forward Media in 2003. The company, she says, is dedicated to creating content for children that not only entertains but educates and engages. The first DVD, *The Abominable Snowman*, takes place in Nepal and features true-to-life settings and a documentary about the region’s history and geography. “First we get them with really great, fun stories, interesting endings, and unexpected twists and turns,” says Crames. “And then there’s some substantive educational qualities as well. We teach kids about making the right decisions.”

— Matt Berical

and I just moved to Westchester this summer, where he joined Rivertown Orthopedics, a group of orthopedic surgeons, as their spine specialist. I continue to run iMentor, a youth mentoring program for high school students in low income neighborhoods in NYC. I’ve been at iMentor since 2000!” For those interested in iMentor, check the website at www.imentor.org.

Our tour of the back of the magazine has concluded. Please exit to the right. Thank you! ❖ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.cornell.edu>.

96 Greetings, Sixers! In anticipation of the 10th anniversary of donning our caps and gowns (I’m writing this in April; full Reunion coverage will appear in the Sept/Oct issue) and being ordained meritorious of a bachelor’s degree, and as a slight diversion from writing about marginal structural models (don’t get me started), this column is filled with some pre-reunion nostalgia. Thanks to the wonders of the Internet and my penchant for retaining every scrap of paper I’ve ever owned, this was a somewhat uncomplicated task.

First, I am lucky enough to still have in my possession a 1992 Cornell Facebook. And, somewhat gingerly, I took a look at the picture I submitted. Eesh. (**Ben Farber** and **Christina Sun**, if you’re out there, I hope you remember the Facebook story and you’ve let a slight chuckle erupt thinking about it.) Anyway, there I am, in all my fresh-scrubbed, adolescent, archetypal Eighties hair, black-and-white glory. Interests: photography and volleyball. Still true. However, my two lovely SLR cameras are sitting in my linen closet gathering dust while my trusty digital camera does most of the heavy lifting these days. And I don’t think I’ve been in a darkroom since I shot for the yearbook sophomore year and spent some rainy Saturdays among the bottles of fixer and developer in the Straight. As for volleyball, my kneepads and quick set have been on temporary hiatus as I took up soccer for the last four years (do you know how TALL these undergrads are in California?). Moving along . . . Area of study: Pre-med. Ah, yes. That was before I realized that my true calling was sitting behind a monitor and looking at data. No, really, it is quite excellent. And I get to wear flip-flops to work.

Next, I am also fortunate enough to be in possession of a Class of 1996 *Cornellian*. Again, my picture is not worth a thousand words. What can I say . . . again, just not having a good hair day. The yearbook is filled with some beautiful shots of foliage . . . and pristine snow, which makes me sigh with longing but rejoice at the fact that Reunion is in June, not December.

I also remember that the *Cornell Daily Sun* published a list of “96 things to do before we graduated.” Unfortunately, I misplaced the list, but was fortunate enough to find the Class of 2004’s list posted on the Web (they have 100 things to do). Some of them were indicators that, indeed, times have changed. For example, Number 57: Get a mantra. Wow. These young whipper-snappers are sophisticated. Most of my karmic chants in school involved repeating the steps of the Krebs cycle over and over silently to myself before a test. These next two made me laugh: Number 28: Tell yourself how brilliant you are; and Number 27: Tell yourself how stupid you are. These actually happened to me on the same day.

I remember a particularly bad snowstorm sophomore year, when my roommate **Jean Lam MacInnes** and I convinced ourselves that no, we wouldn’t hide out in our room and curse the inclement weather, but dedicate ourselves to furthering our education, despite snow and frigid temperatures. It took us about 45 minutes to get to class, the whole time muttering our . . . our mantra, I suppose: “We are TROOPERS!” OK, it’s not exactly tell yourself how brilliant you are, but it was some positive self-affirmation. Anyway, I get into class (about 45 minutes late), and it was chock full of students who had managed to get there on time. It was then I invoked Number 27. Number 23: In the list of movies that are must-sees at Cornell Cinema, the Class of ’04 left out (inadvertently, I’m sure) 1) *Blade Runner*, *the Director’s Cut* (fantastic) and 2) *Say Anything*—not so much for ’80s nostalgia as for the mention of our dear alma mater during an early soliloquy! Quite excellent to have a whole movie theater cheering. (You can

check out the rest of the list at <http://classof04.alumni.cornell.edu/100%20Things.html>.)

The list did make me nostalgic for the things that are special and unique to Ithaca. Watching a sunset at Sunset Park. Traying down Libe Slope (or sending a mattress down Williams Street). Sitting in the library when you begin to realize that grades aren't the most important thing . . . then you go out for a walk. OK, maybe that's not unique to us, but at least we could walk to get an ice cream cone from Cornell's very own cows. Pretty nifty.

Recently, my roommate's younger cousin, who is applying to colleges in the fall, came out West to check out Berkeley and Stanford. Talking to her after her campus tour, I don't know if she felt as excited as I felt on her behalf. I remember going through that process, and I remember being wowed by all that was in front of me when I drove up to Ithaca to see the campus for the first time. The four years we spent on the Hill were a gift—a time and place to think and learn and grow, and carve out our niches in the world. I'm looking forward to Reunion in order to remember some of those triumphs, along with some of the humbling bumps in the road. And of course, to eat Chariot pizza and Ruloff's nachos.

Thank you for letting me share some of my stories with you. A full Reunion Report appears next time! ♦ **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 is the regional edition of your class column! Pacific Northwest: **Blakely Lord** (BAL6@cornell.edu) checks in from Seattle, WA. Blakely is currently a claims manager for Alaska Airlines and is preparing to take the Washington State Bar exam. In her free time she has been taking ski lessons and getting to know Seattle. She welcomes any friends to let her know the next time they are in the area!

Southeast: **Viktoria Sveinsdottir** (viksv@juno.com) sends news from Orlando, FL, of her marriage to Jeremy Seymour in July 2004. Viktoria and Jeremy hosted the wedding in beautiful Iceland. She currently works in acquisitions and development for Starwood, focusing on mixed-use resorts. She and Jeremy also started www.orlandobootcamp.com, a fitness business. She invites any classmates visiting Orlando to stop by for the workout of your life!

Also in Florida is **Jeanette Arango** Dorfman (jarango629@aol.com). Jeanette and husband Richard enjoy working on their house in Miami and expanding the family business. She also recently finished a master's degree in education and works as a preschool teacher. She would love to hear from **Yesim Yetis '95**. Not too far from Miami is **Ivan Irizarry**. Residing in San Juan, PR, with his wife of a year, Lisgelia Santana, Ivan is an internist in various hospitals on the island. While he would much rather be sailing in Puerto Rico or skiing in Colorado, he and Lisgelia, also a doctor, plan to move to New York soon for specialties in anesthesiology and cardiology.

Mid-Atlantic: **Donald Megliola** (don@h2oinvestments.com) and wife Amanda welcomed

son Donald Thomas in October 2005. Don keeps busy as the owner of a retirement income planning firm in Reston, VA. Don would love to hear from **Adam Hills**, so Adam, drop Don a line!

Northeast: Class president **Robert Klein** (robert@northstreetpartners.com) and wife **Anissa (Karp) '98** celebrated the birth of their first child, Jake Phillip, on December 2, 2005. Robert is enjoying time with Jake and being back in New York City. Robert and I agree that the hectic pace at Cornell definitely prepares you for the real life juggle of work, school, and family! Also in the Big Apple is **Marshall Kim, PhD '97** (glaucomacenterofhawaii@hotmail.com). Marshall informed us that he is completing a fellowship in glaucoma at the Weill Cornell Medical Center and will soon be starting a private practice in ophthalmology in Honolulu, HI. Best of luck on your move cross country, Marshall!

Based out of Fort Drum, NY, but currently serving in Afghanistan with Operation Enduring Freedom is Captain **Jason Matyas** (jason.matyas@gmail.com). Jason is an air mobility liaison officer with the 10th Mountain Division. He spends his time in upstate New York working on his house and picking up hunting. Jason fondly remembers all those hockey games at Lynah and spending time in Barton Hall with ROTC. Thank you, Jason, for your service to our country.

Samara Friedman (samarafriedman@hotmail.com) recently published a book entitled, *The Anatomy of Motherhood*. Samara said she was inspired by the birth of her son to compile this book of black-and-white photography depicting the hopes and dreams of mother for child. You can find the book on Amazon.com. Congrats, Samara! Finally, future Cornellian Sofia Isabel Perez entered the world on March 2, 2006. Dad **Rafael** and mom **Nicole Cuda Perez** are head over heels for Sofia. Welcome to Sofia, as well as Donald and Jake, our other Cornell babies from this column.

Our news is running low. Please send Erica or me updates on your lives. Loves, births, promotions, moves—whatever it is, we want to know. There is a lot more going on with our classmates than listed here. Don't be afraid to toot your own horn! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 Hello. As I sit here (Gregg) starting out at the beautiful weather in NYC (middle of April), I'm counting down the days until I'm done with graduate school. Unfortunately, there's no time to play outside; instead, I'm bogged down with papers and projects. I can't believe my two years at Columbia Business School is almost over. What better way, however, to take a break from my studying than to write the Class of '98 column. So enough about me (update on Erica: she is still living in London, where beautiful weather is a relative concept). Here's some interesting information about our classmates.

Audrey Roy is a Foreign Service officer serving in Pretoria, South Africa, since October 2005. She has been spending her free time going on safaris, visiting Cape Town, and sampling Johannesburg's nightlife. She misses her nephew who lives in Aliso Viejo, CA. **Ragu Gopalan** is a sales

and marketing associate with Sanafi-Arentis, working to market products to the medical and insurance community with as little spin as possible. He has been loving living in California and enjoying outdoor life. He even scaled Mt. Shasta and did not lose his enthusiasm for Cornell as he sang our Alma Mater to a *Financial Times* columnist on vacation. He misses hanging out and catching up with all his old Cornell friends. He says he remembers "those lazy, humid summer afternoons when campus was full of life, and time seemed slower . . . or maybe it was just Philosophy class." He would love to hear from all his friends, and especially Art McGruder at the Statler Hotel.

Martin and **Ami Walter Stallone** were married in 2000. They had their first son, Martin, in 2003 and their second son, Thomas, in October 2005. Marty is a doctor/captain in the Air National Guard, and Ami is a mom/homemaker; she was a teacher until July 2003. They are staying busy taking care of their two sons. **Anna Berg** Faatiliga is the general manager of a capital equipment reseller of surface-mount assembly equipment and semiconductor equipment. She spends time with her husband and two daughters hiking, skiing, and generally being outdoors in North Carolina. Her fondest memories of Cornell are cramming for exams, late nights on campus with friends, two-liter Diet Cokes, and pizzas. **Kris Gillis**, JD '79, please send Anna an e-mail—she would love to hear from you.

Congratulations to **Wendy Fiel**, who completed a clerkship in the Eastern District of New York and is now a litigation associate at Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP in NYC. **Christopher Cox** lives in NYC and is an analyst at Highbridge Capital Management. **Philip "Jamie" Jones** is still working on his family's farm. The Jones Family Farm grows strawberries, blueberries, pumpkins, grapes, and Christmas trees. He thanks Cornell, as he has opened a winery on his farm. In only his second year the wines have been very well received, with eight different offerings. He and wife Christiana have son Jackson Philip, the seventh generation at his family's farm.

Cristzayda Matos is a lawyer and enjoys going diving (especially in Costa Rica) when she gets the chance. She traveled around Australia last year with classmate **Jen Woodard**. She misses cheering on the Cornell men's ice hockey team at Lynah Rink with friends. **Liz Hamilton** married Joseph Short on October 1, 2005 in her hometown of Simsbury, CT. Cornell classmates (and roommates) **Ruth Koepke** and **Emily White** Johansson were bridesmaids.

More news from **Joseph Rossettie** (thanks for all the updates!), who graduated from the U. of San Diego Law School in May 2005 and is now a lawyer. He got married at Sage Chapel on December 3, 2005. He misses the lacrosse team and ATO at Cornell and wants to hear from **Fred Peightal**. **Erika Johnston** reports that she got married to Paul MacAnanny (from Ithaca, though he did not go to Cornell) on April 30, 2005 on Long Island at a beautiful vineyard—Raphael in Peconic, NY. They had a very adventurous honeymoon, as they climbed Nevis Peak (3,200 feet) in the West Indies! Fondest memories at Cornell include "brilliant classmates, good friends, sunsets

sitting on top of Libe Slope, and sitting on the ADW Bench” (where she got engaged).

Angela Song—Shannon Marchegiani is looking for you! Shannon is a pediatric resident at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA. She was married to Dr. Michael Melia on a beautiful fall day on October 7, 2005 in Manchester, NH. Cornellians in attendance included **Penelope Pinneke** Pugh, Dr. **Jessica Greene** Zuniga, Tri-Delt Big Sis **Andrea Bell** Metzdorf '96, **Alexander Lauren**, and Dr. **Christine Trilivas** Lauren, who was her bridesmaid.

That's all for now. Apologies again to those who have waited patiently for their news to appear in print (we have a word limit on the column!). Please keep writing to us. ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; and **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

99 Remember those “what to bring” college checklists? Seven years ago at this time, checking items off that list was a top priority—like shower shoes, extra-long twin sheets, bulk quantities of ramen noodles and Snapple, and those ubiquitous stackable crates. Our “what to bring” lists these days are a far cry from posters and mini-refrigerators. Yes, folks, today we're probably a lot more likely to be buying shower gifts than shower caddies . . .

Baby blankets. **Susie Grego** Bernholdt and her husband Chris welcomed adorable son Adam Van Ranst into the world on April 5, 2005. The family is at home in Bolingbrook, IL. Third-year medical student at the U. of Minnesota, **Jessica Leighty** Guiroy is also mom to 15-month-old daughter Belen.

Fine china. **Christine Ng** was married to husband Janis Vitols last August on Gibson Island in Maryland (the same island as the summer house in the movie *Wedding Crashers*). **Lindsay Campbell** Perrell and **Connie Liu** were part of the bridal party. The outdoor ceremony on the Chesapeake Bay featured an international crowd, with guests flying in from Latvia and Australia. After a long honeymoon Scuba diving and sun bathing in Bonaire and Aruba, the couple returned home to Manhattan. Christine works for Goldman Sachs Int'l Securities Lending Group and just finished her MBA at NYU. Connie is in her last years of residency in obstetrics in the Bronx and has been delivering babies and vacationing the world. This year she drove all over Italy and recently returned from Costa Rica.

Liz Dennis was married in September to George Allen on Nantucket. On hand to celebrate were classmates **Margit Louis** Foley, **Debra Haym**, **Kristen Albano**, **Julie Wojslawowicz**, **Tim Cahalane**, and **Joanna Weber**, MBA '04. Liz and George live in New York City, where Liz just started her own line of ladies sleepwear, Elizabeth Cotton. Last October, **Heather Mahar** Paulson was married at Mohonk Mountain House. Cornellians joining in the celebration included **Christine Ellis**, who served as maid of honor, **Andy Heyman** '97, **Shawn McDonald**, **Andrew Sorkin**, and **Heather Boyd**. Heather is an antitrust associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz in Manhattan. **Kevin Chipalowsky** married Ithaca College

graduate Erin Ouellette last July on Cape Cod. The pair met while at school in Ithaca. Japanese was the language of love for **Taryn Williams** and Ryan Stubblefield, who met while taking Japanese classes and got married last April in San Francisco. Where else but Japan for the honeymoon?

White coats. **Heather Hillman** Phillips is an associate veterinarian at Gansett Animal Hospital in Rumford, RI. Heather was married to **Brian Phillips** in April 2005 at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, NY. **Angela N. Martin**, DVM '02, is an associate veterinarian for small animals in Huntington, NY. **Rebecca Cannon** spent a month in Ecuador working at a hospital in Quito. She graduated from Georgetown Medical School last May and now lives in Los Angeles working as a general surgery resident at USC, planning to pursue surgical oncology. **Erika Ann Strohmayer** is an internal medicine resident at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. After hours, and for a resident there are not very many, this young doctor is a karaoke star.

Financial calculators. **Alice Lu** graduated from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management in 2004 and works as an associate product manager at Ortho Biotech, a Johnson & Johnson company, where she's responsible for marketing initiatives for Procrit, a “blockbuster” anemia drug. **Mandi White Ajmani** completed her MBA from Suffolk U. and is now working on a clinical PhD program at Suffolk. Husband **Sameer '98** just received his PhD in computer science from MIT. Soon, when someone says “Dr. Ajmani,” two heads will turn for this power couple. After spending five years at MTV Networks and picking up a master's degree from Columbia, **Camille Garriga** has headed to Philadelphia to attend business school at Wharton. Enjoying all the wintry charm of Hanover, NH, **Scott Seiffert** is an MBA candidate at Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth.

Passports. **Bryce Hall** lives in Venice, CA, and has recently written and produced shows for the Travel Channel, the Learning Channel, Discovery HD Theater, and the History Channel. He most recently produced a show for the Travel Channel called “Ghana: The Presidential Tour” with Forrest Sawyer and president of Ghana J. A. Kufuor. **Marc Casalaina** is back in San Francisco after completing a six-month stint directing a team of programmers at Oracle's offices in Bangalore, India. **Kimberly Fitch** is a PhD candidate in political economy at Penn, and was awarded a Fulbright grant to do research in Germany.

Lesson plans. **Alexa Rezelman** Sabanezh is an educational program coordinator at the Cornell Center for Materials Research. Her extracurricular activities include the Frozen Assets Hockey Team, book club, gardening, and cooking. It's a long way from Buffalo, NY, where he grew up, but **Justin Zakia** now calls Pensacola, FL, home. He's a naval aviator and flight school instructor. **Victoria Cohenour** Timpe lives in San Francisco and works as a program advisor for JFKU for master's counseling psychology students. She's also a part-time life coach. In response to what she'd rather be doing now, Victoria says: “Nothing, [I'm] loving what I do right now!” We should all be so lucky! ♦ **Jennifer Sheldon**, jennifer.sheldon@gmail.com; **Melanie Arzt**, snoopymel@gmail.com; or **Jess Smith**, jessica@fenton.com.

OO I recently had a chance to try out for “Jeopardy!” The audition was a lot of fun, but unfortunately I wasn't picked to be one of the lucky few who compete to win big on television. However, that doesn't mean we can't have some fun this month playing our own version of the game. So grab your buzzers . . . it's time for Cornell Class of 2000 “Jeopardy!” Please remember to phrase your answers in the form of a question.

Our first category is Higher Education. The answer: This classmate is back at Cornell working on the Knight Program. Question: Who is **Eugene Foo**? Eugene is pursuing a joint MBA and MEng degree at Cornell and welcomes any questions about the program. Next answer: This Yale School of Management student is interning at JPMorgan Chase Private Bank this summer. Question: Who is **Minna Kwon**? Minna is looking forward to catching up with other Cornellians while back in New York City. How are you doing? Ready for another? Okay, the answer is: This biochemist's research focuses on developing novel treatment options for food allergies through work with an animal model. Question: Who is **Michael Kulis**? Michael received his PhD in biochemistry from Georgia Inst. of Technology in January and currently has a postdoc position at Duke U.

Now let's move to the Entrepreneurs category. Answer: This owner of Big Sky Hazard Management calls Bozeman, MT, home. Who is **Pam Pedersen** Shrauger? In addition to running her consulting business, Pam also married in June. Our next answer is: This NYU Stern School of Business student runs ReIgnition Recordings. Question: Who is **Ross Siegel**? Ross also reports that he attended **Wilson Barmeyer**'s summer 2005 wedding. He went with **Adam Lindenbaum**, **Nick Powers**, and **Gabe Handford**, and says they all had a great time on the beach in Georgia. Ready for another answer? Here you go: **Greg Friedlander** founded this Durham, NC-based company three years ago. Question: What is All American Speakers? Greg's company is a celebrity talent booking agency that represents companies seeking to hire motivational speakers, celebrities, and athletes for personal appearances, speaking engagements, and endorsements. Recent placements for clients include Tom Brokaw, Jay Leno, Harry Belafonte, and Magic Johnson. Greg also shared that **Keren Zuniga '99** and **Carolyn Costello** are both living in the Triangle area. Keren is a professor at UNC, and Carolyn is an anchor/reporter for the NBC affiliate in Raleigh.

Next up is World Travel. The first answer is: This Cornell couple has recently visited India and is planning a summer trip to Kuwait. Question: Who are **Matt** and **Lynn D'Silva Cinelli**. Lynn sent word that the family is moving to Cincinnati, OH. She is a senior analyst in supply chain for Merck, and Matt is a brand manager for Clair-ol. Next answer: Her travels have brought this Six Sigma Black Belt employee to Ireland, Scotland, London, China, Tibet, and Hong Kong. Question: Who is **Catherine Beirne**? Catherine is also studying for her MBA part-time at Kellogg.

Are you ready for Double Jeopardy? We'll start with the always popular Literature category.

First answer: This is **Tyisha Noise's** first novel. Question: What is *Just Before Dawn*? Tyisha is currently located in Los Angeles and describes her book as a coming of age tale that brings together the experiences of women in their 20s struggling to find happiness.

Let's try Winter Sporting Locales next. Our first answer: This popular ski resort is home to **Heather Foulks**. Question: Where is Jackson Hole, WY? Heather works at the Four Seasons Jackson Hole. She says, "I spent a rather snowy winter, but am looking forward to the summer and fly-fishing." Heather invites anyone who is interested in visiting Yellowstone or Grand Teton National Park to look her up at haf3@cornell.edu. Next answer: This Harvard Business School grad works in Peterborough, NH, at Eastern Mountain Sports. Question: Who is **Dena Zigun**? Dena is the marketing manager and is currently responsible for launching a new customer loyalty program. She spent last summer doing some epic travel, including kayaking up the Sonnenberg Fjord in Norway and Scuba diving in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt.

One category left: Careers. First answer: She was recently promoted to director of marketing and public relations for Corning Community College. Answer: Who is **Debbie Stayer Kelly**? Debbie is working on the school's first major gifts campaign and is planning to start a master's in management this fall. Next answer: **Areck Ucuzian** is doing this at Loyola U. Medical Center. Question: What is a general surgery residency? Next answer: Since graduating from U. of Buffalo Law School, she has worked as a criminal defense attorney with the law firm of Harrington & Mahoney. Answer: Who is **Ellen Poch**? Okay, we're down to the last answer on the board: **Jodi Sangster**, DVM '05, is a veterinarian at this military installation. Question: What is Edwards Air Force Base? Jodi is with the US Army and says the Mojave Desert is "vastly different from Ithaca."

Ready for Final Jeopardy? Our category is the Internet. The answer is: This recently redesigned site is the best way to stay updated on Class of 2000 activities and news. Question: What is <http://classof00.alumni.cornell.edu/>? Our webmaster **Phil King** has been working hard to redesign our class's home on the Web. Check it out! ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Happy summer, Class of 2001! It was really good to see everyone at Reunion. Thanks to all who came. Stay tuned to these pages for a full Reunion Report in the Sept/Oct issue.

Congratulations to **Chris Anker**, who married **Alison Louie** on April 23, 2005 at Sage Chapel. Cornellians in the wedding party included **Koji Park**, **Jen Chu**, and **Charlotte Manning**. Other Cornellians celebrating in the event included **Tim Eng**, **Matt Sarli**, **Peter Hon**, **Steve Rocco**, **Dan Hecht**, **Karen Chastain**, **Kristina Carlson**, **Dina Agrapides**, **Chris Libby**, **Carolyn Louie '80**, and **Jerry Concannon '73**, ME '75. For their honeymoon, the happy couple spent a month touring national parks in California, Arizona, Utah, and Wyoming. Chris is doing his intern year at Upstate Medical U.,

where he graduated last year. The couple moved to Utah this past spring, and Chris is doing his radiation oncology residency.

Chris was also happy to report that Karen Chastain married Ben Hughes, a native Australian. The couple left their jobs at Merck and traveled for two months across the US. They then spent four months in South America, followed by a couple of months in Europe and Africa. They will end their year-long honeymoon in Australia, where they will be making their new home. **Arthur Okere** checked in from Boston, MA, where he is just starting his fourth year of medical school at Boston U. School of Medicine. He is set to graduate in May 2007 and plans on applying to internal medicine residency programs in the Northeast, eventually to start a career in cardiology in the future. Arthur and his longtime girlfriend, **Anna Berent '02**, just bought a car together. Anna recently graduated from Northeastern U. School of Law, and started working as a prosecutor at the Middlesex DA's office in Massachusetts.

In Rochester, NY, **Carrie Andrews** is a labor relations specialist for New York State United Teachers. She has also been working as the Mon-

Alaska last summer for a fishing and hiking trip. **Talia Ben-Jacob**, MS '03, finished her third year of medical school at the U. of Vermont College of Medicine and is really enjoying her clerkship year. In March 2005, she was elected the New England representative to the American College of Physicians (ACP) Council of Student Members. One of the perks to the position is that she gets to work with one of her good friends from Cornell, **Kerry Donegan '02**, who is the current chair of the council.

Do you have any news for your classmates? Let us know so we can write about it! E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. Have a great summer! ♦ **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu; and **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu.

02 Baseball season has begun. We'll see if by the time this is published the Mets have sustained their improbable standing. I graduate from Columbia with my master's in industrial-organizational psychology in two weeks and then it's time for some R & R (aka lots of baseball). While it is exciting to graduate, it doesn't come close to that feeling from four years ago . . . and

‘Erica Chan is still living in London, where beautiful weather is a relative concept.’

GREGG HERMAN '98

roe County Legislator for the 21st Legislative District and running a campaign for Monroe County Legislature—with a successful primary and general election win. **Kathryn Prybylski** finally moved away from Ithaca. She'd been working as a civil engineer for the Town of Ithaca since graduation and started in late January with a small environmental engineering firm south of Boston. She's excited to have moved to Boston and was happy to return to Ithaca for Reunion. Her last day at work in Ithaca was in early December, followed by an extended drive south to Mississippi to her parents' house while visiting friends and family along the way.

Congratulations to **Eric Gillman**, who graduated from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia U. with a Master of International Affairs in February 2005. Thereafter, he moved to Washington, DC, to start a JD program in August 2005 at the Washington College of Law at American U. His next goal is to work as an international trade lawyer. **Linda Lee** lets us know that she's working as a senior merchandiser for menswear brands at Liz Claiborne in New York City. However, Linda would rather be back at Cornell right now.

From out West, **Brooke Hafets** checks in from Park City, UT, where she's an outreach manager for the National Ability Center, a non-profit organization that provides outdoor recreation for people with disabilities. Recently, she has been learning how to fly-fish. She went to

I expect nothing will. Speaking of reminiscing, now might be a good time to tell you all to mark your calendars for June 7-10, 2007 for our 5th Reunion in Ithaca. Start requesting those vacation days now!

Natalie Whelan wrote to tell me about **Max King**, who recently finished third in the USA Cross Country Championships to earn a spot on the team for the World Cross Country Championships! "He is an old teammate of mine from Cornell track and cross country. While at Cornell, Max served as captain of the team, was twice a heptagonal (Ivy League) champion, and earned All-America honors in the steeplechase," wrote Natalie. (On a related note, this past weekend, Cornell men's and women's track continued their success as both teams won the Heptagonal Championships, the ninth straight track title for the women and the sixth winning title out of the past seven championships for the men!) For anyone wishing to extend congratulations, Max is at mking@bendres.com.

Leah Dozier is living in Zambia, volunteering her time for Grassroots to educate children about AIDS/HIV through the game of soccer. **Daniel Jenhsia Chiao** is a software engineer for Riya.com in Redwood City, CA. He is living in nearby Chino Hills. **Abezer Tapia** works for AMD (Advanced Micro Devices Processors) and is partly responsible for setting up connections between Cornell and the company. Recently, Abezer was on the Hill with AMD's CEO for "AMD Day" at the Engineering college. The

Cornell Chronicle posted a picture of a ribbon-cutting and a short caption about how the company donated servers to the school.

Plenty of you are back in school. **Elizabeth Macaulay Lewis** writes, "I'm currently in my second year of my PhD at Oxford U. in classical archaeology. I've been doing lots of yoga and learning how to ski. I got married in May 2005 to the English artist George Lewis. **Sarah Holton** and **Lizzie Andrews** were bridesmaids." **Christopher Yopp** is a graduate student at UC Berkeley, as well as a tutor. He also enjoys snowboarding, ultimate Frisbee, and hiking. "I am loving Berkeley and San Fran," Christopher writes, though he'd admittedly prefer to be traveling through the wilds of Central Africa. Mostly, Christopher remembers the beauty and splendor of the many gorges and Buttermilk Falls. He'd like to hear from **Grischa Metlay** and **Wyatt Hartman '01**.

Some of you are on your way out of school. **Julie Katz** writes, "This is my first contribution to the alumni pages, so here goes! I'm graduating from the U. of Pennsylvania School of Medicine this spring." Julie starts a pathology residency at Johns Hopkins on July 1. "Med school has kept me busy!" **Anna Berent** writes, "Right

in the wedding party. Kate will graduate from Washington U. in St. Louis with a degree in social work this spring before moving west to Portland, OR; Julia is finding success as a freelance writer for *New York Magazine*; Angie is planning to make the move from Wisconsin to Virginia Beach; and Jen will begin a PhD program in clinical psychology at Fordham in Fall 2006. Kim and Joe met at their church in New York City and live on the Upper West Side. Congratulations to all of our newlyweds! Send news to: ❖ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Reunion is only two years away! So to get the Class of 2003 into the reunion spirit and make sure that we are all staying in touch, your fellow class officers and I have put together a few useful tools that I hope you will all sign up for! First of all, we now have groups on facebook.com and friendster.com called Cornell Class of 2003. Definitely join at least one; ideally, join both! Another way that we're looking to keep all of us connected is with our new Yahoo! group. Just go to groups.yahoo.com/group/CUclass_2003 and click on "Join This Group!" If you have any

but in New York City. Adrienne is training for her first triathlon and ran the NYC Marathon last fall! "I've been doing lots of traveling to places like the Caribbean and San Diego." I bet Adrienne is getting much more sun than we are here in Seattle. **Rachel Gordon** misses the Cornell days of eating Mama T's and CTB 24/7, but she continues to stay in touch with her fellow SDT sisters **Rebecca Harris**, BFA '04, **Emily Orfinger**, **Stephanie Moore**, and **Kristen Jones** through their New York City book club.

Well, that's all from rainy Seattle. Now go join those groups so we can start planning reunion and see each other again soon! In the meantime, don't forget to e-mail your updates to me or Sam—anything from the mundane to the extraordinary is more than welcome. ❖ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; and **Sam Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu.

04 The Class of 2004 website (<http://classof04.alumni.cornell.edu>) has a new feature—blog-like entries from classmates in unique situations! Second Lt. **Brian Donnelly** makes his entries from Fallujah, Iraq. He is a Marine Corps Public Affairs Officer currently deployed at Camp Fallujah and is finding the time to give us a peek into his life. **Funa Maduka** writes her entries from St. Lucia, where she is working with the Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative to ramp up their efforts throughout the Caribbean. I will not be reprinting their posts in the Class Notes, so you must visit the site to read their amazing entries. If you are also in an interesting situation and would like to share bits and pieces with our class via the website, please contact **Esther Tang**, our class co-president, at Statler Love@gmail.com.

Adam Wadler, ME '05, writes that he is working in investment banking at Merrill Lynch in New York City. **Christopher Dial** is also living and working in the City as a NYC Board of Education teacher. **Christine Hum** is working as a financial analyst at Guy Carpenter & Co. She is an active board member of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) and its co-chair of scholarship fundraising. If you're interested in more information about CAAA, contact Christine at ch255@cornell.edu.

Michelle Findley is in Las Vegas, studying for a graduate degree in occupational therapy at Touro U. **Allison Hope** is also on the West Coast, working as a hospitality real estate financial analyst, consultant, and appraiser. Recently, she has been traveling and watching a lot of San Jose Sparks games. She also is very involved in several San Francisco philanthropic organizations. Allison sends her love to her sorority sisters in Delta Gamma.

That's all for this issue, but there is some exciting news in the works for the next issue, so send in your updates and join the Class of 2004 groups on Friendster and Facebook. If you have a time-sensitive announcement that will occur before the next printing of the Class Notes, you may post it to our Friendster or Facebook groups. And don't forget to visit <http://classof04.alumni.cornell.edu>—we're constantly updating and adding new features. ❖ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

‘We now have groups on facebook.com and friendster.com. Join at least one; ideally, join both!’

SUDHA NANDAGOPAL '03

now I'm living in Boston, MA, recently graduated from Northeastern U. School of Law, and passed the Massachusetts and New York Bars. I just started working as a prosecutor at the Middlesex D.A.'s office in Massachusetts. I have been dating my boyfriend, **Arthur Okere '01**, since my junior year at Cornell, and we just bought a car together! Arthur is just starting his fourth year of medical school at Boston U. School of Medicine." **Bethanie Ricketts** graduated from Case Western Reserve U. School of Law in May 2005 and now works for Reminger & Reminger in Cleveland, focusing on probate/trust litigation, medical malpractice, and professional liability.

It's certainly wedding season! **Jen Gruner**, MS '04, married **Adam Schoenfeld** on April 2 in Woodbury, NY. Cornellians in the wedding party were **Jason Freedman**, **Matthew Grant**, **David Oliwenstein '05**, **Kristal Maner**, PhD candidate for '07, and **Meryl Lubran**, MS '04. Adam will begin his residency in internal medicine at Yale this summer. **Shari Sheflin** married her medical school sweetheart, **Fillip Findling**, on February 25, 2006 in Bethpage, NY. **Shara Freeman**, **Sarah Keim**, **Karen Moravec** Trout, and **Brendan Fehleley** were there to wish them well!

Kim Mohr wed **Joseph Rotondo** on April 22, 2006 in Rochester, NY. Theta sisters in attendance were **Kate Bennett**, **Jennifer Kohler**, **Mehreen Yousaf '01**, **Julia Ramey**, and **Carolyn Deckinger**. **Nicole Rubinstein '01** and **Angela Hemauer** were

problems with finding the groups or joining, feel free to e-mail me. And, as always, if you have suggestions for your class officers on ways that we can keep everyone connected—or if you'd like to get involved with reunion planning—just drop one of us an e-mail.

Now to the updates that you're all eagerly reading this column for! **Jedd Narsavage** writes, "I am still happily living in Bethesda, MD, with my fiancée **Sadie Thorpe '04**. I design and develop large commercial properties as a landscape architect for Bohler Engineering in Sterling, VA, while Sadie is slowly going insane as a first-year law student in Washington, DC." Not too far away, **Meredith Nagin** is a research analyst in Arlington, VA. Soon to be joining the great D.C.-area alumni is **Amanda Schlager**, who is finishing up her last year of law school and will be moving to D.C.

Meanwhile, **Kamilla Chaudhery**, JD '03, is already an associate at Strook's Litigation Practice Group in New York City. She was recently the recipient of an award for her "distinguished pro bono efforts on behalf of domestic violence victims." **Matt Kemm** returned from his own stint of public service—as a Peace Corps volunteer. He served as an agriculture extension volunteer in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. Welcome back, Matt!

John Chuang writes that he has moved to Chicago and is now a consulting analyst at Accenture. **Adrienne Dutt** is also with Accenture,

05 Jeff Massa's business card is plain. With black and grey printing adorning an off-white stock, it could be considered boring. Jeff's job, however, is anything but. While most of us are dreaming of making our first few million, Jeff is moving it. Daily. "At any given time I'm dealing with millions of securities," he said. "At first it was really intimidating. I had a ton of responsibility thrown at me right away, along with high expectations. Every detail is extremely important, so it can create a high-tension environment." As an analyst for Goldman Sachs, Jeff is at the office by six, and often isn't done dealing with clients until after the sun sets. Sometimes it's working out deals. Other times it's entertaining clients on the town. Still, he says he loves it. "I'm always on my toes and there's always something going on. Each day flies by because it's so intense and dynamic."

His day starts by getting a feel for the Asian and European markets, then catching up on the domestic news to get a grasp on how the markets might react. He primarily deals with credit products, and though he could be mistaken for Cool Hand Luke now, it wasn't always like that. "It's a really big deal once you can start executing trades," he said. "You have to pass a test, get a license, learn the ropes, and then once you're at the firm 90 days you can start executing. There's a lot of preparation and anticipation that goes into that first time." And while he credits his initial successes to hard work and preparation, he credits his job satisfaction and enjoyment to his co-workers. "The people I work with are all really cool. They're intelligent, down to earth, and fun people to work with. Just being exposed to a great group of people has been really rewarding—it's one of the best things about being at Goldman." Jeff is taking his first vacation soon, traveling to Germany for the World Cup with **Matt Crumrine '04**.

Judging from her after-hour activity of hitting the beach, it would seem that **Megan Maraynes** is already on vacation. In reality, she's far from it, instead attending classes at St. George's School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. When not in class (or on the beach), she's out volunteering at health fairs on the island as a member of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA). And while she loves sporting tank tops and shorts year-round in the Caribbean, sometimes Megan joneses for Ithaca. "Part of me misses bundling up in my long underwear, two pairs of socks, and hiking boots to go to class," she writes.

Karla Jones has taken a break from studying to check in as well. She's pursuing a master's in public policy at Georgetown and working part-time at the US Dept. of Labor. She's currently serving as a research assistant in the international labor bureau. When not in class or at work, Karla uses her spare time to meet up with Cornell classmates and attend dance classes. She also writes that there's nothing else she'd rather be doing right now: "I love my grad program, and I love living in D.C."

Jumping from our nation's capital to China's, I'd like to take a self-indulgent moment and report

that I'm currently in Beijing through the U. of Minnesota's law school summer program. Besides earning six credits in comparative property use, business entities, and Chinese economic policy, I've also been able to see the sights. So far I've visited the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the 2008 Olympic planning office. For those of you who are envious (and in law school yourself), next summer's program is also open to students from other universities, with more details on Minnesota's website. ♦ **Matthew Janiga**, mwj3@cornell.edu; and **Michelle Wong**, michelle.r.wong@gmail.com.

06 Now that exams, Senior Week, and graduation are behind us, we are no longer just Cornellians. We are Cornell alumni. A subtle distinction perhaps, but an important one. It means we have our degrees! And with those degrees, we are already starting to do great things.

Some of us are taking that next step in life right in Ithaca. **Meredith Howell** is sticking around to complete her master's in Public Administration at the Cornell Inst. for Public Affairs. When she finishes, she plans to return to Atlanta, GA, to pursue a career in city planning and community development. **Jack Cognetta** is staying local as well, to pursue a master's in broadcast journalism at Syracuse U.'s Newhouse School.

Leaving Ithaca and Upstate New York right after graduation was too sad for some of us, but not for all of us! **Jenny Meil** is leaving the chilly Ithaca winters behind and heading straight to Miami, where she will be working with the Miami Design Preservation League and soaking up the sunshine. **Jon Bellante** is joining the SCJohnson team in Bentonville, AR, where he will be working on a sales rotation selling to Walmart. **Kate-Lynn Timmermans** is working for PricewaterhouseCoopers doing auditing for the entertainment and media industry. And **Blake Sachs** left Ithaca for a European vacation! When the vacation is over, she has a job lined up as assistant manager for the Ritz-Carlton Chicago, a Four Seasons Hotel.

Now that we are officially Cornell alumni, we have a few things to take care of. So please take a moment to . . .

Have your e-mail forwarded to your new account by visiting <http://www.cuconnect.cornell.edu/index.cfm>. It's a great way to stay connected to your Cornell friends and it looks a lot more professional on your resume than your gmail account.

Update your address so you continue to get this great magazine! Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/update.htm>. And check out the alumni directory at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

Connect with other Cornellians in your area. To get involved, contact your local Cornell Club, Regional Office, or other alumni organization by visiting www.alumni.cornell.edu and clicking on the "Organizations" tab.

And, most importantly, don't forget to send your news to your class correspondents. We want to know what you're doing so we can include your update in our next class column. Keep your news coming! ♦ **Katie Diccico**, kad46@cornell.edu; and **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

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Legacies

The 3,558 undergraduate students who entered the University in the fall of 2005 included 519 who are known to be the children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of alumni. The information for the following lists was compiled from data provided by the descendants of alumni during the admissions process. Additions and corrections to the lists are welcome. Please send revisions to: Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; fax, (607) 272-8532; or e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

Descendants of Cornellians who enter in fall 2006 will be listed in mid-2007.

According to the information supplied, one student who entered the University in 2005 is a fifth-generation Cornellian: Meredith Donnan is the great-great-granddaughter of George S. Donnan '10, great-granddaughter of Bruce S. Donnan '30, granddaughter of Bruce R. Donnan '58, and daughter of Robert B. Donnan '81 and Courtney (Roy) '81.

17 students who entered in 2005 are the great-grandchildren and/or great-great-grandchildren of Cornellians: Kylie Burghardt [Bradley O. Gormel '31, MS '33]; Katherine Duch [Donald F. Calkins Sr. '17]; Sarah Fitzpatrick [Philip W. Fitzpatrick '17]; Steven Fuertes [Louis A. Fuertes 1897, Louis S. Fuertes '27]; Miriam Goler [Benjamin Pologe '15]; Robert Harvey [William T. Todd Jr. '16]; Heather Hunter [James B. Calkins '16 and Gladys (Gilkey) '19]; Joseph Kasnicki [Morris H. Katz '17]; Wilmer Masterson [Wilmer D. Masterson 1906]; Valerie Meyer [John S. Longwell '10]; Nicole Nussbaum [Adlai S. Coble '15]; Edward Panarese [Samuel B. Eckert 1908]; Eric Pittard [Seymour N. Skiff '10]; Elizabeth Rapoport [Isabelle Kittinger Young 1896]; Mallory Salinger [Edgar Salinger 1899]; Kaitlyn Thomas [Robert W. Thomas '19 and Amy (Flint) '20]; Jennifer Williamson [Leland N. Gibbs '13].

19 students who entered in 2005 are both grandchildren and great-grandchildren (or great-great-grandchildren) of Cornellians: Michael Brennan [John J. Brennan, DVM '52 and Mary (Shear) '52; Elmer V. Shear '22]; Claire Bryant [Barbara Everitt Bryant '47; William L. Everitt '21 and Dorothy (Wallace) '23]; Jason Burleigh [Willard E. Ossont '40; William F. Burleigh, DVM '11]; Caleb Dresser [David McCandless Jr. '48 and Nancy Philips McCandless '46; Joseph Bond Philips 1906]; Julian Eckhardt [Albert J. Eckhardt Jr. '54, MBA '55 and Jane (Rippe) '55; Walker L. Cislser '22]; Emily Freund [Eugene Freund '46, BS '49; Joseph Freund '17]; Joseph Godfrey [J. Edwin Godfrey Jr. '39; Pasquale P. Filice '37; Joseph E. Godfrey Sr. '14 and Hazel (Brown) '13]; Stephen Hawley [R. Stephen Hawley '43 and Ellen (Simpson) '43; Warren W. Hawley Jr. '14]; Elizabeth Howes [Raymond T. Howes '55, M Ed '58 and Mary (Wheeler) '56; Raymond F. Howes '24]; Quentin Llop [Manuel C. Llop '30; George C. Miller 1887]; Melanie Meaker [A. Lawrence Meaker '54 and Gayle (Pratt) '55; Arthur L. Meaker '27]; Kathryn Panek [Hugh G. Dudley '58 and Eleni (Starche) '57]; Russell E. Dudley '29 and Margaret (Gilchrist) '31]; Jeremy Phillips [Arnold B. Tofias '44, BS ME '46, and Evelyn Diamond Tofias '47; Michael S. Diamond '17]; Jonathan Ray [Oakley S. Ray '51 and Kathleen (Wickes) '54; Francis A. Wickes '21, LLB '27, and Marion (Rogers) '27]; Sean Stainton [John Stainton '54, MRP '59 and Marcia Miller Marsh '53; Walter H. Stainton '19, PhD '27, and Elsie (Phillips), MA '33]; Sierra Stewart [Jane Randolph De Mott '48; Lowell F. Randolph, PhD '21, and Fannie (Rane), MA '23]; Eleanor Vaughan [John C. Vaughan '29; Leonard H. Vaughan 1903]; Whitney Wadman [Phyllis Stapley Tuddenham '46; Edward R. Stapley '14, MS '30]; Russell Womer [Peter T. Schurman '52 and Judith (Calhoun) '52; George M. Schurman '13; Arthur W. Benson '10].

9 students who entered in 2005 are both children and great-grandchildren (or great-great-grandchildren) of Cornellians: Allison Buck [Paul L. Buck '67, BArch '68; J. Lossing Buck '14, MS '25, PhD '33]; Daniel Budish [Amy Jacoby Budish '74; Lester D. Krohn, DVM '11]; Jonathan Green [Ethel Ziselman '74; I. Erlich Wolfe, LLB 1908]; Katie Howard [Kathleen Carey Howard '78; Daniel J. Carey '18]; Georgia Maloney [Thomas R. Maloney '74, MPS '84, and Marianne Ansbro '74; Paul F. Chantal '15]; Brian Nolan [Michael C. Nolan '77; Roswell H. Rausch '13; Charles L. Cornell, ME 1889]; Taisa Priester [Richard D. Priester '75; Oscar F. Priester '17 and Helen (Bell) '17; Roswell H. Rausch '13; Charles L. Cornell, ME 1889]; Sara Rosenthal [Carey M. Rosenthal '64; Pauline Scharfmann Rosenthal, MD 1904].

In the legacy listings that follow, deceased alumni are designated by an asterisk (*). A dagger (†) indicates a stepparent.

ONE CORNELLIAN PARENT

251 new students note one Cornellian parent. Those who also have at least one Cornellian grandparent or great-grandparent are listed elsewhere.

Parent	Child
Ronald J. Acerra '74	Alex
Kathleen Moore-Alpaugh '70	Terra Alpaugh
Christine Knauss Altavilla '77	Jeannine
Bahman Atefi '75	Bahram
Sandra Belsky Auerbach '75	Alissa
*Mary E. Cookingham '73	Jean Bailey
Patricia Bowen Baity, JD '78	Philip
Michael J. Baker, PhD '03	Molly
Jacqueline McDonnell Bangs '82, MBA '84	Danielle
David M. Barash '79, MD '83	Ashley
Stephen R. Barlow '76, MBA '77	Nora
Kevin A. Barr '81	Kirsten
David O. Beattie '64, ME '66	Alice
Lawrence S. Ben '76	Andrew

Ellen Doyle Benson '79	Emily
Ann W. Barnes '76	Catherine
	Bentsen
Jeffrey F. Berg '79, ME '80, MBA '81	Samantha
Peter A. Berkowsky, JD '67	Jesse
Scott W. Bernstein '82	Matthew
Michael G. Billing, MS '77	Gregory
Anne D. Neiryneck, PhD '88	Sarah Birman
Eric W. Blomain '69	Erik
June Mead, PhD '95	Katherine Bowers
Paul M. Brager '76	Daniel
Dennis O. Brown '73	David
Randolph F. Brown '75	Jessica
Linda Lechner Buehler '77	Dennis
Robert L. Buly, MD '85	Jocelyn
James A. Burke, MD '84	Megan
Clifford W. Callinan '77, MS '84	Nora
Robert G. Carman '69, MBA '70	Robert
Daniel A. Cerretani '79	Luca
Arthur Chuen Hon Cheng '73	Courtney
Charles C. Chuang '76	Steven

Richard J. Chuchla '78	Maresa
Gerald J. Citek, DVM '80	Cooper
Elizabeth Colerick Clipp, PhD '84	Stephen
Cynthia B. Green '79	Claudia Cohen
Rona Spector Cohen '80	Jason
Michael J. Connor '75	Jeffrey
Robert E. Crotty, JD '72	Katherine
Patrick E. Culligan '79	Cailan
Corrine Meredith Cummsiskey '72	Ryan
Gregg M. Damminga '83	Cara
James W. De Nicola '78	Jenna
Jack W. DeWeese '83	Natanya
Kevin W. Deans, MPS '00	Jeremy
Norwig R. G. Debye '65	Maria Debye-Saxinger

Edward W. Denton '87	Michelle
*Glenna Silverman Deutsch '78	Lauren
Renee F. Laffer '68	Halsey Diakow
William J. Doody '67, MBA '71	Emma
David B. Douglas '75, BArch '76	Natalie
*Jeffrey R. Dulude '78	Richard
Roy A. Ellerbrock, PhD '76	Bryan
John C. Englander '80	Katherine
Thomas A. Faraone '79	Daniel
Irving M. Faust, PhD '73	Jessica
Kenneth S. Felder, MD '76	Ethan
Robert I. Feldman '79	Daniel
Lorinda C. Martin '81	Justin Fishbone
Carl W. Forsythe, MBA '82	Emily
Emily Perlinski Friedman '68	Jonathan
Johnny T. Fung '81, ME '82	Esther
Neil W. Garroway '66	Jordan
Narain H. Gehani, PhD '75	Varun
Lynne Moskowitz Glasser '74, MAT '75	Marla
Judith L. Spanier '75	Molly

George M. Golenwsky '74	Glauber
Sherril Sheinfeld Gorin '73	Kate Golensky
Steven A. Gottlieb '73	Evan
Carl E. Greiner Jr. '65, MBA '66	Robert
Htun Aung Gyaw, MA '97	Jill
Heidi Wurlitzer '75	Kyi
Fred G. Hajjar '75	Helena Haas
S. Bruce Han '78, ME '79	Meagan
Paul E. Harnick '73	Christina
Christine M. Cobaugh '74	Daniel
Denison Hatch '71	Kacie Harrington
Julia Bauer Herzog '81	Erica
Dorina Simeone Hester '77	Zeva
Milton Horn '72	Heather
Robert C. Howland '71	Abbigayle
Hongwei Hsiao, MS '85	Betsey
Michael L. Isaacs, JD '71	James
Arthur R. Israel, MD '78	Emily
Perry M. Jacobs '74	David
Craig W. Johnson '76	Jessica
David E. Johnson '66	Alec
Charles P. L. Joyce '72	Kathryn
Thomas G. Kahn '64	Charles
Ronald N. Kaley, MD '80	Victoria
Arthur C. Kaminsky '68	Sara
Caryn Krause Kaplan '80	Thomas
Steven J. Karr '76, BS '78, BArch '79	Jessica
Candace Drexler Kaufman '76	David
Kathleen A. Kearns '85	Daniel
Steven B. Kennedy '74	Annie
Andrew Kent '80	Ian
John T. Kilcoyne '81	Samantha
Joseph A. Kovacs, MD '79	Shane
Sandor J. Kovacs Jr. '69	Joseph
Donald Kovalevich '72	Tamas
Janice E. Kilburn, PhD '94	Alexander
Michael E. Kubin '71	Alexander
	Kresovich
	Gregory

THREE CORNELL GENERATIONS

Of the students entering in 2005, 63 are listed as third-generation Cornellians.

Grandparent(s)	Parent(s)	Child
Martin Ackerman '40	Samuel K. Ackerman '68	Jessica Ackerman
*Marco A. Baeza '44, MS '46	Mario L. Baeza '71	Ariel Baeza
Henry E. Bartels '48	Philip H. Bartels '71	Christopher Bartels
Nancy (Horton) '48		
John W. McCormick '50	Steven V. Beckwith '73	Thomas Beckwith
	Susan M. McCormick, MA '80, PhD '82	Jessica Bender
Barton D. Seager '55	Karlyn Seager Myers '84	
Charlotte (Reit) '55		
Stanley L. Berger '43, BA '42	Michael H. Berger '72	Laurenn Berger
Maynard C. Bernstein, MBA '54	Howard O. Bernstein, MBA '79	Shira Bernstein
Sylvia Taub Bernstein-Tregub '54		
Robert W. Bitz '52	Mark W. Bitz, MS '85	Karl Bitz
Ralph R. Brown '53	Robert R. Brown II '77	Sarah Brown
Arnold I. Burns, JD '53	Douglas T. Burns, JD '83	Brendan Burns
Felice (Bernstein) '53	Leslie F. Barbara '85	
Nancy Allen Chamberlain '46, BS HE '45	Samuel C. Chamberlain '77	Elizabeth Chamberlain
	Barbara (Wooten) '78	Elizabeth Chapin
Hugh A. Chapin '47	A. Lyman Chapin '73	Christopher Cochran
Bernard L. Schapiro '52	Christopher M. Cochran '79	Amy (Schapiro) '81
		Carleton R. Corey '77, MPS '82
Gerard E. Fuess '57		Shelley (Fuess) '81
Janet (Steinhorst) '57		
John P. Cushing '47, MBA '49	John P. Cushing Jr. '72	Whitney Cushing
Marion (Scott) '45		
Robert J. Czub '58	James P. Czub '82	Rachel Czub
Richard W. Conway '53, PhD '58	Kathryn Conway Dimiduk '79	Jeffrey Dimiduk
Edythe (Davies) '54, M Ed '56, PhD '79		
*Charles A. Ashley '45, MD '47	Joseph A. Doro '77, MAT '79	Matthew Doro
	Deborah (Ashley) '80	
*James H. Downs '50	David A. Downs '71	Ashley Downs
Saul Janowitz '44	†Peter Entin '68	Madeleine Ehrlich
Milton Eisenberg '48, JD '50	Jonathan N. Eisenberg '74	Lauren Eisenberg
Lori Heyman Gordon '50		
Edwin D. Fessenden '54	John S. Fessenden '85	Marissa Fessenden
	Mariann (Roese) '84	
F. Roger Forrence '41	Virgil E. Forrence '75	McIntosh Forrence
	Hannah L. Hanford '79	
Theodore Freilich '57	Daniel A. Freilich '84	Ariel Freilich
*Thomas P. Gaffney '41	Gary J. Gaffney '73, ME '76	Rowan Gaffney
Helen Giff, MS '44	Thomas H. Giff '58, B AEP '64	Andrew Giff
Warren H. Giles '50, M Ed '62	Warren D. Giles '77	Meghan Giles
Alton F. Anderson '35	Frank H. Golay Jr. '70, MAT '71, JD '77	Blythe Golay
*William C. Arrison '48, LLB '50	Dale Arrison Grossman '72	David Grossman
Phyllis (Dean) '48, BA '47		
David J. Inkeles '50	Mark Gudesblatt, MD '80	Melanie Gudesblatt
	Sharon Inkeles '79, MD '83	

Grandparent(s)	Parent(s)	Child
Peter A. Huyler, DVM '56	Duncan D. Huyler '83	Garrett Huyler
*Margaret (Rogers) '54	Erica (Nichols) '82	
Joseph P. Cosentini '49	Jack L. Jensen '78	Jamie Jensen
	Susan Cosentini '80, MAT '84	
Marc Joseph, JD '50	Peter A. Joseph '74	Nicholas Joseph
Judith (Goldstone) '50, BA '49		
*Elayne May Keane '41	†Francis R. Czerwinski, MA '65, John Koltz PhD '72	
Irving E. Sisman, MD '37	Janet Sisman Levy '74	Andrew Levy
*Gary P. Malamut '54	William A. Malamut '79	Scott Malamut
Martha Koren Moskowitz '56		
Robert L. Kennedy, DVM '55	John C. Mannix Jr. '80	Sarah Mannix
John C. Mannix '53, JD '58	Marjorie (Kennedy) '80, MBA '82	
Leonard Rosenstein, JD '52	Andi Rosenstein Mathis '78	Melinda Mathis
Mary (Ley) '53		
*Noel Mermey '52	Steven J. Mermey '78, MBA '79	Jared Mermey
Sonya (Schieff) '53		
David J. Nolan '49, MS '51	Lance A. Nethery '79	Meredith Nethery
	Elizabeth (Nolan) '79	
Brendan P. O'Hara '46	Mary T. O'Hara '80	Martha O'Connell
Robert N. Post '50	Thomas C. Post '84	Katharine Post
Norman N. Potter '50	Michael F. Potter '77	Megan Potter
Adele (Hoffstein) '50		
*Marcus A. Radice '25	Anthony M. Radice '66, JD '69	Julia Radice
Robert C. Ready '53	Mark J. Ready '77, MBA '78, MS '87, PhD '90	Anne Ready
Sheila (McMullen) '54		
*Alfred H. Richley '44	Timothy P. Richley '77	Andrew Richley
Constantine Rockas '48	George C. Rockas, JD/MBA '84	Mary Rockas
*Henry E. Grossman, DVM '38	Stephen W. Rubin '73	Camner Rubin
Robert W. Staley '57, MBA '59	Mark T. Salzberger '85	Kyle Salzberger
Elizabeth (Chapman) '60	Ann K. (Staley) '85	
*Malvin P. Sevin '39	Irik P. Sevin '69	Eli Sevin
Ronald W. Space '53	Ronald W. Space II '81	Callan Space
	Ivy (Rumsey) '82	
Daniel C. Stein '58	Judith S. Epstein '69, MAT '75	Luke Stein
Larry W. Stokoe '57	Pamela Stokoe Sweet '82	Amanda Sweet
*Donald S. Taylor '53, BEE '56	James A. Taylor '83	Alexandra Taylor
Martin Macklin '56, MS '58	Shelley (Macklin) '83	
Ruth Chimacoff Macklin '59		
William I. Tucker Jr. '54	Robert N. Tucker '84	Alyssia Tucker
Robert R. Gallo, PhD '74	Clark E. Tucker III, MLR '78	Elizabeth Tucker
Joan (Klink) '74	Mary (Gallo) '78	
Herbert Schwartz '49	Wendy Schwartz Wein '74	Lauren Wein
Frederic H. Corell '55	Russell W. Welser '77	Matthew Welser
	Mary Jean Corell Welser '78	
Bruce W. Widger '51	Byron B. Widger '79	Theodore Widger
Mary (Currie) '53	Jenifer (Barthel) '79	
Arthur S. Wolcott '49	Bruce S. Wolcott, MBA '78	Erin Wolcott
*Rose Kurland Wolf '23	Jonathan A. Wolf '65	Jon Wolf
*Ceylon R. Snider '38	William W. Young '74	Hannah Young
Ernest W. Young '50	Barbara (Snider) '76	
Anthony T. Zambito '44, BA '43	Charles N. Zambito '74	Jeanette Zambito

Steve H. Kunkes '69	Jordan
Jeffrey P. Kurt '75	Anna
Sunil Lamba '73	Divij
Bruce S. Laskin '76	Michael
Dale S. Lazar '74, JD '77	Vanessa
Diane Berson Lebowitz '80	Alexander
Thomas J. Leonard Jr. '71	Jamie
Siusun Kenneth Leung, MS '79	Terence
Michael H. Levine '78	Samuel
Harris Lewin '79, MS '81	Sara
Cihad M. Lokmanoglu '76, ME '77	Ayse
Janet Donnelly London '74	Hannah
Nicholas T. Long '68	Gabriel
Gerald A. Longoria, MBA '99	Jessica
John M. Loveland '82	Jennifer
Stephen B. Lowe '70	Alexander
Robert F. Lucey Jr. '75	Caitlin
Alfred F. Lyons Jr. '79	Emily
James E. MacDonald '73	Jenna
John T. Magill III '73	Amy

Susan Groen Maher '76	Franklin
Michael P. Maloney, MBA '68, JD '71	Kara
Caryn Goldsamt Margolis '75	Riva
David C. Markant '67	Gregory
Thomas S. Marshall '59	Francesca
Lowell F. Martin '67, ME '71	Eric
Allan E. Mayefsky '75	Sarah
Guy R. Mazza '74	Guy
Michael M. McClellan '76	Katelyn
Walter H. McClure '76	Eliza
Walter H. McClure '76	Rachael
Michael T. McCoy '84	Jill
Bunny Fulmer McCune '80	Kelly
Richard W. McDaniel, MPA '75, MBA '78	Ryan
Kevin J. McEnery '70, MBA '71	Christine
George V. McKenna '82	Caton
Thomas H. Meacham '60	Molly
Ann C. Shedd '74	Gregory Meess
James S. Megna '78	Kathryn

Stephen J. Meringoff '66	Victoria
Marla M. Gordon '74	Jacob Messina
Joette Goldman Mindlin '77	Marielle
Lisa Memis Mintz '84	Cassie
Renee Miller Mizia '81	Alyse
Ronald Moses '67	Alan
Christopher P. Muenzen '77	Christopher
In Ki Mun, MS '78, PhD '80	Heidi
Chuka C. Ndubizu '75, MS '76	Ejogu
Douglas A. Negrin '75	Stefani
Gerald Nolan '75, BCE '78	Daniel
Jonathan Ochshorn '74, BArch '75	Robert
Cephas C. Ocloo, MBA '85	Alvin
Phillip J. Oldiges, MS '85, PhD '89	Maria
Brian D. Oliver '78	Meghan
Karen L. Clark '81	Michael Orkin
Robert P. Palmquist '73, MBA '74	Barbara
Marianne Marchisello-Paruch '77	Peter Paruch
Steven Peyser '80	Jacqueline
Joanne Coyle Pfeil '79, MS '82	Andrew

Carlos A. Pichardo '82, ME '83	Desiree	John S. Riley '77	Colin	Stephen M. Ryan '77	John
Pattie J. Ploetz '86	Jacquelyn	Andrea Gould Robertson '75	Cassandra	Talat M. Sadiq '69	Mekahl
Steven B. Potter '78	Brandon	Logan G. Robinson '72	Linden	Lawrence S. Salant '81	Scott
Barbara MacDonald Powell, PhD '83	Chelsea	John E. Robinton, MD '78	Tracy	Chung Y. Li, MS '87	Kristin Sangren
Steven M. Pozzi '81	Natalie	William H. Roeder '76	Briana	Kenneth L. Schere '73	Amy
Alangaram Ramalingam, MS '73, PhD '75	Vidhya	Laurence S. Rogers '72	Heather	Richard A. Schieck '74, ME '75	Glenn
Marjorie Ries Ramos '77	Michael	Nancy Paster Rosenbaum '79	Pamela	Debra S. Guthrie, MD '83	Matthew Schiller
Wendy Goldman '77	Ezekiel Rediker	Samuel Rosenthal '73, JD '76	Danielle	Kristin Blum Schneider '82	Daniel
Carol Montgomery Reed, PhD '84	Nicole	Samuel Rosenthal '73, JD '76	Jamie	Anne Rockwell Schroder '66	Kimberley
Philip R. Reilly '69	Sarah	Malcolm Ross '68, JD '75	Spencer	Marshall D. Banker '66, ME '67	Jason Seifert
Robert E. Riccobono '66	Jane	Kenneth A. Rubin '69	Daniel	Robert A. Seliger '80	Alison
Michael H. Ries '70	Laura	Larry V. Rubinstein '68	Daniel	Christine E. Shiber '74	Aaron Shiber-Knowles
		John W. Runge '72	Carl		

FOUR CORNELL GENERATIONS

Of the students entering in 2005, 24 are listed as fourth-generation Cornellians.

Glenn J. Berger '75	Father	Aaron Berger	John P. Loranger '75	Father	Scott Loranger
*Henry M. Berger '45, BA '48	Grandfather		Janet Ostrom Loranger '76	Mother	
*Solomon Berger '14, MD '17	Great-Grandfather		John S. Ostrom '51	Grandfather	
			Marybeth (Weaver) '51	Grandmother	
			*Selden W. Ostrom '20	Great-Grandfather	
R. Daniel Bordononi '75, MS '77	Father	Christopher Bordononi	Whinfield D. Melville Jr. '63, ME '68	Father	Jeffrey Melville
*Dwight A. Webster '40, PhD '43	Grandfather		*Robert H. Heath '41, BS ORIE '47	Grandfather	
Priscilla (Copley), MS '41	Grandmother		*Raymond P. Heath, ME '11	Great-Grandfather	
*John M. Copley 1901	Great-Grandfather				
Alice J. Brown '74	Mother	Phillip Brest	William F. Minnock III '79, MBA '83	Father	Alexander Minnock
Frederick R. Brown '31, MA '34	Grandfather		Debra (Kearl) '81	Mother	
*Aaron Brown 1906	Great-Grandfather		*C. Delmar Kearl, PhD '49	Grandfather	
			Marjorie (Lail) '82	Grandmother	
Linda Talmage Byrne '81	Mother	Carolyn Byrne	William F. Minnock Jr. '44	Grandfather	
Nathaniel A. Talmage Jr. '54	Grandfather		*William F. Minnock Sr. '10	Great-Grandfather	
Jane (Lueck) '57	Grandmother				
*Nathaniel A. Talmage '22	Great-Grandfather		Sarah Noble Moag '80	Mother	Rella Moag
			*John B. Noble '51	Grandfather	
			Nelson F. Smith '28	Great-Grandfather	
David J. Dalrymple, MBA '77	Father	Henry Dalrymple	Richard W. Newman '68	Father	Susan Newman
*Mary Wood Dalrymple '45	Grandmother		Carleton W. Potter, DVM '40	Grandfather	
*Edward J. Wood '15	Great-Grandfather		*Paul E. Newman, PhD '37	Grandfather	
			Julie (Robb) '38	Grandmother	
Richard O. Frink '82	Father	Megan Frink	*Byron B. Robb, SP Ag '11, MS '13	Great-Grandfather	
Jeanette (Ryan) '82	Mother				
Charles R. Frink '53, PhD '60	Grandfather		John A. Noble '76	Father	Kathleen Noble
Roberta (Manchester) '53	Grandmother		Lorina Smith Noble '53	Grandmother	
*Robert H. Manchester Jr., ME '23	Great-Grandfather		Nelson F. Smith '28	Great-Grandfather	
*Esther (Ely) '21	Great-Grandmother				
Gary H. Gaige '69	Father	Gwen Gaige	Judith Shaul Norback '75	Mother	Robert Norback
Edith Morris Gaige '46, BA '45	Grandmother		John D. Shaul '40, MS '48, PhD '52	Grandfather	
*Charles E. Morris '23	Great-Grandfather		*Kenneth A. Shaul '12	Great-Grandfather	
Thomas T. Groos '78	Father	Nicholas Groos	Bonnie S. Brier '72	Mother	Benjamin Rosenfield
Richard T. Groos '52	Grandfather		*Barbara Srenco Brier '45	Grandmother	
*Ethel (Denton) '54	Grandmother		*Evelyn Weil Srenco '21	Great-Grandmother	
*Richard A. Groos '14	Great-Grandfather				
			Michael C. Settle '79	Father	Julie Settle
Richard D. Gruen '70	Father	Mark Gruen	Lorinda (Rabeler) '81	Mother	
*Charles E. Gruen '38	Grandfather		Raymond C. Rabeler '47, BS '64	Grandfather	
*Edward C. Gruen '12	Great-Grandfather		Shirley (Buck) '47	Grandmother	
			*Clifford M. Buck '22	Great-Grandfather	
Richard S. Jamison '80	Father	Michael Jamison	Joanna Kingsbury Smith '83	Mother	Celia Smith
Carol (Deininger) '80	Mother		Louise Gerken Kingsbury '57, MS '60	Grandmother	
Donald M. Jamison '48	Grandfather		*Henry Gerken '25	Great-Grandfather	
Frances (Swinton) '48	Grandmother				
*Richard H. Swinton '18	Great-Grandfather		Daniel R. Vlock '74	Father	Elizabeth Vlock
			Jay I. Vlock '47, MBA '48	Grandfather	
David H. Jenkins '73, DVM '77	Father	Amanda Jenkins	*Laurel (Fox) '48	Grandmother	
DuBois L. Jenkins, DVM '43	Grandfather		*John J. Fox '17	Great-Grandfather	
Doris (Holmes) '44	Grandmother				
*David M. Jenkins '17	Great-Grandfather		Pamela Rappleyea Vredenburgh '79	Mother	Zachary Vredenburgh
			Clarence D. Rappleyea Jr., JD '62	Grandfather	
Lester B. Knight III '80, MBA '81	Father	Charles Knight	*Francis J. Oates '20	Great-Grandfather	
Charles F. Knight '57, MBA '59	Grandfather				
*Lester B. Knight Jr. '29	Great-Grandfather				

George P. Sideris '69	Elise	William P. Burdick, MD '79	Joshua Burdick-Will	William H. McAleer '73, MBA '75	Lindsay McAleer
David J. Siegel '77	Jeremy	Linsey Will '78	Will	Colleen (McGinn) '74	
Terry Kornblum-Singer '76	Sarah Singer	David H. Callen '76	Alexander Callen	Timothy P. McCann '79	Amanda McCann
Stuart A. Sirkin, MA '71	Joshua	Bette Gichner Callen '75		Laura (Hitt) '79	
David J. Slivnick '79	Jeremy	Michael F. Cary, DVM '82	Collin Cary	James C. McDonnell '79	John McDonnell
Bruce E. Slovins '57	Karen	Ann (Freer) '76, DVM '82		Anne (Speciale) '81	
Karen M. King, MS '83	Benjamin	J. Christopher Cassidy '73, MA '77, PhD '79	Colleen Cassidy	Shreeram R. Mudambi, MA '84, PhD '86	Rajan Mudambi
	Solomon	Sharon (Odrobina) '77		Susan (McDowell), MS '85	
Baojun Song, PhD '02	Shu	Paul B. Chapman '77, MD '81	Rebecca	Robert K. Plunkett, MS '80, PhD '83	Hannah Newfield-Plunkett
Fredric J. Spar '69	Adam	Shelley (Clauson) '78	Chapman	Madeleine Newfield '75, MA '79, PhD '83	
Edward D. Spear '67, MS '69	Paul	Joseph A. Clark, MILR '81	Camille Clark	Roger Nitkin '71, MBA '76	Robert Nitkin
Mark St. Marie '79	Marleen	Violet (McGirth), GR '79-81		Jessica L. Bram '74, MRP '79	
Donald R. Stark '73	Carissa	Richard J. Coniglio '73, ME '74	Robert Coniglio	Daniel A. Notterman '73	Benjamin Notterman
Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte '74	Lynn	Cheryl (Buckwalter) '72, MS '74		Robyn (Berger) '74, BS Nurs '76, MD '83	
Richard J. Stein '75, DVM '79	Jacob	William W. Cowdery '73, MA '81, PhD '89	Elizabeth Cowdery	Charles R. Ortenberg '77	David Ortenberg
Anthony W. Stein '69	Lucy	Lauren (Tozek) '72, MA '75, PhD '80		Patricia (Stone) '78	
Roger A. Stetter '68	John	Mark S. Cramer '72, ME '74, PhD '76	Timothy Cramer	Kenneth M. Paddock '77	Seth Paddock
Matthew L. Stolper '77	Gary	Susan (Marinsky) '72		Catherine (Kullman) '78	
Thomas W. Storey, MBA '81	Thomas	Robert P. Davis, JD '78	Peter Davis	Thomas W. Piwinski '74	Laura Piwinski
Mark D. Stratmeyer '81, BEE '83	Rose	Jamie (Pundyk) '80		Nancy (Sickelco) '73	
Robert H. Sues '78	Jared	George M. Dentes '76, JD '79	Zacharias Dentes	Jamie P. Powers '75	Ellyse Powers
Subramanian Sundaresh, ME '79	Suman	Elsie (Little) '77		Pamela (Meyer) '75, DVM '78	
Michael H. Tamaroff, PhD '75	Rachel	Earl H. Doppelt, JD '77	Kyle Doppelt	Randal Pratt '77	Katrina Pratt
Allen L. Tan, PhD '74	Francis	Diane (Solomon) '79		Barbara (Wilkins) '76	
Jeffrey E. Thompson, DVM '87	Mitchell	Hans Drenkard '81	Elizabeth Drenkard	Chungil Rho, MArch '80	Anita Rho
Scott W. Tremble '77	Eric	Diane (Henke), MS '84	Katherine Ernstrom	Lalita (Suepiantham), MA '82	
Eric J. Trotter, MS '72	Eric	J. William Ernstrom, JD '71	Noah Fine Nathel	Douglas J. Roll '81	James Roll
Gary V. Tucker '79	Ryan	Elizabeth Campbell Clarke, JD '84		Francine J. D'Amico, MA '85, PhD '89	Erik Roneker
Seale W. Tuttle '65, JD '72	David	Howard Nathel '79		Carol Ann (Bednarczyk) '84	
Adam S. Umanoff '80	Kimberly	Lisa H. Fine '79		Rick S. Rudman '77	Amanda Rudman
Alberto Vallarino '73, MBA '74	Ximena	Neil V. Getnick '75, JD '78	Courtney Finerty	Beverly (Chaleff) '79	
	Peter	Margaret J. Finerty, JD '78		Francisco Ruiz '72	Rebecca Ruiz
James S. Venetos '65	Lauren Wagner	Mark J. Friedman '82	Matthew Friedman	Margaret Cangilos-Ruiz '74	
Carol L. Dunetz '76	Jeremy	Cheryl (Goldman) '82	Jean Gallagher	Duncan D. Russell '71, MBA '73	Warren Russell
Jayne Solomon Walco '78	Adam	Paul M. Gallagher '82		Gail (DiVincenzi) '71	
Robert A. Walder '75, JD '78	William	Cynthia (Peck) '83	Alex Gonzales-Harsha	Warren D. Schlesinger '74, MBA '75	Hannah Schlesinger
William S. Waller Jr. '77	Jane	Cesar A. Gonzales, PhD '79	Kienan Gridley	Janice E. Beal '74, BS Ag '79	David Sharon
J. Bruce Waterfall '60	Thomas	Jane E. Harsha, MA '80		Michael Sharon '76	
Frederic J. Weber '71	Allison	Edward G. Gridley '76	Eli Hantgan	Linda E. Kupfer '78	
Steven B. Weingarten '76	Aaron	Kay S. Lin '76, DVM '79		Anthony W. Shaw Jr. '76, ME '77	Daniel Shaw
Michael P. Weinstein '67, MD '71	Nathaniel	Jeffrey C. Hantgan, MS '77, PhD '81		Marilyn (Tebor) '76	
Thomas K. Weiss '68	Rebecca	Rita Sugarman '73, MS '81	Kenneth Hardie	Michael G. Davis '80	Kyle Small-Davis
Charles F. Weiss '66	Lauren	*James A. Hardie, MBA '78		Debra R. Small '82	
Harriet Krems White '80	Harry	Elizabeth Mills Hardie, DVM '79	Benjamin Hoerner	David R. Smith '76	Jocelyn Smith
*Neil C. Wolff '74	Allison	Thomas E. Hoerner, MD '78	Scott Howard	Donna (Bacchi) '76	
Randall Wroble '75	Ivana	Rebecca (Osgood), GR '79		Geoffrey E. Snyder '80, MBA '81	Claire Snyder
Douglas K. Wyler '70	Adam	Walter Q. Howard '74, ME '76	Mark Jennings	Kathleen (Cote) '80	
Gour-Tsyh Yeh, PhD '69	Hilary	Nancy (Baldini) '75	Alexander Kates	Donald G. Strenk '78	Nicole Strenk
Benjamin J. Zaitz '77	Michal	Samuel T. Jennings '73		Diane J. Elliott '78	
Jose Zebede '80	Jessica	Karen (Brendel) '74		Charles S. Temel '75	Laura Temel
Philip D. Zehr '82	Jessica	Eric H. Kates '78, DVM '81	Sindri Kinnier	Judy (Wesalo) '75	
Yu Zhang, MS '88, PhD '90	Jessica	Shari M. Watchman-Kates '79	Erika Knight	William C. Vautin '80, MBA '81	David Vautin
		James E. Kinnier '81, MBA '83	Michael Knollmeyer	Joan (McGuire), MBA '81	
		Linda (Schilke), MBA '83	Knollmeyer	Christopher C. Vreeland, MS '83	Schuyler Vreeland
		William B. Knight '81	Maxwell Kraft	Gretchen (Anderson), MS '83	Lindsey Walker
		Laura (Chapman) '78		Jay Walker '77	
		Peter M. Knollmeyer '82		Mary Eileen (McManus) '76, MBA '78	
		Jennifer (Clark) '84		Calvin W. Washington '77	Kyle Washington
		Clifford E. Kraft '75		Sharon Phillipps Saunders '79	
		Sue Ellen Stein, MAT '03		William B. Weidlein '77	Sarah Weidlein
		John D. Kulick, MS '78, PhD '81	Rachel Kulick	Sharyn (Spatola) '77, ME '78	
		Leslie (Branch) '77	Kristin LaBeau	Lawrence S. Wittenberg '76	David Wittenberg
		Timothy R. LaBeau '77		Barbara Kane '77	
		Ann (Kane) '78		Andrew Yen, PhD '77	Thomas Yen
		John S. K. Lee '75, MBA '79	Sylvia Lee	Kathleen Mary Yen '78, BS Nurs '79	
		Li-Lin Sung '81		David W. Zalaznick '76	Samantha Zalaznick
		Stephan M. Loewentheil, PhD '75	Jacob Loewentheil	Barbara (Milstein) '76	Rachel Zestar-Postrk
		Beth M. Farber '77	Scott Lutgens	Lawrence P. Zestar '75, MS '77	
		Kurt H. Lutgens, DVM '78		Hellena Postrk '76	
		Gretchen Allen '75, DVM '78			
		Barry P. Mandel '81, ME '82	Julie Mandel		
		Christine (Glazier) '81			

TWO CORNELLIAN PARENTS

79 new students note both Cornellian mothers and fathers. Those who also have Cornellian grandparents or great-grandparents are listed elsewhere.

Parents	Child
Lenard A. Adler '78	Lisa Adler
Rhonda Carniol '79	
Stuart E. Anderson '77	Ross Anderson
Marcy (Fallick) '77, MS '79	
Philip M. Atkins '80	Erin Atkins
Noreen (McCormack) '82	
Bradley J. Baker '83	Audrey Baker
Dina (Wolfman) '83	
John H. Bandfield '70	Ann Bandfield
*Nita (Kasavan) '80	
Thomas A. Beck, JD '81	Kathryn Beck
Barbara (Maczynski), JD '82	
Andrew N. Bernstein '74	Tyler Bernstein
Evan M. Zuckerman '74	
John S. Brice '77, BArch '79	Melissa Brice
Yvonne M. Eisner '77	

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Alumni Deaths

'23 BS HE—**Eva Peplinski** Drumm of Niver-ville, NY, July 5, 1969.

'24—**Frederick C. Porter Jr.** of Sarasota, FL, August 2, 2005. Delta Phi.

'26 BA—**Sara Rubin** Baron of Woodbridge, CT, July 18, 2005; retired from Stuyvesant High School; active in alumni affairs.

'27 BA—**Ethyl Goldstein** Alper of New York City, August 13, 2002; attorney; former president, American Inst. of Decorators; active in community affairs.

'27—**Allen H. Nelson** of Adams Basin, NY, December 19, 1994. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'28 BA—**Samuel C. Jones** of Newtown Square, PA, November 1, 2005; chemical engineer; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'29—**Katheryn Worster** Barbour of Darnes-town, MD, January 28, 2003.

'32, BS HE '33—**Esther Halsey** Otteman of Canandaigua, NY, May 8, 2005; retired high school home economics teacher.

'32 BA, MS '33—**William E. Persbacker** of St. Albans, WV, October 2, 2005; retired from Union Carbide; active in community and religious affairs.

'32 BS Ag, PhD '36—**Richard C. Ringrose** of Troy, NY, October 30, 2005; taught at U. of New Hampshire and Clemson College; active in civic affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho. Wife, Helen (Schroeder) '32.

'33—**Ruth Rabstein** Pellettieri of Princeton, NJ, November 4, 2005; workers' compensation attorney; member of defense team, "Trenton Six" case; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'33 BS HE—**Norma Kenfield** Pieters of Sun City, AZ, November 3, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'33 BS Ag, M Ed '65—**Amy Tobey** Russell of Ithaca, NY, November 7, 2005; asst. professor emeritus, SUNY Cortland; active in community and professional affairs.

'34 BS HE—**Winifred Mulligan** Cary of Queensbury, NY, February 27, 2005. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'34—**Janice Buckley** Lynch of Greenwich, NY, November 4, 2005; homemaker; active

in community affairs. Alpha Phi.

'34-37 SP Ag—**Charles A. Storie** of Syracuse, NY, November 5, 2005; safety inspector, NYS Dept. of Labor; veteran. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'35 BA—**Carl H. Ahrens** of Hackettstown, NJ, September 10, 2005; owner, Mecke & Co.; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'35 BS Ag, PhD '39—**George E. Brandow** of Sarasota, FL, November 28, 2005; professor emeritus, agricultural economics, Penn State U.; veteran. Wife, Adelaide (Wade) '36.

'35 BA, LLB '37—**Harold D. Cohen** of Wash-ington, DC, November 14, 2005; retired attor-ney; active in community and religious affairs.

'35—**Robert D. Mulholland** of Hamburg, NY, September 27, 2005; supervisor, Open Hearth Div., Bethlehem Steel Corp.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'35—**Harvey G. Starkey** of Ft. Worth, TX, January 25, 2005; retired project engineer, General Dynamics; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Delta Rho.

'36 BS HE—**Barbara Wilson** Bebbington of Evans, GA, June 1, 1986.

'36 BA—**Edward J. Doyle Jr.** of Englewood, FL, June 18, 2004. Theta Delta Chi.

'36 BS Ag—**Lewis M. French** of Pulteney, NY, August 10, 2004.

'36 MS Ag, PhD '38—**Tull N. Gearreald** of Norfolk, VA, November 1, 2004. Alpha Zeta.

'37 BA—**Dorothy Houghton** Grady of Bethel, VT, June 10, 2005; retired librarian. Kappa Delta.

'37 BS HE—**Eloise Grant** Jones (Mrs. Paul B. '30, MS '35) of Lexington, KY, September 3, 2004; home economics teacher; active in com-munity and religious affairs.

'37—**John A. Joseph Jr.** of Williamsville, NY, February 2, 2005. Delta Chi.

'37 BA—**Phyllis Gronich** Rosenberg of Am-herst, MA, January 21, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'37—**Stephen R. Snajczuk** of Buffalo, NY, October 17, 2003; restaurant owner; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'38 BA—**Richard H. Brelos** of Minnetonka,

MN, October 16, 2005; veteran; active in com-munity affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'38 BS Ag—**Paul W. Christner** of Pavillion, NY, July 3, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'38, BA '40—**George Engles Jr.** of Woods Hole, MA, November 8, 2005; pianist and composer; veteran. Seal & Serpent.

'38 JD—**Richard C. Mitchell** of Oswego, NY, October 21, 2005; attorney; senior partner, Mitchell, Mitchell and Palmer; active in com-munity and professional affairs.

'38 BS HE, MS HE '47—**Wilhelmina Mazar** Satina of Phoenix, AZ, June 27, 2005; high school teacher; musician; writer; active in com-munity and alumni affairs.

'39, BS Ag '40—**Howard I. Cobb** of McDonough, NY, September 1, 2005.

'39 MCE—**Edward H. Dillon** of Dickson, TN, November 16, 2005; retired colonel, Army Corps of Engineers; active in professional and religious affairs.

'39 MS—**Col. Linwood E. Funchess** of Auburn, AL, October 21, 2005; director, Buildings and Grounds, Auburn U.; retired Army officer; active in community, professional, and reli-gious affairs.

'39 BArch—**Frank L. McAleavey** of Ft. Worth, TX, October 22, 2005; architect; also worked for the Army Corps of Engineers; active in community affairs. Theta Chi.

'39 BS Ag—**Margaret Pearce** Stark of West-hampton, NJ, July 27, 2005. Husband, Oliver J. Stark '39.

'40 MA—**Catherine Hemphill** Brown (Mrs. Stuart M. Jr. '37, PhD '42) of Brattleboro, VT, and Ithaca, NY, October 5, 2005; raised giant Schnauzers; active in civic and commu-nity affairs.

'40 Pardon W. Cornell of North Dartmouth, MA, June 1, 2005.

'40—**Jane Lontz** Stern of Fargo, ND, October 25, 2005; active in civic and community affairs.

'40-41 SP Ag—**Lee M. Warner** of Rainbow Lake, NY, October 23, 2001. Wife, Alice (Schradler) '47.

'41, BME '42—**Harry K. Crandall** of Sayre, PA, September 28, 2005; clinic manager, Guthrie Clinic; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'41 M Ed—**Edward A. Doolan** of Sarasota, FL, November 10, 2005.

'41 BS Ag—**Carl S. Salmon Jr.** of Manzanita, OR, formerly of Amsterdam, NY, July 2, 2005; retired attorney; veteran; active in civic, com-munity, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'42 BME—**Robert M. Coors** of Palos Verdes Es-tates, CA, January 15, 2004; active in civic, com-munity, and alumni affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

- '42 LLB—**Nelson C. Doland Jr.** of Boonton, NJ, November 24, 2005; attorney for Boonton Township; municipal judge; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '42 BS Ag, BME '48—**Arthur B. Dutky** of Idaho Falls, ID, formerly of Omaha, NE, November 12, 2005; aerospace engineer; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '42—**Robert S. Edgar** of Randolph, NY, June 20, 2000.
- '42 BEE—**Francis E. Gruen** of Tonawanda, NY, October 25, 2005; mortgage banker; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Kappa Sigma.
- '42 BME—**Harry M. St. John Jr.** of Avon, CT, November 16, 2005; inventor, reverse-thrust propeller; sales manager, Hamilton Standard; active in community affairs. Sigma Nu.
- '42 BS Ag—**Ilese Powell Symonds** (Mrs. Paul S., PhD '43) of Needham, MA, June 22, 2005.
- '43—**James K. Elderkin Jr.** of Wexford, PA, November 6, 2005; stockbroker; salesman; veteran; active in alumni affairs.
- '43 BA—**George C. Henckel Jr.** of Albuquerque, NM, March 4, 2005. Kappa Sigma.
- '43, BS Ag '46—**John J. Kahabka** of Bath, NY, August 14, 2004. Cayuga Lodge.
- '43 BME—**George B. Marchev** of Mountain Lakes, NJ, November 2, 2005; president, Metro Sign & Engraving; owner, Gordos Int'l; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Delta Tau Delta.
- '43 BA—**Grace Reinhardt** McQuillan of Hartsdale, NY, November 10, 2005; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Phi.
- '43—**C. Leigh Moyer Jr.** of Haverford, PA, October 4, 2005; retired investment banker; veteran; active in community affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.
- '43 BS Ag—**Joyce W. Sumner** of Bridgewater Corners, VT, July 12, 2005; assoc. professor emeritus, U. of Vermont Extension Service; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '43 B Chem E—**William H. Tilley** of New Bern, NC, June 2, 2005. Wife, Jean (Cooper) '46.
- '43 BA—**Helen Abeloff** Weinberg of Arlington, VA, October 30, 2005; supervising medical social worker, Westchester County Medical Center; active in civic and community affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.
- '43 BA, LLB '47—**Evan S. Williams** of Troy, PA, April 5, 2005; attorney; retired presiding judge, Court of Common Pleas, Bradford County, PA; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon. Wife, A. Louise (Eadie) '44.
- '44 BME—**Albert Beehler Jr.** of Baltimore, MD, November 8, 2005; area manager, Fischer & Porter; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.
- '44—**Leland R. Crawford Jr.** of Ithaca, NY, November 16, 2005; agronomist, Cornell U.; active in community affairs.
- '44 BME—**William Nachbar** of La Jolla, CA, October 24, 2005; professor of applied mechanics, UC San Diego; taught at Stanford U.; worked on the Polaris missile and the Boeing 707; veteran; active in professional affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.
- '44, BA '47—**Roscoe C. Rose** of North Bellmore, NY, October 6, 2004. Wife, Nina (Kuzmich) '45.
- '44 BME—**Max J. Stierstorfer Jr.** of Allentown, PA, October 30, 2005; physician; clinical director of medicine, Allentown Bureau of Health; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '44 BEE—**Howard G. Turner** of Atherton, CA, August 14, 2005.
- '45—**Chester J. Brown** of Tucson, AZ, August 25, 2005; worked for General Electric; asst. professor, U. of Arizona; taught at U. of New Mexico, Carlsbad; co-owner, Largo Intercoastal Marina; veteran. Alpha Tau Omega.
- '45—**William M. Selden** of Los Angeles, CA, March 1, 2005; developer, COBOL computer language; co-founder, GEVA Theatre in Rochester, NY. Alpha Zeta.
- '46, BME '48—**John P. Bagby** of Anaheim, CA, December 11, 2004; consultant. Phi Gamma Delta.
- '46—**Mary L. Barrott** of Marco Island, FL, November 29, 2005.
- '46 MS Ag—**Elmer E. Clapp Jr.** of Vero Beach, FL, November 4, 2005; director of sire procurement, Eastern Breeders; professor, Canton's Agricultural and Technical Inst.
- '46 MS HE, Ed D '60—**F. June Clarke** of Williamsville, NY, November 20, 2005; retired home economics professor, SUNY Buffalo; active in professional affairs.
- '46-48 SP Ag—**James E. Egan** of Lecanto, FL, November 14, 2005; retired from the Farmers Home Admin.; dairy farmer; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.
- '46 BEE—**Roy S. Griffin** of San Diego, CA, April 15, 2005.
- '46 BEE—**Alfred L. Koup** of Southbury, CT, November 11, 2005; engineer, Sikorsky Aircraft; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '46 BA, MD '49—**Barbara Simpson** Robertson of Lake Forest Park, WA, January 1, 2005; physician. Pi Beta Phi.
- '46 BEE—**John J. Sweeney** of Greensboro, NC, October 27, 2005; worked for Bell Labs and Western Electric; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '47 BA—**Stuart O. Austin** of Ashland, OR, April 3, 1998; worked for ITT. Phi Sigma Kappa.
- '47, BME '45—**William H. Blew Jr.** of Florence, SC, June 20, 2002. Alpha Sigma Phi.
- '47—**Loretta Garrahan** Jordan of Paoli, PA, October 28, 2005; worked at Safeguard Business Systems; active in community affairs.
- '47 BS Nurs—**Dorothy W. Smith** of Elizabeth, NY, October 2, 2005; professor emerita of nursing, Rutgers U.; active in professional and religious affairs.
- '47, BS HE '46—**Erva Vosburgh** Walsh of Griffin, GA, May 29, 2004. Kappa Delta.
- '47 BA—**Alice Newman** Wenzel of Manhasset, NY, October 31, 2005; family therapist.
- '48 BEE—**Myron Cohen** of New York City, October 9, 2005; active in alumni affairs.
- '48 BS Ag—**Lillian B. Goldstick** of San Francisco, CA, May 17, 2005; legal logistics coordinator, California Inst. of Realtors.
- '48 BS HE—**Ruth Skolnick** Hollander of Boynton Beach, FL, February 27, 2000.
- '48—**Jerome M. Kutner** of Portland, OR, April 3, 2005.
- '48, BS Ag '51—**Donald R. Laitin** of Orangeville, Ontario, Canada, December 10, 2004.
- '48 BS Ag—**E. Michael Pollack** of Southborough, MA, November 8, 2005; retired chief game biologist, Mass. Division of Fisheries and Game; active in community and professional affairs.
- '48 BEE—**Arthur L. Yehle** of Milledgeville, GA, October 19, 2005; director, Small Business Inst., Bunting School of Business, Georgia College and State U.; taught at the U. of Memphis; veteran. Sigma Chi.
- '49 MBA—**Kenneth S. Colmen** of Redwood City, CA, May 9, 2005.
- '49, BA '48—**Jean M. Edgerton** of Venice, FL, June 15, 2000.
- '49 BS ILR—**Richard N. Goldstein** of Spencertown, NY, October 26, 2005; attorney; VP for labor relations, NBC; veteran; active in civic and alumni affairs. Watermargin.
- '49 BS HE—**Geraldine Hanks** Mesick of Castleton, NY, November 27, 2005; partner & finance mgr., Gem Farms; active in community and professional affairs. Husband, George E. Mesick Jr., SP Ag '47-49.
- '50 BEE—**Donald S. Byron** of Ithaca, NY, November 4, 2005; active in alumni affairs.
- '50 BA—**Charles N. Eckert** of Melbourne, FL, October 12, 2005; active in alumni affairs.
- '50 BS Ag—**Hervey D. Forward III** of Elbridge, NY, November 5, 2005; branch manager, J.I.

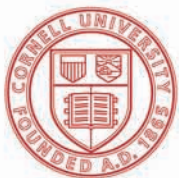
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'50 BCE—**Charles B. Grimshaw** of Sutter Creek, CA, April 14, 2004. Delta Phi.

'50 BA—**Joseph B. Kirkland Jr.** of Leander, TX, November 8, 2005. Delta Upsilon.

'50 BA—**Arno H. Nehrling Jr.** of Timonium, MD, August 23, 2005. Kappa Sigma.

'50 BA—**Wilson E. Sensenbach** of Honeoye Falls, NY, November 5, 2005; retired lieutenant commander, US Naval Reserves; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'51 MBA—**E. John Caruso** of Albuquerque, NM, October 12, 2005; consultant, E.J. Caruso Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'51 BME—**Richard L. Freeman** of Little Valley, NY, November 2, 2005; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'51 BA—**Daniel Leschak** of Tucson, AZ, October 30, 2005; aerospace engineer; also worked for the CIA; veteran; active in community affairs.

'51—**Henry W. Rittscher** of Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 20, 2005; marketing advisor. Phi Gamma Delta.

'52 BS Ag—**Michael A. Akintomide**, formerly of Nigeria, December 1, 2001.

'52-53 GR—**Robert E. Brown** of La Mesa, CA, November 29, 2005; musicologist; expert on gamelan music; taught at Wesleyan U., California Inst. of the Arts, the Center for World Music, and San Diego State U.; author; veteran; his is the last recording on the Voyager's interstellar record.

'52 BME—**Donald D. Campbell** of Cincinnati, OH, October 2, 2005; manufacturer's representative, Rouse Marketing; veteran.

'52, BME '53—**Robert S. Critchfield** of Garden Grove, CA, June 12, 2005. Theta Xi.

'52—**Charles C. Ford** of Cohasset, MA, November 21, 2005; owner, Waterproofing Co.; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'52—**Mary Hart** Forseman of Bay City, MI, June 24, 2002.

'52, BME '53—**Leonard J. Kraska** of Mountain View, CA, October, 9, 2005; mechanical engineer.

'52, BCE '53—**James G. Scott Jr.** of Baldwinsville, NY, January 10, 2005; VP, East Syracuse Minoa CSD; active in religious affairs. Chi Epsilon. Wife, Leona (Kaiser) '51.

'53, BS Ag '56—**Sherman R. Knapp Jr.** of Cincinnati, OH, June 22, 2004; general product manager, R.A. Jones & Co. Lambda Chi Alpha. Wife, Jacqueline (Horn) '55.

'53—**Robert M. Maloney** of Houston, TX, April

22, 2005; retired, Borden Inc. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'53 BS Ag—**Harry A. Turunen** of Baldwinsville, NY, January 18, 2005; worked for P&C Foods; veteran; active in community affairs.

'54-56 SP Ag—**Donald K. Adair Jr.** of Oneonta, NY, December 2, 2004; worked for Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals; veteran; active in religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'54 BS HE—**Beulah Nyhart** Fromm of Sun City West, AZ, November 9, 2005; home economics teacher; active in community and professional affairs.

'54—**Charles H. Larson** of Santa Maria, CA, November 23, 2004; owner, Larson Decorating.

'55 PhD—**Jaroslav M. Burian** of Albany, NY, August 25, 2005; professor emeritus, SUNY Albany Dept. of Theatre; veteran; author; active in artistic, community, and professional affairs.

'55, BCE '56—**Henry M. Cochran** of Williamsburg, VA, November 11, 2005; exec. director, Peninsula Planning Dist. Comm.; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Sigma Chi.

'56 BS ILR—**Herbert N. Bernhardt** of Charlottesville, VA, June 11, 2002. Watermargin.

'56 BS HE—**Myrna Zerlin** Mendelssohn of Thousand Oaks, CA, May 8, 2000.

'56 BS ILR—**David K. Orselet** of West Chester, PA, October 23, 2005; General Electric executive.

'56 PhD—**Harley J. Otto** of Mesa, AZ, November 24, 2005; agronomist; active in community and professional affairs.

'56 BS Ag—**Martin J. Wunderlich Pel-Or** of Netanya, Israel, November 20, 2005; Israeli guide. Wife, Susan (Cohen) '59.

'57 BS Nurs—**Patricia Rudolph** Desposito of South Orange, NJ, November 6, 2002; registered nurse.

'57—**Edward C. Evans** of Pittsburgh, PA, January 29, 2000.

'57 B Chem E—**Fred G. Jones Jr.** of Alma, MI, November 13, 2005; metallurgist; expert on magnets; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon. Wife, Joan (Ellis) '59.

'58—**John C. T. Church** of New York City, October 27, 2005; linguist. Theta Chi.

'58 JD—**John J. Fitzgerald** of Cortland, NY, July 28, 2005.

'58 BA—**Janet Hoffman** Gardner of White Plains, NY, November 25, 2005; editor. Sigma Delta Tau.

'58 BS HE—**Barbara Hauck** Yates of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 30, 2004; retired consultant. Kappa Kappa Gamma. Husband, Edward M. Yates '58.

'59 BA, MD '66—**H. David Kearing** of Brackney, PA, September 9, 2005; ob/gyn; veteran; active in religious and alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'60 MArch—**Douglas C. Holtkamp** of Pinehurst, NC, April 17, 2005; active in alumni affairs.

'60 BA—**Karl E. Walther** of Cardiff-by-the-Sea, CA, October 13, 2005. Alpha Delta Phi.

'61, BME '62—**Robert P. Guerre** of Conroe, TX, December 3, 2004. Kappa Alpha.

'61 BS Ag—**John F. Hosmer** of Stockton, CA, September 8, 2004. Delta Tau Delta.

'61 MBA—**James D. Massey** of Issaquah, WA, March 18, 2005; systems manager, Boeing Co.

'63 BA—**Carl S. Apstein** of Waban, MA, November 8, 2005; cardiologist; professor, Boston U. School of Medicine; musician; active in professional affairs.

'63, BS Ag '64—**Terrance D. Blumer** of Jordan, NY, November 4, 2005; dairy farmer. Zeta Psi.

'63, BS Mat Sci '65—**Lorentz A. Johanson Jr.** of Bethel Park, PA, July 13, 2005. Sigma Chi.

'64 MBA—**Brian E. Pattison** of Hanover, NH, February 4, 2005; VP finance, Traditional Mgmt. Co.; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Wife, Anne (Warren) '64.

'66—**John E. Swanstrom Jr.** of Duluth, MN, May 28, 2002. Chi Psi.

'66—**John J. Tobin** of White Plains, NY, March 1, 1994. Chi Phi.

'68 BS Ag—**Warren A. Palmatier Jr.** of Congers,

NY, April 7, 2005; director of operations, Orange & Rockland Utility Co.; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'68 BS ILR—**Susan Tenenbaum** of Forest Hills, NY, June 21, 2004.

'71 JD—**Melvin Ditman** of Woodbridge, CT, September 24, 2005; attorney. Wife, Lynne (Kornreich), GR '69-70.

'71 BS Nurs—**Mary Ann Hubicki** Streck of Cape Coral, FL, November 28, 2005; nurse.

'72 PhD—**Robert E. Tillman** of Rock Stream, NY, May 31, 2005.

'73 BS ORIE, MBA '74—**Paul J. Connell** of Atlanta, GA, November 10, 2005; attorney; specialist in international mergers and acquisitions; active in professional affairs. Sigma Pi.

'74, BS Ag '78—**Douglas C. VanderPoest** of Melbourne, FL, November 11, 2005; owner, pest control business; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'75—**Gary D. Graves** of Franklin, MA, November 5, 2004; owner, G Square Construction; also worked for Texas Instruments.

'79 BS Ag—**George W. A. Booker** of New York City, October 25, 2000.

'79—**Kevin P. Doyle** of Brighton, MA, February 12, 1998.

'79 BS Nurs—**Jeanne M. Hausser** of Brooklyn, NY, June 20, 1998; nurse.

'79—**Phyllis D. Hooke** of Montclair, NJ, September 18, 2002.

'79—**Ron P. Kendric** of El Cajon, CA, October 29, 2004.

'79 BEE—**Michael R. Leibowitz** of San Francisco, CA, August 31, 1992.

'79, BS Ag '83—**Halroye A. Lewars** of Corona, NY, September 4, 1995.

'79—**Brian O. Peteler** of Marlton, NJ, June 15, 2005; financial manager, New Market Power; active in community affairs.

'79 BS HE—**Amerigo V. Vetrano** of Bronx, NY, August 1, 1979.

'81 BA—**Jeffrey A. Avizinin** of Palm Bay, FL, November 6, 2005; software engineer.

'81 BS Ag—**Daniel D. Dathyn** of Williamson, NY, June 15, 2004; fruit grower; manager, Wayne County Pest Co-op; active in religious affairs.

'84 DVM—**Ronnie M. Cain** of Greenwood, DE, October 23, 2004; veterinarian; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Mary (Eagle) '80, DVM '84.

'84 PhD—**Candace Widmer** of Ithaca, NY, November 23, 2005; taught at Elmira College; expert on human services and public policy; lecturer in cell biology, Mansfield State U.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'85 BS Ag—**Pamela Horn** Davenport of Suffield, CT, November 20, 2005; active in community and religious affairs.

'85 BA, MD '89—**John A. Hinck** of November 3, 2005; physician.

'86 BS Ag—**Young U. Lim** of Mill Neck, NY, January 23, 2005. Cayuga Lodge.

'96 BA—**Daniel E. Rich** of New York City, November 16, 2005; attorney; active in alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

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GRANDPARENT(S) ONLY

56 new students note at least one Cornellian grandparent. Other multi-generational connections are listed in the introductory paragraphs and elsewhere.

Grandparent(s)	Child
Sheila Epstein Akabas '51	Shai Akabas
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W. David Curtiss '38, LLB '40	Christina Alario
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Flo Rae (Spelts) '57	
*Franklin F. Offner '33	Trevor Caira
Taube P. Rothman, PhD '75	Anna Chase
Donald E. Conaway Jr. '50	Travis Conaway
*Ivan Isaacs '35, MD '39	Julie Deitz
William T. Duboc '45, BEE '44	Catherine Duboc
Cleon W. Easton, DVM '51	Dana Easton
*Gordon H. Eibert '32	Erik Eibert
John L. Ayer '41	
Eugene T. Kemp '51, DVM '57	Jessica Farrow

*Sol Feigenbaum '41	Jamie Feigenbaum
Mary Harman Ficken, MA '40	Edward Ficken
*John P. Gallagher '50	Christopher Gallagher
*G. Frederick Reinhardt, MA '35	Philip Gebauer
Alfred R. Goldstein '45, BCE '47	Jessica Goldstein
Thomas C. Trafzer '48	Katherine Gryka
Jane (Bird) '50	
*Abbott L. Hessney '31	Ethan Hessney
Robert J. Bauer '40	Dustin Howell
Virginia (Poole) '42	
Edward J. Querner '50	Brian Isett
Paul A. Jones Jr. '51	Benjamin Jones
Pauline (Bancroft) '52	
Robert L. Kennedy, DVM '55	Carolyn Kennedy
*John R. Herman, MD '40	Abigail Kohlman
*Paul W. Van Nest '36	Timothy Komsa
Glenn E. Dayton Jr. '50	Grace Leonard
Beverly Gavril Lesser '54	Steven Lesser
Martin Riger '31	Steven Lewis
John G. Woods '48	Rebecca Lis
Merilyn (Baron) '48	
William L. Bromley '48	Benjamin Loe
John F. Marion '48	Jessica Marion
*Norma (Braun) '51	
Emil A. Matthews '36	Alexander Matthews

*John A. O'Hern, MD '44	Mark O'Hern
Carlton J. Porter Jr. '52	Sarah Porter
Dorothy (Klimajeski) '53	
William W. Helman III '50, MBA '54	Rachel Quigley
Donald E. Rockcastle '49	Logan Rockcastle
Eleanor R. Blum '49	
Thomas O. Nuttle '51	Molly Ryan
Ruth Raybin Furman '46, BA '45	Sherre Sachar
James H. Pert, MD '51	Jennette Saltsman
Frederick D. Stocker, MA '50, PhD '52	Patricia Satkiewicz
Leonard N. Young, GR '45-46	Julie Seamon
*Sidney Meisel '37	Harley Seligman
Elizabeth Patterson Hoffmann '45	Sonam Sherpa
William L. Whitely, LLB '51	Charles Slicklen
Charles E. Sporck '51	Christian Sporck
*Gene W. Hanson '43	Nicholas Trageser
Phyllis (Lamb) '44	
Harvey B. Pollak '56	Harris Trock
Richard H. Kennedy '56	Timothy Walch
Audrey Katzman Wald '46	Henry Wald
Edward S. Wheeler, PhD '52	Miles Wheeler
Joan (Petersen) '51	
Charles H. Goodyear '43	William Wolff
Catherine (Young) '43	
Anthony Misciagna '44, BS ORIE '49	Richard Young
*Alexander Zaharchuk '53	Sarah Zaharchuk



Mr. Know-It-All

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO UNCLE EZRA,
THE ONLINE ADVICE COLUMNIST

hOW DO I GET UP THE NERVE to propose to my girlfriend? If Batman is so smart, why does he wear his underwear over his pants? Bridge jumping doesn't seem to be a very good option, but every time I walk over one I keep on thinking about going over the edge . . . Uncle Ezra, what should I do?

From silly to serious, everyone has a question. At Cornell, someone has an answer. Dear Uncle Ezra (<http://ezra.cornell.edu/>), the University's online advice columnist, has responded to more than 19,000 inquiries from students, alumni, and community members. The site, which celebrates its twentieth anniversary in September, is the nation's first online counseling service.

Long before Google and Wikipedia, there was CUInfo, the campus-wide information system created by computer scientist Steve Worona '70, MS '73, in 1982. In its earliest days, this pioneering proto-Web ran on a mainframe, listing news and information on a handful of terminals. But the system was only lightly used, so in 1986 Worona and Jerry Feist, then the assistant dean of students for counseling and training, tried to broaden the appeal. The pair decided to make CUInfo interactive, with students sending questions to an all-knowing "Uncle Ezra." The name, Feist says, was carefully chosen: "This was someone who cares about you immediately because he's part of your family."

Uncle Ezra debuted on September 17, 1986. The first two questions—about how to meet people and stop procrastinating—were fake. "We primed the pump with two 'artificial' questions and waited to see if the 'build it and they will come' phenomenon would strike," Worona writes in an e-mail message. "It did."

Soon, real questions poured in—nearly three hundred in the first month.

"Why am I here?" asked Confused.

"Where can I buy a cheap used car?" wondered No Wheels.

"Who are you?" A Nosy and Curious Person demanded, without success.

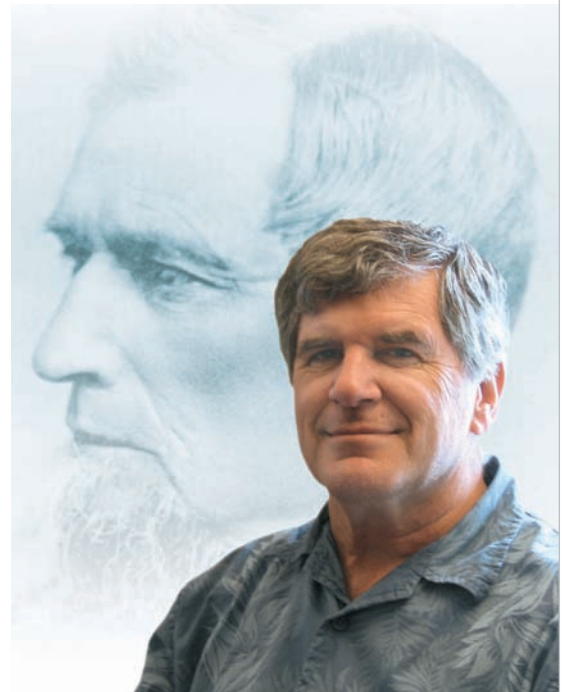
Feist, the first of five Uncle Ezras to inhabit the character, says that anonymity

was essential. "As soon as you have a known person, everyone who thinks about Uncle Ezra is going to project certain characteristics." Knowing age, race, or gender could inhibit students from asking touchy questions, Feist felt. But, as he soon learned, no topic was out of bounds. "The questions were incredible—it was so clear that the people writing them were neophytes to computers," he says. "But there was a sincerity to them. They were things people really wanted to know."

There were a few ground rules. Questions could not have profanity or be used to get homework answers, but were otherwise unedited, typos and all. "We decided right away that we wanted to keep the original flavor," says Feist.

Soon he was receiving 1,000 queries a month and using a team of assistants to help answer them. With the rise of the Web, Uncle Ezra moved off the mainframe and into the wider world of cyberspace. Two book collections have been spun off, *The Best of Uncle Ezra*, Volumes I and II, and the idea spread to other schools. Students at the University of Colorado seek advice from Ralphie, while at Columbia they can Go Ask Alice.

Other colleges that tried to replicate the formula often missed the mark, according to Worona. "The most important part of Uncle Ezra was the human interaction," he recalls. "Uncle Ezra's



STEFANIE GREEN

Answer man: Jerry Feist, the original Uncle Ezra

answers were the responsibility of a single anonymous well-trained individual. There was no answer-by-answer review by a committee, and Ezra became someone the readers could trust. Whoever had the job understood their function as custodian of the Ezra persona."

Feist is now an independent consultant in Ithaca, while Worona became a director of EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association for campus IT experts. But Uncle Ezra lives on; the current one, as ever, works cloaked in secrecy. "It developed a personality and life of its own," says Feist.

— Stephanie Bergeron



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