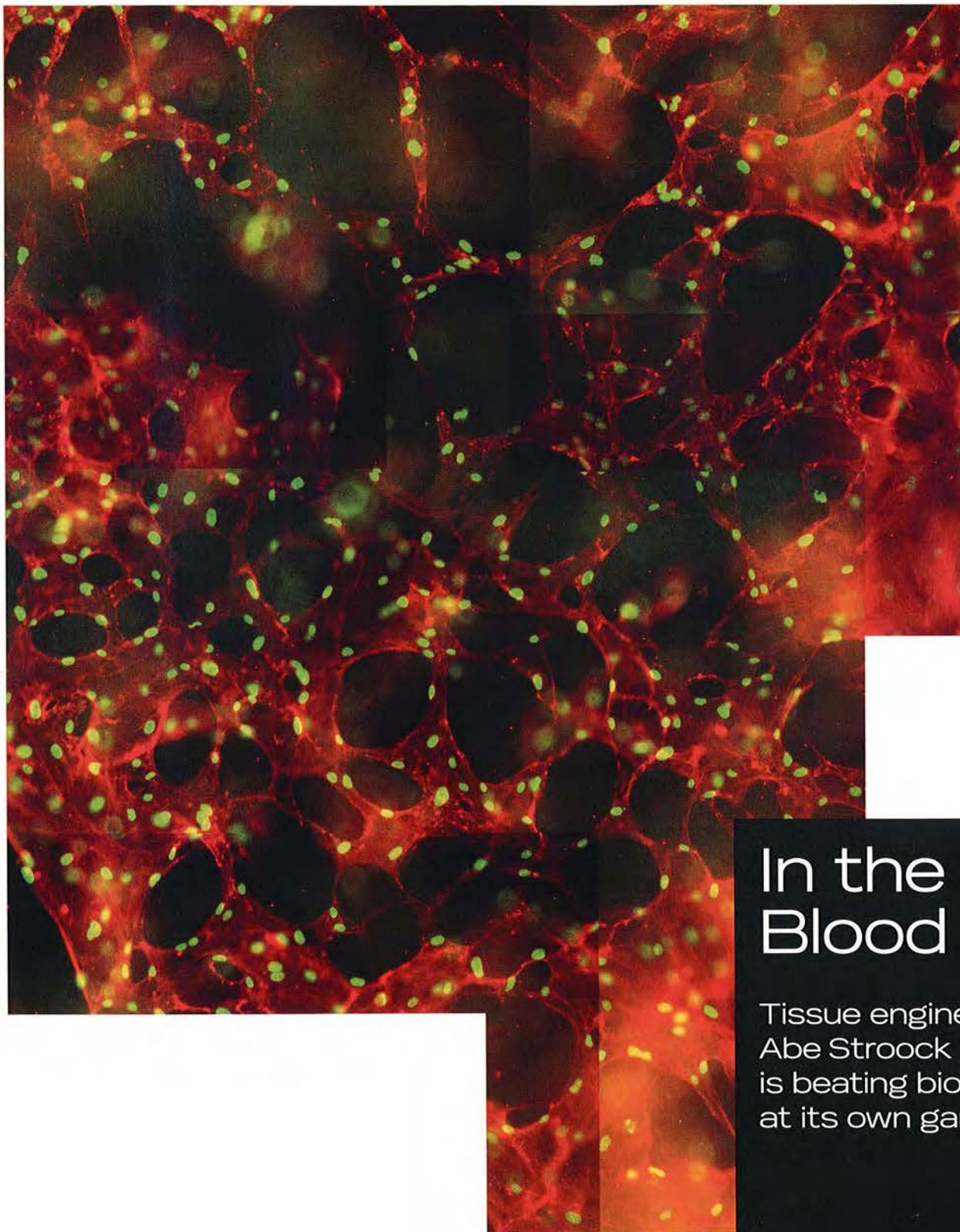


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SUSAN KELLEY

Over his half-century career, maverick economic historian Robert Fogel '48 has been both honored and vilified. A Nobel laureate, he co-authored a revisionist study of the economics of slavery that prompted charges of racism but earned him the prestigious Bancroft Prize. And at eighty-one, the University of Chicago's pre-eminent data-cruncher is still going strong.

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BETH SAULNIER

Historically, universities with strong biomedical engineering programs have had a medical school close at hand. Cornell's is 250 miles from Ithaca—but its nascent biomedical engineering department is working to turn the distance into an asset. A look at biomedical breakthroughs at Cornell, where tissue engineer Abraham Stroock '95 and colleagues are using nature as a blueprint for curing human ills.

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BRAD HERZOG '90

Which Cornellian has eight fingers and green hair? It's Sideshow Mel, beleaguered sidekick to Krusty the Clown on "The Simpsons." He's just one of the dozens of fictional characters with Big Red pedigrees—from a famed murder-mystery heroine to the *Horse Whisperer* vet to that guy on "The Office" who just won't shut up about where he went to college.

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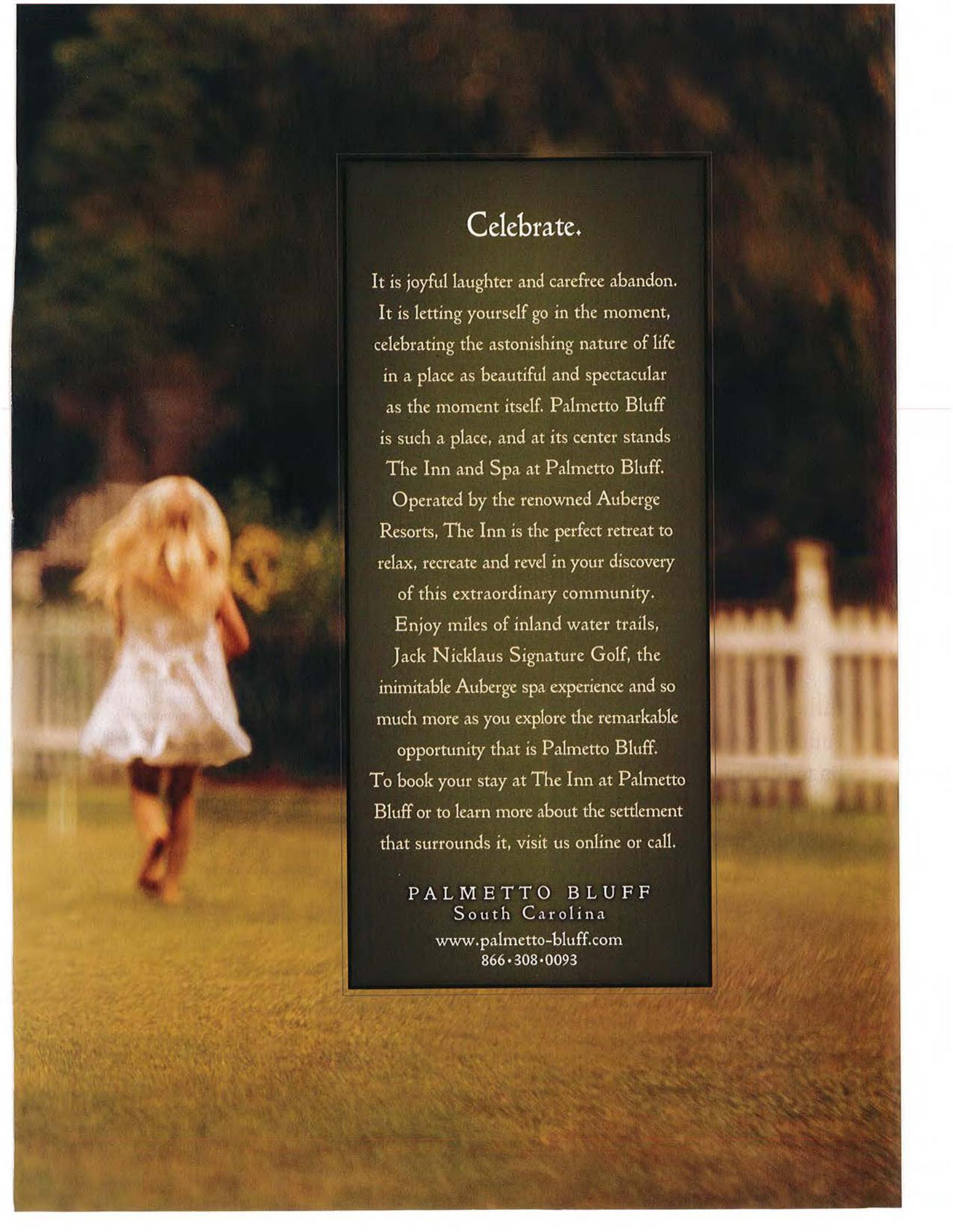
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Socioeconomic and other forms of diversity remain essential to the character of Cornell. I believe that it is also important for Cornell to set an example for other American universities, including other land-grant institutions, so colleges and universities will continue to serve as engines of opportunity for the next generation.

Need-blind admissions and need-based financial aid are already cherished traditions at Cornell. We aim to admit students who will benefit from and contribute to our academic community, and then provide the financial assistance they need in order

to attend. Paying for college has traditionally been a shared enterprise, where students and their families, the University, and federal and state governments all contribute to meeting the cost. Over the past decade, though, rising costs and only modest increases in student financial aid from state and federal sources have put pressure on both the University and student families. The cost of a Cornell education has become especially burdensome to lower- and middle-income students and their families because of the substantial role that loans have played in our need-based aid packages.

To address this problem, and to ensure that our students' career choices after graduation are not limited by the burden of debt, the

Cornell Board of Trustees, at its January 2008 meeting, took a bold step by supporting Provost Bidy Martin's courageous plan: beginning next fall, we will replace need-based loans with grants for all undergraduate students with annual family incomes below \$60,000. For families with incomes between \$60,000 and \$120,000, we will cap the need-based loan component of undergraduate financial aid packages at \$3,000 per year. Then, beginning with the 2009–10 academic year, we will replace need-based

loans with grants for all undergraduates with family incomes up to \$75,000 and cap need-based loans at \$3,000 per year for all students with family incomes between \$75,000 and \$120,000. We expect that these changes will prompt more accepted students to enroll at Cornell, ease the debt burden for current students, and also convey a

strong message about the importance we attach to socioeconomic diversity within our student body.

While many of our peer institutions have also taken measures to make their education more affordable, Cornell's efforts are notable for two reasons: First, Cornell has a large undergraduate population that requires financial aid. Our financial aid population is larger than the entire undergraduate body at some similar institutions. In addition, we enroll a higher percentage of students from families in the lowest income groups than most of our peers. Second, we are making this commitment to our students and their families even though we are far less wealthy than some other schools. Although Cornell's \$5.4 billion endowment may seem large, in comparative rankings on a per-student basis, we rank seventy-fourth—far below almost all of our peers. For this reason, we have been careful to target our new financial aid policy to the students and families who most need assistance with college costs.

We expect to spend \$116.8 million on undergraduate financial aid during the current academic year. Our new financial aid policy, when fully implemented, will cost an estimated \$14 million more. We intend to fund the incremental costs of these changes from an increase in payout from our endowment, new gifts, and reallocations of existing resources over the next two years.

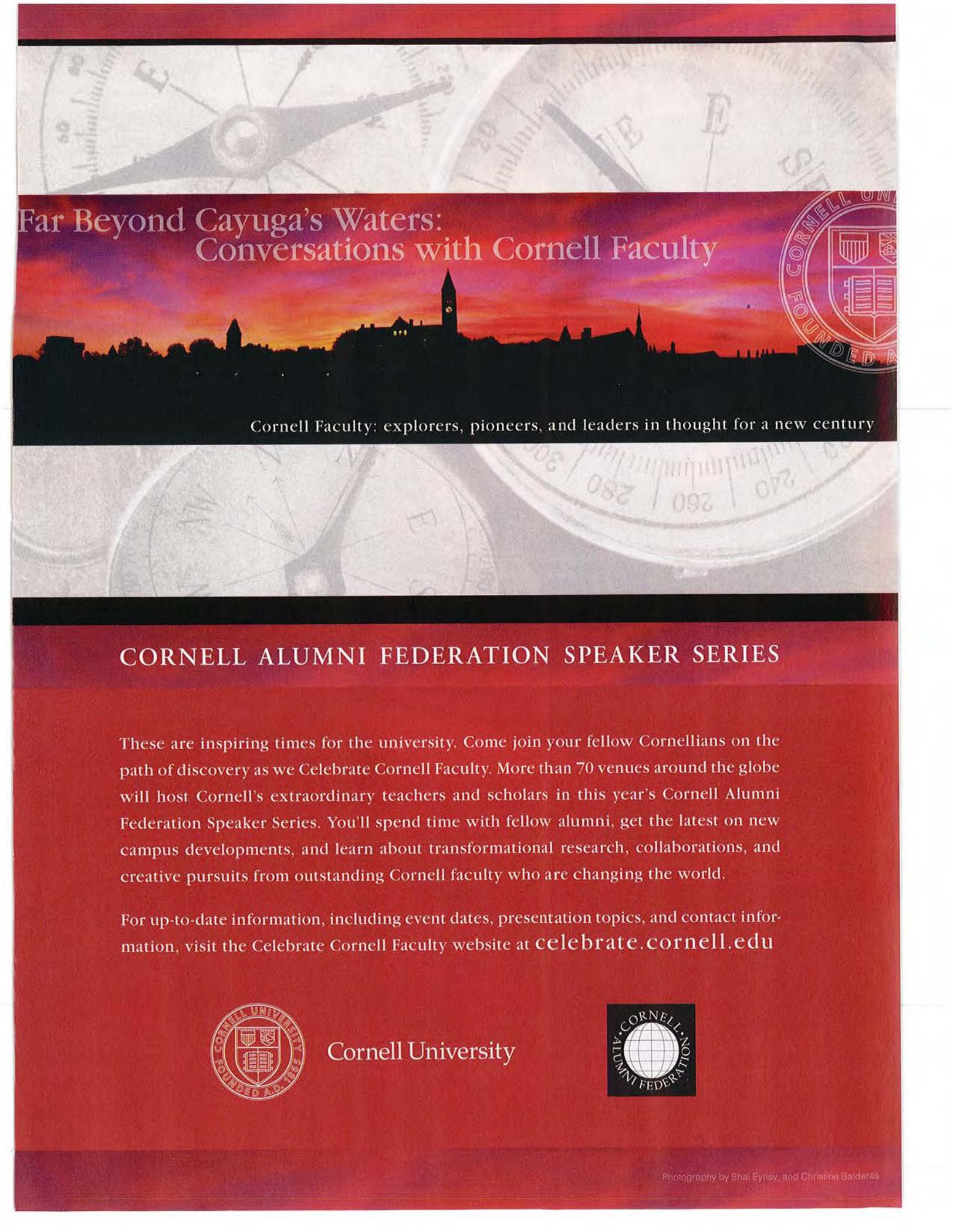
Cornell's alumni, parents, and friends have already been incredibly generous in their support of financial aid as part of the "Far Above" campaign. To keep alive Ezra Cornell's vision and to remain true to our land-grant roots, though, we need your help more than ever. I hope that many of you will help keep the University affordable through your continued financial support. And I invite those of you who were recipients of financial aid during your years on the Hill to let me know the impact your aid had on your Cornell experiences and on your lives as alumni.

— President David Skorton  
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A student in a black jacket and beanie is working on a large, colorful dragon sculpture made of fabric and mesh, mounted on a building facade. The dragon is made of various colored fabrics (red, blue, yellow, green, brown) and is mounted on a metal pole. The student is standing on a blue ladder, looking up at the dragon. The background is a brick building with large windows.

Don't look a gift-dragon in the mouth: On the Hill, St. Patrick's Day isn't about shamrocks and beer—it's about parading a giant beast through campus and setting it aflame. Each winter, freshman architecture students (like these outside Rand Hall in 2006) build a dragon and march it to the Arts Quad. Some years, the dragon does battle with a phoenix designed by freshman engineers, but it always goes out the same way: in a blaze of glory. Although revelers are often clad in winter coats and mittens—and spectators have been known to get beamed by balls of ice—at Cornell, Dragon Day is the first sign of spring. WASON KOSRO / UP

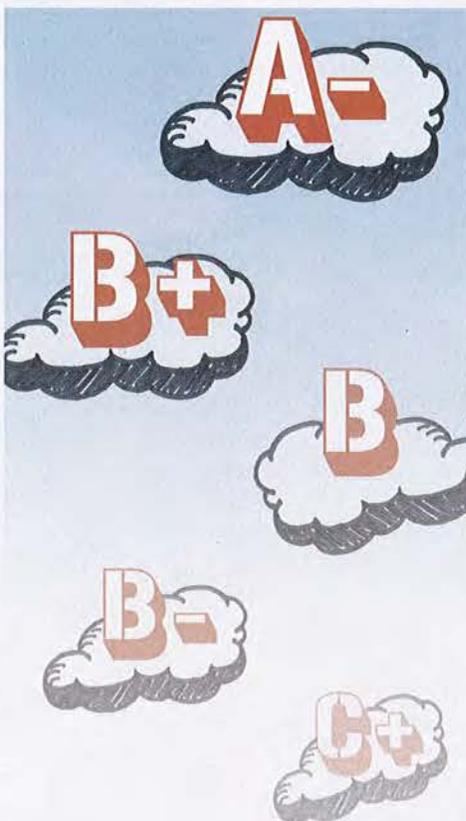
# Uphill Battle

Would 'normalizing' grades solve the course-shopping problem?

I enjoyed the story on grade inflation ("Gut Check," *Currents*, January/February 2008). When I was at Cornell, we suffered from high academic standards and low resulting grades. When applying for graduate or professional programs, we were at a disadvantage compared to students from schools like Harvard that gave higher grades for the same level of mastery. Some graduate schools knew this and "normalized" the grades; others wouldn't.

A similar problem was addressed by the United States Golf Association (USGA) about fifteen years ago when they introduced the Slope system. The problem they faced was that golfers from easy courses were at a disadvantage against golfers from difficult courses with the same handicap when they both played at a neutral site. So the USGA came up with a way of normalizing the scores to account for degree of difficulty. With the Slope system, the golfer from the more difficult course would be assigned a lower handicap than the one from the easier course—so the better golfer would have to give strokes to the weaker one when they competed at a neutral site.

Using median scores to normalize raw grades could be a way to do the same thing. Additional calculation would be needed, but this could be worked out with some number crunching. Of course, this would be only a partial correction. It doesn't account for the variance among the students at different schools. Society buffers this problem by recognizing that a graduate of an Ivy League school may be a little stronger academically than one from a low-ranked school. But in years gone by, looking at Ivy status alone put Cornell students at a disadvantage relative to some fellow Ivy Leaguers, ironically,



because of our high academic standards.

A system for normalizing grades might also buffer the tendency of some students to look for courses with higher median scores (to pad their GPAs) and help to accomplish the goal intended when median scores became available: to encourage students to take more difficult courses. Knowing that they will be "sloped up" could remove the hesitancy to climb that higher hill. So, hail to grade normalization. It will level the playing

field for our well-educated graduates vis-à-vis their Ivy peers. Gentlemen, start your databases.

*Dr. Stephen Goldberger '69  
Farmville, Virginia*

## Then and Now

I was intrigued yet dismayed by Liz Sheldon's article on the so-called "freshman experiment" ("A Campus of One's Own," January/February 2008). Among the most memorable—and valuable—aspects of my freshman year was the opportunity to live among and engage with all students, not just my "frosh" peers. In my view, channeling freshmen into cohort-focused rather than inter-year encounters diminishes Cornell's traditionally progressive approach to personal development, serving to constrict, rather than expand, the Cornell experience. The times, indeed, are a-changin'.

*Marcie Gitlin '79  
New York, New York*

## Consider Nursing

I was pleasantly surprised to find two articles pertaining to nursing ("Beside Manner," *Currents*, and "Remembering One of the Best," *Alma Matters*) in the January/February 2008 issue. When I was a pre-veterinary student at Cornell, my decision to pursue a nursing career was plainly considered a disappointment by my faculty advisor; to him, the only acceptable options were med school or vet school. I have since received two advanced nursing degrees and worked as an oncology nurse practitioner in Arizona

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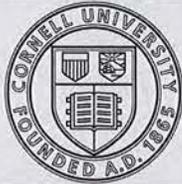
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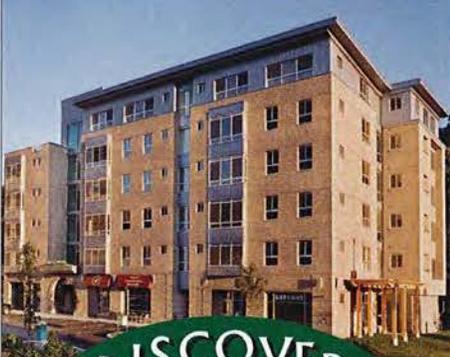
## Whodunit

How amazed I was to read about Morris Bishop's *The Widening Stain* (Cornelliana, January/February 2008). I own a pristine copy of that sustaining account of a murder in the Cornell Library, where, I must confess, I directed my feet only several times in my four years on the Hill. No doubt I purchased my copy at the then-Campus Store in the basement of Barnes Hall. I re-read the book a few years ago and decided that the murderer was modeled on [a well-known campus figure of the time].\*

My years on the Hill are never to be forgotten. I was accommodated, oh so well, in Baker Tower, in a room with its own fireplace and my seventeenth-century tapestry to keep me warm. Cornell made me ready for the rest of my life.

*J. R. K. Kantor '49  
Berkeley, California*

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# A Fresh Look

What's changed—and what hasn't

**W**e hope you've noticed that this issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* looks a bit different. And you may wonder: why?

Magazines are redesigned for many reasons, ranging from the trivial (the publisher is bored) to the profound (a complete shift in the subject matter). Neither applies in this case. We were motivated, rather, by a desire to serve you—the reader—better. So as we considered options for graphics, layout, and organization, we kept asking ourselves if this was going to make CAM a more effective and more reader-friendly publication. I hope we've answered in the affirmative—and if we haven't, please tell me (jhr22@cornell.edu).

Most of what you've come to expect is still here, and most of it is still in the same place. We've moved a few things, like the photo spread that used to open Class Notes, which seemed like an odd place for it; that's now in the front section, to welcome you to each issue (unless you're one of those contrarians who read back to front). To address the time pressure that all of us seem to feel these days, we've tried to pack even more campus news into From the Hill while also making it easier to read. And many of our longer pieces will be broken into smaller components, so you can grasp the subject matter even if you don't read every word. But rest assured—we're not abandoning the kind of thorough, well-researched feature writing that has long been a hallmark of this magazine. When there's a big story, we will give it the space it deserves.

There's another reason why we've redesigned: to coordinate with and complement what will soon be an all-new website. Since its launch more than a decade ago, our website has been a modest "sampler" of each issue, offering some, but not all, of the content of the print magazine with little in the way of online enhancements. That's changing. Very soon, that outdated "placeholder" site will be replaced by an entirely new site that will offer all of the content of the print publication—and more. Our goal in doing this is to make the new CAM Online your best source for news about Cornell, the place where you can link to a wide variety of news and commentary sources, official and unofficial, as well as read additional material written by our staff, interns, and other contributors. This has taken months of work and would not have been possible without a generous subsidy from the Cornell administration. Most of the heavy lifting was done by our Web contractor, One Bad Ant Design & Development (onebadant.com), as well as our art director, Steffi Green, and production associate, Lisa Frank.

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As we enter this brave new world of integrated print and online communication, I want to emphasize that there's one thing that is not changing: our commitment to the mission spelled out by the founders of the *Cornell Alumni News* in 1899. This publication, they wrote, would always strive "to keep the alumni accurately informed concerning the attitude of the University body, students, and faculty toward the various questions of University policy . . . [and] to keep the alumni informed as fully and accurately as possible about the whereabouts and doings of Cornell men and women, and thus not only to foster the interest in classmates and Alma Mater, but also to increase the enthusiasm and loyalty of every Cornellian for the college on the hill."

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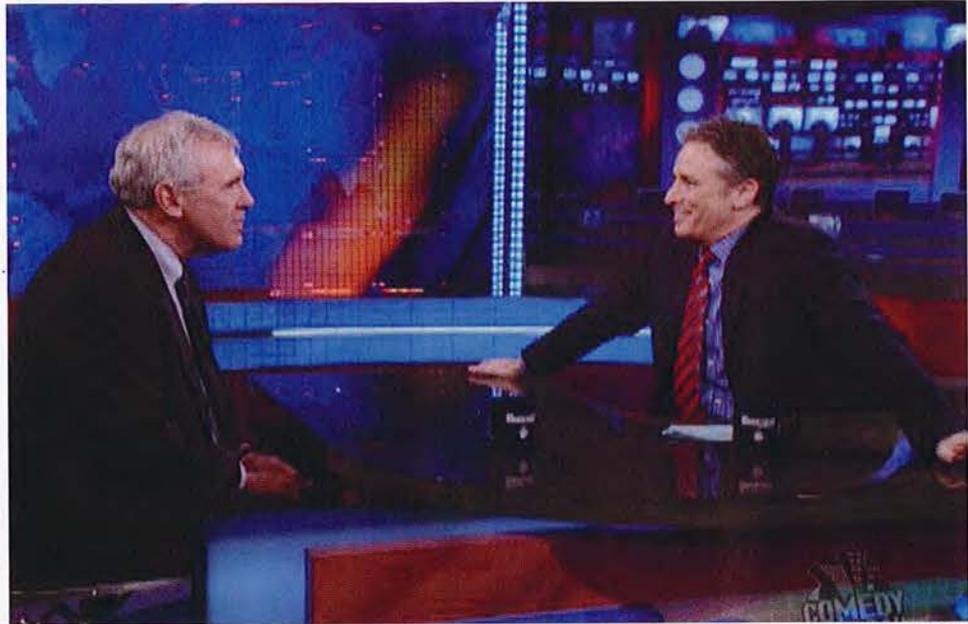
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## Seeber Talks Strike on Stewart Show

When Jon Stewart's "Daily Show" returned to Comedy Central in January after a two-month hiatus due to the Writers Guild of America strike, his first guest was Cornell ILR professor Ron Seeber—invited to discuss the strike itself. Seeber's appearance sparked debate on campus as to whether it was appropriate for him to cross the picket line (though, technically, he entered through a side door). On the show, Seeber expressed optimism the strike would end despite both sides having dug in their heels. "It's never intractable," he said. "Eventually, they all get solved."



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**Comedy act:** Host Jon Stewart mixed serious analysis with one-liners when ILR professor Ron Seeber joined him on "A Daily Show."

## Alum Fights Blast from the Past

In the age of Google, it seems, no skeleton stays in the closet. In January, the *Cornell Daily Sun* revealed that California lawyer Kevin Vanginderen '83 had filed a \$1 million lawsuit against the University in October, claiming that a digitally archived item from the *Cornell Chronicle* constituted libel and caused him "loss of reputation" and "mental anguish." The item, a two-sentence mention in the Barton Hall police blotter of March 17, 1983, said that campus authorities had charged Vanginderen "with third-degree burglary in connection with ten incidents of petit larceny and five burglaries on campus over a period of a year" and that Public Safety had recovered \$474 in stolen goods from him. The *Sun* reported that Vanginderen confessed to at least ten of the thefts and pleaded guilty to lesser charges.

In his lawsuit, Vanginderen claims that the article is embarrassing and inaccurate, and that since it was posted he has been unable to attract new clients. He told CAM that the case stemmed from a single charge for taking two books from an academic building, and that his misdemeanor plea was conditionally discharged and the case sealed. The *Chronicle* item, he said, "was blatantly false and libelous, but I was not aware of this article until twenty-four years later when it appeared under a Google search of my name." Cornell officials have countered that posting the online archive does not constitute republication, that the article is not defamatory, and that in any event the statute of limitations has expired. Back issues of the *Chronicle* went online as part of the University Library's digitization project.

## Endowment Tops \$5 Billion

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* has released the National Association of College and University Business Officers' annual tally of endowments, which ranked Cornell's as the eighteenth largest in the nation. At \$5.4 billion at the end of fiscal 2007, the endowment saw a 25.5 percent increase over 2006. But given Cornell's size relative to its peers, its endowment-per-student ranking is much lower—seventy-fourth, according to University spokesman Simeon Moss '73, BA '82. In 2007–08, he says, support from the endowment is providing about 11 percent of the University's budget.

## Undergrads Flee Kenyan Uprising

The post-election violence in Kenya forced eight Cornell undergrads and a staff member to evacuate the country in early January. The students were there during winter break as part of Cornell's Health International project, promoting nutrition and HIV/AIDS awareness. When the turmoil erupted, the group—led by staff mentor Amanda Messinger '08, BA '07, a health promotion assistant at Gannett Health Services—fled for the Ugandan border forty miles away and was escorted to the airport by armed security guards. The students did not witness any of the violence, which ultimately took more than 1,000 lives, and made it safely back to the United States.

## 30,000+ Aim for the Hill

Applications from aspiring Cornellians are up 7.5 percent over last year, with 32,655 received by the admissions office as of mid-January. Since 2004, they have risen an astonishing 57 percent—in part because of the ease of the online application process. Early decision applications saw a 3 percent hike from last year, to 3,095; as of mid-January Cornell had accepted 1,142 of them, comprising 37 percent of the Class of 2012.

Prospective students in the endowed colleges face tuition, room, and board costs of \$48,194, a 4.7 percent increase over 2007-08. But for families in the lower- and middle-income brackets, the burden will be a bit lighter. The same day that the University unveiled the tuition hike, it also announced that it would begin offering grants instead of loans for low-income households and capping loan amounts for those with middle incomes. For more details, see President Skorton's column on page 4.



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**Paper trail:** *Still Life With Seal* (1999) is among the art on display at the Johnson Museum this spring. The piece, by Jane Hammond, is included in an exhibition of her works on paper running through March 23.

## R&D

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

A daily glass of red wine may help prevent tooth decay. A study by researchers at Cornell and the University of Rochester shows that pomace, found in red wine, renders bacteria harmless. The work could lead to a new kind of mouthwash.

More than a third of women use extreme weight-loss measures leading up to their weddings, finds nutrition professor Lori Neighbors, PhD '07. The study will be published in *Appetite*.

Plant geneticists at Cornell and the University of Illinois have identified variants in maize that could triple vitamin A levels. The work could help create new maize varieties for sub-Saharan Africa, where children are often vitamin A deficient.

Chemists and engineers have developed a process that could lead to more efficient fuel and solar cells. The method, described in *Nature Materials*, is called CASH (combined assembly by soft and hard chemistries).

Black holes may be more rare than previously believed, say Arecibo Observatory astronomers. The researchers have redefined the point at which massive neutron stars turn into black holes.

## Hum Ec Project Under Way

The College of Human Ecology has broken ground on a 290-car garage, the first part of a two-phase project costing \$77.7 million. The second phase calls for the construction of an 88,200-square-foot building housing teaching and research facilities as well as an art gallery, design studios, a wood shop, and more. The building, set to open in 2012 on the site of the now-demolished north wing of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, will feature a large interior courtyard and views of Beebe Lake. Its lead architect is Darko Hreljanovic '77 of the New York firm Gruzen-Samton.



The new Human Ecology Building is scheduled to open in 2012.

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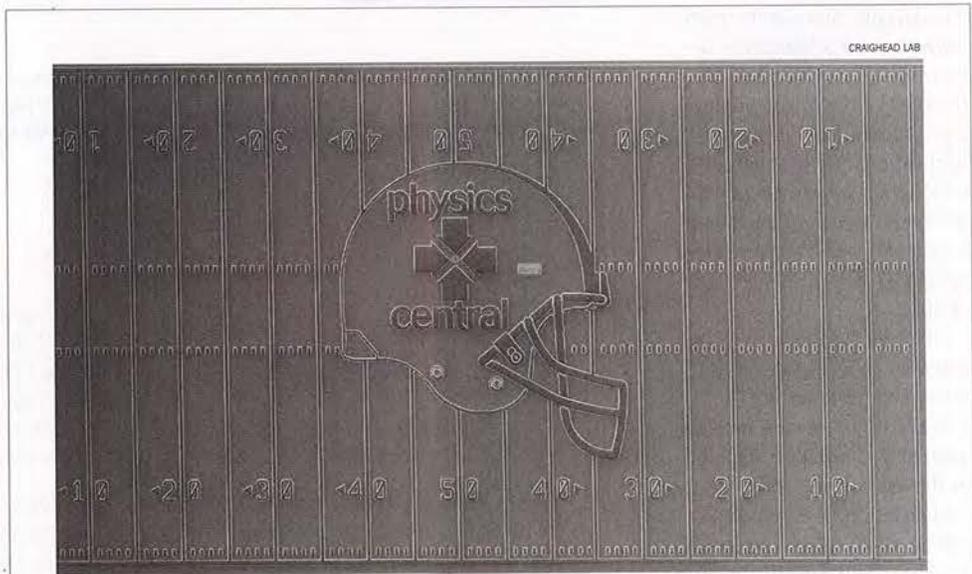
## Campaign Party Offers 'Meeting of the Minds'

In January, a panel of seven Cornell faculty met at the Grand Hyatt in Manhattan for a public discussion of their scholarship and the connections among their fields. The ninety-minute event, called "Meeting of the Minds," was part of the University's Big Red in the Big Apple weekend celebrating its "Far Above..." capital campaign. The professors were Daniel Huttenlocher (computer science), Peter Katzenstein (international studies), Fredrik Logevall (history), Susan McCouch, PhD '90 (plant breeding), Ralph Nachman (associate dean of clinical research, Weill Cornell Medical College), Maureen O'Hara (management), and Eswar Prasad (applied economics).

The Big Apple event, held at Cipriani's, included hundreds of Cornell faculty, staff, students, and alumni from the Ithaca and New York campuses. President Skorton announced that the capital campaign, launched in November 2006, had passed the halfway mark to its \$4 billion goal.

## Sigma Pi Suspended for 'High-Risk Drinking'

Cornell has revoked its recognition of Sigma Pi fraternity in the wake of an unofficial recruitment party that sent four freshmen to Cayuga Medical Center after a bout of what Vice President for University Communications Tommy Bruce terms "high-risk drinking behaviors." As a result, Sigma Pi must wait a year to reapply for recognition and will be on probation for another year following approval. The decision, Bruce says, "should serve as a clear message that Cornell will not tolerate such irresponsible, dangerous, and illegal behavior." While a Greek house is unrecognized, it must remain alcohol free and cannot host social events.



**Tiny touchdown:** On Super Bowl Sunday, Cornell nanotechnologists awarded a very, very small trophy in another competition: the Nano Bowl, a contest to create the best short video explaining the physics of football. Built on a silicon chip no larger than a fingernail, the trophy bears images as small as fifty-nine billionths of a meter.

# Give My Regards To...

## These Cornellians in the News

Thomas Eisner, Jacob Gould Schurman Professor Emeritus of Chemical Ecology, winner of the Carty Award for the Advancement of Science from the National Academy of Sciences, for his "pathbreaking studies" in the field.

Elizabeth Reilinger, PhD '80, winner of the Council of the Great City Schools' Green Award, the nation's highest honor for a school board member, for her work as the chair of the Boston School Committee.

A. Namanga Ngongi, PhD '76, former deputy executive director of the United Nations World Food Programme, appointed first president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa.

Helena Viramontes, novelist and professor of English, winner of a \$50,000 fellowship for artistic excellence from United States Artists.

James Webster, Goldwin Smith Professor of Music, elected to honorary membership in the American Musicological Society.

Indira Rajaraman, PhD '74, appointed to India's Thirteenth Finance Commission, a position that holds the rank of minister. She's the first woman in Indian history named to one of the commissions, which are in session for two years.

Professors **Ross Brann** (Judeo-Islamic studies), **Albert George** (mechanical and aerospace engineering), and **David Winkler** (ecology and evolutionary biology), recipients of 2007 Weiss Presidential Fellowships for excellence in teaching and advising undergraduate students.

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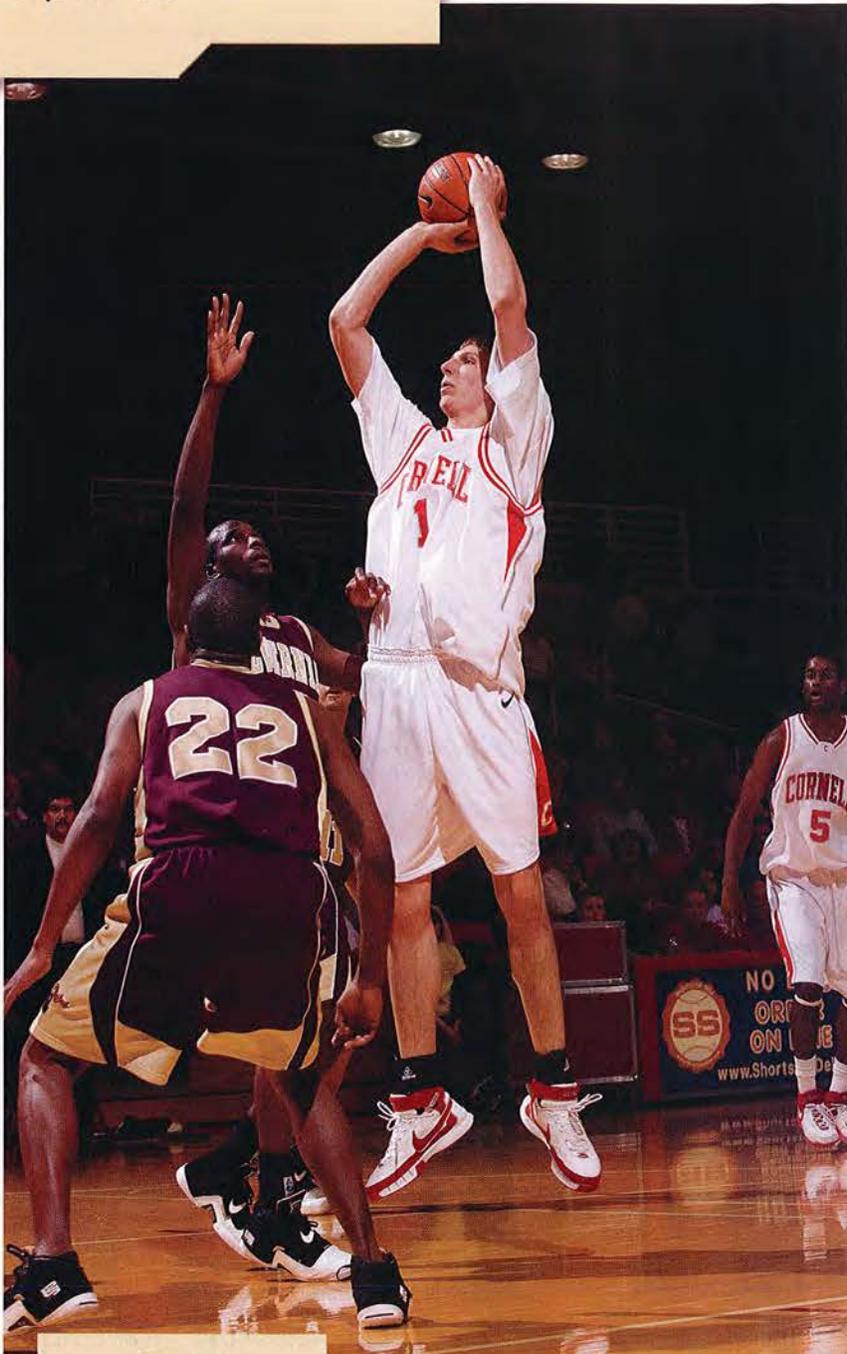
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## Big Games

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After defeating Columbia (twice), Brown, and Yale to open the Ivy League basketball season, the Big Red men faced the opponents who have stymied them in recent years: Princeton and Penn. But this time it was different—Cornell won both games. Princeton fell 72-61 on Friday, with junior center **Jeff Foote** scoring 18 points and anchoring the defense. “I think he did a terrific job on both ends,” said head coach Steve Donahue. On Saturday, the Big Red cleared an even bigger hurdle, defeating Penn 87-74 in sold-out Newman Arena. Sophomore sensation **Ryan Wittman** led the way with 25 points. The last time Cornell swept Princeton and Penn at home was in the 1987-88 season—which was also the last time that the Big Red won the Ivy League basketball championship.

**SUPER STARS** The Super Bowl triumph of the New York Giants had a decidedly Big Red tinge. The game was played in spectacular University of Phoenix Stadium, home of the NFL’s Arizona Cardinals, which was designed by **Peter Eisenman ’54, BArch ’55**—a Giants season-ticket holder. And suiting up for the winning team was **Kevin Boothe ’05**, who was signed by the Giants after being released by the Oakland Raiders before the season. Boothe, a reserve offensive lineman and special teams player with the NFL champs, now has a Super Bowl ring to go with the All-Ivy and All-American honors he earned on the Hill.

**ELITE STATUS** When it comes to combining athletic and academic success, Cornell is one of the best schools in the country according to *Stack* magazine, a new publication for high school athletes. In the magazine’s “Elite 50” ranking, Cornell placed 39th among NCAA Division I colleges and universities and was the only Ivy League school on the list. The magazine’s editors used the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, NCAA academic progress rates, sports polls, and win-loss records to rate schools. The men’s lacrosse and wrestling teams were both ranked third in the nation in their sport while men’s hockey ranked fifth. The full list is at [elite50.stack.com](http://elite50.stack.com).

**BELL RINGER** Plenty of Cornell graduates have made their mark on Wall Street, but few have made as much noise at the New York Stock Exchange as **Mitch Belisle ’07** when he helped ring the bell to open trading on January 8. Belisle was one of three members of the New York Titans indoor lacrosse team to participate in the ceremony, promoting the team’s home opener at Madison Square Garden. Belisle, who also works as a senior associate for Moody’s Investment Services, was the Titans’ first pick in the 2007 National Lacrosse League entry draft after being named the Division I defensive player of the year.

**GRIDIRON GREAT** Despite playing in just three football games last season, Big Red running back **Luke Siwula ’08** was named a second-team Academic All-American by *ESPN The Magazine*, marking the third season he has received Academic All-America honors. Siwula scored a team-high six touchdowns in the three games he played in before being injured. A first-team



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Milstein graduated one semester early from Cornell's College of Arts and Sciences in 1973 with a degree in economics summa cum laude - the first time Cornell had awarded highest honors in that field. In 1977, he went on to receive law and business degrees in a joint program from Harvard University.

As an alumnus, Milstein's Cornell activities have been as prolific as his business activities. He has served for more than 20 years as a trustee of Weill Cornell Medical College, and trustee, trustee emeritus, and Presidential Councilor of the University. In 1986, he returned to Cornell as a visiting professor in the College of Architecture, Art and Planning and taught a graduate course in real estate development, which became the impetus for Cornell's Program in Real Estate. He serves on the University Investment Committee and has, for more than two decades, chaired its Real Estate subcommittee. The real estate investment decisions made over those years have produced a 20-year compound rate of return for the University endowment of more than 20 percent - the highest for any asset class in the University portfolio. Milstein has served on the Dean's Advisory Board of the College of Arts and Sciences for more than 20 years and founded, along with Robert Abrams, the Real Estate Council of the University Council. This program, now in its 24th year, annually brings back to the campus real estate professionals from across the U.S. Milstein Fellows and Milstein Scholars in the College of Arts and Sciences benefit from his support and, at the Medical College, the Abby and Howard Milstein Core Facility and Program in Chemical Biology is finding cures for the most lethal infectious diseases on the planet, including TB and malaria.

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The *Cornell Lunatic*—voted the funniest college humor magazine in America (by its own staff)—celebrates its 30th anniversary with a 224-page collection of the best material from the last 30 years. *Roger's Theasaurus* says: "Brilliant, scintillating, sparkling, sprightly, keen."



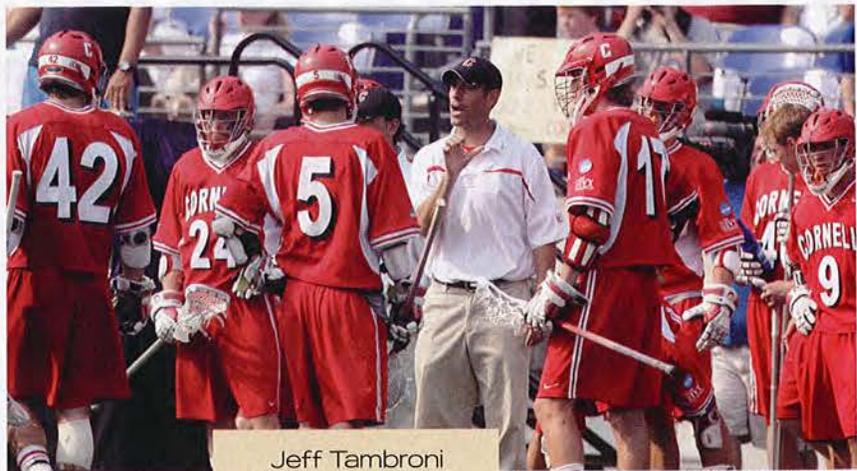
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Academic All-American last season, he has a 3.52 grade-point average in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

**NEWSMAKERS** Following a season that saw their return to the top of the national rankings, the men's lacrosse team continued to make news during the off-season. After posting a perfect 13-0 regular season and making Cornell's first trip to the national semifinals since 1988, the Big Red was named the NCAA Division I Team of the Year. In addition, head coach **Jeff Tambroni** was honored as the FieldTurf/NCAA Division I Coach of the Year while associate head coach **Ben DeLuca '98** was named the

in passing with 891 yards to repeat as a first-teamer. He was joined by running back **Glenn Palmer '08**, receiver **Michael Brennan '09**, lineman **Ben Abramoff '08**, defensive back **Cameron Johnson '08**, linebacker **John Parke '09**, and defensive end **Jim Gonos '09**.

**ALL-STAR ALUMNI** With the 14th annual American Hockey League All-Star game being held down the road in Binghamton, it was only fitting that Cornell had two former players on the Canadian team. Although only one of them, forward **Michael Iggulden '05**, actually played, defenseman **Ryan O'Byrne '07** had a good excuse for his



Jeff Tambroni

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Division I Assistant Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association. And Cornell's 12-11 overtime win against SUNY Albany in the NCAA quarterfinals was selected as the game of the year by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine. The magazine also placed Cornell seventh in the 2008 preseason rankings.

**USING THEIR HEADS** Both the men's and women's soccer teams earned a 2007 Team Academic Award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. The honor goes to squads that have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0; the Big Red women earned a 3.29 GPA, while the men recorded a 3.27. Cornell was one of 44 schools to have both the men's and women's teams honored.

**SPRINT STARS** In 2006, Cornell won the Collegiate Sprint Football League title with an undefeated record and had seven players named first-team all-league. Although the Big Red finished third in the league in 2007, posting a 4-2 mark, it again had seven players named first-team all-league. Despite missing a game due to injury, quarterback **Zak Dentes '09** led the CSFL

absence: a month before the team was announced, he was called up by the Montreal Canadiens. O'Byrne recorded two assists in 11 NHL games before being knocked out of action with a broken thumb. Iggulden, meanwhile, entered the AHL All-Star break as the leading scorer on the Worcester Sharks with 39 points on 12 goals and 17 assists in the team's first 39 games.

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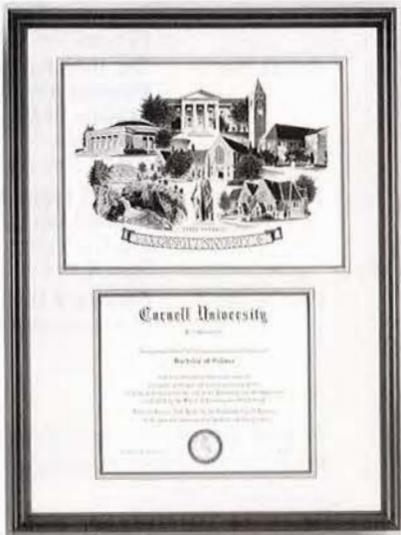
**Gilded Lili** by Kelly DiNardo '98 (Back Stage Books)

**S**mall-town girl Marie Van Schaack transformed herself into the burlesque queen Lili St. Cyr, one of the most popular and glamorous striptease dancers of the Forties and Fifties. St. Cyr rarely acknowledged the audience and preferred to keep her distance on stage as a way to reinforce her mysterious femme fatale image. She inspired Marilyn Monroe and the burlesque revival of Madonna and Dita Von Teese. While the men of burlesque—Jackie Gleason, Phil Silvers, and Abbott and Costello—were celebrated outside of that world, the women rarely were. Freelance writer and former *Cornell Alumni Magazine* intern DiNardo corrects that focus as she traces the trajectory of St. Cyr's career in nightclubs and films, her six marriages, and her later descent into poverty and drug addiction. "In many ways, she lived a sexier, bawdier Cinderella tale. Instead of an invisible fairy godmother with a magic wand, she used the sexy twirling of her G-string-clad hips to pull herself up from a working-class life to inhabit a real bejeweled, fur-draped world."



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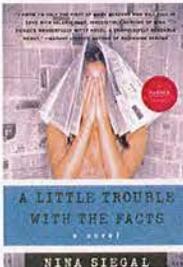
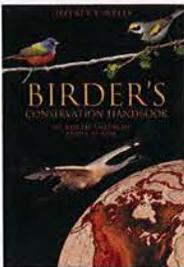
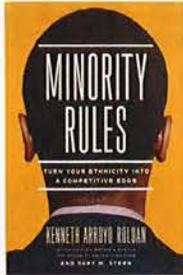
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**Minority Rules** by Kenneth Arroyo Roldan '86 and Gary M. Stern (Collins). Moving up the corporate ladder takes hard work, persistence, and connections, but for people of color, it's even tougher. The CEO of an executive recruiting firm that has placed minorities in top positions offers insights into how the corporate world works and strategies for surmounting obstacles to advancement.

**Birder's Conservation Handbook** by Jeffrey V. Wells, PhD '95 (Princeton University Press). Birds serve as indicators for many environmental problems that affect us. Wells, the senior scientist for the Boreal Songbird Initiative and former director of bird conservation for the National Audubon Society, spotlights 100 North American bird species that are of conservation concern, detailing the major causes of population declines and what is being done to reverse those trends.

**A Little Trouble with the Facts** by Nina Siegal '91 (Harper Collins). Valerie Vane was once a promising reporter for a New York City newspaper's style section; now she's been demoted to the obituary desk. After she writes about the alleged suicide of graffiti artist Malcolm Wallace, she starts receiving calls from a man who urges her to be a reporter again and investigate Wallace's murder.

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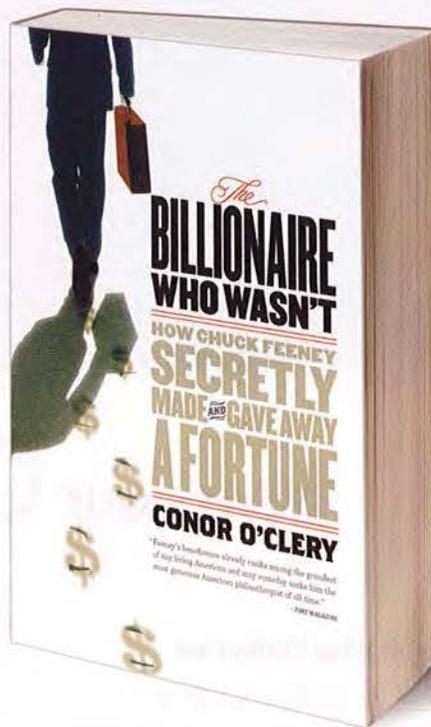
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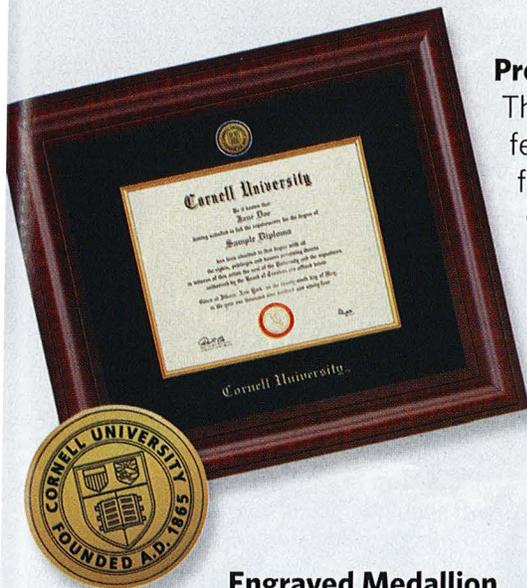


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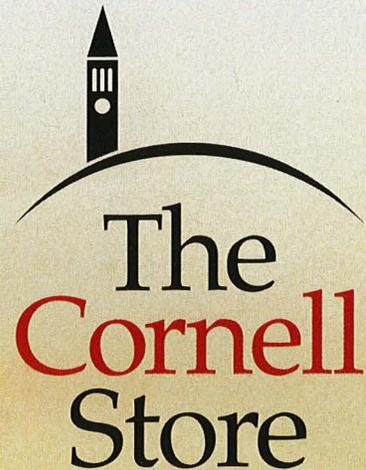
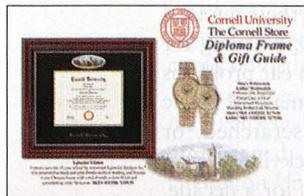
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**Water world:** Andrea Avruskin '89 is an athletic trainer for *Le Rêve*, an aquatic extravaganza at the Wynn Las Vegas.

**T**hey emerge from the pool like visions from dreams and nightmares—primordial lizards, winged angels, horned devils. A burst of fire rolls across the water. A tree rises from beneath the surface, figures clinging to its broken branches. They swing. They fall. They climb back up. The celestial heavens come alive on the ceiling of the domed theater, and for another seventy-five minutes several dozen performers display the kind of athleticism and artistry that audiences have come to expect in a Las Vegas extravaganza.

Meanwhile, in a medical clinic twenty feet off-stage, Andrea Avruskin '89 is typing madly. As an athletic trainer and on-call EMT for *Le Rêve*, Avruskin has already been at work for nearly six hours. She has spent three hours dealing with cast members who are

out of commission due to severe injuries (shoulder surgeries, lumbar disc problems, concussions), then another three treating those who are performing despite ankle sprains and muscle pulls. Finally, once the show starts, she is able to update their medical charts. But she keeps her radio nearby, listening for the inevitable injuries—everything from ear problems and rope burns to decompression trauma and pelvic fractures. “People run in bleeding, scratched, or bruised,” says Avruskin, a native of Rockville Centre, New York, who has lived in Las Vegas for a decade. “Usually, we treat them and send them back out. We have to use bandages that won’t show up on stage and will stay on in the water. So we’ve gotten pretty creative.”

Housed at the Wynn Las Vegas resort, *Le Rêve* is the latest creation of Franco Dragone, the former cre-

# Balancing Act

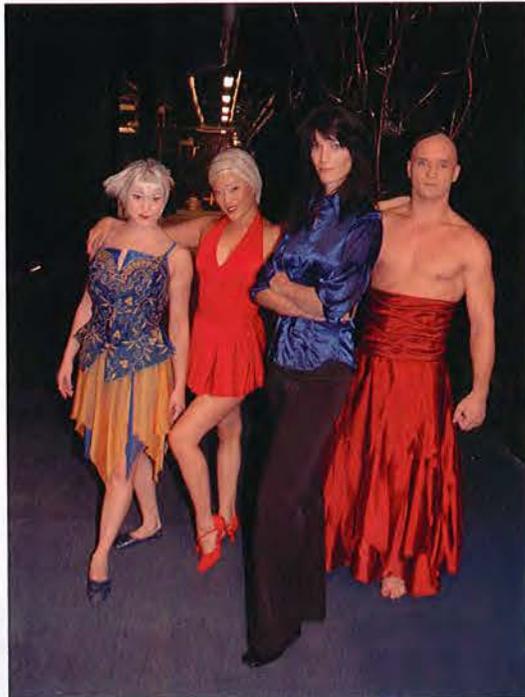
Andrea Avruskin '89 keeps the cast of a Vegas extravaganza on their toes (and on the trapeze)

ative director of Cirque du Soleil. Its title is French for “The Dream,” and the production offers a surreal experience for the 1,606 people squeezed into the theater-in-the-round, whose centerpiece is a pool filled with a million gallons of water. The performers—French synchronized swimmers, Polish hand-balancers, Canadian acrobats—transfix the audience with an illusion of danger that frequently turns out to be real. Thus, for the nine employees of the health services department, the job is part medical drama and part quirky ensemble piece. “It’s a mix of ‘ER,’ ‘Northern Exposure,’ and ‘M\*A\*S\*H,’” says Avruskin, who temporarily took over as head of her department in October and was honored as one of Wynn’s employees of the month. “There are so many different personalities, nationalities, and beliefs about medicine and how to treat an injury. People will come in and talk about everything from ‘Star Trek’ to politics, so the conversations can be so varied and so very weird.”

Avruskin is clad all in black, right down to her socks, so as not to distract from the spectacle if she has to rush to help an injured performer. Not that she isn’t comfortable on stage. A longtime dancer, Avruskin produced, directed, and choreographed her own dance concerts on campus. For a while she was a pre-med major, only to be told that her C in physics would make it difficult to get into medical school. So she applied for an independent major, hoping to combine two passions—dance and biology. “They rejected me. They said, ‘There’s no way you’ll use those two things together in the real world,’” she recalls, obviously enjoying the irony, as she is surrounded by tango dancers and training tape. “Then I happened to break my ankle in the snow on the way to dance class. I was sent to physical therapy, and I realized I could do orthopedics without being a doctor.”

For three years—while she worked at *O* (Cirque du Soleil’s water-themed extravaganza at the Bellagio) and earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Creighton University via distance learning—Avruskin danced as a showgirl in a Vegas revue called *Jubilee!* She still dances in small productions, along with serving as a volunteer reader for the local National Public Radio station, an actor in independent films and TV commercials, and a part-time model.

One of her primary challenges with *Le Rêve* is



AMY HERZOG

**Cirque du Strip:** Avruskin (center, with *Le Rêve* cast members) is a former Vegas showgirl who holds a doctorate in physical therapy.

that many of its cast members are former Olympians or other champion athletes who are accustomed to training hard, peaking for a competition, then taking a break to heal. But as entertainers, they’re in it for the long haul. “We have maybe twenty days off a year, so we have to teach them how to train sub-maximally, but enough to keep them in shape and injury-free,” says Avruskin, who served as a physical therapist at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. “We have no leeway regarding time off and time to recover if we want to keep them in the show. And the performers expect us to get them back to doing triple flips and trapeze in half the time that a normal person would take just to get off crutches.”

— Brad Herzog '90

# Green Graves

A final resting place for the ecologically minded

**F**red Gradel loved nature. The longtime Statler waiter was known for gardens that would make the Plantations green with envy; his home was filled with plants rescued from Hotel school dumpsters and rehabilitated to lush foliage and flower. So when he died suddenly in mid-October at age forty-six, it didn't surprise anyone that his burial would reflect his lifelong passion.

Under leaden skies, 150 mourners wearing sensible shoes trekked into a hollow adjacent to the 4,000-acre Arnot Forest to lay Gradel to rest. Four grapevines

snaked beneath a simple wooden box suspended over a grave lined with Norway spruce boughs. After a eulogy, psalm, and prayer, eight men used the vines to lower the casket, bearing a message of farewell: "Beloved son, brother, uncle. Peace." As the mourners departed, each laid a bough atop the coffin, leaving behind the mound of earth that would later fill the grave.

Prior to the Civil War and the cross-country voyage of Abraham Lincoln's embalmed body, most Americans got a "natural burial" in one way or another. There was no funeral industry, embalming was rare, and—like weddings—inter-

ment was usually a simple affair. Today, the average burial costs more than \$7,000. Beneath the manicured turf of a conventional cemetery, the typical ten-acre tract contains enough wood to build forty homes and enough embalming chemicals to fill a swimming pool. And that's not counting the pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer required to maintain a golf-course quality lawn. "Enough metal is diverted into coffins and burial vaults in the U.S. each year to build the Golden Gate Bridge," says author Mark Harris, whose *Grave Matters* documents the modern funeral industry and the natural

**Natural burial:** At Greensprings, grave markers are flat or noted only by GPS coordinates.

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burial movement, “and enough concrete is diverted to build a two-lane highway from New York to Detroit.”

Enter the green cemetery movement—a nascent strategy for conserving natural landscapes, reducing costs, and bringing the realities of death back to American burials. The first one in the U.S., the Ramsey Creek Preserve in South Carolina, opened in 1998 and now covers more

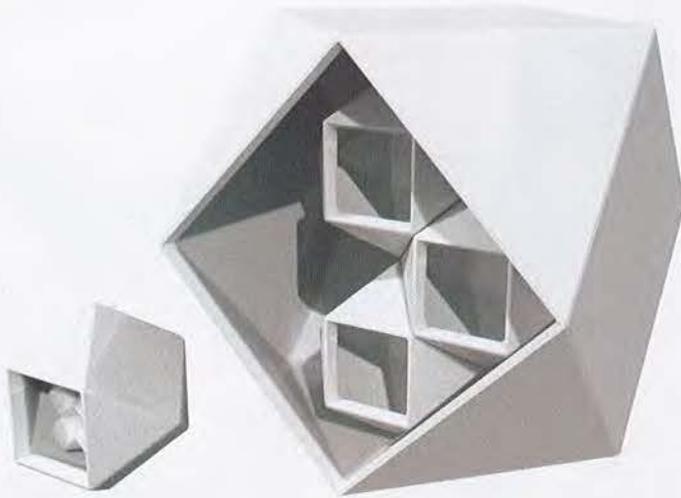
than seventy acres, with 100 plots filled and another 350 pre-sold. The 100-acre Greensprings Natural Cemetery Preserve in Newfield, where Fred Gradel was laid to rest, has sold more than 100 plots; some twenty people have been buried there since it opened in 2006. “We environmentalists get in the habit of asking people to give up this or that,” says Greensprings vice president Carl Leopold,

founding president of the Cornell-affiliated Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research and owner of one of the first plots sold. “This isn’t giving up anything. It’s a matter of avoiding a kind of synthetic system that’s built up over the decades, wanting to fix up the body so it’s presentable.”

At Greensprings, located sixteen miles from the Cornell campus, families pay just \$500 per burial. They choose a shroud or a biodegradable coffin; no metal caskets or concrete vaults allowed. One man built elaborately hinged wooden coffins for himself and his wife. Another family spent the night before the burial washing their loved one’s body and stitching satin ribbons to her shroud. Embalming is forbidden, and landscaping is restricted to native plants. Pre-sales allow people to choose from more than 1,500 plots; executive director and longtime volunteer Joel Rabinowitz ’71, BA ’73, says he’s seen a brisk growth in interest in recent months. “I’ve become convinced,” he says, “that there are far more people out there who are excited about and attracted to the idea of natural burial than cemeteries that provide it.” Harris sees the movement extending far beyond the tree-hugging crowd. “In the end, it’s about simplicity, a less expensive way of burial, a return to tradition,” he says. “It’s about family control, and it speaks to old-fashioned American values.”

According to an AARP survey, a majority of America’s 75 million Baby Boomers have no intention of having their bodies buried; they’re opting for cremation. But for those concerned about global warming, it’s tough to justify. “It’s not environmentally sound,” says Ithaca city forester and Greensprings Ecological Insight Committee member Andy Hillman. “You have to burn a body at 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit for four hours, so you create a carbon debt at the point in your life where you can’t pay it back.” Furthermore, if a body has metal dental fillings, cremation produces volatilized mercury. Even so, Greensprings sets aside an area for cremains, in part to preserve the land from development. The first year of burials at Greensprings has spanned the generations, from a stillborn infant to elderly locals, even the long-ago cremated remains of a board member’s parents. “We’ve had more than one instance where a child was to be buried,” says Leopold, “and the father said, ‘I’m going to dig the grave and fill it.’ I think some people feel that if they’re able to take the shovel and actually do the work, it’s something personal that would please the departed one.”

— Sharon Tregaskis ’95



## Blockbuster

A toy that’s more than child’s play

**A nine-year-old** used them to group plants and animals into species. A teenage musician wrote lyrics with them. A drama teacher used them to show a high school student the difference between her role and herself. Doctoral students have mapped out their dissertations with them.

They’re ThinkBlocks, white plastic polyhedrons that teach kids (and everyone else) how to develop their minds. Educational theorist and entrepreneur Derek Cabrera, PhD ’06, designed the blocks to develop the four skills that he says underlie all thought: making distinctions, organizing systems, recognizing relationships, and understanding different points of view. Some blocks are magnetized and can stick together, to represent related ideas. Smaller blocks fit into larger ones, to show the concept of parts within a whole. Mirrored sides help teach the idea of perspective, and the blocks can also be labeled with magnetic tiles or a dry-erase marker. Says Cabrera: “They’re like a three-dimensional whiteboard.”

Cabrera became inspired while teaching an education course on systems thinking; the more abstract the concepts became, the more difficulty his graduate students had. Educators have known for decades that people are better able to understand an idea when they hold an object that represents it, he says. He designed the blocks (a patent is pending) and launched a company, ThinkWorks, with Laura Colosi ’92, PhD ’02. The blocks retail for \$79.99 on their website, [www.thinkandthrive.com](http://www.thinkandthrive.com). Now they’re marketing them to parents and educators, with focus groups taking place in Ithaca schools. Their aim is nothing less than to change the way kids are educated, Cabrera says. “You can use Legos to build any thing you can think of. With these, you can build any idea.”

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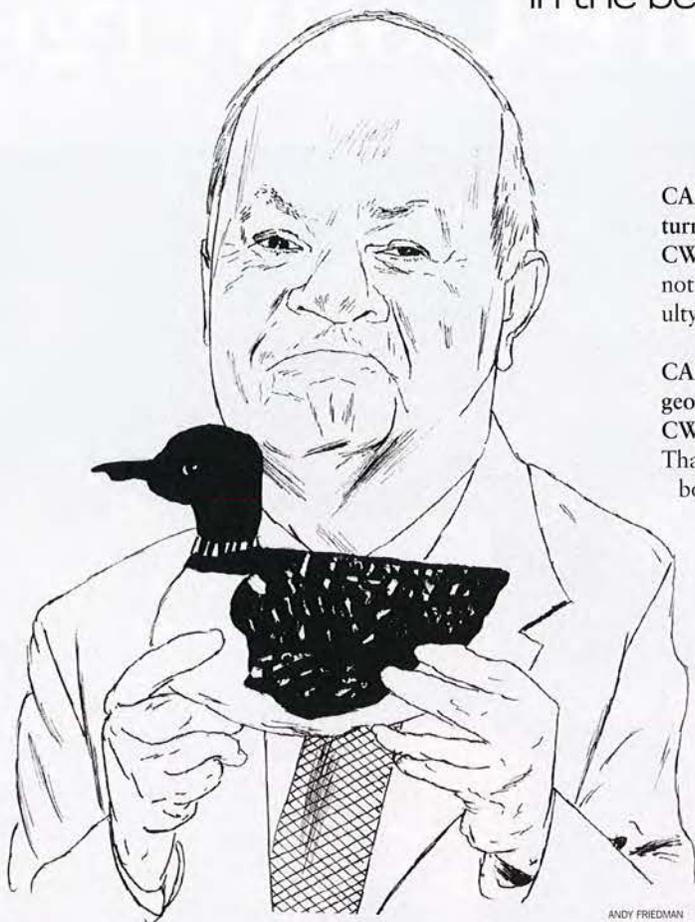
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# It's All Academic

Neurobiologist Charles Walcott, PhD '59, has served as dean of the faculty since 2003. And yes: he's really an expert in the behavior of loons.



**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** What issues are the faculty most concerned about these days?

**Charles Walcott:** They are always concerned about salaries, maintaining them at a reasonable level compared to the competition. There is the question of granting honorary degrees, which has been posed by our colleagues in the Medical school and will require a significant amount of discussion. Another matter is renewal of the faculty as professors retire. And those of us who are getting toward that time are interested in how to maintain relations in a way that will serve the University's interests and our own.

**CAM:** How do faculty salaries compare with our peers?

**CW:** Through an aggressive series of raises over five or six years we are now at the middle of the pack. But you have to be careful that you don't slip behind, because other institutions may decide they don't want to be at the bottom.

**CAM:** Are there specific departments that will see the most turnover?

**CW:** It's going to be throughout the University—and we are not alone in this. Every university is trying to get the best faculty, so you'll have real competition for quality.

**CAM:** Does Cornell's main recruitment challenge boil down to geography?

**CW:** I think it does. One problem is that of trailing spouses. That's a non-proper term these days, but when you hire somebody there is often another person who needs gainful employment. That is a real issue if you are in a fairly isolated community, which Ithaca is. It's a particularly serious problem when you want to hire a woman. For instance, in biochemistry, if you are a man the chances are 25 percent you are married to a professional spouse who is going to require a job. If you are a woman, the number is 75 percent.

**CAM:** How challenging is it to recruit racially diverse faculty? For instance, the local school system has had some high-profile racial incidents. Are you concerned that could turn off a person of color who might be thinking of coming to Cornell?

**CW:** I think it makes it more difficult. Ithaca always has had a certain black population, which is unusual in Upstate New York, and you would think life would therefore be easier here, but I'm not convinced it is.

**CAM:** How has the turnover of the presidency affected relations with the faculty?

**CW:** President Lehman's resignation did cause a great deal of unhappiness; it was largely that there was no consultation and no warning, and they really liked what they saw of Jeff. But it has calmed down, and my sense is that they like President Skorton. I have found his administration collegial, pleasant, and easy to work with. But I think most faculty have no idea about the administration and couldn't care less, as long as they have a place to park and they get paid.

**CAM:** Speaking of parking, how big an issue is it?

**CW:** All you'd need to do is ban on-campus parking, and you could fill Bailey Hall with irate faculty. [He laughs.] I think you have to have some perspective. Cornell has a very nice

parking arrangement. But in the old days, if you were a chemistry faculty member you had your own reserved space in Baker courtyard, whereas nowadays it is a bit of a competition.

**CAM:** Does being dean of the faculty rate your own space?

**CW:** No, I get to fight with everybody else.

**CAM:** You've been a vocal proponent of creating a faculty club beyond what's currently offered in the Statler at lunchtime. Do you see the lack of such a facility as a major detriment?

**CW:** It's a real problem in several ways. It's a problem for junior faculty because the club is a place where they can meet other faculty and that's important from a social point of view. Second, it's unfortunate because more and more research is interdisciplinary and a lot of that comes about almost by accident—you happen to sit with somebody at lunch and chat, and that kind of cross-fertilization is becoming harder and harder to do. But a university club is a bit like the Tragedy of the Commons. It's nobody's first priority.

**CAM:** How much of a concern is academic integrity—in an age where students can copy papers off the Internet or cheat on exams via text message?

**CW:** There is a whole series of reasons why we need to be more concerned about integrity; a committee of students, faculty, and staff will spend the spring looking at the issue. Something like 60 percent of high school students admit to some level of academic dishonesty. There is a feeling in society as a whole that if you can get away with it, it's OK—and that is intolerable in an institution of higher education. Another element is that we have many foreign students who come from places where academic matters are handled differently. In some cultures, it's a sign of respect to quote extensively, and you don't need to attribute it.

**CAM:** Finally, how does studying animal behavior help you lead the Cornell faculty? You are, after all, an expert in the behavior of loons.

**CW:** I've always been very specific that the loons I study have feathers. [He laughs.] I think it helps to have a sense of humor, a kind of sympathy with the human condition—listening to folks and trying to be helpful. That's what this job is all about.

— Beth Saulnier

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# The Facts of Life

Sari Locker '90 aims to be the Gen-X Dr. Ruth

**S**ari Locker '90 sits in a corner booth at Popover Café on Manhattan's Upper West Side and smiles when her lunch date apologizes for being a couple of minutes late. No worries, she says. She was just chatting with the waiter, who happened to be revealing some intimate matters of sexual frustration and family dysfunction. "I'm not sure why," she shrugs. "I don't even think he knows who I am."

Apparently, when you're a nationally recognized sex educator, you're never quite off duty. Much like the mother of media psychology, Dr. Joyce Brothers '47, Locker has made herself a ubiquitous presence. She can be seen discussing intimacy issues with Ann Curry on "Today," examining the Britney-Paris-Lindsay bad girls phenomenon with Bill O'Reilly, and bantering playfully with Conan O'Brien. In the mid-1990s, she hosted 200 episodes of her own sex talk show, "Late Date with Sari," on Lifetime. Such wide exposure has been Locker's goal from the beginning. "In the field of sexology, there are sex educators, sex counselors, and sex therapists," she says, biting into an egg-white omelet. "And I always felt that, rather than working one-on-one with someone in counseling or therapy, I was best suited to be an educator—teaching a class or a large group of people. I always had this idea that to help the most people I would go to the media to have the biggest audience."

But Locker's career is based on more than repackaging locker-room talk for mass consumption. Yes, she is the monthly sex advice columnist for *Maxim* magazine, a publication for men who like to view scantily clad women. And yes, her four books have titillating titles like *Mindblowing Sex in the Real World* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Amazing Sex*. But with a degree in educational psychology from Cornell, a master's in human sexuality education from Penn, and a PhD in developmental psychology from Columbia, Locker comes at her topic from an academic angle. Only rarely does she resort to sexual slang, for instance. "In general," she says, "I tend to use clinical words."



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**Birds & bees:** Sex ed has come a long way since advocates like Locker (below) opted for frank talk over canned lectures.

Her range of forums is remarkably broad. One day she might be on VH-1, commenting about "Awesomely Bad Dirty Songs," the next she might be lecturing a group at Missouri's Central Methodist Col-

lege. For nearly two decades she has traveled the country, speaking on subjects ranging from talking to teens about dating to common myths about sexuality. Last April, Cornell students packed Statler Auditorium to hear her speak at an event sponsored by the student-run Sexual Health Awareness Group (whose acronym is, in fact, "SHAG"). "She gave a very refreshing talk about sexuality in the context of us as college students in this day and age, how we develop our own sexuality, and how it's influenced by other people and the media," says SHAG president Liz Franzek '08. "It was standing room only, which was very exciting because we didn't know how it would be received on campus."

Locker teaches a once-a-week adolescent psychology class to graduate students at Columbia, which harks back to her moment of career epiphany during her sophomore year on the Hill. She was sev-



DARRYL ESTRINE

enteen, having skipped a couple of grades in school, and she was taking adolescent psych. "I wanted to write a final paper on a topic that really mattered to me," she says. "That's when it dawned on me that I always talked to people about sex. Friends always asked my advice, especially about losing their virginity. I was not sexually active in high school, but I knew a lot about it."

Her knowledge came from a variety of sources. Raised in Fort Lauderdale and on Long Island, Locker grew up in a household where her mother always talked openly about sex and where her love of animals—puppies, hamsters, turtles—gave her an early understanding of the clinical aspects of breeding. Always precocious, Locker recalls the first time she heard Dr. Ruth Westheimer on the radio: "I was eleven. I would listen to the sex question, turn down the radio, quickly answer it, and then turn the volume back up to see if I had the same answer she did."

At age eleven?

Locker grins. "She'd always just say, 'Try lubrication.'"

After writing that fateful paper at Cornell, Locker immersed herself in scientific journals on sexology and began traveling the country as a near-peer educator, teaching high school students about making better sexual choices. She also stood in front of Willard Straight Hall, microphone in hand, lecturing her fellow Cornellians. "It was remarkable," recalls her longtime friend Daniel Kaufman '89. "Even back then she was fearless and ambitious and totally dedicated to educating people about sexual choices."

After graduation, Locker began studying TV in earnest, watching the daytime talk shows, tracking when the guest expert would come on and how many sound bites he or she used. She contacted producers, pitched herself as a young expert, and, at the age of twenty-two in 1992, snagged her first television appearance. Geraldo Rivera held up a couple of props and introduced his guest by saying, "When we come back, *this* woman will put *this* condom on *this* banana." So began a career whose focus has evolved along with the sexual culture. "My generation was the first to come of age during the time of AIDS, so we had more fear of sex than knowledge of the pleasure of it," she says. "Today, twenty-somethings are in a different situation. They're bombarded with sexual images from TV and the Internet. The quantity is unbelievable. But my goals are still the same—to help people understand and feel good about their sexuality."

— Brad Herzog '90



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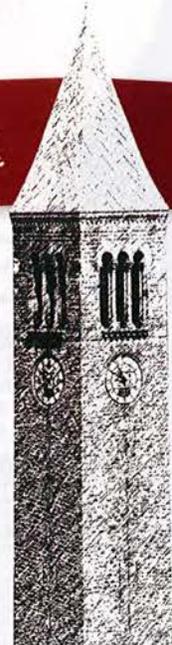
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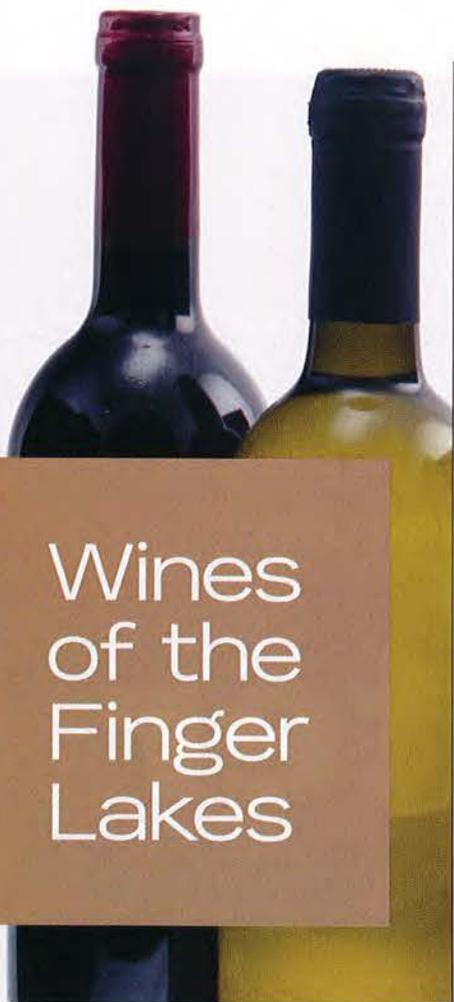
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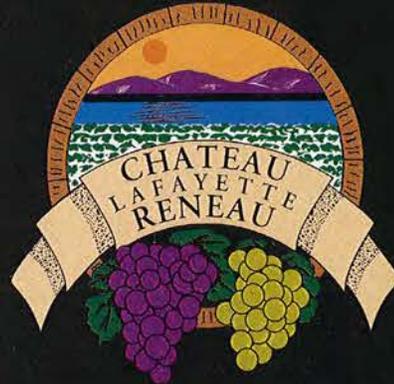
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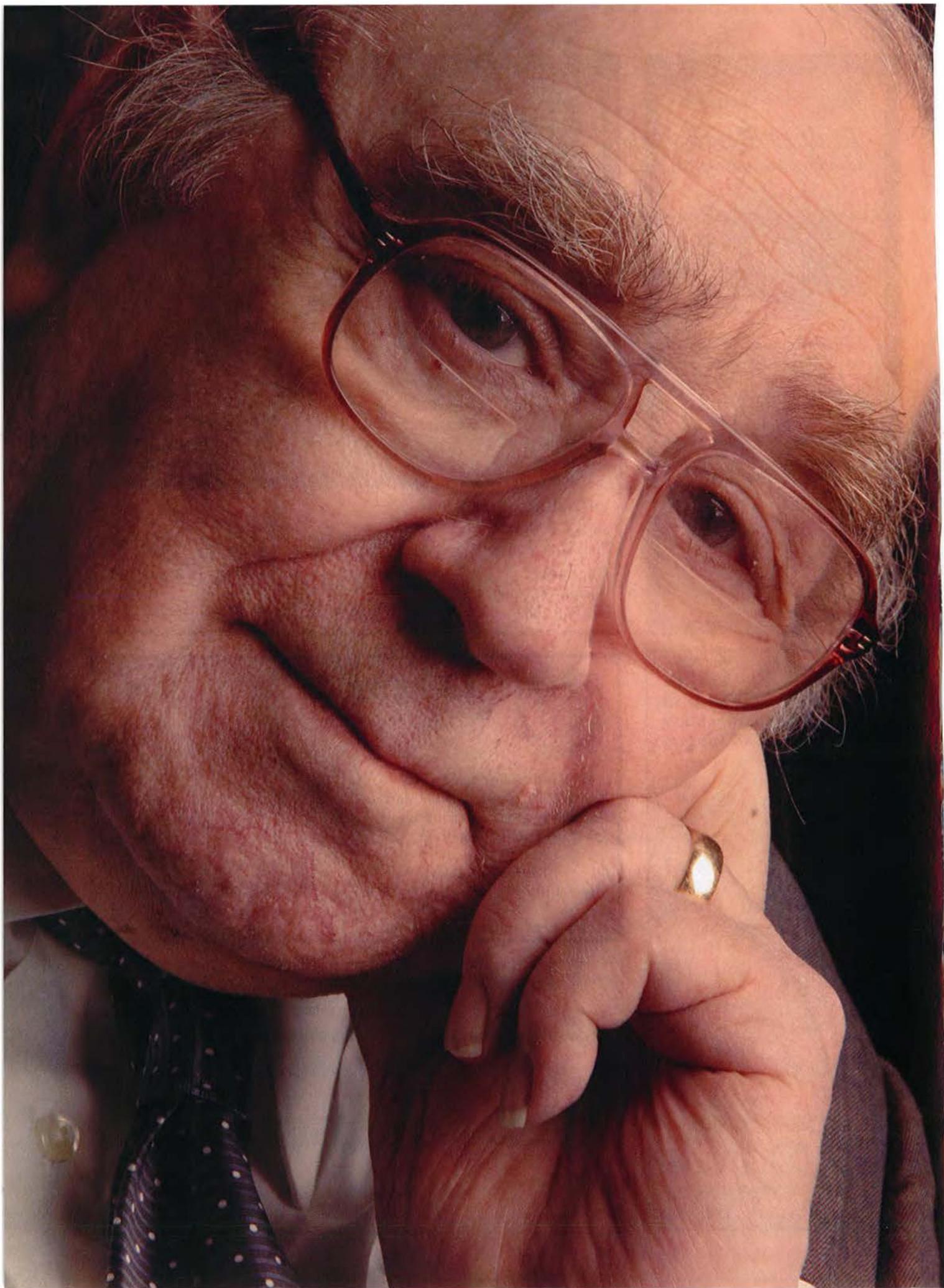
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# The Great Quantifier

Nobel laureate Robert Fogel '48 rewrites history by the numbers. And those numbers are often controversial.

It's two days after Christmas, when not much happens in the work world, let alone in the halls of academia. At the University of Chicago, only a few pedestrians brave the gusty streets, while a security guard keeps tabs on an empty atrium at the Graduate School of Business. But lights gleam in a third-floor corner office. Down the hall from his life-size portrait, economic historian Robert Fogel '48 and several grad students hunch over a conference table, working overtime to finish a grant application due in six weeks at the National Institute on Aging. "We're trying to understand how the process of aging has changed between 1910 and 1980," says Fogel, a professor of American institutions, "to predict the

trends in health over the next several decades, and to estimate the cost of health care and Social Security."

The concept sounds simple enough. But the execution brings new meaning to crunching numbers. For the past twenty years, Fogel has headed a massive study, leading a team of physicians and economic demographers in mining a trove of statistics: the Union Army's military, pension, and medical records for 40,000 white and 6,000 black recruits mustered from 1861 to 1865, with more than 15,000 data points on each soldier from childhood to death. Over the years, they've compared this information to statistics on subsequent generations. Among Fogel's findings: in the past 300 years, humans have become so much more physiologically fit than the previous 7,000 generations that it constitutes what he calls a "techno-physio evolution." "I'm interested in measurement—trying to measure things that people speculated about," says Fogel, who directs the Chicago business school's Center for Population Economics. "Can I come up with good measures that tell me what theories to believe and what to discard? It's been a driving interest to know what's true through measurement."

Fogel revolutionized the way economic historians do their work—and pioneered a field called cliometrics—by marrying analysis of hard numbers from the past with sophisticated economic theory. With these methods, he's punctured the conventional wisdom on railroads, slavery, and now health and longevity. He predicts, for example, that children born between

By Susan Kelley

1980 and 1990 have a 50 percent chance of living to 100—fifteen years longer than most experts project. The authors of *The 100 Most Notable Cornellians* called him an “intellectual agitator,” while the *London Times* included him in its “1,000 Makers of the Twentieth Century.” “It was not only his pioneering techniques that made him famous, but the challenging conclusions that he reached,” says economics professor emeritus Alfred Kahn, whom Fogel says was his most influential Cornell professor. Perhaps most important, his work has spurred wave after wave of new research in quantitative economic history, one reason Fogel won the Nobel Prize for Economics in 1993, along with Douglass North, a colleague at Washington University in St. Louis.

Not bad for someone who was once one of the most embattled academics in the country—worthy, one critic said, of a permanent home in “the outermost ring of the scholar’s hell, obscu-

study history, especially how and why economies and institutions changed; meanwhile, technology was providing computers that could process data much faster and at a much lower cost. The new field would become known as quantitative economic history, or “cliometrics,” named for Clio, the Greek muse of history, and metrics, for measurement. For Fogel, cliometrics was the perfect tool to answer his nagging questions about inequity and instability. How did the factory system impact economic and social institutions? How much did new technologies such as railroads and steel mills contribute to economic growth? Given Fogel’s interests—and lack of funds for tuition—his advisor suggested that he transfer to Johns Hopkins. It offered not only a scholarship but the chance to study with Simon Kuznets, who would later win the 1971 Nobel Prize in Economics.

It was Kuznets, Fogel has written, who taught him the art of measurement: how to correct incomplete data sets, to figure out

‘It was not only his pioneering techniques that made him famous, but the challenging conclusions that he reached,’ says economics professor emeritus Alfred Kahn.

riety.” That was one assessment of Fogel’s audacious 1974 work, *Time on the Cross: The Economics of American Negro Slavery*, one of the most controversial books about slavery ever published. He and co-author Stanley Engerman showed that the institution was not only profitable, but that slaves worked more efficiently than their Northern counterparts and were not treated as badly as historians had assumed. The book outraged Black Power activists, and the authors were labeled as racists (apparently unaware that Fogel’s wife was African American). The debate boiled over into the mass media in America and Europe; publisher Little, Brown and Company called it the twentieth century’s most reviewed book. Despite the negative press, *Time on the Cross* won the 1975 Bancroft Prize, one of history’s most prestigious awards, and Engerman says most economic historians now agree with their conclusions. “One of the big games in academics is to ask the right questions,” says George Boyer, a professor of labor economics in the ILR school. “You can be a great scholar, but if you’re going to ask boring questions, you’re going to write boring papers, and no one is going to pay much attention to you. Robert Fogel doesn’t ask boring questions.”

**F**ogel entered Columbia for graduate study in economic history in 1956, when most in the field rarely used quantitative data to make their arguments. They debated classic questions, such as what the standard of living of British workers would have been in 1850 had the Industrial Revolution never happened—looking only as far as evidence like infant mortality rates. Lack of computing power stymied more sophisticated analysis. “They came up with answers just by thinking about them—and speculating,” Boyer says.

But a movement was stirring to use mathematical models to

how errors in the data had affected one’s conclusions, and to use models to evaluate patchy evidence. “There are thousands of different ways that mistakes can be made,” he says. “You’re always worried. Have you got the right numbers, have you got the right weights, have you added them up in the right way?” Fogel worked for three years to turn his dissertation, on how much railroads contributed to the U.S. economy in the nineteenth century, into a book.

From the outset, *Railroads and American Economic Growth* was a sensation. It not only challenged the standard thinking that railroads were indispensable to America’s expansion, but did it by creating a parallel universe in which railroads didn’t exist—and posited that without railroads, the economy in 1890 would have been slowed by only one year. While economists called the book brilliant, Fogel notes, “the historians said, ‘This man is an idiot.’” That may have been in part because Fogel pointedly attacked some of the most distinguished railroad historians and their antiquated approach—which Fogel now calls “the excesses of a young person.”

Nonetheless, *Railroads* got Fogel his first professorship, at the University of Rochester, and his second, at the University of Chicago. And it led many people to see cliometrics as an important innovation, Boyer says. “My guess is that he wanted other people to study this, and boy, he got his wish. All of a sudden people started studying the effects of railroads in Britain, Germany, Argentina—and all because Robert Fogel wrote this book.”

Ten years later, Fogel and Engerman’s work on slavery had an even bigger ripple effect—this time by accident. He and Engerman, a fellow Johns Hopkins grad student, planned to write an article in which they suggested a future project for other economic historians: to show how much less efficient slave labor was compared to wage labor. “A lot of us, including me, believed that a system as evil as slavery could not have been profitable,” Fogel says. To illustrate it, they did a back-of-the-envelope calculation. It took them two weeks, working from published census data.

To their astonishment, they found that the South was 6 percent more efficient than the North. “We said, ‘That is a crazy result,’” Fogel remembers. “‘What did we do wrong? We made too many shortcuts, we have to do it again.’” They spent three months revising the calculation—no longer assuming, for example, that cattle in the North and South weighed the same. The northern cattle were actually heavier, Fogel says. “Instead of counting heads, we had to count pounds.” They combed through a variety of sources—from a plantation owner’s journal to census material on Southern farms—to compile such data as the prices of slaves in New Orleans, the course of cotton prices from 1802 to 1861, and the average daily food consumption of slaves and of the general population in 1860. Their findings led them to question what had been unassailable truths. “At various points, we were so stunned by the results of what the other was working on that Stan and I were each prepared to accuse the other of finally having succumbed to racism.”

They debated how to present the incendiary findings. Engerman voted for modesty, Fogel for candor. Fogel won. In the book’s prologue he called their work “corrections” to the vast literature on the slave economy, and listed ten bold propositions, such as that slaves received 90 percent of the income they produced, and that they were better fed and worked less than free industrial workers. The day after the book was published, the authors were flooded with interview requests from the U.S. and Europe. Historians didn’t know what to make of the statistics and math; economists accused them of faking data and seeking publicity; civil rights activists called them apologists for slavery.



**Big red:** Robert Fogel in 1950, representing the Communist-front Labor Youth League at the National Student Congress

“We had crossed all the ideological wires,” Fogel says. “It was not left, it was not right. They didn’t know what to make of the argument. Were we anti-slavery or pro-slavery?”

To back up their claims, the pair later turned the footnotes detailing their evidence and analytical techniques into major articles and ultimately the four-volume work *Without Consent or Contract: The Rise and Fall of American Slavery*, published from

1989 to 1992. As others picked apart their research paragraph by paragraph, it sparked interest in the subject matter, with many of the top quantitative economic historians exploring antebellum issues such as the economics of slavery, sharecropping, and Reconstruction. The combination of *Railroads* and *Time on the Cross* put cliometrics on the map, Boyer says. “We’re a small field. But we’d be a lot smaller if it wasn’t for Robert Fogel.”

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arxism and Communism loomed large in Fogel’s world, even before he was born. The outbreak of the Russian Civil War prompted his parents to flee from Odessa in 1922. An affluent

family, they bribed their way to Constantinople, where his father almost died of typhus and gangrene. Having spent most of their money to keep him alive, the Fogel family arrived at Ellis Island in steerage. Robert was born four years later. For a time the family lived in a tenement on Manhattan’s Lower East Side that lacked electric lights; they later moved to the Bronx. “Although I lived through the Great Depression, I remember it as a golden age, because I knew I was loved,” Fogel says.

Fogel has said his greatest intellectual influence was his brother Ephim, who was six years older. (Ephim Fogel would join Cornell’s faculty in 1949 and chair the English department from 1966 to 1970.) Robert Fogel remembers lying in bed at night listening to Ephim and his friends debate what to do for a date when one had only a dime, as well as ask questions about the economy and politics. For a date, visit a girl at her babysitting job. For the rest, “They said, ‘The answers to all that are in Marx,’” Fogel remembers. “For years after that I thought Marx must be the name of an encyclopedia.” The U.S.S.R. was an American ally then, and Hollywood films framed Communists as freedom fighters while newsreels lauded the heroic struggles of the Russians beating back the Nazi invasion during World War II. “Marxism was colorful,” Fogel remembers. “It was the snobbery of the young intelligentsia to know these arcane works about the analysis of capitalism and its imperfections.” By the time he entered Cornell in 1944, he was a devoted Marxist.

It was an ironic philosophical choice, given his father’s capitalist success. By then his father, an engineer by training, owned a profitable meat wholesaling business. “I didn’t become a radical through my own experience of how terrible capitalism was—it was purely intellectual,” Fogel says. “I was a rich boy, the son of rich parents. And I believed that Marxism was the science of society and Marxists were the social scientists of the time.” He joined the University’s chapters of the NAACP, American Youth for Democracy (the Communist Party’s youth wing), and the Young Progressive Citizens of America, and also chaired the Marxist Discussion Group. He spent half of his sizable allowance to bring radical speakers to campus.

“My father thought American capitalism was God’s gift to the Earth,” Fogel says. “I had a big argument with him about how capitalism corrupts and oppresses people. He said, ‘Look at me, I came here with nothing. Anyone who works hard and who is bright can make a good living in America.’ And I said, ‘No, Papa, you’re the exception that proves the rule.’ Sometime afterward he said his attitude toward me was that with some kids, it’s sex, but with me, it was politics—and he was just wait-

ing for me to grow up.”

As the World War II euphoria dimmed, forecasts of another Great Depression prompted Fogel's interest in economics and history, as he wondered why it would be difficult for the country to maintain full employment in peacetime. In his junior year, he switched his major from physics and chemistry to history with an economics minor. After graduation, he turned down his father's offer to work in the family business. Instead, he took an unpaid position in Harlem with American Youth for Democracy, where he met his future wife, Enid Cassandra Morgan. A Sunday school teacher from a family of activists, she headed a Harlem youth group that supported 1948 presidential candidate Henry Wallace, who campaigned for voting rights for blacks, universal health insurance, and an end to segregation. Fogel and Morgan married a year later and had two sons.

At the time, New York was semi-segregated, making life difficult for the interracial couple. Some restaurants would not serve them, and some department store personnel refused to let Enid try on clothes. Blacks and whites alike would stare at them when they held hands on the subway. “But we never had any doubts,” Fogel says. “We knew we loved each other.” He has written that Enid was both his most confident supporter and keenest critic. “No individual has done more to help me pursue a career in science than my wife.” She was associate dean of students at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business and dean of students at Harvard's summer school, but she often put his career before her own. Friends say Fogel was devastated by his wife's death in September 2007.

Fogel worked for American Youth for Democracy for five more years, earning \$50 per week when the organization could pay him. But as Marxists' predictions of severe unemployment failed to materialize, he began to question if they understood capitalism at all. “They couldn't even get a business cycle forecast right. They were Johnny One Note,” Fogel says, referring to a 1937 show tune. “The one note was, ‘It's going to get terrible.’ And if it didn't get terrible, they didn't have an answer.” In 1956 Fogel left the Communist Party and enrolled at Columbia, borrowing money from a Cornell friend to pay tuition. “I decided that I wanted to go back to school,” he says, “because I had glibly accepted a lot of things.”

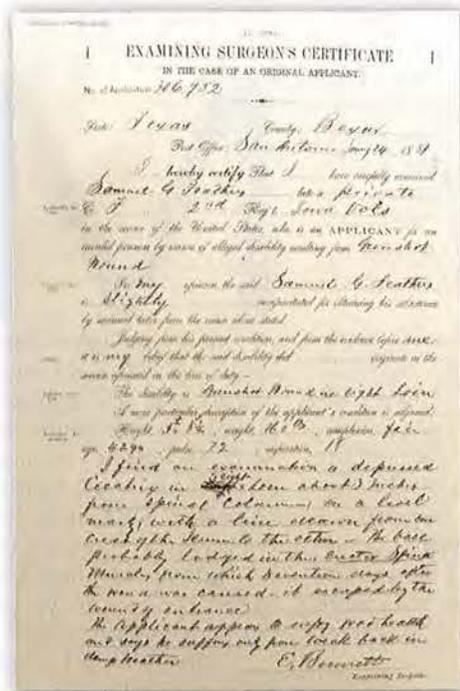
Now eighty-one, Fogel has the health troubles typical of his age. He walks with a cane, has hypertension (kept in check with medication), and probably should lose a few pounds. But he works full-time—albeit seventy hours a week rather than eighty—and is writing two books, *Enid and Bob: An American Odyssey* (a memoir) and *Simon Kuznets and the Empirical Tradition in Economics*. He calls himself a prime example of technophysiology evolution, a process that he and Dora Costa, an MIT economics professor and his former student, say is the result of synergy between technological advances and

physiological improvements. The theory suggests that over the past 300 years, human biology has changed, with people in the industrialized world becoming taller, stronger, and better able to resist disease. It's one of the many findings to come out of the Center for Population Economics, which the University of Chicago established to lure him back from Harvard in 1981.

Since then, his Union Army work has expanded in many directions, with unexpected findings. A major surprise is that children exposed to unhealthy environments—even *in utero*—had a higher risk of chronic health problems later in life. The most recent grant will allow the researchers to build on another discovery: that Americans in the countryside lived much longer than those in urban areas. The bigger the metropolis, the sooner the veterans died—by as much as eighteen years for large cities like Philadelphia and New York. “We just stumbled on that by accident,” Fogel says. “We realized, my God, the cities were death traps.” The grant will also expand the research to collect and analyze data detailing the aging process for the “oldest old”—those who lived to ninety-five—during the first half of the twentieth century. The results may affect issues like financing health care and retirement, and other topics debated not just by economists but medical researchers, epidemiologists, and demographers. “Every year,” he says, “we

get stunned by something we never anticipated.”

But ultimately, Fogel says, his expertise is not in crunching numbers but in finding the right numbers to crunch. Engerman,



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**Paper trail:** A Union Army veteran's medical record (above left), one of thousands of documents Fogel has analyzed to discover long-term trends in aging. Fogel and his late wife, Enid (above), in 1993, after learning he had won the Nobel Prize. “It was a fantasy,” Fogel says.

now an economics professor at the University of Rochester, says Fogel's strength lies also in his persistence. “He would always push at the evidence as hard as he could to see what arguments could be made,” Engerman says. “He never accepts the first answer, or the easy one.”

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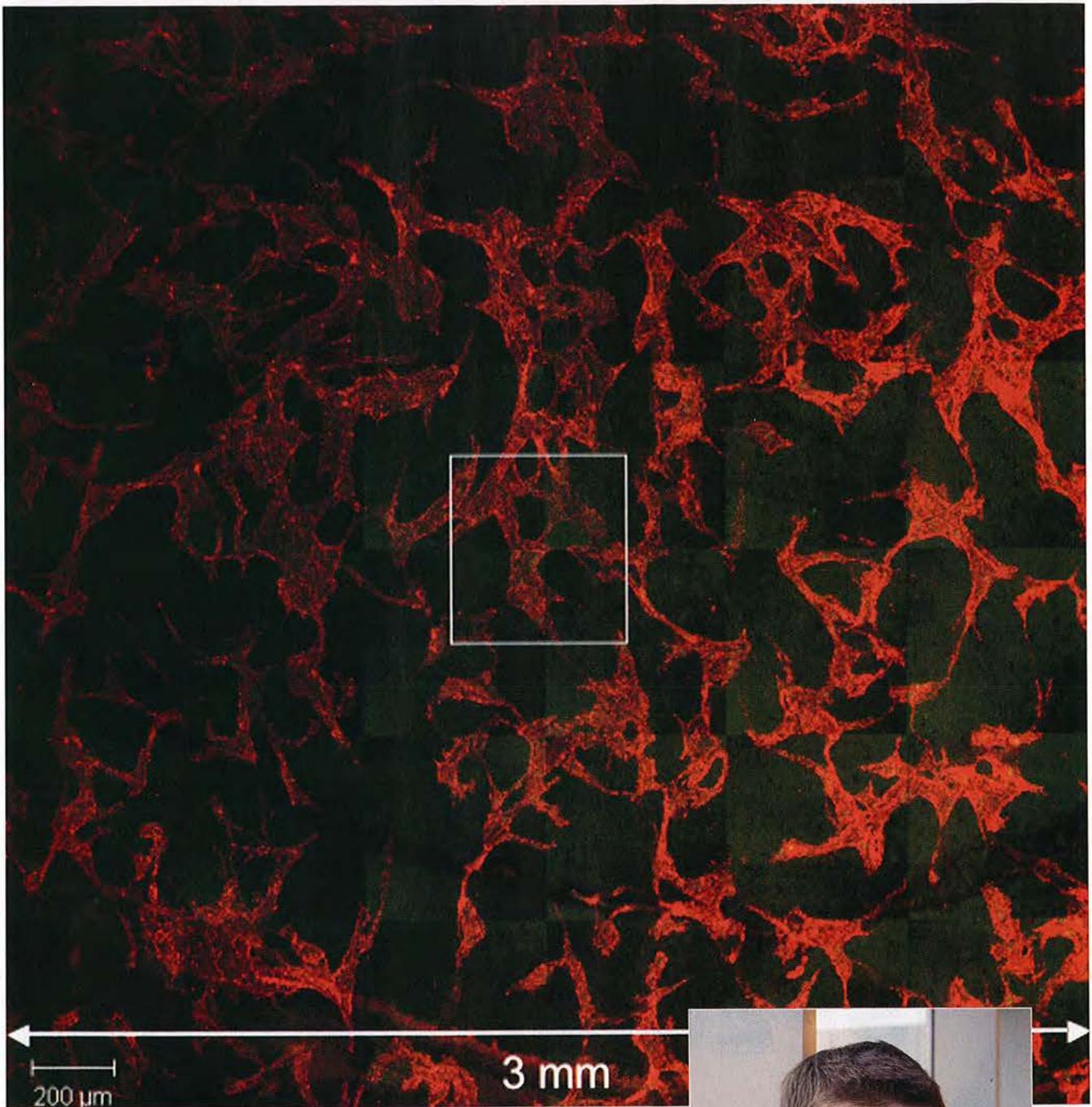
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**Bio basics:** Cornell professor Abraham Stroock '95 (right) looks to nature for inspiration in tissue engineering. Above: In an image from his lab, a confocal micrograph shows a section of capillary cells grown *in vitro*.



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# Body Work

By Beth Saulnier

Abraham Stroock '95 and his colleagues in tissue engineering aim to beat biology at its own game

**I**t's the most common surgery in the United States: tympanostomy, in which children suffering from chronic ear infections have tubes inserted through their eardrums to drain fluid. "About a million kids a year get the operation, and it's wildly successful," says Cornell biomedical engineering professor Lawrence Bonassar. "People do it almost without a second thought. If your four-year-old has a series of ear infections, your pediatrician will say, 'This is what we have to do.'" But in as many as 10 percent of cases, the procedure results in a permanent hole in the eardrum—paradoxically providing an ideal passageway for infection. It's often repaired by taking a piece of cartilage from the outer ear and carving it into a dowel shape with flaps to adhere to the surrounding tissue. It's an imperfect solution; harvesting the cartilage requires general anesthesia and

can be painful, and shaping the graft is time-consuming and therefore costly. But in his Grumman Hall lab, Bonassar has been working on an alternative—fabricating plugs of cartilage that surgeons can pop into place in a single step. The technology, under development by Memphis-based biotech firm Grace Medical, may have some initial safety tests in patients as soon as this spring; Bonassar and his colleagues have been collaborating with the company to translate their manufacturing processes to an industrial scale. "We're good at making a few dozen of these," he says, "but they need to make tens of thousands at a time."

Fashioning small bits of cartilage to address a complication from a routine pediatric surgery may not sound like a technological revolution. But as Assistant Professor Abraham Stroock '95 points out, high-profile breakthroughs in tissue engineering have been few and far between. A professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, Stroock is one of the rising stars on Cornell's biomedical scene; last summer, MIT's

*Technology Review* named him one of its 2007 Young Innovators, an honor given to scientists under thirty-five whose work the magazine finds most exciting. Sitting in his spacious office on the third floor of Olin Hall, Stroock lists what he sees as noteworthy advances in tissue engineering—inventions that have made it to clinical use in some form. He can tick them off on three fingers, each with metaphorical asterisks.

There's a product called Carticel, which Genzyme markets mostly to young people with knee injuries; surgeons send a sample of the patient's remaining healthy cartilage to the company, which grows it in culture to about 12 million cells and sends it back for implantation. "But it's not considered a large success," Stroock says. "People are often advised to get prosthetic knees instead." There's skin for burn patients or people with chronic wounds; doctors can send away cells from the patient and get back sheets of epithelium. "But it's in the early stages," he says, "and many surgeons still prefer to use grafts." And then there's

director of Weill Cornell's burn center.

Stroock stresses that tissue engineering is still in its infancy—or perhaps toddlerhood. Asked to name a benchmark for where the field stands, Stroock says, "We are definitely pre-integrated circuit—say, a stereo with vacuum tubes in it." The fundamental challenge, he notes, is that the "soft, organic, wet chemistries" that constitute life are tough to work with. In short: you can't make flesh out of glass. "When you think of regular engineering materials, you think of steel, you think of single-crystalline silicon," he says. "Biology does it almost exclusively with soft-goopy materials, and it turns out to be one of the significant challenges—how do you control a material that would like to turn into a puddle on the plate?" Another hurdle, he says, is the fact that living creatures are profoundly heterogeneous, with each building block having a distinct function. "We're not just uniform blobs stuck together," he says. "We have heterogeneity on all scales down to the molecular and cellular." As an example of how such variety affects clinical applications, he cites the repair of damaged cartilage, which often goes down to its junction with bone. "If you could hand the surgeon a plug that had both a seed of the cartilage and the bone, he could extract the damage and put it in," he says. "That would be a very valuable thing."

With the Vet college's Alan Nixon, Bonassar has been working to create such next-generation biological implants, coaxing bone-marrow-derived stem cells to become cartilage cells, which are then grown on tiny scaffolds that mimic the structural proteins found in the body. While medicine has been successful in restoring function to damaged or deteriorated joints with implants made of plastic and metal, Bonassar says, they have obvious limitations. "The properties of man-made materials change over time simply due to use, phenomena like fatigue and corrosion," he says. "That is why, if you have a bridge, you don't just let it sit there—you repaint it and repair the bolts, because they wear out. The unique thing about biological tissues is that they are constantly replacing themselves, constantly turning over and remodeling. And so by replacing bone with bone, you have a material that will maintain its properties over the long term."

Stroock's biomedical work has been focused on the body's vascular system, which connects to his area of expertise: the field of microfluidics, in which fluids are manipulated at the colloidal scale, on the order of a micron and below. ("It's bigger than a molecule," he jokes, "smaller than a brick.") He has been exploring how to create microchips that mimic the vascular system—key to sustaining engineered tissue such as organs or muscle. Such devices, he says, could solve a fundamental problem. "If you want to make any human-scale piece of tissue, except maybe skin, the inevitable outcome is that if you have more than one layer of thickness, you have a region that is below the surface," he says. "If you feed oxygen and nutrients to the top, the region below becomes depleted, so you end up with a necrotic core—healthy tissue on the outside, but unhealthy or dead tissue in the center."

He's also interested in intercellular communication, understanding how cells send signals and organize themselves during development. "With an embryo, how does one side know that



Professor Lawrence Bonassar

an engineered extension for the bladder, designed by researchers at Wake Forest University for children suffering from a disease in which the organ fails to develop; it has been successfully implanted in patients and shown to grow along with them. Stroock says the technology, published in 2006 but not yet widely available, constitutes the field's "biggest success story so far."

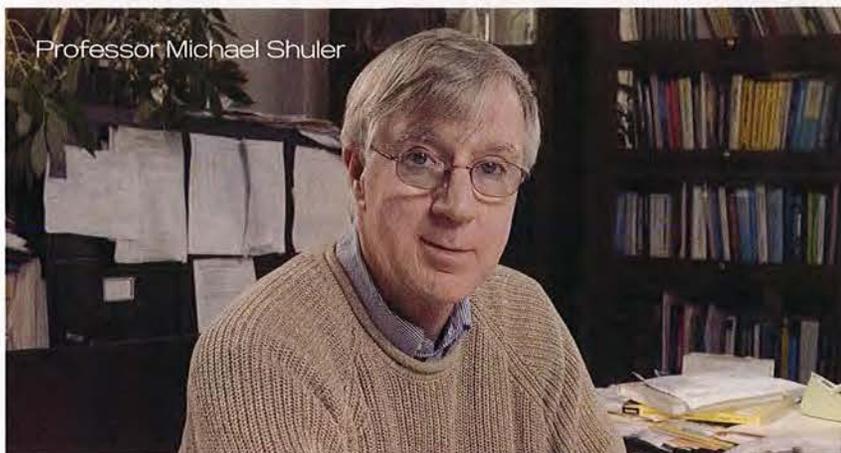
**T**issue work is just one part of the burgeoning field of biomedical engineering, but on the Hill it has been a focus of research and faculty hiring as the University expands its biomedical offerings. As Stroock puts it, "There are a lot of card-carrying tissue engineers on campus now." A gift from James Morgan '60, BME '62, MBA '63, and Rebecca Quinn Morgan '60 is funding collaborative research involving faculty from Engineering, Human Ecology, and the Medical college; projects have included research on biodegradable scaffolds for skin tissue by biomedical engineer Moonsoo Jin, fiber scientist C. C. Chu, and surgeon Roger Yurt,

# A Department of Their Own

Biomedical engineering hits its stride

Cornell has had a biomedical engineering department only since 2004, but it has already grown to comprise a professional master's program with some forty students, as well as a PhD program with more than fifty candidates. Among the fields where Cornell has the potential to be an international leader, department chairman Michael Shuler says, is cellular imaging; he cites the work of biomedical engineers Chris Schaffer and Warren Zipfel '87, PhD '93, and applied and engineering physicist Watt Webb in multiphoton microscopy and related technologies. "We're really interested in advanced imaging techniques that can be applied at the cellular molecular level," Shuler says. "Our overall philosophy—and a way we can somewhat separate ourselves from other departments—is that we're interested in understanding what happens at the molecular level and how it affects the cellular level, the tissue and organ levels, the physiology level. We want to go across those scales in a quantitative, predictive way."

Shuler himself has been working to create a "body on a chip," a tiny physical model of the body's systems and tissues that could play a vital role in drug evaluation. The chip, designed via mathematical modeling techniques, would have recirculating fluid that mimics the bloodstream.



Professor Michael Shuler

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the product to fail after you've spent hundreds of millions of dollars." The project, also called a "mouse on a chip," could have the further benefit of reducing the need for laboratory animals—particularly important in Europe, where the use of animals in medical research is more strictly regulated.

Claudia Fischbach-Teschl joined the department after earning a PhD in pharmaceutical technology in her native Germany. Her research concentrates on cancer, including work with Weill Cornell neurosurgeon John Boockvar, MS '99, on a three-dimensional cell culture model for studying

field. There is huge potential, and the people in the field are truly engaged."

Although the University does not yet offer an undergraduate major in biomedical engineering, Shuler estimates that fifty to sixty BS students earn a minor each year. The department now has ten faculty, a number that Shuler hopes will grow to fifteen over the next four years. Their research is divided into five general areas: cellular imaging; micro-nano-biotechnology; biomaterials and drug development; molecular, cellular, and tissue engineering; and soft tissue biomechanics. The list underscores the multidisciplinary nature of the field, which can comprise everyone from physicists to computer scientists to mathematicians. "Biomedical engineering brings together biologists, electrical engineers, mechanical engineers, chemists, all sorts of sciences," says Valerie Cross, a PhD candidate under Stroock. "I think that's great, but it's also challenging, because of course I don't have expertise in all those areas. You have to work with lots of different people and also bridge the gap with the clinic."

The daughter of veterinarians, Cross once considered medical school; she says she was attracted to biomedical engineering because of the positive impact she can have on patients while staying on the technical side. She got first-hand exposure to the clinical world while working on Stroock's project on active wound dressings—spending weekends in Weill Cornell's burn unit, watching debridements and asking doctors and nurses about their equipment needs. "We can really advance medicine, not only for tissue engineering but in developing new tools, instrumentation, MRI machines," she says. "The whole field is exciting and growing fast."



Professor Claudia Fischbach-Teschl

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"Right now, you're looking at a cost on the order of \$1 billion to develop a drug," he says. "Nine out of ten fail in medical trials. But if you could predict which of those are the most likely to be successful, it helps in two ways: you can eliminate your losers earlier, and you can design your clinical trials to identify potential problems earlier, so they don't pop up at the end and cause

tumors, and studies on bone cancer metastasis with mechanical and aerospace engineering professor Marjolein van der Meulen. "It is a comparatively young field, which makes it exciting," Fischbach-Teschl says. "Everybody either has a background in something else and is excited about applying it to biological questions, or they're junior faculty who graduated in the

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## Distance Learning

Can the 250 miles between Ithaca and the Medical college go from a burden to a blessing?

Historically, universities with biomedical engineering departments have had medical schools close by; Johns Hopkins has long been top-ranked in the field. Cornell, of course, has Weill Cornell Medical College—but it's in Manhattan, 250 miles from Ithaca. Still, department chairman Michael Shuler says, "there is a lot of research we can do without the Medical college. We have the Vet college, which is really a second medical center, except the patients have four legs instead of two." Much of biomedical engineering professor Lawrence Bonassar's cartilage research, for example, has been done in collaboration with large animal surgery professor Alan Nixon, who works with bone-marrow-derived stem cells in horses.

But in the past few years—and especially since the arrival of President David Skorton, a cardiologist—the University has been promoting collaboration between the Ithaca and New York campuses, through financial and logistical support. Grant recipients include chemical and biomolecular engineering professor William Olbricht, who has been working with Weill Cornell faculty (including interventional neuroradiology director Pierre Gobin) to design a better microcatheter for inducing and treating strokes in lab rats. Ithaca-based biomedical engineer Abraham Stroock '95 worked with burn center director Roger Yurt and surgery professor Suzanne Schwartz to design an active wound dressing that could deliver drugs and serve as a diagnostic tool. And electrical and computer engineering professor Anthony Reeves has a long-standing collaboration with Weill Cornell radiologists Claudia Henschke and David Yankelevitz to develop technology—already licensed to General Electric—that interprets CT scans of the chest, helping doctors diagnose lung tumors.

To accustom biomedical engineering graduate students to the clinical world, the department requires PhD candidates to spend their first summer at Weill Cornell—living in medical student housing, shadowing a doctor, and conducting a small research project. "They gain quite a bit of maturity, and their confidence in working with physicians increases significantly," Shuler says. "The difference in sophistication that they have in medicine over that period of time is remarkable." The department's aim, Bonassar says, is to turn the distance problem on its head and make it into an advantage. Since the collaborating engineers and physicians often have to travel to each other's campuses—either for individual research projects or organized retreats—they tend to have each other's undivided attention. "I can't lie and say it wouldn't be wonderful if the medical school were in Ithaca," Bonassar says. "But in some ways the distance allows you to do things that you wouldn't be able to if the medical school was next door. When surgeons from Weill come up here, they are fully committed. If they came across the street, fitting us in between appointments, they'd be getting beeped all the time."

it's the left and the other side know that it's the right?" he asks. "Once you can't either tug on your neighbor or send him a chemical signal, how do you communicate on this larger scale?" The answer, he believes, is that a developing embryo forms a communication network analogous to those in human society—a hypothesis he hopes to use as a basis for engineering vascular tissue. "Once you're no longer just a clan and you become a village, you have to have paths to get from one place to another—you need an infrastructure for transport and communication, otherwise you'll decay back down to a clan," he explains. "So in the same sense, an embryo builds itself a rudimentary set of paths and they mature into a set of highways." And what Stroock calls his most exciting current work is a project he can only discuss in general terms because it's being reviewed for publication: inspired by a trip to Redwood National Park in Northern California, he has been exploring how trees move water from their roots to their leaves through capillary action. "It's extraordinary," he says. "All capillary action pulls from the top, so that means you're transmitting the force as a tension in the liquid. Trees use water like a very strong rope to pull more water up into themselves. This is a function that has never been captured in human technology."

**T**he common denominator of Stroock's biomedical research is that by looking at biology through the eyes of an engineer, he can use the resulting insights to address the limitations of human physiology—be it a knee damaged in a basketball game or a liver failing due to hepatitis C. "Biology does many more interesting things on the micron scale than humans do," he says. "Right now we mostly shuttle electrons around, which is useful, and we all appreciate it in the form of computers and so on. But biology senses and generates forces, maintains life—so it sets up a career's worth of challenges." The field's blue-sky goal, he says, would be to engineer replacement parts for the human body: fully compatible organs, bone, skin, and more, potentially generated by a patient's own stem cells and therefore immune to rejection. "People still get replacement parts made of titanium and plastic, and not of themselves," Stroock says. "But in the coming decades, we could have replacement parts so when you get old, you don't just stay alive—you stay functional. And that is a beautiful challenge." ■

# Far Above... and people focused



Timothy Chow '08, a human biology, health, and society major, plans to pursue medicine so that he can help the underserved. The younger sibling in a single-parent household, he found a second family in Jill and Barry Lafer, whose endowed scholarship supported him for four years. "They're the real reason I could attend Cornell."

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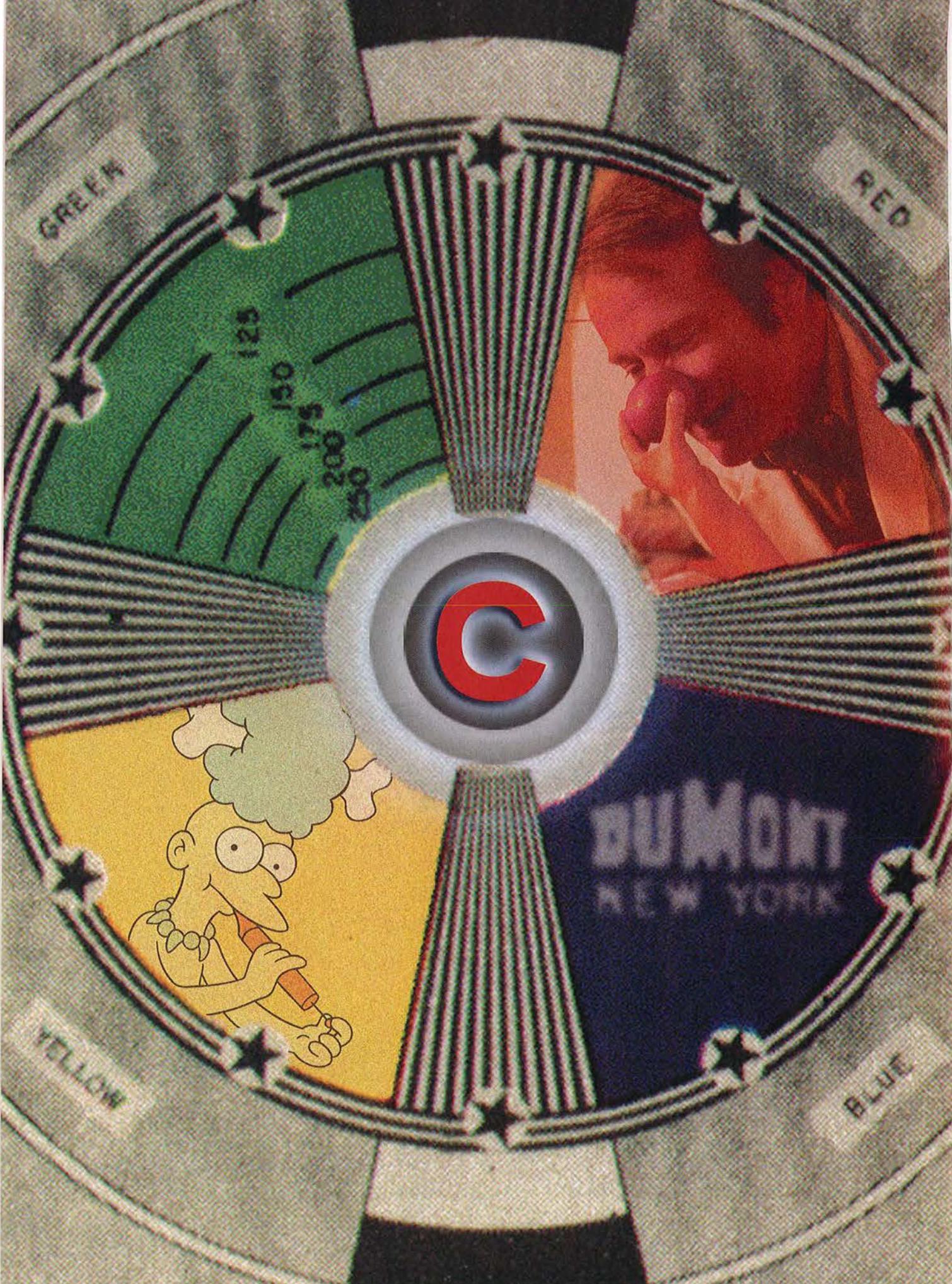
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# Stranger Than Fiction

**L**ate February 2007, and NBC's hit sitcom "30 Rock" is in the process of skewering celebrity. Tracy Jordan, the star of the program's show-within-a-show, is hoping to add a sycophant or two to his entourage. He and a crony, a fellow known as Dotcom, are considering options:

"What's Young Larry doing these days?"

"He's in Jay-Z's entourage."

"What about Cheese?"

"He's rolling with Ghostface Killah now."

"Fat Balls?"

"He's studying hotel administration at Cornell."

And so we have come to this: Cornell as punch line. Ba-dump-bump. But it's only the tip of the iceberg. Over the decades, you have probably spotted your alma mater in many places in fiction. You can find Cornell as setting, as plot device, as nuanced detail, as character study.

If film, television, and literature are to be believed,

Ezra's grand experiment has produced, among other eccentric graduates, a mobster's son with a penchant for property fraud (in *The Negative* by Michael Covino), a hotel general manager in the fictional country of Absurdistan (in Gary Shteyngart's 2006 novel of the same name), a dice-shooting pro football player (in *Ruffians* by Tim Green), a socially challenged and sexually charged attorney (Lucy Liu's character on TV's "Ally McBeal"), a New York socialite forced into hiding after the murder of her husband (in *An Invisible Woman* by Anne Strieber), a celibate porn producer (in *P*, a novel by Andrew Lewis Conn '95), a disillusioned drug addict who sees ghosts (in *World's End* by T. C. Boyle), a crisis negotiator with the FBI (in the short-lived TV drama "Standoff"), an obese schizophrenic with an encyclopedic knowledge of low-budget horror movies (in *The Ecstatic* by Victor Lavalle '94), an archeologist who encounters a genie (in the Harlequin romance *A Wish . . . and a Kiss* by Margaret St. George), and a veterinarian in a traveling circus who rooms with a dwarf clown named Kinko (in Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*).

Characters with Cornell pedigrees have been played by a who's who of A-list movie stars—Charlton Heston, William Holden, Barbra Streisand, Glenn Close, James Woods, Renee Zellweger, Cameron Diaz. The university has made cameo appearances in films ranging from *Love Story* to *Annie Hall* to *Diner* to *American Pie*. Fictional Big Red grads have graced the small screen everywhere from "The Simpsons" to

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“The Office” and from “Caroline in the City” to “Sex in the City.” They have found their way into numerous short stories, as well as the stage (*Radio Golf* by award-winning playwright August Wilson) and even online comic strips (Goats.com, the brainchild of Jonathan Rosenberg ’95 and Phillip Karlsson ’95).

One fictional alum even has eight fingers and green hair: Melvin van Horne, better known as Sideshow Mel, sidekick to Krusty the Clown on “The Simpsons.” Revealed as a Cornell grad in the sixteenth season, he has been at the mercy of Krusty’s sadistic sense of humor for more than a decade: struck in the head with an axe, kicked into a birthday cake, shot from a cannon. Once he even had liquid nitrogen poured down his pants. As he says, in his Shakespearean accent, “Any publicity is good publicity.”

**F**aux Cornellians have been finding their way into literature, in particular, for more than a century—like *The Common Lot* (1904), *From the Valley of the Missing* (1911), and *Extricating Obadiab* (1917). They have been conjured up by the likes of Philip Roth (*Letting Go*), Mary Higgins Clark (*Pretend You Don’t See Her*), and, rather prolifically, Joyce Carol Oates (in *You Must Remember This*, *We Were the Mulvaney*s, and a short story called “Life After High School”).

Kay Scarpetta, who was for many years the fictitious chief medical examiner for the Commonwealth of Virginia, has sleuthed her way through fifteen novels by Patricia Cornwell. (The latest, *Book of the Dead*, was the seventh to enter the *USA Today* best-sellers list at Number One.) Scarpetta graduated from Cornell sometime around 1970, then earned an MD from Johns Hopkins and a JD from Georgetown. Since entering the public consciousness eighteen years ago (in *Postmortem*), the pathologist has investigated the deaths of everyone from a horoscope writer to a scuba diver.

Twice, even, fictional Cornellians have made their way to the Oval Office. Remarkably, in two very different novels you can read about two women—Florence Metzger in John Dalmas’s *The Second Coming* and Harriet Styles in Robert Skidmore’s self-published *The Distracting Splat at the Eiffel*—each having been elected the nation’s first female president.

But Cornell-educated protagonists seem to be matched in nearly equal numbers by less desirable characters. For every Gabrielle Ashe (a U.S. Senator’s aide who courageously ends her corrupt boss’s career in Dan Brown’s thriller *Deception Point*), there is a Bobby Earl (a rapist and murderer played by Blair Underwood in the movie *Just Cause*). For every Eric Erickson, a Swedish industrialist who masquerades as a Nazi sympathizer to spy on the Germans during World War II in Alexander Klein’s 1958 novel *The Counterfeit Traitor* (William Holden played him in the movie), there is a Taro Seki, a Japanese engineering grad who grew to love America while in Ithaca but changes his tune upon joining the Japanese army during that same war (in the propaganda film *Behind the Rising Sun*).

Sure, Cornell produced Xiao-Di, a character (in Terence Cheng’s novel *Sons of Heaven*) inspired by the unknown Chinese student who stopped the tanks at Tiananmen Square—but it also gave the world Danny Haley, a small-time criminal and card sharp in the movie *Dark City* (played by Charlton Heston in his first major starring role). So there are heroes, and there are villains, and there are occasional shades of gray—like Prince Hrubal of Northern Transylvania (in *Kingdom of Shadows* by Alan Furst). On the plus side, he earned some fencing accolades during his two years on the Hill and is described as manically charitable. However, he also possesses “merciless eyes, black, depthless, and cruel.” How would you like to room with him?

Sometimes, on film and television, the Big Red connection is simply conveyed visually. For instance, characters can be seen wearing Cornell sweatshirts in movies like *Starman* (a scientist) and *28 Days* (a rehab resident). More directly, Cornell diplomas are prominently displayed on the office walls of Cameron Diaz’s character in *Any Given Sunday* (she owns a fictional football team and boasts an MBA) and that of Mr. Rastatter, a sleazy executive played by Michael McKean (of “Laverne and Shirley” fame) in a 1995 episode of “Friends.”

But more often, Cornell is included as an explicit part of the dialogue. In the movie *Say Anything*, an over-achiever tells a high school rival, “I know we were ultra-competitive this year, but I just want to say that if it wasn’t for Diane Court, I probably wouldn’t have gotten into Cornell because you made me study



**On screen:** Cornell alums include Sideshow Mel (above) and the weaselly waiter in *Dirty Dancing* (below).



twice as hard. So thanks.” On the other hand, in the classic *Citizen Kane*, a colleague of the title character (played by Orson Welles) explains, “Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Switzerland—he was thrown out of a lot of them.”

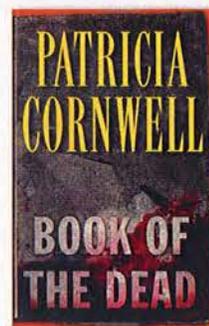
Indeed, a back story featuring a Cornell education often appears to be an obvious attempt to convey a certain intelligence. In *The KGB Candidate* by Owen Sela, Dr. Jonathan Bradley “read both Plato and computer manuals with equal facility.” In *Behind Closed Doors* by Shannon McKenna, a millionaire’s girlfriend is described thusly: “American citizen, degree from Cornell, *summa cum laude*, woo woo, smart cookie. Fluent in six languages, yada, yada . . .” In “Over There,” a short-lived Iraq war drama on the FX channel, U.S. Army private Frank Dumphy, the intellectual of his platoon, was nicknamed “Dim” by his pals.

Often, too, references revolve around the challenge of admission to Cornell. In *Black Night Bright Dawn*, self-published by Gene Arthur Camerik, MBA ’58, a young woman explains, “My parents are clearing the way for me to go to Cornell. You know, my dad’s a Cornell grad who contributes to the alumni fund every year, and I’ve got the grades. I can’t disappoint them.” In Megan McCafferty’s *Second Helpings*, the protagonist observes, “My only competition for valedictorian, Len Levy, has made it very clear that if he doesn’t get into Cornell, he will drive up to Ithaca and hurl himself into one of its infamous suicide gorges.” And in the 2004 movie *The Perfect Score*, a character tries to steal the SAT questions in an effort to earn a result worthy of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. In the end, he comes to an ethical epiphany and settles for Syracuse.

On the other hand, writers also tend to chide Cornell as the college that isn’t in Cambridge. In the short story “Jim the Man,” Herbert Gold writes, “As a student at Cornell, Jim had carried a green sack bulging with books because at Harvard they carried green sacks bulging with books.” And in the movie *Stella*, Stephen Collins’s



**Grad work:** Charles Foster Kane was thrown out of Cornell; Patricia Cornwell’s sleuth, Dr. Kay Scarpetta, actually graduated.



## Prop Master

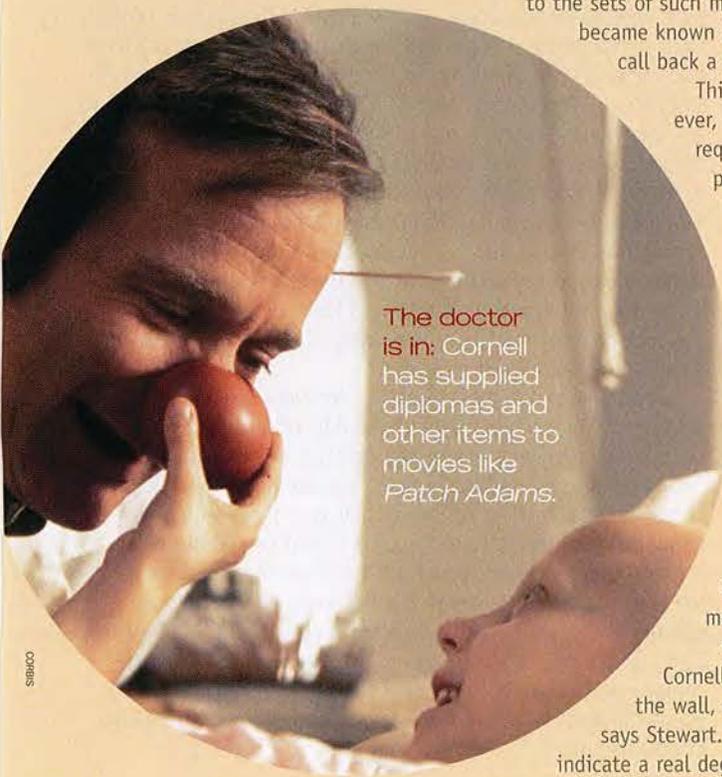
Furnishing Hollywood with Big Red swag

From 1986 until his retirement in 2000, David Stewart served as Cornell’s first full-time director of community relations. Among his responsibilities: overseeing the product licensing program for the University and fielding inquiries from television and film production companies. In that role, he sent various diplomas, yearbooks, campus photos, and apparel to the sets of such movies as *Patch Adams*, *City of Angels*, *Contact*, and *Deep Impact*. “We became known to certain production companies or prop departments, who then would call back a second or third time,” says Stewart.

This may be because many other schools were charging hefty use fees. However, Cornell charged only shipping costs. “We’re more likely to get subsequent requests that way—and therefore more exposure,” Stewart explains. “It’s part of getting the University’s name out there—in a positive light, obviously. So we would get copies of the script to see how that character was being referenced.” On the TV show “Nash Bridges,” for instance, the daughter of the hero was considering colleges. Stewart sent Cornell’s view book, which happened to be taller than most of the others. “So in the scene where she’s applying to colleges, she’s carrying several brochures,” says Stewart, “but the *Big Red Book* stands out above the others—big, bold, and beautiful.”

Occasionally, Stewart’s efforts would find their way only to the cutting room floor, such as in the movie *Mother*, starring Albert Brooks and Debbie Reynolds. Stewart sent several props, including an authentic freshman beanie. But at the last minute, the director chose to have Reynolds’s character attend another college. Likewise, Stewart had several discussions with Robert Redford’s production company when he was filming *The Horse Whisperer*. But in the end, the novel’s frequent mention of Cornell was noticeably absent from the movie.

On the other hand, the book *The Prince of Tides* makes no mention of Cornell. But in the film, Barbra Streisand’s character has a Cornell diploma on the wall, seen in the background of an office shot. “Soft focus, but it’s there,” says Stewart. Of course, Stewart had to make sure the diploma couldn’t be used to indicate a real degree—that is, they couldn’t have the actual university president’s signature. So, he says, “I signed it myself.”



The doctor is in: Cornell has supplied diplomas and other items to movies like *Patch Adams*.

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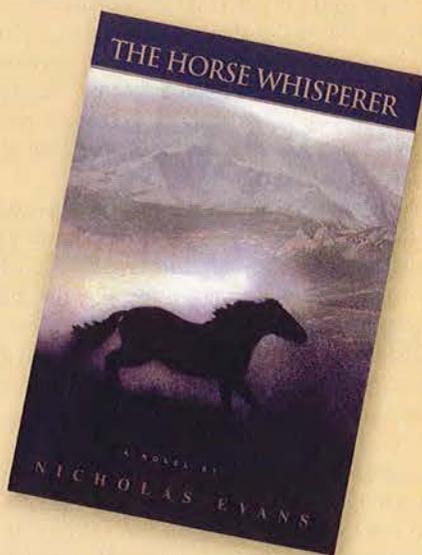
## Inspiration, via Ithaca

What's behind all those Cornell references?

For some authors, giving a character a Cornell pedigree is simply a matter of referencing—or skewering—the old alma mater (e.g., *Cat's Cradle* by Kurt Vonnegut '44, *The Crying of Lot 49* by Thomas Pynchon '59, *Miss Match* by Leslie Carroll '81, and *Fool on the Hill* by Matt Ruff '87). *The Big Kids*, a novel by Robert Hennemuth '77, explores the transition from adolescence to adulthood during a romp through freshman year on the Hill in 1973. In *A Thing (Or Two) About Curtis and Camilla* by Nick Fowler '89, the protagonist—like the author—is a native of north Florida, a Cornell graduate, and a rock musician.

Linda Tatelbaum '68, PhD '72, self-published a novel, *Yes & No*, about a late-Sixties Cornell graduate student named Naomi Weiss who journeys to Paris to unlock the secret behind twelfth-century philosopher Abelard and his lover, Heloise. "I know Cornell best, so why would I make up a fictional university?" says Tatelbaum, retired from the faculty at Colby College. In *Goats.com*, the pioneering Web comic that cartoonist Jonathan Rosenberg '95 describes as "everything you want to see in a comic all mashed together in a sci-fi comedy epic," the main characters have been seen waiting in line for the Hot Truck and drinking beers at the Chapter House. Says Rosenberg, "Cornell is mostly used as flavor. It's not incredibly central to the plot."

Still, writers tend to insist that there is no impulsiveness involved in the inclusion of backstory details. "Whims are kind of hazardous," says Jack Henderson, author of the thriller novel *Circumference of Darkness*. "It's too easy to make a mistake with an offhand reference that sounds perfectly correct in passing, but is a glaring embarrassment in the eyes of a knowledgeable reader." Henderson's central character, Jeannie Reese, is a twenty-two-year-old Department of Defense computer genius who has devel-



Funny pages: Characters on Jonathan Rosenberg's *Goats.com* in line for the Hot Truck

oped anti-terrorist surveillance technology. She was a chess grandmaster at age six. She graduated from Cornell at twelve. She is a martial arts expert and a babe. She basically saves the world. "For someone like Jeannie, details like where she went to school would be character-defining points, so I absolutely put more time and thought into making those choices," says Henderson. "In addition to the school's prestige, the look and atmosphere of Cornell just seemed right for Jeannie. I liked the fact that it's the youngest of the Ivy League universities. But Cornell's groundbreaking role in the field of cybernetics was probably the most important consideration."

Cornell-educated characters have been included in books that take place in the Philippines (*Dread Empire* by Linda Ty-Casper), a village in rural India (*Shiva Dancing* by Bharti Kirchner), Communist East Germany (*Crossing in Berlin* by Fletcher Knebel), and the wild, wild West (*Separations* by Oakley Hall). But at times Cornell's campus itself plays a larger role when the author includes descriptive details to add to a sense of place, as when a character in *The Salt Point* by Paul Russell, MFA '82, PhD '83, describes Collegetown as "that student ghetto across the gorge from the university's meticulous lawns." Says Henderson, regarding *Circumference of Darkness*, "A quick, recognizable landmark was necessary for a certain bit of description, and McGraw Tower was ideal for that." The setting may also be chosen in association with character development. In *Kingdom of Shadows*, Alan Furst made Cornell the alma mater of Prince Hrubal of Transylvania because "he would have had no idea where exactly he was going, and he would have been surprised to find himself in Ithaca."

Occasionally, too, the setting fits the plot—like in *The Horse Whisperer*. "The horse accident at the start of book takes place in Upstate New York, and I sent [veterinarian] Harry Logan to Cornell simply because it seemed plausible," says author Nicholas Evans. "I researched veterinary schools in that part of the world, and there really was no contest." Logan attended Cornell in the late Sixties. Upon his return years later, he observed, "It was about the prettiest campus he knew. But not today. It was cold and starting to rain and you couldn't even see the damn lake." Clearly, Evans visited Ithaca for research, right? Not exactly. "I had no contacts at Cornell and never went there," he admits. "I just blindly phoned the school and was graciously helped with all my dumb questions."



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**Very Big Red:** Andy Bernard (top) of “The Office” may be fiction’s proudest (or perhaps mouthiest) Cornellian.

character admits, “I had to fight with my parents to go to Cornell. They both went to Harvard and think Cornell is slumming it.” (This is the same Stephen Collins who played cargo pilot Jake Cutter, also supposedly a Cornell graduate, in the short-lived 1980s television series “Tales of the Gold Monkey.”)

**B**ut—and this may be the most interesting—Cornell also seems to be occasionally used to put an exclamation point on a character’s odiousness. Neil, the smarmy grandson of the Catskills resort owner in *Dirty Dancing*? He attends the Hotel school. Nick Pepper, an obnoxious assistant on ABC’s hit show “Ugly Betty”? He tells an equally unappealing mentor, “I’ve been following your career since I graduated from Cornell.”

Perhaps the best example of this comes from NBC’s Emmy-winning sitcom “The Office.” Andy Bernard, played by actor Ed Helms, is a sycophantic blowhard who works at the Scranton branch of the Dunder Mifflin Paper Company and uses every opportunity to pompously remind everyone, “I went to Cornell . . . Ya ever heard of it?” It is an integral element of his character, a means of revealing his insecurity while trumpeting his self-importance. Rarely an episode goes by without a reference:

Andy (to the camera): “I never studied once. I was drunk the whole time. And I sang in the *a capella* group Nothing But Treble.”

Andy (to the camera): “I graduated from anger management the same way I graduated from Cornell—on time.”

Andy (to his boss): “I forgot to tell you the plan for this Saturday. You, me, bar, beers, buzzed. Wings, shots, drunk! Waitresses—hot! Football, Cornell-Hofstra, slaughter!”

Andy (to his colleague, Jim): “I started the main Frisbee golf club at Cornell, where I went to college. I live to frofl!”

Jim (to Andy): “Where did you go to school again?”

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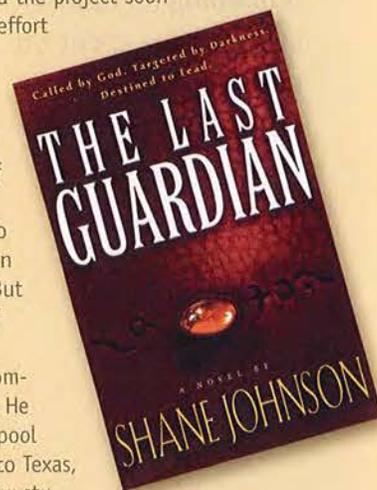
Cheney wrote a sixteen-page high school creative writing assignment called “The Open Door,” a science fiction tale featuring a time-traveling college student. The class assignment evolved into a manuscript called *The Noron Event*, and the project soon became a joint effort

between

Cheney and Johnson. They were separated by thousands of miles in their college years, so the collaboration moved slowly. But in the spring of 1978, Cheney insisted they complete the book. He arranged to carpool from New York to Texas, he and his fellow students taking turns driving around the clock. But on the early morning of May 23, the car crashed on a two-lane highway in Ohio. Only the driver survived. Cheney had been asleep in the backseat.

A few days later, Johnson received a package postmarked from Ithaca. It was the manuscript—the only copy, with handwritten notes and a cover letter in which Cheney expressed a desire to take the tale in a different direction. “[He] told me to feel free to make any changes I thought would make it better,” Johnson writes on his website. “I knew at that moment that the best and truest way to honor the memory of my dear friend was to finish the book we had started.”

It took years. Johnson married, had a son (whom he named Daniel), and published several other books. Finally, he felt it was time to return to the manuscript. It was published in 2001, only now it was titled *The Last Guardian*, and its hero attended Cornell.



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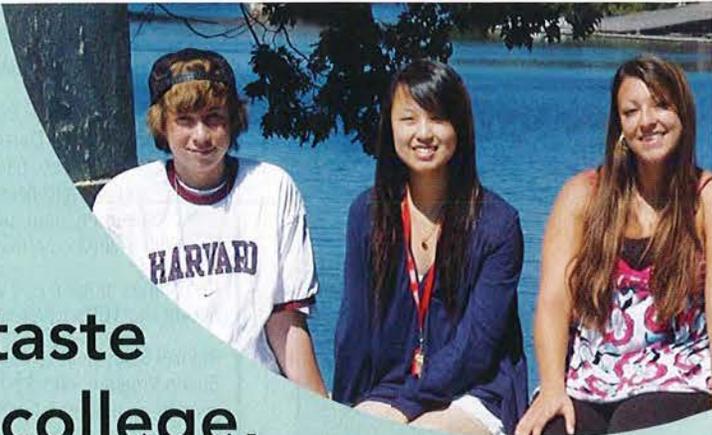
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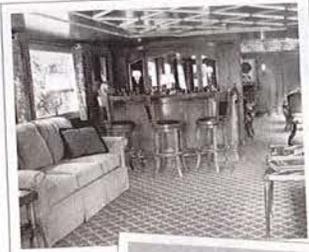
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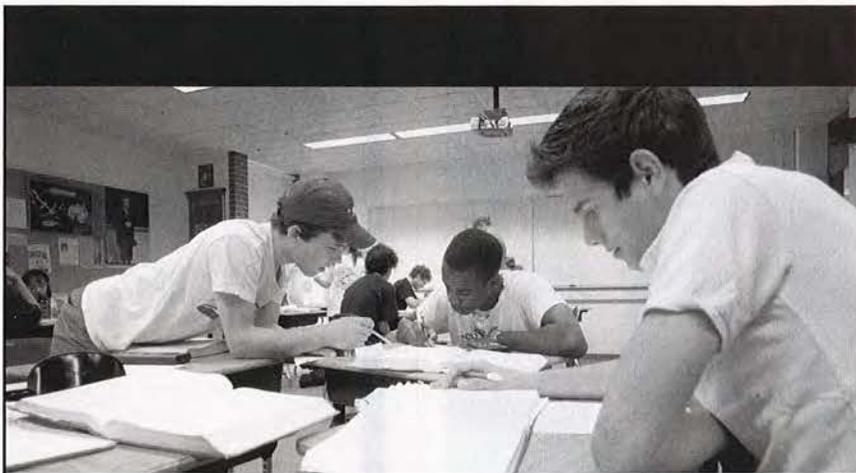
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**CC/Greater Capital District**, March 21—ECAC men's ice hockey championship tournament, Times Union Center, Albany. Contact Bob Lynk, thelynks@midtel.net, 518/439-3948.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, March 25—NCAA northeast regional men's ice hockey quarterfinals, Times Union Center, Albany. Contact Bob Lynk, 518/439-3948.

**College of Engineering**, March 28—*Sustainable Energy Systems: Investing In Our Future*, engineering alumni association's twenty-fifth annual conference. Contact Shannon Ahn, sa362@cornell.edu, 607/255-8299.

**CWC/Syracuse**, April 7—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: speaker TBA, Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County Office, 220 Herald Place, Syracuse. Contact Emily Olsenwik, scottens11@yahoo.com.

**CWC/Cortland County**, April 8—Dr. Anna Marie Garcia presents "Topics of Interest to Women," Homer. Contact Esther Twentyman-Potter, 607/749-4174.

**CAA/Ithaca**, April 8—Men's lacrosse vs. Syracuse, Schoellkopf Field. Contact Bob Slocum, rss13053@yahoo.com.

**CC/Genesee-Orleans**, April 10—Spring dinner, Bohn's Restaurant, Batavia. Contact Hans Kunze, Hans.Kunze@steubentrust.com.

**CAA/Central New York**, April 12—Barden Homes tour, Tully. Contact David Duerr, dduerr@syracusechamber.com.

**CAA/Ithaca**, April 12—Tour and wine tasting, Lamoreaux Landing, Seneca Lake. Contact Mark Anbinder, mha@14850.com, 607/255-8634.

**CAA/Mid-Hudson**, April 17—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: George Hudler, plant pathology chair, the Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Contact Janelle Piccone Styles, jstyles1@aol.com.

**CAA/Central New York**, April 19—Earth Day celebration: Cornell Refuse Analysis Project cleans up I-81. Meet at Firekeeper's Diner, Nedrow. Contact Bruce Simmons, simmons@upstate.edu, 315/682-7603.

**CAA/Ithaca**, May 1—Dinner at Ruloff's and *As You Like It*, Schwartz Center. Contact Abbie Westervelt, a\_westervelt@hotmail.com.

**CAA/Central New York**, May 2—Slope Day happy hour, Syracuse Suds Factory, Armory Square, Syracuse. Contact Christa Glazier, cjc31@cornell.edu.

**CC/Rochester**, May 3—American Lung Association Asthma Walk. Contact Ross Lanzafame, rlanzafame@hsealaw.com.

**CWC/Syracuse**, May 12—Tour of Anyela's Vineyard with winemaker James Nocek. Contact Janet Fallon, jbf28@cornell.edu.

## Metro New York

**Classes of 3s and 8s**, March 19—Pre-Reunion happy hour. Contact Kerry Strassel, k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com, 212/692-1381.

**CC/Fairfield County**, March 26—Knitting group, fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Carrie Makover, cwm23@cornell.edu, 203/259-5482.

**CC/New York**, March 28—Casino night. Contact Kerry Strassel, k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com, 212/692-1381.

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**, April 2—"Cornell Celebrates New York Wines" benefit for the enology and viticulture programs, the Lighthouse, Chelsea Piers, New York City. Contact Magdalena Kalinka, mak93@cornell.edu, 607/255-7833.

**CC/Long Island**, April 5—Wine tasting dinner. Contact Caren Wasserman, 516/783-6158.

**CAA/Westchester**, April 10—American history professor Mary Beth Norton speaks on "Salem Witchcraft: Myth and Reality," Lake Isle Country Club. Contact Jim Irish, 914/428-7340.

**CAA/Westchester**, April 11—Second Friday lunch club, Valhalla Crossing Restaurant, Valhalla Metro North station. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com.

**CC/Fairfield County**, April 23—Knitting group, fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Carrie Makover, cwm23@cornell.edu, 203/259-5482.

**CAA/Westchester**, May 2—Metropolitan Museum of Art tours with Frank Robinson, Johnson Museum of Art director, focusing on the newly renovated Greek and Roman galleries. Contact Andrea Glanz, 914/428-7340.

**Class of 1950**, May 2—Class dinner, Cornell Club, New York City. Contact Stan Rodwin, rodpkg@frontiernet.net, 585/889-3180.

**CC/Fairfield County**, May 4—Annual meeting, luncheon, and Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kenneth Reardon, associate professor of city and regional planning. Contact Doty Kesten, dotkes10@optonline.net, 203/222-7830.

**CC/New York**, May 5—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kenneth Reardon, associate professor of city and regional planning. Contact Kerry Strassel, k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com, 212/692-1381.

**CAA/Westchester**, May 9—Second Friday lunch club, Valhalla Crossing Restaurant, Valhalla Metro North

station. Contact John Murray, rujomurr@aol.com.

## Northeast

**CC/Greater Hartford**, March 27—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: C. C. Chu, professor and director of graduate studies in fiber science and apparel design. Contact Cathy Bartell, Cathybartell@aol.com, 860/651-6332.

**CC/Coastal Connecticut**, March 28—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: C. C. Chu, professor and director of graduate studies in fiber science and apparel design. Contact Myron Stacks, mstacks@aol.com, 860/510-0702.

**Northeast Regional Office**, April 7—Boston alumnae dinner, Imperial China, Framingham. Contact Donna Armentano, 781/538-5846.

**Northeast Regional Office**, April 10—Young alumni gathering, Tavern on the Square, Cambridge. Contact Sarah Perkins, sbp29@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

**CC/Boston**, April 19—Spruce up Shoals Marine Lab's Creek Farm. Contact Jens Kullmann, jtk2@cornell.edu, 781/330-9131.

**CC/Vermont**, May 3—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Frank DiSalvo, physical science professor. Contact Alexandra Tursi, ant9@cornell.edu, 802/578-7926.

**CC/Berkshires**, May 4—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Frank DiSalvo, physical science professor. Contact Sandra Solomon, sandsolom@aol.com, 413/499-4295.

**Northeast Regional Office**, May 8—Young alumni gathering, the Fours, North Station, Boston. Contact Sarah Perkins, sbp29@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

**Northeast Regional Office**, May 12—Boston alumnae dinner, Vincenzo's, 1200 Main St., West Concord. Contact Christine Wyman, 978-772/2844.

## Mid-Atlantic

**CC/Maryland**, March 15—Ivy League beer tasting and tour of Brewer's Art brewery, Mount Vernon. Contact Kurt Overton, kurt.m.overton@smithbarney.com.

**CC/Washington**, April 8—Monthly board meeting, 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC. Contact Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu.

**CC/Central Virginia**, April 8—Club lunch, Byram's Lobster House, 3215 West Broad Street, Richmond. Contact Bob Warwick, raw29@cornell.edu.

**CC/Washington**, April 12—Climb Old Rag Mountain, near Sperryville, Virginia. Contact Clint Brass, ctb14@cornell.edu.

**CC/Washington**, May 13—Monthly board meeting, 1341 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC. Contact Kim Jones, knj2@cornell.edu.

**CC/Central Virginia**, May 13—Club lunch, Byram's Lobster House, 3215 West Broad Street, Richmond. Contact Bob Warwick, raw29@cornell.edu.

## Southeast

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, March 30—All-ivy picnic. Contact Tony Ferrari, asferrari@naples.net, 239/592-0827.

**CC/Suncoast**, April 5—Open the Bottle Night wine tasting, hosted by Tom and Roni Murphy, St. Petersburg. Contact Tom Murphy, tm33@cornell.edu, 727/384-2727.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, April 10—Thursday lunch club, Audubon Country Club, 625 Audubon Boulevard, Naples. Contact Mary LeDuc, mleduc@cl-law.com, 239/649-3110.

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## A Trustee Report

By Robert Huret '65

It is an honor to serve as a trustee, particularly one elected by alumni. Perhaps the most important of a trustee's fiduciary responsibilities is electing the President of the University. During my tenure, this occurred twice, with the election of Interim President Hunter Rawlings in 2005 and of President David Skorton in 2006. I have also been privileged to serve on several committees, including academic affairs, which reviews and approves the provost's decisions on faculty tenure. I have also served on the audit committee, which oversees financial controls and risk management as well as approves the University's financial reports. I believe that in all dimensions the University has never been stronger.

In addition to these responsibilities, however, much of a trustee's activity falls under the heading of advice. We are fortunate to have a strong

administrative team, and through Board meetings, committee meetings, and casual conversation we are able to exchange ideas on how to achieve our objective of being the best research university in the world for undergraduate education.

One of my passions in becoming an alumni-elected trustee was to expand the University's contact with alumni and provide them with education, information, and networking long after they have left the Hill. In the past four years these connections have grown, particularly through the Internet. The expansion of



CyberTower and the launch of CornellCast and eClips videos are harbingers of exciting future developments. In New York City and Northern California we have been developing successful alumni programs for ongoing education and networking. In my travels I've found that wherever I go there are always alumni passionately interested in the University.

Finally, we have successfully launched "Far Above... The Campaign for Cornell," which will enable us to recruit the best faculty, enhance our financial aid programs, and improve our facilities, bringing us closer to Ezra's vision: "Any person ... any study."

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**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, April 10—Monthly luncheon, featuring a West Coast Symphony speaker and string ensemble. Contact Maddi Dallas, 941/379-9465.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, April 17—Cornell happy hour, the Brick, 3585 St. Johns Avenue, Jacksonville. Contact Nina Goodwin, Goodnina@aol.com, 904/280-1614.

**CAA/Atlanta**, April 27—Spring picnic, Murphy Candler Park, Dunwoody. Contact Kimberly Hawkins, Kimberlyhawkins2003@yahoo.com.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, May 8—Fourth Annual Red and White Luncheon, with speaker Kate Franklin of the Sarasota Humane Society. Contact Maddi Dallas, 941/379-9465.

### Midwest

**CC/Minnesota**, March 18—Reading group: *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren, Caffe con Amore, St. Paul. Contact Kate Foley, kate\_foley@hotmail.com.

**CC/St. Louis**, March 20—NCAA wrestling finals. Contact Wendy Sponaule, wfs4@cornell.edu, 314/952-9624.

**CC/St. Louis**, April 8—Club meeting, Ritz-Carlton. Contact Wendy Sponaule, wfs4@cornell.edu, 314/952-9624.

**CAA/Central Ohio**, April 14—All Ivy Event: Harvard natural sciences professor Woodland Hastings speaks on bioluminescence research. Contact Eric Johnson, etj4@cornell.edu, 614/866-2342.

**CC/Minnesota**, April 15—Reading group: *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, Caffe con Amore, St. Paul.

Contact Kate Foley, kate\_foley@hotmail.com.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, April 30—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: astronomy professor Martha Haynes. Contact Madelyn Bauer, cornell68@comcast.net, 412/831-9039.

**CC/St. Louis**, May 1—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, associate professor of hospitality facilities and operations. Contact Jerry Hochstein, jeraldhoch@yahoo.com, 314/721-5301.

**CC/Mid-America**, May 2—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Alex Susskind, associate professor of hospitality facilities and operations. Contact David Sims, david.sims@micorp.com, 913/236-8658.

**CC/Michigan**, May 7—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Hancock, assistant professor of communication and information science. Contact Shannon McPartlon, mcfly214@yahoo.com, 518/877-0708.

**CAA/Central Ohio**, May 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Hancock, assistant professor of communication and information science. Contact Ruthie Fortkamp, rfortkamp@columbus.rr.com, 513/621-9170.

**CC/Southwestern Ohio**, May 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Jeffrey Hancock, assistant professor of communication and information science. Contact Becky Lenair Baskett, lenair.baskett@tmo.blackberry.net, 513/621-9170.

### Southwest Mountain

**CAA/Greater Houston**, April 20—Reception for accepted students. Contact Antoine Bryant, antoine\_bryant@hotmail.com.

**CC/Colorado**, April 25—Fourteenth Annual Dude Ranch Weekend: Lost Valley Ranch, Pike National Forest. Contact Rich Boyan, rboyan44@msn.com, 303/666-5525.

**CC/Oklahoma**, May 6—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: biology professor Ronald Hoy. Contact Miranda Pugh, miranda-pugh@utulsa.edu, 918/695-2921.

### Western

**CC/Arizona**, April 8—Board of directors meeting, Merrill Lynch offices, 6730 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Contact David Calvino, corvicio@aol.com.

**CC/Arizona**, April 12—Dinner celebrating the Food Network. Contact David Calvino, corvicio@aol.com or Paul Buck, paul\_buck65@yahoo.com.

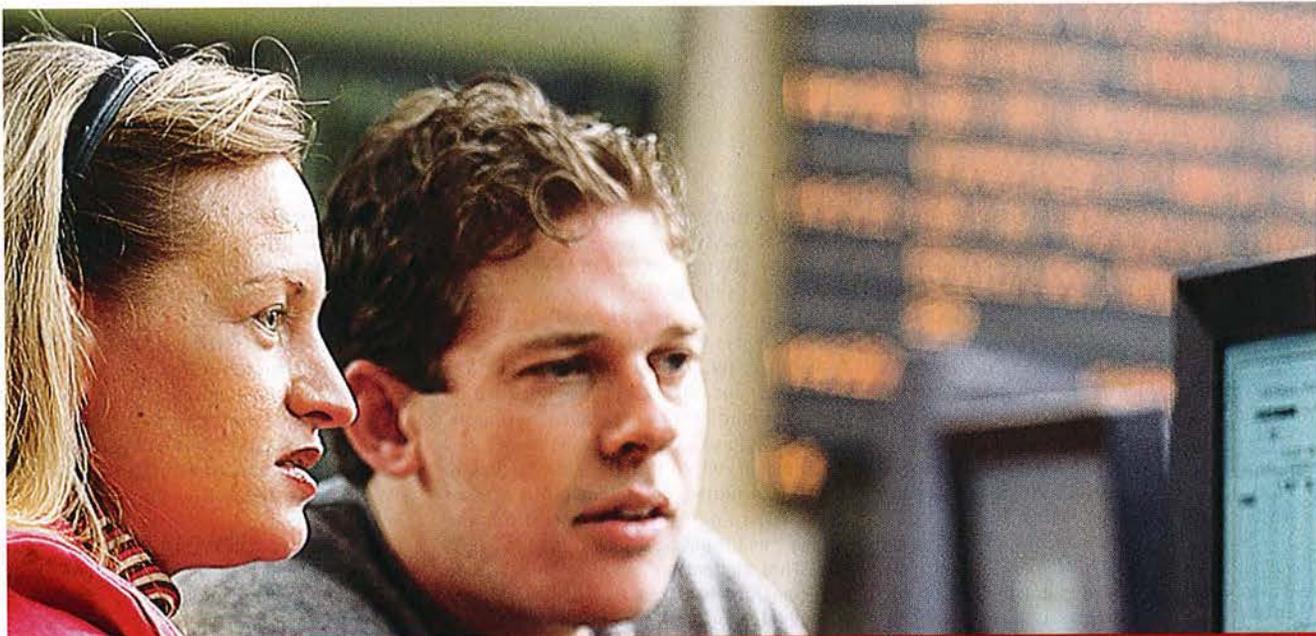
**CC/Oregon and Southwest Washington**, April 24—*Sometimes a Great Notion*, Portland Center Stage. Contact Helen Haertl, heh2@cornell.edu.

**CC/Arizona**, May 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: speaker TBA, Allied Waste Corporation, Scottsdale. Contact Amy DeMarco, amy.demarco@awin.com.

**CC/Arizona**, May 13—Board of directors meeting, Merrill Lynch offices, 6730 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale. Contact David Calvino, corvicio@aol.com.

### International

**CC/France**, March 20—Fourth Annual Cornell Ski Trip: Les Menuires, French Alps. Contact Curtis Barstosik, cjb48@cornell.edu.



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**32** Here's a great letter from **William Thompson**, who wanted to correct an error that appeared in the '32 column in the Sept/Oct issue: "I appreciate what you wrote in the Class Notes, but you listed me as ME '33. I wish to point out that I received an ME degree in 1932—with the class. 1932 was the height of the Depression, and the only graduates who got jobs were those whose fathers owned the company. Not knowing what to do with myself and having a girlfriend born and raised in Ithaca, I decided to come back for my master's and received an MME in 1933.

"I had been editor-in-chief of the *Sibley Journal of Engineering* as a junior (the first time it was not a senior) and editor-in-chief of the 1932 *Cornellian*. In October I received a phone call from Prof. **Herman Diederichs, ME 1897** (head of the Mechanical Engineering school) informing me that the 1932 yearbook had made a profit, although the 1931 *Cornellian* had lost money. He told me something I did not know—that it was customary to apportion a part of the profit to members of the staff and that my share was some \$300. I immediately called my girlfriend and told her that we could get married and live on that until June. She finally agreed and we were married on the first day of Christmas vacation, December 17, 1932. She died after 63 years of marriage and having given me three wonderful children.

"I have now been married more than ten years to my second wife. For some reason that I cannot explain, life goes on, heading toward my 97th birthday." William T. Thompson, ME '32. ☐ **Class of '32, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.** Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**38** Reunion is coming up, and **Bettina Frost, MS '40** (Medford, NJ), knows that better than most. Despite a fractured ankle this past fall, she says, "I'm trying to keep fit so I can attend reunion in June." Her fitness regimen consists of gardening and exercising, and she also attends the Philadelphia orchestra, opera, and ballet. Bettina's fond memories of Cornell date from before college: "senior singing and crew races when I was growing up in Ithaca." **George Batt** (Princeville, HI) also enjoys the pleasures of gardening, although he admits he'd rather be surfing, canoeing, or swimming. He is retired, but repairs Hawaiian hala mats occasionally and gives tours at historic homes. From his days on the Hill, George fondly remembers going to dances and house parties and dating coeds.

The '38 News Form has a space to staple a business card, and **Jay Fish** (Englewood, FL) obliged. Retired for the past 29 years from the DuPont Industrial Chemicals Dept., he wrote, "The last time I gave one of these out was August 1978!" Jay had interesting news to report: "Last April, our B-24 crew was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for a mission to Ploesti, Romania, on April 16, 1944. Unfortunately, only three of our ten-man crew are alive. The families

of the deceased were awarded the other seven medals." He says he misses flying and sailing, but enjoys playing bassoon in the North Port concert band Thursday nights and sax and clarinet in a trio every Friday. He recalls the friendship of Scorpion fraternity brothers.

**Tom and Helen Brew Rich** write this from Venice, FL: "The big trick to being married 68 years is to both be alive!" **Robert Klausmeyer, LLB '40** (Cincinnati, OH) is enjoying the luxuries of retirement, which include "sleep and more sleep." Also retired, **John Somerville Jr.** (Fair Haven, NJ) swims daily in his pool during the summers, and throws out junk mail year-round. **Carol Thro Richardson** has a lot on her to-do list. From June to October she still works as a clam monitor for the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, and has been at it for 22 years! She also volunteers at a local hospital in the cancer registry office. In December, she helped a friend in Austin, TX, by answering the phone for a month—he owns a series of commercial websites—and followed that with a visit to her sister, **Eloise Thro Stimson '43**, in Laguna Hills, CA. Last fall, Carol also traveled to Paris to visit her daughter, an export manager for Poilane Bakery.

**James Moyer** (Ellenton, FL) skipped right to his best memories of Cornell: "Playing in the Symphony Orchestra and the musical clubs and going to concerts in Bailey Hall, where I was privileged to be an usher." And rounding off this edition of the '38er news is a note from **Sylvia Gluck** Grossman of Roslyn, NY. Ask her what she's up to these days, and she'll tell you: "Aging." Keep sending your news! ☐ **Class of '38, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850;** Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**39** Thanks to all of you who sent updates in response to the fall class mailing. We'll publish them as quickly as possible in this and upcoming columns. **Arnold Allison** writes, "Living the good life in Florida for the past 30 years. Cornell has played a great role in my life. Daughter **Shelley Allison Green** and her husband **Arthur** are class of '73, and their son **Nathan Green** graduated in '98. Shelley is a dean of family services at Nova Southeastern U. Their other son, Seth, attended Princeton, spent two years at Oxford on a Marshall Scholarship, and recently graduated from Yale Law School. I am still very active in community affairs, exercise in the pool daily, and expect to attend the 70th Reunion."

**Art Poirier** is enjoying retirement at Ross-moor, a community in Walnut Creek, CA. Last year, he celebrated his 89th birthday in Key West, gave his daughter Suzanne away in marriage to "a fine Canadian chap," and underwent a quadruple coronary bypass operation in August! Just two months post-operation, Art reported, "I'm almost completely healed and very grateful to be on this planet! I'm looking forward to my new life!" He'd like to hear from **Al Dugan**. **Donald Whiteman** and wife Betty (Adams, NY) celebrated their 60th

wedding anniversary in September. "All is well in our retirement."

**John Lankes** writes from Hampton, VA: "At age 90, I am alive and well and still walk up (and down) two flights of stairs every day. Although my stay at Cornell was cut short, I do retain fond memories. After four years as an electrician and six months with IBM, I became a top-notch marine switchboard designer for Newport News (now Northrop-Grumman) Shipbuilding." **Kenneth Holgate** wrote in mid-October and was disheartened by the football team: "Again I climbed to a box at the top of the Crescent to see a Cornell football game—this year, Harvard—and once again we lost. I don't know how many more times I will be around to do this, but if there is a next time, please (!), let Cornell win."

On a happier note, **Ned Gregg** of Kilmarnock, VA, reported that friend and classmate **Bill Lentz** of Baltimore, MD, celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary last September. And, lastly, **Harvey McChesney** (Bellport, NY) says, "Nothing special to report: recovered from minor illnesses; go to Florida for two months each winter; still boating." More to come. ☐ **Class of '39, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850;** Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**Jean Linklater Payne** reports from Ithaca: "At the moment, **Doug '40** and I are 'in good shape for the shape we're in,' as are our four children, nine grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. The last two great-grands arrived this August—much anticipation and excitement. Daughters Peggy and Janet's 'Playground Medic' has been well-received and keeps them busy. Home base is in Westchester County, but word is getting out. Son **Robert '66, MBA '72**, and wife Linda have retired and moved to Maryland and are busier than ever. Son Monroe has become a self-employed photographer and is so far doing well. All our children are very supportive, but Monroe, living in Ithaca, is our mainstay."

**Jean Pettit Lentz** sends greetings from Ohio. "Good to hear so many of our class are still alive and busy! In August, my family and friends had a fun 90th birthday party for me at my church. About 170 persons attended from Washington, DC, to Seattle, WA, plus Tennessee and Ohio. I now have 12 great-grandchildren. I still drive—carefully—and am busy with board meetings for two organizations, plus much phoning to get things done for the church. I also still take art courses at our community college, swim at Bally's, and visit family and shut-ins. I feel very blessed!"

**Elizabeth Shaffer** Bosson writes from Connecticut: "For someone in her 90th year, I am doing quite well. I live in a retirement community, and have for the past 13 years. I'm on a couple of committees. I play cards every day but Wednesday and Sunday—no games! I have a garden around my porch and a large bed of zinnias besides. I play bridge and poker—not too bad at either. I run the poker game. I have a condition called polymyalgia rheumatica, for which I take

prednison—only five milligrams once a day. I take it in applesauce. I've got the biggest 'tank' of applesauce you've ever seen! 'More is better!' It'll long outlast me! I go to Dancercise and Balance classes every day. I send my warmest regards to each '39er and especially to **Ruth Gold Goodman**, who has been so faithful. I appreciate it, Ruth. You keep us together."

You should be hearing from Ruth again in the next issue. She and **Bernie '41** are settled in their new home in Princeton, NJ, and she wants to share some letters and phone calls she got in response to her Nov/Dec column about classmate hijinks freshman year. In the meantime, she can be reached (c/o Mecklenburger) at: 9 Colonial Ave., Princeton Junction, NJ 08550; tel., (609) 751-7842. **Class of 1939**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**40** Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! As the saying goes, everyone is Irish on St. Pat's Day! But, to mention the lag time as usual, I'm writing this on a very dull rainy day before Christmas. The gardeners tell me we still need the rain, but a before-Christmas snowstorm would have been nice!

Your News Forms have started to arrive—many thanks—and I look forward to even more updates for my next column. If you haven't done so yet, take up a pen or pencil and send a word or two about your doings.

**Charles Porter** did find his pen and reported that he retired from the Middleport, NY, school system nearly 30 years ago (time does fly!) and now keeps busy with Rotary Club, fishing, and boating. He summers in the Adirondacks and winters in Florida. His wife Jean died in 1998. She had been president of the New York State Library Association. He has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Priscilla Coffin** Baxter sent me a long obituary of **Patty Avery** Anderson. Patty stayed the active leader we knew in our Cornell days. She and Priscilla lived very close to each other in Connecticut and did a great deal together, including traveling. **John Thatcher**, our great tenor song-leader at reunion in '85, wrote that his tenor voice is still holding up. He does solo work at churches and entertains at nursing and retirement homes. He and his pianist have been working together for more than 30 years and call themselves "The Good Old Days." When he wrote last fall, they had already given more than 80 concerts this year!

**Jeanne Titterton** Lewis, who lives in Lansing, MI, the home of Michigan State U., keeps amazingly busy with clubs, mostly relating to Michigan State. She also belongs to a golf club and is involved in church work with a student parish. She has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with a third due in the spring of 2008—perhaps as you read this!

Unfortunately, **Bob Johnson** is having health problems and feels he does not want to continue as our worthy treasurer. So our good co-prexy **Bob Schuyler** has recruited **Ed Leonard** to manage our class finances, for which the university provides a lot of help.

That's all for now. All best wishes for a fine spring—and do write! **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416, Winchester, VA 22603.

**41** It's not difficult to give some credibility to claims of climate change when I look out of our windows and see leaves still on the trees in late November and the grass needing another mowing. It's fun to hear from classmates and realize that lifestyles, which may have been very different in former years, are now similar in many respects. **Janet Wilbor Warner**, Webster, NY, enjoys reading and her bridge club, which meets every two weeks. Her daughter Sandra lives nearby and is her chauffeur. **Audrey Bernichon** Glacken, Boynton Beach, FL, and husband Joseph enjoy their grandchildren along with golf, socializing, and dining out.

Travel is on the agenda for **Dolores Dirlam** Daudt, Midland, MI. In 2007 she attended her grandson's graduation from law school at Pepperdine U. in California and flew to Germany in July for the baptism of a great-granddaughter. She notes that it is not all bad having family members far apart when they live in such interesting places. **Carol Ogle** Woods, Albany, CA, and her husband Lauren feel lucky to have traveled in every country of the world. Tell us more, Carol, and maybe

next reunion. He's in an even better place now. The children's letter was a moving testimonial to Ed. I'll quote just one sentence: "Our dad was a great man who was a role model of courage, respect, honesty, and commitment." Indeed he was, and I'm grateful that he counted me as one of his many friends. **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, [wlsansing@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlsansing@bellsouth.net).

**42** I am so pleased some of you are e-mailing and writing me and even calling. Makes for such a good feeling. **Gus Vollmer**, BCE '44 (Butler, NJ) wrote about reunion: "I'm glad we all enjoyed the Milk Punch. Let's hope we can do it over and over again. By the way, **Bob Edmunds** (Norwich, NY) was a Beta and had his room next to mine and we used to hunt together." It's really nice to have such fine old traditions to uphold.

**Jim Kraker** (Governor, NY), who winters in Florida, makes Merry Christmas calls. He actually misses the snowy winters, but enjoys having his

'I gained 13 pounds that year and it was all ice cream.'

Carolyn Evans Finneran '42

we'll hear from others of you with traveling backgrounds. At present they enjoy being close to children and friends in California.

Three classmates did check in with a news form but no news. I will hope that **Dot Papish** (Albany, NY), **Sylvia Jaffe** Abrams (Washington, DC), and **Janet Bliss** Snyder (Middleburgh, NY) will send me lots of news on the 2008 form. I have now used all the 2007 forms, so look for our annual News and Dues spring mailing coming soon. Here's to a kinder, gentler presidential election year! **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, [kid12054@aol.com](mailto:kid12054@aol.com).

Back in October, I had an interesting telephone conversation with our former class president, **Bill Webber**, Pittsford, NY. It seems that he had just received a letter from the chair of the Cornell Investment Committee reporting on the status of the Doc Kavanagh Memorial Fund. As Bill and I interpret the statement, donations to the fund over the years have totaled \$874,122 and, as of June 30, 2007, this sum has grown to \$1,447,403. Darn good! Bill, like many of our classmates, including me, is now living in a continuing care retirement community (CCRC), his place being just outside Rochester. It comprises 36 cottages. He says it is brand new. He watched his unit being built and is obviously well pleased with it. Best of all, although he is now alone, he has plenty of companionship. Bill must be doing well—he just bought a new car!

Also from the Rochester area, but on a very sad note, I received a letter from **Ed King's** son and daughter. Ed had suddenly succumbed to pancreatic cancer! He died just two weeks after being diagnosed with this dread disease. The last I had heard from him, back in early fall 2007, he was as irrepressible as ever, saying he'd see us all at our

son nearby and recently attended a granddaughter's wonderful wedding. **Helen "Hedy" Neutze** Alles '43, who lived across the hall in Sage, e-mailed me: "I used to co-write the '43 column with **Miller Harris '43**, but I got to the point where I did not LIKE deadlines. I'm in South Jersey, in a town next to the one where I grew up." She's still enjoying life, although now it's just going solo, which is a big difference.

**Henry and Audrey Jones Smithers '44** (Stuart, FL) help with Meals on Wheels and the Council on Aging. They attended the marriage of a grandson in New Jersey and are hoping for a great-grandchild. Henry remembers being a competitor for football and would like to hear from **Stan Brodhead**, **Don**, BArch '47, and **Renee Brozan Goldsmith '47** (Delray Beach, FL; [reneedon@comcast.net](mailto:reneedon@comcast.net)) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Don enjoys interior designing and art consulting and they play golf and tennis and enjoy eating out. He wishes he were starting college again and remembers fondly his Tau Delta Phi fraternity life and the warm camaraderie of the Architecture school. He'd love to hear from **Don Kent**, MD '45.

**Frank Caplan** (Lacey, WA; [frankcaplan@comcast.net](mailto:frankcaplan@comcast.net)) retired as founding editor-in-chief of the quarterly journal *Quality Engineering* after 17 years. Suitably, he's helping his retirement community develop and install a quality system of management. He travels all over to family functions and also attended the Triangle Fraternity centennial as senior past national president. He'd like to travel to countries in the Far East. He mainly remembers meeting and marrying Shirley, his wife of 62 years. His family includes four children, 16 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren (three Cornellians). He'd like to hear from **Yates Dowell**, **Rolfe Blodgett** (Freehold, NJ) retired as project manager of large hospitals, hi-rise office buildings,

and research labs in NYC and New Jersey. He is still into research, but now uses magnifying glasses. He also likes to exercise. He misses summers living aboard his sailboat at Martha's Vineyard and warmly recalls his fraternity life.

**Paul and Greta Wilcox Leighton '44** (Scottsdale, AZ) are into Christian activities. Paul continues managing and consulting for businesses. His fondest memory is of meeting Greta. He now visits her daily at her memory support unit and he'd like to hear from anyone who comes to the Phoenix area. **Jim Kiernan** (Morristown, NJ) actually lives at the Moore Estate, Convent Station, NJ, but there is no mail delivery there. He plays winning bridge at the Canoe Brook Country Club and golfs twice a week—his new hip has improved his game. "The ball goes straighter and farther!" He was very impressed when he met President Skorton at reunion. "What a great personality he has—and so good for the future of Cornell."

Henry and **Gladys McKeever** Seebald (Wyomissing, PA) retired in 1983 and have lived in a retirement community since 1992. Gladys writes, "Our community provides opportunities for educational enrichment classes, volunteering, and trips." Recently a Pi Beta Phi sister, **Theodora Uelzmann** Longenecker '45, moved in. Gladys consulted roommate **Kathryn Fiske** Weikel (Pottstown, PA) about their fondest memories and Louie's sandwiches came in first, then going to the Johnny Parson Club and Beebe Lake. "Kathryn remembers hot chocolate and cinnamon toast, while I remember bittersweet ice cream. A friend offered to pay for all the ice cream I could eat. I had four dishes of two dips each and was too embarrassed to order more."

*Ed. note:* When I was a freshman, I discovered Cornell's bittersweet ice cream. It sold for 5 cents a scoop. I gained 13 pounds that year and it was all ice cream. I had to lose it that summer or my Mom threatened no new BIG clothes—so I lost it. Keep writing. ☒ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

**43** Huge response to our October mailing. Muchas gracias. Here's news from **Steve Hawley** (summer Batavia, NY; winter Green Valley, AZ), who flies, mows grass, tells whoppers about the old days. His plan to get to reunion? "Safely." His fond memories include polo with **Bill Flint** and **Bill Dunn**, and dates with future wife **Ellen (Simpson)**. Meanwhile **Joe Hickey** (Brunswick, ME) thanks Cornell for "the chance to meet Ethel, the love of my life, an Ithaca girl. We take short trips around New England and have just visited Washington, DC, where our granddaughter is a photographer for *National Geographic*, and our grandson is a graduate student at Georgetown."

If this dodder doesn't see print before the presidential elections . . . just for the record, you guys liked Hillary best and Richardson next, with one lonely vote for the late, great Abe Lincoln. Class vote count: Dems 64%, GOP 36%. Many of you read *The Kite Runner*, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *Water for Elephants*, and Halsey's *Typhoon*, which revisits the shortsighted stubbornness of the admiral, and the misguided ethos of **Greil Gerstley '41**. Greil was executive officer on the destroyer *Hull* in the disastrous Pacific typhoon of December 1944. His ship in dire straits, Greil rebuffed an incipient mutiny by the crew who urged him to relieve the paranoid, inexperienced captain. Greil deferred to tradition—there had

never been a mutiny in the US Navy—and declined to take the helm. The destroyer broke up and sank. Most men, including Greil, died at sea, as he knew they would.

We are much saddened by the loss of **Bud Kastner** ten years after he broke his neck during a cruise with the entire family to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his marriage to Louise. Our regular phone conversations were a treat and we'll miss his ready charm. Bud told great stories and told them well. His ebullience lives on not only in our hearts, but in the delightful piece he wrote for the *Compendium*. Take a few minutes right now and go read it. I'll wait.

Back already? We continue. **Roy Herrmann** (Ontario, NY) cites two books about the most decorated soldier in WWII, his fearless fraternity brother **Matt Urban '41**, née Matthew Urbanowitz. Lesser hero Roy is still involved in county government, is commander of the local Legion, and is active in and takes trips with

What you, their ancestors, just heard was the sound of one hand typing. See you at the Statler come June. Thanks for writing. Thanks for listening. ☒ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

**44** When you read this, March winds will be heralding springtime, but right now, I'm looking at four inches of snow (first of the season) covering northern Virginia. Classmates have been traveling. The **Milton Stolaroffs** visited Europe again. They started with a 12-day river cruise on the Rhine, sailing mostly at night but stopping at five countries and viewing castles. Then on for visits with good friends in Munich and the Austrian Alps. Gene and **Nancy Claney** Hoffman of Minneapolis "left their hearts in San Francisco" in June when they attended a series of invita-

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Kathleen Pierce Putnam '44

Rotary. He fondly recalls life at Kappa Delta Rho and singing with the Glee Club. The **John Holdens** celebrated their 60th year of "the simple life" together. John writes of enjoying the chimes playing "The Evening Song" at dusk and surveying camp in the summer of '41. **Jane Strahan** Davis (Danville, AR), whose extensive reading list is longer even than my nose, writes: "Doing physical therapy after spinal surgery. So far, so good. I read a lot! We're about to go quail hunting in the Dakotas, where I'll have a chance to paint while Jack and the dogs flush out the grasslands."

Dept. of Things You Might Never Know If You Weren't an Avid Reader of These Notes: It was Cornell that made Andy Warhol a millionaire. **Robert Miller** (Hendersonville, NC) details his week. Daily—walk in a carpeted mall; six days a week—exercise program; three times a week—ballroom dancing. He doesn't say which day or whether he ever sits or how often the mall needs new carpet, but happily for us he sent this clipping: In 1898, Campbell Soup executive Herbert Williams attended the Penn-Cornell game in Philadelphia, was smitten by the Big Red colors, and convinced his company to adopt them for its labels. The rest is Campbell Kids, Chunky Soup, and other history. Especially the Marilyn Monroe silkscreens.

From **Tom Baskous** (Schenectady, NY): "Playing: tennis with some old guys, viola with a senior concert orchestra, fiddle with the Adirondack Fiddlers, and working on a grouse survey." Easy segue to **Knox Burger**, lifelong curmudgeon. Here's a recent phone call. "You sound upbeat and cordial this day, Knox." "I'm faking it." "Holy \_\_\_\_! I've known you 68 years and this is the first time you even bothered!" [Dear Reader, "\_\_\_\_" here is in respect for your great-grandchirun's unborn chirrun who have never heard the word \_\_\_\_.]

tional business events at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. A highlight was seeing a performance by "an aging celebrity icon of our vintage—Tony Bennett." John and **Katia Altschuller** Jacobs spent two weeks in western Ireland visiting their daughter in her new house. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary by going camping for three days in Vermont, then spent Thanksgiving with their son in Silver Spring, MD. She says they are "85 and 89—creaky but quite active."

In a recent newsletter, class president **Dotty Kay Kesten** described Club 44's 18th cruise—New England to Canada—mentioning stops at Newport, RI, Boston, Bar Harbor, Halifax, Sydney, NS, Prince Edward Island, and down the St. Lawrence River to Saguenay, Quebec City, and Montreal. The timing in September was perfect for the 27 participants. They were: **Alison King** Barry, Gloria and **Pete Bellis**, Sherrill and **Andy Capi**, MD '46, Bunny and **Cal De Golyer**, Phyllis and **Dick Evans**, Jenks, **DVM '43**, and **Dorey Holmes Jenkins**, Art and **Dotty Kesten**, Anne and **Don Middleton**, BS **ORIE '47**, **Bob Miller**, PhD '51, June and **Harold Parker**, JD '50, Charles and **Kay Snell** Sigety, **Eleanor Bloomfield** Scholl and daughter **Debbie Caldwell**, **Elizabeth Kehoe** Quinn '43, and the Capis' friends **Marian Houston** and **Nancy Kasabali**. All thoroughly enjoyed the ten-day adventure.

**Helen Couch** Darling flew to North Carolina to attend a granddaughter's wedding on Emerald Isle in October. "It was a beautiful beach wedding with our bare feet in the sand. The bride, a 6' 4-1/2" basketball player, and the groom, a 6' 6" Marine stationed at Camp Lejeune, made a beautiful couple." And how about our traveler unique! **Dunbar King** described his annual trip from West Islip to Verona, NJ, in his 1926 Model T Ford on June 2, 2007—"82 miles and three quarts of oil—via Brooklyn, with lunch at

Sheepshead Bay. On to Avenue V via Knapp St., grated bridge over Jamaica Bay, Peninsula Blvd., and Loch St. to West Islip. Entered the Ford, now polished up, in the Westbury Garden Show. Rhododendrons in full bloom June 3, 2007."

**Harmon Leonard**, DVM '44, was helping Joey recover from a stroke before they started traveling again from their assisted living home in Grand Junction, CO. They have been to Australia, Africa, the Greek Islands, the English Isles, Europe, India, and China. Harm retired from medical practice 15 years ago. **Curt Beck**, BA '43, also retired in 1992 as professor of political science at the U. of Connecticut. He has been on the State Board of Mental Health for 17 years. He and Ruth have traveled a lot and "plan to be active for another ten to 20 years." **Richard Basom**, DVM '44, has been retired from veterinary practice for 21 years. He enjoys retirement.

John and **Elizabeth Scheidelman** Droz reported they're retiring after 13 years of being CEOs for the Good News Foundation of Central New York Inc., which they started. This is John's fifth and final retirement. They go to Mass each morning, then on to a swim in a friend's pool and breakfast in town. Their days are filled with family, friends, activities, and maintaining their camp at Old Forge to which they invite visitors. **Anthony Prasil** of Rochester, NY, is no longer the curator of the Hoffman Clock Museum, having resigned to care for his wife who has Parkinson's disease. **Kathleen Pierce** Putnam of McGraw, NY (where she has lived for 54 years) says, "The children are retiring, grandchildren are marrying, and great-grands are entering the scene." **Nancy Tortlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, Sterling, VA 20165; tel., (703) 404-9494.

**45** As we write the Class of '45 column for this issue, we are grateful to those of you who answered our pleas for your news. **Tom Buffalow**, BCE '48, wrote that his granddaughter **Christine Buffalow '08** is a senior in the School of Fine Arts and is co-photographic yearbook editor of the 2008 *Cornellian*. **Dan** and **Phyllis Hartley** report that they have had a great year, what with two of their grandchildren entering college—one to Colorado U. and the other to Skidmore. At the same time, Dan and Phyllis have been doing some traveling to Croatia and Tuscany.

**Dave Hogin** lives in downtown Wilmington, NC, where he keeps busy with the upkeep of his house (a historic house built circa 1871) and enjoying a great life. He has five children, four sons and one daughter, spread across the country in Connecticut, Washington, DC, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, plus six grandchildren. His noteworthy quote of the year: "During trick-or-treat on Halloween, a cute 3-year-old girl looked at me intently and asked, 'Why are you so old?'"

**Madeline "Chickie" Ring Kent** reports that she and **Don '42**, MD '45, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by taking their family of 12 on a Caribbean cruise. The group included daughter **Alison Kent** Bermant '70, sons **Stephen '73** and **William '82**, spouses, and two grandchildren. **Barney Mayrsohn** reports that after a six-month delay, he opened his e-mail to more than 600 messages not wanted. He just returned from a short trip to Ireland and recommends a pub crawl—not like Zinck's, but fun. **Tip Newell** writes from Cuernavaca, where he has lived the past 35 years. Tip is involved as president and

other positions of charitable organizations such as an animal shelter, the Episcopal Church, and a local Salvation Orphanage.

**Dave Nimick** writes that there is no news from him—the '46er who (barely) graduated in June '45—other than that he is going pretty strong, debating whether to strap on downhill skis at Alta, UT, after a two-year hiatus from the slopes. Be careful of the others on the slopes, Dave, and enjoy yourself. **Peter Lantos**, PhD '50, recalls that Chemical Engineering dean **Dusty Rhodes**, PhD '14, graded papers by giving two grades: one for technical content and the other for presentation (English, grammar, graphics, etc.). Then the two were multiplied for the ultimate grade. Consequently, a "tech" grade of 90 and a presentation grade of 90 resulted in an ultimate grade of 81. Two 80s brought one a grade of 64. Lots of Chem Es transferred, or worse, but Peter claims that in industry this worked to his advantage since it taught him to write decent reports that were acknowledged by his supervisors.

**George Rautenberg** wrote of his association with **Cush**, whom he knew from when they were both EEs and lived on the same floor in McFadden. George had a grand single, which he guesses must be a quad now: number 322. Cush had a straight man with him whose first name was George, who attended prep school with Cush, and they intimidated our George, a kid from a public high school in Brockton, MA. He says that's probably why he "busted out of the E-school," which was the best thing that could have happened to him. **Bill Rothfuss** broke his hip last March. It's mended, but he's still "waddling like a duck." His sad news was that he had recently learned that his Psi U roommate **Roger Booze '44**, BA '47, captain of the Cornell basketball team, died in spring 2007.

**Frank Swingle**, MME '49, says that he and **Mary (Appel) '49** are still enjoying sailing, and that Mary plays bridge each week with **Joan Blaikie** Horwath. **John Updegrove's** pulmonary condition keeps his activity in low gear, but he did get to Ithaca to see Cornell beat Bucknell (his wife's alma mater) and to see that the Class of '45 steps at the Plantations are still evident. He will be in Ft. Myers Beach for the winter and is in the phone book, welcoming calls from anyone who is there. **Mary Wright** reports from Cooperstown, where the bicentennial celebration and hosting of Baseball Hall of Fame inductees Cal Ripken and Tony Gwynn swelled the 2,000 population to 75,000. Mary is an active volunteer for the Fly Creek Cider Mill, Bassett Healthcare, the NYS Historical Association, and the Cornell Women's Club of Batavia, and columnist for Hotel classes 1944-46.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to George Rautenberg on the death of his wife Ruth, a loyal '45 Reunion attendee; to Joyce Shepard on the death of her husband, our classmate **David Shepard**; and to **Marjorie Ratliff** White, whose husband passed away last January. **Maxine Morse**, maxine.morse@comcast.net; and **Tod Knowles**, Todknowles24@comcast.net.

**46** **Raymond Hunicke** (Roxbury, CT; rhunicke294@earthlink.net) is a role model that classmates should strive to emulate. He sends in Class Notes material annually, plus fillers seasonally. Ray's latest piece reported on his and Barbara's September 2007 visit to the UK with the New England Air Museum group. After a full week's participation in

exhilarating aviation events, he felt a little light-headed on the approach to New York in a British Airways 747. Denyse Roden, a fellow NEAM junkie and a nurse, discovered his pulse was 28-30 and demanded he receive immediate medical attention. Shortly, Ray was taken by ambulance to Jamaica Hospital, then to Mount Sinai Hospital. He had endured a serious heart attack without pain or other symptoms. Ray lauds his treatment at Mount Sinai, where he received a stent, followed by a temporary then a permanent pacemaker.

Says Ray, "Overall, I now FEEL GREAT. Still a bit weak and restricted from heavy work, but that soon will pass." Ray and Barbara's year-end card also was GREAT. Their news to friends about our 60th Reunion and their 59th anniversary and of their progeny ended with a remarkable prayer for those in harm's way. "May faith, hope, and love light freedom's path for all mankind / With goodwill to all." The letters of the last few words were formed with symbols of all the great Eastern and Western religions and creeds. Ray would love to hear from classmate **Hank Harper**. When space permits, we'll publish another chapter of Ray's Mooney plane adventures.

Rev. **Donald Beers**, BME '45 (Belvidere, NJ; padresbiretta@walmart.com), after retirement from the Episcopal Church, served for another year as executive assistant to the Bishop for the Armed Forces. Now he is chaplain at a nearby rest home and volunteers at a local church. Don and Teresa have recently returned from a pilgrimage to Virginia to visit their great-granddaughter. Don would be pleased to hear from Cornellians **Bob Bennett**, BME '45, and **Bill Barr**, BME '45.

**Bob Nist** (Trinity, FL; bobnist@msn.com) has a new "day job": traveling back and forth to doctors' offices. After hours, he plays bridge, does water aerobics, and watches TV. Still, he confesses he volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, AARP, and the United Way's Taxwise Program. Most importantly, he's nursing Ruth back to health. She's come a long way back from the effects of an erroneous prescription. Bob fondly remembers the Navy program, Bailey Hall shows, the library chimes, and the beautiful expanse of landscape and open space instead of the present clutter. He'd most like to hear from **Mac Adams**, PhD '53, **A. J. Grega '48**, and **Robert J. Robertson**.

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As I write, it's Christmastime, the most wonderful time of the year. However, I'm too blue to appreciate it this year as Phil was put on hospice care on October 23. I'm having a difficult time with "I'll Be Home for Christmas." I'm just hoping he'll be back in our Phoebe Health Center by then. I knew it was hard to lose your spouse, but I never knew it was this hard. I'm so sorry that I wasn't more compassionate for all of you who went before.

This will be a short article as I'm awaiting more news from you over the holidays. I heard from **Mavis Gillette Sand**, BS HE '45 (East Aurora, NY) in late October. "It was so nice to have several '46ers write in sympathy after Sandy's passing." **Sandy** was '45, BS '47, PhD '55. **Jean Krumwiede** Boek (Washington, DC) sent a card from the Int'l Graduate U. listing her as dean of the College of Democracy located on D St. SE.

**Merle Plockie** Levine, BA '44 (East Marion, NY) graduated from Cornell in two years, so maybe you don't remember her. She wrote, "I'm busy volunteering as president of Community Action of Southold Town, which provides food, clothing, heat, referrals, and computer training to the needy, and secretary of the Anti-Bias Task Force." **Sylvia Mayer** Helbert Paul (Williamsville, NY) wrote that she bought a nine-foot one-person canoe that she could slide into her van to have fun on the local creeks. **Barbara Warden** Ihrig (Madison, TN) spent a week at Wynham Resort in Lake Lure, NC, where she also visited the Biltmore Estate in Asheville. She also did some remodeling at her home this past year. She'd like to hear from **Betty Garnsey** Gilbert '47, BS HE '46. ☐ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

**47** As I look out my window it is snowing, the wind is blowing, and I can recall, off campus, the larger-than-life beautiful colored snow elephant and the big, brown bear—still our mascot. Although it is winter now, my daffodils are about an inch high. This is not unusual as it occurs every year at this time. If you have any gardening questions, contact your Cornell Extension Service in the tri-state area, or your Extension Service in your home area.

I received a newsy letter from **Jay Graber**. He and wife Anita were unable to attend our 60th Reunion as his granddaughter was graduating from high school. She is now attending Smith. He keeps in touch with many of his fraternity brothers, one

of whom was **Jay Monroe**, BA '46. Unfortunately, Jay passed away in 2007 and there was a big article and picture of him in the *New York Times*, as he was the inventor of the Tensor lamp.

**Stan '45**, **BS Hotel '48**, and **Jeanette Knight Johnson** are keeping busy playing golf and bridge and are active in the Jacksonville, FL, Cornell Club. **Jerome Hausman**, BA '46, Evanston, IL, is happily retired, but still teaching, and is a visiting lecturer. **Norbert Burlis** tells us that he is retired and is an avid bridge player. **Arlene Winard** Lungen retired from teaching fourth grade in Ellenville, NY, and moved to Israel. She returns annually to the US to see family and friends. Between planes at Newark she was able to reunite with former roommates **Henrietta Pantel** Hillman, BS Ag '49, and **Serena Ginsberg Hoffman**, MA '48, and husband **Sig '44**, MFS '48.

I'm happy to report that **Arlie Williamson** Anderson is doing very well. We have had several interesting phone conversations. She told me that at one time she was unable to talk.

I know that you're out there, so send news. Most of us have traveled hither and yon. We surely are peripatetic alumni. If you have no recent news, how about reminiscing about the good old days or certain nostalgic events during your time at Cornell? Write or e-mail me: ☐ **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; e-mail, iralandsyl@optonline.net; **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

**48** **Sidney Law**, Ormond Beach, FL: "I'm caregiver for my wife **BJ (Wright) '49**, who had a severe stroke in October 2006 (Friday the 13th). Fondlest memory is meeting her at Cornell. She claims that WWII happened so that she could grow up to meet me (I spent four years in the Army Air Corps and she is five years younger). I'm living in the Pines Retirement Community with no transportation of my own! Last thing I remember is skipping lunch (they call it dinner here). The doctor says I weigh too much, but it looks like he weighs as much as I do. Would rather be vacationing in New England or visiting the seven members of our family who live in Europe (two in Holland, two in Germany, three in Finland). Our fourth great-grandchild was born in Finland to grandson Jim and wife Helena, who live and work near Helsinki. We're presently recovering from Chapter 7 bankruptcy, trying to scratch up some bread to attend the 60th Reunion. Solution is to stop eating and live in a tent. The world's most pressing problem is keeping Congress away from the Social Security Trust Fund and keeping H. Clinton out of the White House! Solution is a lockbox for the trust funds."

**Murray Heimberg**, MNS '49, Memphis, TN: "Although retired, I work part-time in endocrinology and metabolism with two clinics per week, and try to keep up with research in my field (lipid metabolism). Do gardening, reading, and exercise. Best remember the beautiful campus, good friends, and being young. I hope to be able, with luck and good health, to continue my present activities. Life is a continuum of learning!" **John Vance**, Peterborough, NH: "President of ConVal, a community scholarship foundation for disadvantaged high school students. After hours I do fundraising. Would rather be attending a CAU course with Isaac Kramnick. Overpopulation is a world problem."

**Royal Douglass**, Lebanon, OH: "I read, watch TV, and sleep. Went to the 'New Boston Fair' in

Springfield, OH. Last remember placing a plaque on our dog Pepe's grave. Would rather be walking. Busy getting involved with retirement activities. Trying to get back on my feet, regain strength. Today's problem is worldwide killing. Life is all about being helpful and to love and respect your family." **Prentice Troup**, Wolfeboro, NH: "My fondest memory goes back to 1942. I was riding on the back fender of Jim Strong's Indian motorcycle carrying two golf bags on the way to the golf course. Recently cruised the Chesapeake Bay for a week. Grandson just completed boot camp at Parris Island. Semper Fi! People today don't read or care about history. I don't believe there is global warming—the panic is unnecessary."

**Charlie Elbert**, West Paterson, NJ: "Moved from Clifton house to condo. [No more raking leaves, Charlie.] Emptying boxes, trying to fit everything in, designing clothes hanging/storage/laundry room cabinet arrangements and garage storage facilities. Best memory was the start of EE classes when Prof. Strong said, 'Look to the person on your right. One of you will probably not be here for graduation.' Took Sicily trip with wife Maryiris, daughter, and her husband. Suggest pre-emptive strikes at terrorist facilities and their sources of funding. The general public seems to be complacent re: terrorism activities. Life: The best of times is now!" **Art Behrer**, New Bern, NC: "Golf, duplicate bridge, fishing (sometimes), reading, yard work, and civic organization work (member of the New Bern Civitans). Where are my surviving fraternity brothers? [Ed: Art, see letter I sent to you regarding '48.] Today's problem: finding fuel and peace. Don't know the solution."

**Audrey Werkman** Bloch, NYC: "My husband died. I have the best job ever at the HOPE program, helping people in poverty get back on their feet. Still skiing, tennis, and golf. Not sure why I'm filling out this News Form—guess as we age we like to connect with our past." **Lucy Groh**, Anchorage, AK: "Just enjoying life every day!" **Jean MacKellar** Mortensen, BS Nurs '49, Beacon, NY: "Square dancing, choir, volunteer ambulance corps." **William Seymour Jr.**, Hillsdale, NY: "Travel with wife Helen to visit family in Colorado Springs around Thanksgiving. Also travel with 'Young at Hearts' senior group on day trips out of our NYS area. Still gardening, keeping honeybees, and attending family and high school reunions." **Phyllis Flyer** Kavett, Union, NJ, will be at our 60th Reunion.

**Frank Rosenfelt**, LLB '50, Los Angeles, CA, died on August 2, 2007. He was president and CEO of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer since 1973 and a faithful duespayer, but he was too busy making films and expanding MGM into hotels and gambling to find time to send in news for this column. One of his greatest triumphs was acquiring the movie rights to *Doctor Zhivago* (1965) by Boris Pasternak from Carlo Ponti, the producer who had owned them. He was given the Purple Heart for a wound received in the Battle of the Bulge. His complete obituary appeared in the August 9, 2007 *New York Times* and is partly quoted above. ☐ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

**49** Are you a '49 Cornell co-ed living in or near NYC? A spring luncheon is in the works. **Faith Goldberg** Hailparn wrote that "four classmates met for lunch in NYC. It took just about as much planning as the invasion of Normandy, but we had a delightful afternoon, catching up

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and exchanging reminiscences. We plan to do it again in the spring and extend an invitation to others in the area. Present were **Dot Dashefsky** Fast, **Marian Rubin** Cohen, **Arlene Whitman** Ross, and myself. **Marcie Shlansky** Livingston couldn't make it at the last minute and had to cancel." Give Faith a call at (516) 223-3020.

**Paul and Priscilla Bassett Bretschger** live in Williamsville, NY. She spends her time taking care of Paul, golfing, gardening, and enjoying the grandchildren. Their youngest grandson went to China last summer. Lately it's been a lot of patching, patching, patching. Priscilla would rather be teaching, traveling, and counseling dyslexics. They both remember good friends from Cornell and having their first son in Tompkins Memorial Hospital a week before it closed!

**John R. Jones** is caring for his invalid wife and, like Priscilla, enjoys golf, gardening, and the grandchildren. **Donald**, BA '48, and **Ruth Horvit Singer '58** winter in Boca Raton, FL, and would like to hear from other Cornellians there. Donald is a clinical professor of medicine at the U. of Illinois, Chicago. He has been researching the determinants of healthy longevity and long-term survival from heart failure. His extracurricular activities are stamp collecting, reading, attending the theater, and volunteer work. He remembers impressive government lectures by Prof. Mario Einaudi.

**Wadsworth Stone** is a project engineer in combustion installations—burners, boilers, and control and pumping systems. He took a trip to New Zealand last spring for his grandson's college graduation and toured the country for two weeks. Also a golfer, he enjoys flying and sports. **Leonard Abraham**, PhD '53, is retired in western Massachusetts. He sings in the church choir, but is now a bass, as his range has dropped with age. He is still active in dog clubs—and mowing his lawn! Fond Cornell memories are of the track team and SAE fraternity brothers.

The news is dwindling—love to hear from you! Look for the annual class News and Dues mailing coming soon. ☐ **Mary Heisler** Allison, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203.

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For the second year in a row, you'll recall, the Class of 1950 is holding TWO class dinners.

The first was in Philadelphia in February during the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO). The second will take place in New York on Friday, May 2, at the Cornell Club, 6 East 44th Street. Manhattan is lovely in May: come see a Broadway show, hang out in the museums, go shopping! To make a reservation for the dinner, write a check to **Stan Rodwin**—our vice president in charge of events—for \$85 each and send it to Stan at P.O. Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. If you have any questions, you can phone Stan at (585) 889-3180 or e-mail him at rodpkg@frontiernet.net. Last year's New York dinner, the first we've held in the spring instead of the winter, drew more classmates—48—than we've ever had at one of these dinners.

**Marjorie Leigh** Hart, B Chem E '51 (New York City; marj.hart@verizon.net) and **John Laibe**, BME '51 (Greenwich, CT; johnlaibe@msn.com) both had decades-long careers as executives with what is now ExxonMobil, and both started at the Esso complex in New Jersey. "I still remember the scene when 'Margie Leigh, Girl Chem E,' was working in

the Bayway refinery," John writes, "climbing around the equipment, inspiring the salty old operators with her insights and suggestions. And when she required some privacy, one of them would stand athwart the lavatory door with his burly arms folded across his chest and proudly announce, 'Margie's in there!' She was the Joan of Arc in a hardhat on her way to great accomplishments in her brilliant career, and they loved her. Our professional paths never crossed after that. Marjorie was with the more elite chemical engineers, while I was in the ranks of builders and inspectors with my BME." Both Marjorie and John served stints overseas with Exxon, Marjorie in Tokyo and London, and John in Latin America and Hong Kong.

**Earl MacArthur**, EdD '71 (Morristown, NY; JMacart234@aol.com) taught school and was director of continuing education at SUNY Delhi. Back at Cornell, Earl earned his EdD in educational administration. Then, for 20 years, from 1972 to 1993, Earl was president of SUNY Canton College. "It's not only amazing, but just great," Earl says, "to be 80 years old without any major disability, and also able to play golf with both sons and three grandsons." **Ollie Myslichuk** McNamara (La Jolla, CA; olliemc@earthlink.net) had a 50-year career in the world of fashion retailing. During the 1950s and early 1960s, Ollie was a buyer for Saks Fifth Avenue, based in New York City and buying for all 20 Saks stores across the country. At the time, I often saw Ollie—I worked across the street in Rockefeller Center at the old weekly *Life* magazine and would encounter her as I wandered through Saks on my lunch hour. For 24 years, from 1976 to 2000, Ollie and her husband owned and operated four high-fashion stores, called *Capriccio*, in Phoenix and Scottsdale, AZ, and two in La Jolla. Ollie has now written a book about her experiences, *Fashion Diva*, published by Silver Threads, San Diego. "The book is the story of my life, loves, and lessons," Ollie writes.

**John Lunt** is a retired physician and rancher living in Saratoga, WY. He is a board member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust. "We work to conserve the ranches and ranchers," John explains, "who are the key to maintaining Wyoming's open working landscapes that belong to the generations, not the developers." **Mary Saxton** Crittenden (Palo Alto, CA; marycritt@aol.com) raised a son and two daughters and in 1977 earned a PhD in clinical psychology. For more than 30 years she was a pediatric psychologist at UC San Francisco. Mary's research has concerned children undergoing bone-marrow transplants. **Dick Silver**, MD '53 (rtsilve@med.cornell.edu) reports, "I just gave a plenary address at an international meeting in Bergamo on polycythemia, a disease of too many red cells in the blood." Dick is professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medical Center, where he is director of the Leukemia and Myeloproliferative Diseases Center.

Retired architect **Gardner Ertman** has recently moved to Lexington, MA. Hotelman **William Farrar** was general manager of the Keewaydin Club in Naples, FL, and now lives in Sun City, AZ. Fellow Hotel school graduate **Dave Brooke** (Rochester, NY; davebrooke29@msn.com) writes, "I'm a happily retired fast-food franchisee and kitchen slave to several very nice Burger King and independent food-service establishments. I now usually lose in cards, checkers, Monopoly, and all athletic events to three young grandchildren in Grass Valley, CA, and three in Basel, Switzerland." Chemical engineer **Harold Mason** (Carson City, NV; Ripcheep2@earthlink.net) earned a PhD from the U. of Wisconsin in

1955 and became research manager with Chevron Research in Richmond, CA. **Bill Brockway** (Hagerstown, MD; billb51949@aol.com) has his degree from Arts and Sciences in chemistry, but he "worked mainly in chemical engineering for explosives and acid manufacturers, including DuPont." Bill holds four patents for explosive devices.

**Sonia Pressman** Fuentes (Sarasota, FL; spfuentes@comcast.net) reports, "I am self-employed as a writer and public speaker, but retired from the practice of law." Sonia and her family came to this country from Nazi Germany in the 1930s. She earned her LLB from the U. of Miami in 1957 and was an attorney with several government agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Sonia was very involved with the founding of the National Organization for Women. Currently she serves on the advisory committee of the Veteran Feminists of America. "I am working on a VFA program set for this spring in New York to honor feminist lawyers of the 1960s and 1970s (including myself) who fought for women's rights." **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54** is scheduled to be one of the speakers.

**Bill Atkinson** (Weston, MA; WAtkinson@compuserve.com) has posted online (www.atkinsoph.com/atk/saipan.htm) the logs that he wrote in 1945 during WWII, when he was a 20-year-old radar navigator on a B-29 bomber based in the Mariana Islands. Bill flew 14 missions that bombed Tokyo and other targets in Japan and, after V-J Day, several more missions to drop supplies to prisoners of war. At Cornell Bill studied mechanical engineering and then spent his career designing power plants. He currently has "a small part-time job for the New York State Power Authority: some FORTRAN programming for spillway gate control." Bill is also a notable rock climber and mountaineer. He is featured in the cover story of the July/August 2007 issue of *AMC Outdoors*, the magazine of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

**Janet Clark** Jensen '48 writes to tell us that her brother **Davidson Clark** died last July. Davidson managed to attend his own memorial gathering. He told his son and three daughters that after his death he wanted them to make a memorial visit to Hawaii together to enjoy what he and their mother, **Sally (Andrews) '52**, had enjoyed there over the years. His children persuaded him that they would prefer to celebrate his life while he was still alive. So accordingly, Davidson organized a two-week "Davidson Clark Memorial Holiday Vacation" for the family group in Hawaii in March 2001. A chemical engineer, Davidson worked for General Electric and Hitachi Magnetics and was president of Hitachi Magna-Lock Corp. in Big Rapids, MI. ☐ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoier@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

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**Stanford Taylor**, '50, BChem '51, who spent four years with the Class of '50 and then a fifth to graduate with a degree in Chemical Engineering, has, with wife Jo Ann, given \$4 million to name the chair of the Sage School of Philosophy.

If you have an interest in being a member of our Class Council, please contact Susan Doney at shd2@cornell.edu. Our bylaws limit council membership to 50 and we're down by 2. Susan passed along the sad news that **William Reynolds**, MBA '55, survived a career with Merrill Lynch, but lost

his battle with Parkinson's disease in Silver Spring, MD, on November 18.

**Carol Buckley** Swiss, Shrewsbury, MA, writes that **Mary Alice Newhall Mathews '52**, MD '56, suffered a severe health setback last spring. "An overwhelming infection has left her strength depleted and deprived her of sight. (She was diving in Sipidan in Borneo as recently as 2006—underwater photography has been her hobby for many years.) Her sense of humor has survived and her spirits are good. She would welcome greetings from Cornellians at: Kendall Jones, 767 Commonwealth Ave., Newton Centre, MA 02459-0006." Carol brags about the nearby Worcester Art Museum, **Gordon Lankton '53's** just-opened Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA, and Assumption College's outstanding Learning in Retirement programs. These, she says, have kept her busy and happy for ten years. "I was even happier to get to Alaska this summer. Happiest of all to be healthy!"

**F. P. B. Fritz Thornton** has retired from three CEO jobs at conservation corporations, but is still active as board member. "Our efforts to show how beneficial stopping pollution and irresponsible development can be to improving neighborhoods seem to be slowly absorbed and acted on by the involved population." The US Fish & Wildlife Service at Heinz and other wildlife reservations honored him with a 15-year service certificate, and Haverford School elected him to their Athletic Hall of Fame. Family—eight kids and 13 grandchildren—living all over the US keeps him and wife Olga busy. Fritz works out three days a week "batting old age, bad knees, and post-polio syndrome." He sees **Dave Maroney** from time to time and travels through **Bill Kay's** Drexelbrook Development, but sees him more in Ithaca than in Drexel Hill, PA.

**Henry, JD '52**, and **Phyllis Fein Bobrow**, Stamford, CT, report that three years of apartment living have proved to be much easier than managing a big house. Son **Richard '79** and family (four grandchildren) live close by. Daughter **Joanne Bobrow Schoelkopf '76** and family (two granddaughters, "exceptionally gifted singers") live in Winter Park, FL. Henry is still practicing law. Phyllis does some volunteer work and enjoys her book club. She sees **Shelley Epstein Akabas**, talks to **Fran Goldberg Myers** on the phone, and sees sister and brother-in-law **Burt**, DVM '55, and **Lucy Fein Saunders '54** of Nyack, NY, often, as well as **Jacqueline Klarnett Freedman '53**.

**Maurice W. "Bill" Perreault**, Richmond, VA, is developing family archives on six generations reaching back to France. Since his recent move from Hedgesville, WV, he is immersed in Virginia history. As a retired Navy captain he remains interested in world military events. His daughter is an EPA specialist in Denver, CO. Bill taught in the School of Architecture at Cornell from 1957-61. He resigned his post in 1961 to become head of the Dept. of Education, Member Services Division, of the American Inst. of Architects.

**John B. Henry**, Skaneateles, NY, retired in 2005 as emeritus distinguished service professor at SUNY Upstate Medical U., past president (1985-92), professor of pathology, and director of clinical pathology at Upstate after 50 years in academic medicine—including dean of Georgetown U. Medical School (1979-84). He has been married to Georgette for 54 years and they have six children (including two Cornellians): **Julie Henry '81**; **Paul Henry '93**; T. David Henry SJ at Westin Theology in Boston; Bill, working for the government; Maureen Mayer, an RN in Northern Virginia; and John Jr., an RN and MBA. They also have nine grand-

children. Third-generation granddaughter **Caroline Paganussi** (daughter of Julie) is Class of '11 in the Arts college. Doctors **Saul Milles '52**, **Richard Glavin**, and **David Murray '52** are retired and enjoyed the fall 50th Rochester MD reunion. David is a faculty colleague, SUNY distinguished service professor, and renowned orthopedic surgeon.

**Constantine James Poolos, MS '51**, practices medicine at the Medical Center Clinic, Greenville, PA, and attended three alumni university courses this past summer: *Inventing Christianity: The First Six Centuries* taught by Scott C. MacDonald, the CAU Personal Trainer Clinic by Thomas K. Howley and staff of the Friedman Strength and Conditioning Center, and *The Good War* by David Silbey and Joel Silbey. **Howard** and **Caroline Baigell Krasnow '50** attended the WWII course along with **Bob Nelson** and son **Eric '82** while wife **Joanne Clark Nelson '57** did the Personal Trainer course. Harking back to the summer of 2006, **Anthony Ferrari**, **William Field**, MBA '53, **John '50** and **Jane Haskins Marcham**, **Jim** and **Patricia Gunderson Stocker '53**, and **Chuck Mund** all sat in on the PreReunion: Personality, Politics course. Please send your news to: ☐ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond101@suddenlink.net](mailto:bbond101@suddenlink.net).

**52** An e-mail from our class president **Paul Blanchard** extolled Homecoming weekend last October. Our class had tickets for classes '50 to '55. There was dinner at the Lab of Ornithology, good people, ex-pres **Tom Foulkes** at the piano, people singing. Cornell beat Colgate. Paul closed, "It was a great day, and I would encourage others to give it a try in the future." Make a note.

Another e-mail, from **Gayle Raymond Kennedy** ([gmk31@cox.net](mailto:gmk31@cox.net)), was sad. You may recall from an earlier column that **Mary Alice Newhall Mathews, MD '56**, sounded pretty glib about falling from her roof while cleaning gutters. Gayle wrote that Mary Alice, whom she has known since nursery school, had developed strange symptoms, and then total blindness. The diagnosis was a systemic strep infection. It's been a long road for someone as active as Mary Alice. She can't read or receive e-mail, and I can't list phone numbers, but you can find hers at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>.

The last e-mails were from **Rich Davis**, who is running three corporations in California, and **Paul Herman** in Oregon, the net of which is that Paul and **Polly (Prine)**, our old webmasters, are our new webmasters. They need news—and can be much more current than I. They also need photos. Reach the Hermans at [phpdx@comcast.net](mailto:phpdx@comcast.net).

Now to news that came in with your dues in fall 2007. **William Teegarden**, Endwell, NY, stays busy with retirement activities. He enclosed a business card, which included many unusual things. **Robert Bull**, Temple, ME, writes that although retired from a university professorship and business consulting, he stays active working on hunger relief in Africa, childhood injury prevention through the Maine Safe Kids program (which he founded), and with "extensive gardening concentrating on experiments with American Indian heirloom vegetables, the conduction of hands-on programs for school children about their cultural heritage from American Indians, and property maintenance at our Maine homestead in a remote virgin forest." **Charlene Bailey Cox** has, after living 40 years in the Seattle area, moved to one of the Puget Sound Islands.

**William Hegenberger**, Groton Long Point, CT, is "enjoying retirement." He, too, stays busy sailing, kayaking, rowing, biking, and collecting and playing sheet music from the early 1900s to today. He spends April to October in Connecticut, with time out for three to four weeks with a son in Denmark. He winters in Florida. **Luis Montero-Pinillos**, Miami, FL, is self-employed—"finances." After-hours activities are world travel and high-yield finance. He has recently been trying to organize a foundation to assist veterans coming back from foreign wars. He enclosed photos of himself and the president of Seal & Serpent at a West Point reunion. I will send them on to our webmasters. **John Carpenter**, until June our class treasurer, wrote to say that he had retired July 31, 2007.

**Helen Santilli** (Littleton, CO; [hssantilli@comcast.net](mailto:hssantilli@comcast.net)) has really been on the move. For a year she and **Lyn Barber, PhD '69**, saw the world by bicycle. They have transitioned to trains with "the longest train trip in world: the Trans-Siberian across Russia; the longest straight stretch of track in the world: the Indian-Pacific across Australia; and most recently the newly engineered highest train in the world: Beijing to Lhasa." As do birders, she keeps a train list. It's up to 57, and includes the Lehigh Valley. **William Hodges** (Forest, VA; [whodges2@verizon.net](mailto:whodges2@verizon.net)) is also on the move. His new business, [GadgetManItems.com](http://GadgetManItems.com), sells imprinted promotional items to businesses. He says, "The website prices thousands of ideas." Apart from that, Bill sings in the Lynchburg College Choral Union, is a member of a writers group, is in charge of the restoration of a steam engine, tender, and caboose for the local Kiwanis Club, and is a member of the Summit Residential Community Residents' Council.

**Pat Dexter** Clark, Concord, MA, wrote that she had two new knees and two new lenses in her eyes. She and husband Cliff enjoyed living in Falmouth near the ocean, but it was time to sell their home and reduce possessions. They are now back in Concord in a "full care establishment" and are slowly settling in. Two of their three children are nearby, which helps. The oldest of their eight grandchildren will graduate from Cornell in '08. Pat keeps busy with friends, family, and handiwork, and helps take care of the library in their new home. **Monte** and **Harriette Scannell Morgan** are in Adamstown, MD ([morgmorgmorg@aol.com](mailto:morgmorgmorg@aol.com)). Harriet writes, "Downsized from a 4,400-sq.-ft. house in St. Louis, MO, to a 1,100-sq.-ft. cottage in a CCRC (continuing care retirement community). Wow! What a BIG adjustment." **Barton Hayward** (Sumter, SC; [haywardb@uscsumter.edu](mailto:haywardb@uscsumter.edu)) sent a business card that read Senior Lecturer, Division of Humanities, Social Science, and Education, USC. That's all he sent, except for a memory. You will find it, and others, on our Web page, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>. ☐ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, [joangaul@mac.com](mailto:joangaul@mac.com).

**53** Early returns from the reunion questionnaire you should have received last fall indicate that our Fab 55th will draw multitudes of the not really so terribly silent generation to the air-conditioned freshman dormitories far above Beebe's waters, beyond Balch, June 5-8. There will be music of the Fifties, fine dining (believe it) in some of the newer campus facilities, and, above all, the pleasure of the company of old and, very likely, new friends. The tents, as always, will be jumping,

but there is much more to reunion than the revels of yesteryear these days, and we hope lots of you will be there to see for yourself.

**Chuck West**, MBA '56 (Carolina Beach, NC) replied to our news and dues questions in the spirit of reunions past and to come. For best day at Cornell, he submitted, "Define best. A number of house party weekends were memorable, but . . . ?" Right. One's best might not be another's. For favorite reunion reminiscence: "Californiophile **Harry Hutton's** repatriation of the perennial Phi Tau quartet of **Dave Gatti**, **Fred Buhendorf**, **John Webster**, and **West**." And favorite Cornellian? "Whoever got the pumpkin on top of McGraw Tower."

Club, among other varied ventures. When we asked what's new, **Peter McDonough** (Durham, NH) replied succinctly, "Being 75." How true. That involves "dealing with the medical community—and having an excuse for my shoddy golf game." His all-time favorite Cornellian? "Can't remember." But he does think back—highly favorably—on a Cornell-sponsored Amsterdam-Budapest cruise in 1996.

Brain fitness is as important to us septuagenarians as any other form of conditioning. Crossword puzzles can help, we're told, but quite a few alums seek more from Mater. You can find instruction in just about any subject at Cornell's Adult University (CAU). The Good War? **Bill Gratz**, Jay

Daytona, and he can fly home over the congested motorways. Recent activities included chairing the Daytona Beach Symphony Society. **Robert Evans** is not lacking for activities. He chairs the town planning board and "Lest We Forget" committees, is town historian, and is church historian and treasurer. He balances all those civic duties with his own specialty business, Gardening Artistry.

**Joan Shaw** Taylor has retired from the scheduled world of teaching and now donates her skills to the auxiliary board of Samaritan Hospital in Troy, NY. She also does community work for Hawthorne Ridge, canes chair, attends plays and concerts, and is a dutiful spectator when her grands take to the field. Ah, yes, and when time permits, she travels. **Jason Pearl**, JD '56, and his wife are still practicing law, but have found time to see all seven continents and are planning a return trip to Asia this year to revisit China. The one thing Jason remembers most fondly from Cornell is "having Prof. **George Healey**, PhD '47, wake me up from the nap I was taking during the course of his final exam in English literature." Jessie and **Don McCobb**, MBA '55, took their first cruise with four other couples from San Francisco through the canal to Fort Lauderdale and had marvelous weather, food, and company. Don and Jessie reside in Naples, FL.

It was great to get a note from **Lee and Mary Fitzgerald Morton** '56. Golf and tennis occupy daylight hours, although Lee would rather be flying. They took an East Asian trip with CAU and rated it . . . fantastic! CAU has a reputation for doing superb trips. I went to China with them in 1981 and was glad I did it before the modernization got ramped up. They were still in their blues and Mao caps back then, a very different presentation than today.

**Steve Kraus** replaced his MD jacket for an artist's smock a few years ago and is totally immersed in the art world of Tennessee. He is president of the local artists' group, Tennessee Artists Association, and serves on a board endeavoring to create an after-school art program for underserved children. Latest trips did not involve horses, but covered the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia, Slovenia, and then over to the Italian cities of Venice, Naples, and Sorrento. **Walt Lewis**, MD '60, is working part-time in a healing clinic dealing mostly with terminal cancer patients who have basically had all the surgery, chemo, and radiation they can tolerate. With nutrition, exercise, and extensive counseling they often make good choices and recover—usually just partially, but they have had some great recoveries. Aside from the world of medicine Walt enjoys walking, swimming, and gardening on his mini-farm. That said, he would rather be bareboat sailing in either the Caribbean or the South Pacific. Walt recently visited his cousin **Linda Mitchell Davis** '53 at her cattle ranch in New Mexico.

**Robert Rodler** has retired and can now enjoy travel and golf with Carol while his son and his partner's son continue the landscape business their fathers started 50 years ago. Robert and Carol will also celebrate their 55 years of marriage in 2008—truly a banner year. Robert is another classmate who mentions the good times with his fraternity. Still actively involved in his company, J.G. Hartwig and Associates, makers of custom furniture and equipment for education, Joseph Hartwig loves what he is doing. Family, reading, and experimenting with science project development fill in the "after hours." Fond memories include working in the Clara Dickson kitchen with the rest of the kids.

A closing reminder of our 55th Reunion in 2009: save the dates, June 4-7. You have a year

## 'For a year Helen Santilli and Lyn Barber saw the world by bicycle. They have transitioned to trains.'

Joan Boffa Gaul '52

**Chuck Juran's** annual State of the Jurans message revealed that his parents had been married 81 years as the holiday season approached. That was the longest US marriage on record. Both were 103 years old. "It's better to wear out than rust out," says Chuck's dad, so Chuck obediently stays busy with things like playing softball twice a week year-round in Prescott, AZ. There is travel, too. For instance, he and spouse Carolyn spent Christmas Day 2006 at the Singapore Zoo. He says gasoline was \$9 a gallon in Istanbul last year. "Life is blessedly normal and uneventful (personally, not at the world level)," **Sheila Olsen** Chidester, MEd '54 (Madison, NJ) submits. Favorite Cornellian? "Donald Grant and the privilege of singing that unforgettable *St. Matthew Passion* as well as many other great works; and Robert Hall and the A Cappella Chorus—both the wonderful people and the introduction to the great works of choral literature." Best day at Cornell? "There were so many I can't isolate one." **Felice Bernstein** Burns's (NYC) favorite Cornellian is "**Brendan Burns** '09—my grandson!" Best day at Cornell? "Every day!"

There are some lame reasons to be excused from reunion, like a granddaughter's graduation or maybe even a wedding, but this one seems solid enough: **Erwin Geiger**, MBA '54, who transferred into Cornell to join us from the U. of Munich in our bright college years, pleads conflict. He earned a PhD in economics from the U. of Tuebingen, near Stuttgart, in 1958. So he will be receiving a Golden Doktorat in econ, with all due respect from some younger ones—like Horst Koehler, president of Germany and former head of the Int'l Monetary Fund, "who became a Tuebingen economics doc some years after me."

Retired senior economist for the California State Office of Economic Research **Raymond Borton** (Davis, CA) received a 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and its Alumni Association last fall in Ithaca. He is a former agricultural economist for the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture. He established California's first system to account for the numerous agricultural specialty crops grown in that state. In his student years, he was on the *Daily Sun* news board, as well as in Ag-Domecon, the Sage Choir, Komos Aeidein, and the Round-Up

Bruno, **Barbara Querze** Weinreich, MEd '54 (with **Josh** '82 and **Roberta Falloon Weinreich** '82) heard updates on WWII from **David Silbey** '90 and Joel Silbey in Ithaca last summer. **John** and **Lea Paxton Nixon** and **Bob Ashton** learned about Crusades, Jihad and such in the Holy Wars of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. **Bill Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59, took a short survey of the first six centuries of Christianity. Prof. **John B. Heiser**, PhD '81, reviewed the history of natural history for **Warren Levinson** and CAU classmates while Warren's spouse Barbara watched birds with **Charles Smith**, PhD '77, and others. **Charles Shelley** and **Joan Dalheim** Kosan were exposed to the ABCs of photography.

A close look at the July/August *Cornell Alumni Magazine* reveals that ten of last year's entering freshmen were grandchildren of '53. Five of them were third-generation, grandkids of **Pete Haswell**, **Maurice** and **Margaret Armstrong Grenoble**, **Jeanne Herron Linderman**, and **Kermit Morgan**. **Diane Fuller** Dallal's grandling, **Tenley Allen** '09, is of the fourth generation. Descendants of four '53 classmates skipped a generation, but grandchildren of **Russell Allenza**, **Rose Carpenter Gernon**, **Elaine Sneider** Savin, and **Mary Currie** Widger came home to Mater. The magazine did not report any children of '53 in the Class of 2010. ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** From the chaos of the Solstice Holidays to the Ides of March in one easy leap. I trust we have all made it and are looking forward to spring with all its new beginnings. Living in Sun City West, AZ, **Dick Bell** probably did not have to do much shoveling. Although retired, he is consulting on civil engineering and naval architecture projects. Golf must require some of the daylight hours—that is, when he is not working on becoming a substitute teacher in a mixed English/Spanish-speaking school. Secretly, Dick would prefer to be fishing on the Delaware just south of Hancock and dreaming of Cornell football games played in the snow to packed stands at Schoellkopf Field. On the opposite side of the country, **Ron Shapiro** lives in a fly-in community called Spring Green near

and a half to recall great memories and friends you'd love to see again. ☐ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net.

**55** **Joe Simon** is spearheading the effort to place **Guy Bedrossian**, MBA '56's name among those of the other outstanding '55 athletes in the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame. Guy was Cornell's starting fullback for four years and was captain of the team in 1954. Joe has already submitted his letter of nomination, and he urges Guy's friends and former teammates to support the petition by writing to Andy Noel, Director of Athletics, Teagle Hall, Campus Road, Ithaca, NY 14853. **Phil Harvey** journeyed to Ithaca recently for a Hall of Fame induction and a wrestling tournament. "It was fun seeing so many old friends with bad ears!" he reports. Several '55 classmates enjoyed Cornell's Adult University last summer, studying topics ranging from Christianity and World War II to Great Trials and Natural History. Attendees were **Leonard Bebhick**, **Jane Binder** Binkoff, **Bob Cowie**, MBA '57, **Ronald Ganeles**, **Elizabeth Hough** Masters, **Helen Sammet** Sauerhaft, and **Thomas Wright**, PhD '64.

**Samuel Kaplan**, professor and chairman of the Dept. of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the U. of Texas Medical School in Houston, has been elected a Fellow in the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science. **Dave Sheffield**, BArch '60, MRP '61, says he's "90 percent retired," with a couple of house design projects on "slow track." Dave is still making Nantucket baskets as presents for family, and he and **Allison (Hopkins) '56** enjoy having their daughter **Laura '84**, BFA '85, and son **Stephen '88**, BFA '89, and their families close by "for celebrations and vacations." **Rona Kass** Schneider is the author of *Stephen Parrish: The Etchings*, a recently published catalogue raisonné of the etchings of Stephen Parrish. Although his achievements were overshadowed by the reputation of his even more famous son Maxfield, Stephen Parrish "remains one of the finest of all 19th-century American artists" who "set a new technical standard for American etching." For further information, you can reach Rona at rschneiderprints@aol.com.

**Peter and Doris Wunsch Neilson** are enjoying their separate-but-equal hobbies. Doris loves to travel, and last year she and a friend took a tour to Israel. "I had talked to **Renie Adler** Hirsch, who lives in Israel, at several class reunions, and at the 50th I told her I was really going to come." Renie and her husband showed the visitors the local museums and sights in the Netanya area. "It was great to spend time with a Cornell friend and reminisce about our days in Home Ec!" says Doris. Besides activating the Israel Cornell Club, Renie has been studying Russian and art and continues her affiliation with Sar-El, an international volunteer organization. Doris's husband Peter is not much of a traveler, but has several hobbies that keep him busy. He works with the fire department, collects model farm machinery, and restores old military vehicles. **Debbie Golub** Leibowitz also traveled to Israel as part of the Florence Melton Inst., "and experienced war near-at-hand. We were not afraid, but proud of the Israeli defense forces." Debbie has written and edited a "Women's Seder Haggadah" for her congregation for the past six years, and "plans are now afoot to publish a permanent one."

**Carmen Longo** Jackson, MS '61, writes from Gaithersburg, MD, that she and Don are regular attendees at their two grandchildren's games, and

are enjoying these outings more comfortably since Carmen's total knee replacement has her "walking normally and with no pain." The Jacksons look forward every summer to a family trip to Edisto, SC. **Barbara Brott** Myers and husband Jerry stay active both in Orchard Park, NY, and Englewood, FL, spending six months in each place. "After giving up playing cello in the Orchard Park Symphony due to arthritis, I'm working on the Celtic harp and a mandolin (but haven't discovered a lot of talent!)," Barbara reports. She expects to visit **Mary Caryl Broadhead** Elmore, MA '58, in North Carolina this year, since illness prevented their planned visit in Florida. Another resident of the sunshine state is **Rosamund Wobber** Wendt, who moved to St. Petersburg in 2006. "I have become heavily involved with the Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College." ASPEC members, who range in age from 50 to 100, give lectures and run workshops and symposia on a wide variety of subjects.

A personal note: As one of three sisters (now, unfortunately, two), a mother of three daughters, and a grandmother of six girls, I paid scant attention to athletics. That is, until I met my husband Ed nearly ten years ago, and sports became a constant companion in my life! Ed's the basketball coach at East Hampton High School and holds the record for the most wins in any New York State public school, having just racked up his 700th victory in December. I'm very proud of his accomplishments and of the positive influence he's had on the lives of so many young men.

Our sympathy goes out to **Nancy Eisenberg Grabow**, whose husband **Richard '44** has passed away. Also to the family of **Marjorie Dretel** Loory, who died November 4 while attending a Kennedy Center concert with classmates **George**, LLB '57, and **Caryl Salomon Bernstein**. Losing old friends is tough, as we are all finding out. ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** We start this column by congratulating **Ernie Stern** and **Curt Reis** for their participation in creating Cornell's Adult University many years ago. This wonderful organization has sent many of us on great trips both in the United States and around the world, as well as providing classes in Ithaca that thousands have attended. As we note their anniversary, we want to mark this great addition to Cornell created by our classmates.

Speaking of the above two fellows, Gail and I had a wonderful time with them and part of Curt's family at Cornell's Trustee/Council Weekend last fall. Our friendship goes back a long way and it was a very special reunion with them. We also were happy to see **Ed** and **Lois Ullman Berkowitz '59**, Karen and **Richard Bulman**, MBA '57, and others. It was great fun.

Nice to hear from **Chuck Dorman** on the birth of their eighth grandchild. Chuck and Ruth, who live in Austin, TX, have been to Fiji and New Zealand, and had their first family reunion in 19 years. The Dormans have seen the **Richard Bargas** twice this past year. We're glad they are past their health problems. **Donald** and **Celia Kandel Goldman '57** live in Marina del Rey, CA. Don is retired and spends a lot of time mentoring executive directors of nonprofit organizations in Southern California. Married for 51 years, he has three children and five grandchildren. Also great hearing from **Ed Wolf**, who is chairman of the Phoenix Symphony.

**Al Devendorf**, Locust Valley, NY, is sorry he missed the 50th Reunion, but promises to be at the 55th. He volunteers at a free health clinic as well as on the board of the L.I. Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. His wife Bonnie is in real estate. A brief note came from **Bob** and **Mimi Hester Ridgley '57**, Camas, WA, with some new contact information. We heard from participants that his 50th anniversary party in Santa Fe in August was off the wall. Three days of parties and 20 Cornellians among the masses singing the old songs. We wish them another 50. Speaking of 50th, **Margo Lurie** Zimmerman, Chevy Chase, MD, took a three-week trip to Russia and was blown away by the art in St. Petersburg. They also celebrated the big anniversary by gathering her clan at their home in the Adirondack Mountains. **Jack Shirman**, Quechee, VT, also just returned from Russia on a river cruise.

**Marlene "Pete" Jensen** Eldridge, Darien, CT, graduated from Glen Ridge High School and there were six Cornellians in her class. Well, it seems that **Tom Dawson**, **Greg Hill**, and Pete went on a Caribbean cruise together. **Alan Gast**, MS '58, had to cancel at the last minute, but they had a fabulous time. **Joan Hoyland** Phaneuf lives in Viera, FL, and has been a retired educator for ten years. She and husband Joe have taken some lovely trips on this continent in the last years. **Bill** and **Jean Bufo Purdy** are both retired from their realty company and have seven children, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Jean takes care of her six horses from their home in Scotia, NY.

**Leland Mote**, Big Bear Lake, CA, has just bought 31 acres in Niagara County, NY, and planted Pinot Noir grapes. Known as Leland's Vineyard, they will be sold to Warm Lake Estates in Cambria. Another 50th anniversary was spent in Alaska by the whole family of **Mary Martin** Van Buren of Atlanta, GA. After 26 years as president of Shimer College in Waukegan, IL, **Don Moon** has retired and is teaching science courses part time. **Peter Thaler** of Los Angeles was happy to have a visit from **Norm**, MBA '60, and Sara Beth **Turkish** after Norm participated in the commemoration of the Battle of Midway.

Good for **Bernard Ross** of Atherton, CA, who refuses to retire from his job as a full-time engineer. I can't begin to tell you about all the countries he's been to in 2007. **Joel Hasen**, Chapel Hill, NC, raves about the ship *Deutschland* in regard to his recent trip to St. Petersburg. His next trip is to Spain. **Paula Johnson** Camp and her husband have relocated to an Erickson Retirement Center in Highlands Ranch, CO, after living for many years in Southern California. **Diane Newman** Fried, MEd '58, writes from her home in Stratford, CT, that she is teaching and taking courses in her area. Diane is treasurer of the League of Women Voters in Bridgeport and recently spent two weeks in Thailand. She'll be in Israel in the spring.

**Milton Lendl**, Delmont, PA, retired in 1993. He was intending to go to the Tournament of Roses Parade, where his daughter will be marching. It will also amount to a family reunion for him. Also retired is **Harold Grunert Jr.** of Rochester, NY. He just left his ob/gyn practice and is enjoying himself, especially when his four granddaughters are around. I know what he means!

Please keep your notes coming to Phyllis and me, and stay well. ☐ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

**57** My bi-monthly plea for news via e-mail: timely; easy to read; quick to send.

As some of us are slowing a bit, **Ed Staats** reports having won his age group—again—in a five-mile swim on St. Croix. He and Linda are readying for the triathlon season by getting their biking legs in shape. **Ted Engel**, MBA '58, MS '64, enjoys visiting his sons, scattered to various cities, and following his standard bred horses to the track. I'm told the losing ponies like to eat as much as the winners.

**Bob George** trades options via computer and is staying afloat, enjoying the five o'clock martini after a hard day's work. He and Sherry went on a Cornell-sponsored tour of Tuscany in November and hopefully escaped some of the winter weather in one of his favorite places, Maui. **Stefan Menger**, although retired, is an industrial consultant and continues to develop electronic products from his lab and shop at home. He also enjoys the piano and international folk dancing. As an unconfirmed bachelor, he is looking optimistically for the perfect mate. (Your humble correspondent is a step ahead of him; I am marrying Harriett Northcutt of Louisville in July, and she IS the perfect mate.)

**Ron Ramsden** has a new bride, Jackie (married in November '06). He has been retired from the Air Force for 21 years and has a novel assignment currently—training first-time homebuyers. He often visits his son and daughter-in-law in Belgium. **Myron Green** enjoys golfing, the theatre, and cruises, and is continuing his retirement avocation as president of the West Boca chapter of American Friends of the Mogen David organization (Israel's Red Cross). **Frederic Gerber**, mostly retired from his work as a radiologist, has been traveling fairly heavily recently. He has one of his fondest Cornell memories in the Literature course he took from Prof. Nabokov.

**Irwin Schlossberg**, another radiologist (still working at Columbia Presbyterian) has as one of his favorite memories having a few cold ones at Zinck's and the occasional bridge game. **Peter Cattano**, BA '63, owner and CEO of a pool company in Baldwin, NY, enjoys flying and golf, and confirmed the campus as still the most beautiful on a visit to Ithaca last September. One of his fondest memories is staying in shape by running up the Hill to his eight o'clock classes. On the other hand, **Bill Hoeschle** liked to sleep in and cut his eight o'clocks. He is currently building a giant rock garden and is looking forward to going to a number of Red Sox games this summer.

In his retirement, **Jay Eisenhart** has an interesting assignment—getting an old courthouse clock in a small West Virginia town running again. It is about 100 years old, has hands on all four sides and a bell that can be heard throughout most of the state, and is wound by two huge cranks once a week. What he misses about his Cornell days is the upstate New York weather. **Stanley Weissman**, DVM '57, director of an animal hospital near Scarsdale, enjoys reading military history, gardening, photography, and listening to classical music. He has a weekend home in Vermont and still longs for the free tuition days in the Ag and Vet colleges.

Again, please don't forget to e-mail when possible. It keeps the news flowing between dues calls. **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, [suitcase2@aol.com](mailto:suitcase2@aol.com).

A packet of News Forms from Alumni House arrived late last fall and I gave a sigh of relief to

find that a number of you sent responses. But don't forget that e-mail is always an option, too—and the news may be newer.

Although we're in our seventies, not everyone is retired. **Elinor Steinmann** Schradler is president of OR Manager Inc., a company that provides information on management of the surgical suite through a monthly publication and annual conferences. Ellie and her husband took an eight-day river trip on the Mekong River in Vietnam and Cambodia last year. They were able to visit Angkor Wat for the second time when the boat arrived at Diem Reap. Continuing with her writing and also doing corporate consulting is **Grace Wohlner Weinstein**. She and **Stephen '55**, BArch '57, traveled to Sweden and Norway last year with Grace's brother **Ellis Wohlner '61** and his wife. Ellis lives in Stockholm, so was able to plan a wonderful trip for the group.

A different type of consulting for **Mina Rieur** Weiner: she's a museum consultant and has just wrapped up a project as coordinating editor for a book on Edwin Howland Blashfield to be published by the Inst. of Classical Architecture and Classical America. A week before reunion **Christine Zeller** Lippman became a first-time grandmother with the birth of a grandson. Chris still has a "day job": assistant registrar at the Dwight School in Manhattan. When not working at a boutique in Cazenovia, **Winifred Edson** Greenberg can be found at Menorah Park helping the elderly residents, or at Camp Lookout, which provides activities for special children. She's one of many classmates who continue to enjoy skiing in the winter and playing golf in the summer.

Living in Exeter, NH, gives **Jane Graves** Derby an opportunity to do quite a bit of skiing. Jane

and Dennis celebrated their 50th anniversary at a surprise dinner given by their three children. The celebration continued with a Rhine River cruise. Jane is a member of the trustees of River Woods, a continuing care residential community, and enjoys bridge and golf for fun. Another golfer who can play year-round in Boca Raton, FL, is **Francine Hassol** Lifton. Fran and Harvey traveled to Hong Kong, Macao, China, and Japan last year.

Another Florida golfer is **Shirley Wagoner** Johnson, who moved into a new house in Lakeland. Two new grandchildren arrived last year, so Shirley has put some miles on the tires as she trekked to Atlanta and Washington to help the new moms. **Judy Tischler** Rogers gets to southern Florida when she visits one of her sons. Another son lives in Colorado, and the one who's farthest away is in Nagoya, Japan. When Judy isn't traveling or substitute teaching in the Crestline, CA, area, she volunteers as coordinator of the women's retreat at her church in Redlands. Keep the News Forms and e-mail coming. **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, [JCRauss@aol.com](mailto:JCRauss@aol.com).

**58** The Class now homes in on reunion in less than three months, and it should be even greater than usual. How many times do we have a 50th? Here's what **Jim Harper** has to say:

"This 50th Reunion of ours, June 5-8, 2008, will feature heavy doses of music, laughter, and love topped with a spoonful of erudition. All of us, as classmates and individuals, will supply the meat, which we call being there. Erudite moments will find us ringside at our class-sponsored debate that will address civil liberties and national

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security: can we have both, or does something have to give? We'll chat with selected faculty and students. And we'll have Creativity—our own Class Forum. So it's not just a four-day party (not that there's anything wrong with that). **Chuck Hunt** says we're on track to break all attendance records. Classmates from all over the country are calling in. Some have been back to reunion before. For others (and we hope there are many), this will be the first.

"Old-timers **Dick** and **Nancy Hoeft Eales '60** (ndeales@comcast.net) are coming. **Cartan Kraft** (cbkraft@verizon.net) is driving up from Baltimore to pick them up and go on to Ithaca. Last fall, the Ealeses were just back from India as they made their reunion plans, soon on their way to Borneo, bird watching. **Don Marden** (dhmarden@adelphia.net) has become a Superior Court judge, sitting in Augusta, ME. We expect Don and Ann at reunion, but Don is deliberating and we may not learn his decision until we see him on the Hill in June. **Johnny**, BS '61, and **Mary Pagnucco** (jpagnucco@visi.com) are in the same boat. Pags has become a wine enthusiast, and he's so good at it, he gets paid to do it. They need a flight from Minneapolis to Ithaca to Bordeaux.

"**Lee Jacquette** (jacquette@cox.net), who chaired our baby reunion in 1961, doesn't travel these days, but sends his blessings to reuniting classmates. **Lowry**, PhD '65, and **Barbara Center Mann** (lowry.mann@verizon.net) planned to visit St. Croix with their daughter and son-in-law this past January. Barbara's company is SpeechSolutions Inc., marketing Dragon NaturallySpeaking speech recognition software, installing systems, and training clients to speak to their computers. You can ask her. They too will be with us in June, as will **Duffy** and **Marilyn Bates Mathias** (duffy99@flash.net), whom the Manns saw at **Pete Stifel's** Eastern Shore reception in November.

"Also attending Reunion will be **Steve** and **Anita Wasserspring Yusem '60** (syusem@morris.clemm.com). Steve, who we hope is keeping a journal, has this month's best Cornell networking story. Steve has had fascinating careers in the Navy and the law, which is ongoing, and this, logically, led him back to Cornell, where today he teaches arbitration and mediation to law students. He does this on Mondays, seven times a semester. A couple of years ago, during a break, never idle, while perusing a bulletin board, Steve spotted a notice posted by the National U. of Mongolia Law School. Help wanted. Next stop? You guessed it. Who did Steve run into at the airport? Dick and Nancy Eales with their binoculars! (Just kidding.)

"We are psyched about getting everyone back to the Hill for our 50th. For answers to anything and to register, please contact our reunion co-chairs **Alan Goldman** (alangoldman@comcast.net), **Betty Anne Steer** Meritt (cell: (973) 214-5671 or e-mail: esm33@cornell.edu), **Gerry Linsner** (glinsner@netzero.net), or our co-presidents **Carol Boeckle** Welch (carolwelch@att.net) and **Chuck Hunt** (echunt@aol.com)."

Moving on to other News, here's what **Russ Taft** had to say last September: "Aloha, Dick. I just paid my dues via the Cornell website, just made my plane reservations to attend reunion, and thought I would say hello and pass along a quick update of this year's activities. Still singing and acting, having fun. Primary trip this year was to New Zealand, where the highlights were accomplishing the five-day Milford Track Hike, hiking on the Fox Glacier, and visiting a cultural Maori Village in Rotorua. The trip was topped off with a wonderful visit with

new friends who live in Auckland whom I met last year on the Blue Lagoon cruise in Fiji. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Ithaca next June."

**George Ubogy** reports a pleasurable event he had last fall (something you might like to do this spring, before or after reunion): "As an undergraduate, I would repeatedly share car rides from NYC to Ithaca, when Route 17 was still a looong two-lane road. The car would hang up behind 18 others following a laden truck up endless hills along the Beaver Kill, Willomewoc, and upper Delaware rivers, and I would think how enjoyable it would be to paddle down one someday (and probably make better time than the car was doing). Turns out that most of those waters are stocked with trout, have a road along the edge of the river, and are chockablock with fly fishermen who wouldn't appreciate canoes snagging their lines or scaring off the fish. But between Hale Eddy and Hancock, the west branch of the Delaware meanders away from the road and so, on a beautiful Sunday in late September, Prof. **Barry Strauss '74** and I fulfilled my 50-year ambition, paddling and drifting downriver. The foliage was lovely, and the only fishermen we disturbed were great blue herons. The river flowed moderately except at the take-out point, when it unfortunately narrowed and sped up, but we were able to spin the canoe around and drive it into an eddy near shore. A great day's outing and one I'm glad I finally made, while I still had it in me."

**Barbara Streicher** Magid and husband Len are travelers too, visiting Croatia and neighboring countries last May, Peru and the Galapagos last December, and China this spring with **Robbie Arvine** Fishman. Barbara hoped to retire from teaching chemistry in January. She especially remembers Prof. **Michell Sienko '43** (who most of us had in Baker 200) and also is trying to recall a fellow Chem major, "Helen, who went to work for Kodak . . ." That may be **Helen Roberts** Wendel, Barbara, and I hope you catch up with her on the Hill this June. **Robert Dunn** writes that he's "now the wise old counselor rather than the fearless young warrior, a better role at this time of life" in his part-time work as corporate counsel for Real Restaurants in Sausalito, CA. He greatly enjoyed an African safari last fall to Botswana and Namibia—three weeks in the bush, mostly tent camping.

**Joyce Halsey** Lindley plays domestic roles more than some, "as a grandmother to four young'uns and to one teen who lives with me in the Rochester area." Joyce says that she'd prefer to be biking in Italy and tries to get to Europe for that at least twice a year. She hopes to hear from **Dorothy Gibson** Bremner. Maybe in June, Joyce. We end with words from another "wise old counselor," **Meyer Gross**, still working as partner in his intellectual property law firm in NYC. When not singing with local groups he, too, has been traveling—recently to Tunisia, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Turkey (where he saw the Cornell dig at Sardis), and last October to Sicily. We hope you make it to Ithaca (NY, that is) in June, Meyer, along with many hundreds of your classmates. Til then. ☐ **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net. Class website, <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu> (for other news and events of the Class of '58).

Myanmar and Thailand—the latter in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, which are jumping-off places for visiting Myanmar hill tribes. It was his first trip to Myanmar—just a month ahead of the Buddhist and dissident demonstrations and violence—but, he says, "I had researched the country so extensively I knew exactly where I had to go." Stan notes that the people in Myanmar "are very devout Theravada Buddhists and revere their monks while having to obey a military junta that gives them very little personal freedom. I was able to visit with several monks and three of the country's notable comedians, 'The Moustache Brothers,' who give nightly performances from their garage in Mandalay—courageous people who had been jailed for seven years each but continue to poke humor at the generals." Following the summer violence, all three of the comedians, and most of the monks that Stan befriended, were missing. Stan will continue his studies of Asian cultures this coming July, when he'll be off to visit the Montagnards in Viet Nam.

Stan traveled by air between the major centers of Myanmar: Yangon, Taungyi, Bagan, and Mandalay. "The Myanmar airlines are, for the most part, owned by the junta, so there's some guilt on my part for putting much-needed cash in their pockets, but it was the only viable alternative. By contrast, my ethics class, at my urging, is studying how Chevron is pouring millions into the junta through their continued oil operations offshore and what pressures can be exerted on that company to stop."

For the past five years **Jim Wray** and his wife Deborah of Afton, VA, have been studying Peruvian shamanism. After Jim, a particle physicist, retired from the aerospace industry last June he joined Deborah's practice, ShamansDream Energy Medicine ([www.shamans-dream.com](http://www.shamans-dream.com)) in Charlottesville. The practice derives primarily from the Peruvian Q'ero tradition, supposedly dating back to Inca times. Writes Jim, "Psychologist and medical anthropologist Alberto Villoldo has translated this work for the development of 'Western shamans' and our studies have been principally with him." Both Jim and Deborah are graduates of Villoldo's Healing the Light Body School, where Deborah currently serves on the faculty. The new endeavor hasn't kept Jim—who led the Stumplifters Dixieland Band during our days on the Hill—from pursuing his music. He's working on a couple of jazz albums with collaborators in Los Angeles. As 2008 began he had a website under development, which you can check out at [www.yojimbojazzband.biz](http://www.yojimbojazzband.biz).

**Dave Trebour** of Richmond, VA, owner of six separate dealerships in central Virginia representing GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, and Suzuki, was honored by GM with an award as a 2006 Dealer of the Year (one of five Pontiac dealers nationally to receive the award). Though still active in the business, Dave finds plenty of time to enjoy his 80-foot motor yacht, the *Lolly*. He and his wife cruise the East Coast as well as the Bahamas and Caribbean. "Our spring is usually spent in the Bahamas (the Exuma Islands are a favorite destination) or the British Virgin Islands, and during August and September we travel north to Maine with stops in New York, Newport, Nantucket, and Boston."

'59ers who attended on-campus CAU programs last summer included **Ted Hammond**, who took the Sailing Clinic. **Martin Kroll**, with his wife Rita and son **Spencer '88**, took Great American Trials of the Twentieth Century. **Marjory Leshure** Marshall took Heavenly Matches, Earthly Delights: Wine and Food Preparation and Pairing. **Sara Peters** Michelin attended Inventing Christianity: The First Six

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This past summer, as part of his exploring unethical situations for his class at the U. of South Carolina, **Stan Lomax**, JD '62, spent six weeks in

Centuries. And Gerald and **Tamara Livingston** Weintraub attended Holy War, Crusade, and Jihad in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. ☐ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** Two classmates were honored recently with Outstanding Alumni Awards from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and profiled at length in the CALS Fall 2007 *News*. **Robert Tobin** is the retired president and CEO of Stop & Shop supermarkets, a New England chain that expanded significantly under his leadership. When he stepped down from that position in 1998, he was hired by Royal Dutch Ahold as president and CEO of Ahold USA and subsequently became the interim CEO of US Food Service, thus presumably setting some sort of industry record for the number of successive leadership positions. He is widely admired for his wisdom and his commitment to ethical behavior. Bob is also notable for his commitment to Cornell: he endowed the Robert G. Tobin Professorship in Marketing in CALS, chaired the advisory board to the Food Industry Management Program, and was honored in 1997 as a Foremost Benefactor of Cornell. He lives with his wife Audrey in Warren, CT, and has two daughters, **Tracy '90** and Kelly, and two grandchildren.

The other CALS Outstanding Alumnus is **John Lincoln**, the longtime president of the New York Farm Bureau, the largest grassroots membership organization in the state, and a well-known spokesperson for the agricultural industry. A partner in Linholm Dairy LLC, a registered Holstein dairy farm, John is also a member of the USDA Agriculture Trade Advisory Board and has participated in many trade negotiation trips abroad. He serves, too, as chairman of the New York Farm Viability Inst. and on Sen. Hillary Clinton's Agriculture Advisory Committee. John's commitment to Cornell includes participation in the CALS Dean's Advisory Council and the fact that all of his children are Cornell graduates: **Julie Lincoln Pellett '92**, **Christie Lincoln '94**, **David Lincoln '96**, and **Michael Lincoln '97**. He and his wife Anne live in Bloomfield.

From Holyoke, MA, the Rev. **J. Gollan "Gollie" Root** writes, "One of my retirement projects is writing an autobiography for my family, especially the next generations. I am currently working on the 'Cornell' chapter. During Frosh Orientation Week, I actually believed it when I was told that 'Give My Regards to Davy' came before 'Give My Regards to Broadway!' It's amazing what I am remembering and what I have forgotten." Gollie is also busy raising money to support the purchase of water filters in Honduras and, with wife Sue, busy planning travels to such places as Japan and Brazil, as well as visiting grandchildren in New Hampshire and California.

An early-arriving Christmas letter (I'm writing this in mid-December) brought me up to date on the busy lives of **Dan '58** and **Barbara Cyrus Martin**, who recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Barbara is

now president of the National Aphasia Association, which provides support to people with aphasia and works to increase public awareness of this condition—speech impairment typically caused by a stroke (movie star Kirk Douglas is one notable aphasic). She is pleased to report that the US Congress just designated June as Aphasia Awareness Month, which gave an important boost to the organization. Barbara also does volunteer work at Burke Rehab and the King Street Nursing Home. Dan continues teaching courses in international business at Pace U. and enjoys his consulting work, which took him to Singapore, Japan, Thailand, the Philippines, and China during 2007. His plans for 2008 include circumnavigation of Manhattan by bicycle and shank's mare, a 31-mile route that he has already completed by kayak. The Martins' three sons and nine grandchildren now live within easy driving range of their home in Hartsdale: Dan Jr. returned from a sojourn in Vermont to become the CEO of Twinings Tea America; **Alex '89** came back from several years in Milan, Italy, to take a leadership position with Intercept Pharmaceuticals in New York City; and **Chris '91**, MD '99, is a gastroenterologist at Phelps Hospital in Sleepy Hollow.

During **Julie Erb** Meyers's recent recuperation from knee surgery in Boston, your correspondent had a welcome opportunity to catch up with her. Julie's work as director of interior design at the architectural firm of Cesar Pelli normally keeps her busy in New Haven or traveling abroad to oversee projects in such places as Japan, so a period

of enforced inactivity is an unusual experience for her. Her daughter Molly is married to an attorney and works at Children's Hospital in Boston, and son **Duffy '85** is a computer specialist in San Francisco. Julie keeps in close touch with **Gretchen Zahn** Babarovic, **Dixie Palmer** Peaslee, and **Nancy Hoeft** Eales, and the group is planning a post-recuperation trip to Paris sometime during the spring of 2008. Keep the news coming! ☐ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** Have you ever wondered how much the hump of a healthy camel weighs? When I return from my Morocco Sahara Odyssey I'll share that information with you. We will spend three nights tented on the Sahara, hoping to meet the famed "Blue Men," the Tuaregs. They originated in Timbuktu, and their camel caravans still cross the sands of the Sahara.

**Charlie Hecht**, LLB '63, of NYC has built a studio with living quarters in Beijing. He will be working with art professors on joint glass structures and is sculptor-in-residence at the Art Institute in Beijing. His most recent show was at the Two Lines Gallery. This is a far cry from Charlie's present day job as a principal of a NYC law firm. **Winslow Davidson**, MS '62, of Georgetown, Guyana, is writing the second edition of his book *160 Years of Agricultural Education in Guyana* while tending a small orchard of papaws. He retired in 1993 as principal of the Guyana School of Agriculture.

## Top of the Heap

Dave Ahl '60, BEE '61

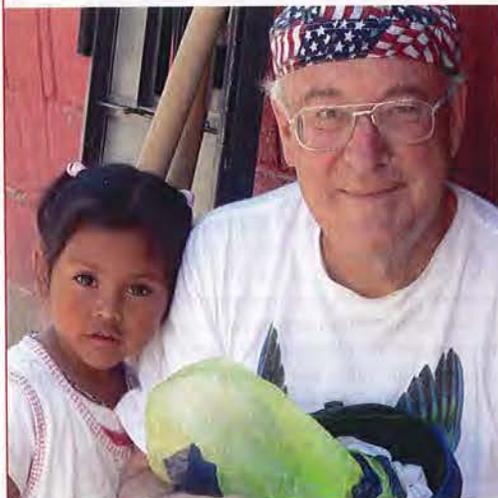
**O**verwhelming" is the word that comes to Dave Ahl's mind when describing his first visit to the Guatemala City garbage dump, where thousands of people try to scrounge a living from what others have thrown away. "You are totally overwhelmed by the stench, with the overhead flocks of vultures," he recalls. "It hits all of your senses." Even after his fourth visit, the Morristown,

New Jersey, retiree is still shocked by the sight of the dump's 11,000 residents who are "just waiting for the next truck to come in," hoping that it will bring something of value—food, clothing, or recyclables like cardboard, plastic, or metal.

With his wife, Betsy, and other members of a Wisconsin-based volunteer group called Potter's House, the former magazine publisher and investment analyst has strived to ameliorate the conditions at the dump and improve the lives of its residents. To prevent seepage of methane gas, Ahl has poured concrete floors in the dump's residential communities, many of which are made of corrugated iron and cardboard. He has also delivered food to numerous families and currently sponsors two eight-year-old children through a monthly stipend. "You

go down there," he says, "and you look at these kids, put your arms around them, and you want to take them all home."

— Sarah Singer '09 & Rebecca Brunner '09



L. **George Wilson** of Raleigh, NC, is a faculty member at North Carolina State U. He also serves as senior advisor for university relations and agricultural research for USAID. Asked what he would rather be doing, Dr. George answered, "I'm doing it." His fondest Cornell memory was as a member of the men's Glee Club, especially the Russia/London Christmas trip. He would like to hear from **Dale Goodrich '65**. **James Moore**, LLB '64, of Rochester, NY, was also a member of the Glee Club and went to Russia on a different Christmas trip. James is senior counsel with Harter, Secrest, and Emery. The *NYS Bar Journal* published his paper "Globalization and the Delivery of Legal Services." **Gordon Seward**, owner of Gor-Del Farms in Bergen, NY, still lives in the family home he was born in. Gordon

and his wife Delores just celebrated their 50th anniversary—congratulations! Gordon raises red and white Holsteins and features bull oxen for parades. His fondest memory of Cornell is the birth of his first child a year before graduation.

**Janet Ballantyne**, PhD '76, of Chevy Chase, MD, is group VP for ABT Associates, but on long weekends she is refurbishing a 19th-century cottage in Vermont. When asked what she has been doing recently she said, "Walking my dog." And what would she rather be doing? "Walking my dog." Lucky dog. Her fondest memory of Cornell was the mud slides at Monkey Run. **Jill Beckoff Nagy** is an attorney from Troy, NY. She concentrates on immigration. Jill celebrated her husband **George**, PhD '62's birthday with a family ski trip to Valle Nevado, Chile. **Ronald Levine**, JD '63, an attorney from Hyde Park, NY, became part of a three-generation Cornellian family last fall. His son **Michael '84** (Hotel) is the second generation, and granddaughter **Kimberly '11** entered Cornell last fall. Ronald remembers the football program and would like to hear from **Dick Shane '60**, PhD '66.

**Mary Ann Tower Rolland** and husband **Bill** restore historic homes in the Youngstown, NY, area. They just sold their seventh house in Niagara County and are looking for their next project. The Rollands are involved in numerous community and church services and traveled to Mississippi to help restore homes destroyed by Katrina. Her fondest memory of Cornell is their wedding in Anabel Taylor Chapel. Mary Ann would like to hear from her Chi Gamma sorority friends.

**Diane Baillet Meakem** asks if she and husband **Jack '58**, MBA '61, hold the record for belonging to the most Cornell Clubs. They have memberships in Connecticut, the Berkshires, and Southeastern Florida. Diane keeps up with their five children, four spouses, and 11 grandchildren. **Charlene Jackson Beck** writes from Voorhees, NJ, that she still does limited work as an event planner and golf tournament organizer. She enjoys choral singing, golf, and traveling. Charlene tells us that LIFE IS GOOD! She remembers the great people and stimulating atmosphere at Cornell. **John Trimpey** of Signal Mountain, TN, has retired from the U. of Tennessee, Chattanooga. He was coordinator and professor of humanities and international studies. His extracurricular activities include reading, woodworking, and duplicate

bridge. Dr. John serves on the vision task force for the town of Signal Mountain. He remembers Prof. **Fred Marcham**, PhD '26 from his days at Cornell and would like to hear from **Susan Pitcher Creek**.

**Diane Stewart** Suits of Manchester, NH, reports that she traveled around Ireland for two weeks. "Heavenly" was her description of the Emerald Isle. Slainte, Diane!

**Barbara Lester** Margolin and husband Arthur's home base of Crestwood, NY, allows them to spend half of each week at their vacation home in W. Dover, VT. They cruised the Hawaiian Islands and spent a week in London, another in Moscow, and a terrific weekend in Ithaca.

OK, about the camel. A camel's hump weighs 80 pounds and it consists of fat and flesh, not water. Thank you all for a great response to our plea for

news. Please keep it up! Be sure to check our website, <http://www.cornell61.org>. **Larry Wheeler** does a great job for us. Send news to: **Joanna McCully**, [joannacelticlady@aol.com](mailto:joannacelticlady@aol.com); or **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net).

**62** Our newest classmate to join Cornell's Board of Trustees is **Steve Ettinger**, DVM '64 ([se59@cornell.edu](mailto:se59@cornell.edu)). "Returned from Ithaca last week after my first board meeting and am thrilled to have been chosen. To those who may have voted for me—thanks a lot." Anyone in Los Angeles looking for a veterinary hospital can find Steve at California Animal Hospital Veterinary Specialty Group on Sepulveda Blvd. Daughter Nicole (George Washington U.) is an attorney and a producer, and son **Andrew '94** is in NYC in advertising. "My three little ones Michael, 15, Robbie, 12, and Ricky, 7, are now visiting the Hill and wearing Cornell sweats—no, not much pressure. My wife Pat (Ohio State, DVM '87) still shakes her head when I talk about Cornell football."

In October, the annual reunion of **Marion Balsam**, **Cheryl Chadbourn Rosenblatt**, **Mary Thomas Strickler**, and **Margaret Graul Kendrick** took place in Washington, DC. Mary had recently returned from an around-the-world cruise on the *QE2*, and was about to start another ("Tough life . . . well deserved," notes Marion). Cheryl is practicing pediatric allergy medicine in the Washington, DC/Northern Virginia area; Margie spends wintertime in Phoenix and summertime on the East Coast; and Marion ([karaokedoc@aol.com](mailto:karaokedoc@aol.com)), retired from the Navy, is doing research on children's environmental health at the NIH. Their reunion weekend was highlighted by a ceremony at which Marion received a leadership award as alumna of the year from NYU Medical School, from which she graduated in 1966. Marion would love to hear from classmates in the Washington, DC, area.

Janie and **John Curtis**, MCE '65 ([johncurtis6111@aol.com](mailto:johncurtis6111@aol.com)) have "finally" retired, and moved from Silicon Valley to a home they built on a lake near Dallas. "This new location for us is due to its proximity to our grandson, who is an eighth-generation Texan and not likely to move with his parents to California. As I write, we are packing to travel to Antarctica, stopping first in Rio de Janeiro

to see our Brazilian 'daughter' and her new son, and then to Santiago, Chile, to see an old friend there. Retirement is nice: you can do this kind of thing when there are no more Mondays to think about!" **Helen Chuckrow**, MA '66, reports that she's been reading Torah at a synagogue in Connecticut professionally since 2000. This in addition to working full-time as an acquisitions clerk at Westchester Community College Library and working Sundays as a circulation clerk at Ossining Public Library. Helen ([mafseek@gmail.com](mailto:mafseek@gmail.com)) planned to retire in January 2008 from the full-time job at the college and has a long to-do list scheduled for the year. "I met an absolutely perfect man four years ago and we plan to be married, probably sometime in, yes, 2008."

From retiree **Jim Lansdowne**, MBA '65: "We're still enjoying not having real jobs—it would interfere with everything else we do. I teach people to ski at the Loveland Ski Area, and when I'm not doing that, Ginger and I enjoy skiing a couple of days a week. Our season starts in mid-October and runs until early May. Summertime finds us hiking in the mountains and taking a road trip or two." **Jeff Burnam** ([Burnamj@georgetown.edu](mailto:Burnamj@georgetown.edu)) has retired from the Dept. of State to accept a teaching position at Georgetown U. as visiting professor of government and associate director of the master's program in American government, which is designed for future practitioners. He and Diana live in Fairfax, VA, and are very pro-active grandparents. Also joining the ranks of the retired is **Alfredo Gomez** ([intrec1@aol.com](mailto:intrec1@aol.com)), who retired last October after teaching at Broward Community College and Florida Atlantic U. for 30 years.

A note from **Judy Frediani Tarrants** ([JTarrants@aol.com](mailto:JTarrants@aol.com)) updates us: "I am living in Fabius, a small rural village near Syracuse. I retired in 2001 from the quality assurance department at Anheuser-Busch. Since then I've had a couple of part-time jobs, mostly to feed my quilting addiction. I spend a lot of time (and \$\$!) working on 'this old house.' It was pretty much a derelict when I bought it, but now after 26 years is beginning to look presentable. I sew—mostly quilting—knit, garden, and rollerblade, and am now also learning pottery. It's much harder than it looks to create a round thing on a pottery wheel! I also do most of what the house requires—plumbing, carpentry, etc. My two children are Joanne Yousten, living and working in Vermont with the world's most fantastic grandchild, and Kenneth Yousten, who is living with me. Because of his physical disabilities, Ken and I are interested in accessibility issues. I am active as a volunteer, mostly for our local PBS station. I would love to hear from or see any classmates who happen to be in the area!"

**Tomas** and **Maritza Zeisel** ([zeiselmt@msn.com](mailto:zeiselmt@msn.com)) reside on Johns Island, SC, eight miles from downtown Charleston. Tomas continues to do short-term projects and consulting assignments in the hotel/resort/hospitality industry in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the US. He worked most of 2007 on an assignment in Cedar Rapids, IA, to renovate and reorganize two hotels. "Then, back in Charleston until the next adventure." **Jewell Kriegel Waldbaum** ([jwaldbaum@netzero.com](mailto:jwaldbaum@netzero.com)) reports that her daughter **Marjorie Ellen Waldbaum '91** is a child and adolescent psychiatrist at St. Lukes/Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan. Last October Marjorie married Drew Harry Levinson, a CBS News/Newspace correspondent. Jewell's youngest son, **Brian '96**, is an attorney at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. She continues in her private practice as a psychologist in Rockland County, where husband Stanley is an attorney in private practice. Holiday

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John Curtis '62

greetings came from the new home of **Margo Hebard** and Leon Embry in NYC. The card featured a photograph of a gorgeous psychopsis orchid taken and copyrighted by Margo.

E-mail is such an easy way to send along your news—please do it! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** It's hard to imagine that our 45th Reunion is only a few months away. Put June 5-8 on your calendar and make an effort to come. **Marijane Beattie** Watson reports that her committee is hard at work. Members are **Nancy Cooke McAfee**, **Carol Westenhoefer Anderson**, **Judy Clarke Bennett**, **Mark Landis**, **Paula Trested Laholt-Oeste**, **Gwen Sibson Porcaro**, and **Retta Presby Weaver**. Tentative plans are a Thursday night reception at the Lab of Ornithology followed by dinner at the Country Club of Ithaca. Friday's reception will be at the Tatkon Center followed by dinner at the Appel Commons close by. Saturday's lunch will be at the Beebe Lake tent. Dinner will be at the Statler Ballroom.

Our accommodations will be the Townhouses on North Campus. They were renovated last summer with new carpeting, fresh paint, and some new roofs. They are air-conditioned with a kitchen, dining/living room on the first floor and two bedrooms with one bathroom and a separate half-bathroom. **Ed Butler**, MEE '65, class president, wants to remind everyone that our class is giving a gift at reunion. This money is an endowment, not a one-time gift, to the Carol Tatkon Center. The center plans to use the funds for upperclass mentoring for first-year students and additional programs for informal faculty interaction within the first few years. Details on how to give are on the class website.

**Carol Mills** Lucas will be at reunion. She is still living in Potomac, MD, within ten minutes' drive of each of her three children and two grandchildren. She retired twice—first in 2002 after 15 years as VP of sales for Cendant Mobility, the world's largest employee relocation company. She immediately joined three friends in the medical field in founding a company called Cardiacore, a company that provides cardiac safety testing for people going through drug clinical trials. She retired from Cardiacore at the end of 2006. She plans to travel, play golf, and enjoy her family in 2008. I talked recently with **Marcie Bergren** Pine. She and Chuck spent some time in Telluride this summer with their son and family. Believe it or not, in that tiny town we did not have a chance to get together. Family events seem to get in the way. Marcie and Chuck visited Steve and **Marjorie Walker** Sayer in their beautiful new home in Vermont. Margie had a show of her art in Brattleboro that was very impressive.

**Dean** and **Mary Williams** live in La Canada, CA. Dean retired in 1995 from a civil consulting business and started remodeling his home and church. Mary taught preschool for 30 years. Dean and Mary toured Europe for 50 days in 2007, which included a babysitting job for grandchildren in Oxford, England. Son **Sean '90** lives in Tokyo with his wife and three children. Daughter Jill is in La Canada with her husband and four children. Son Steven and his wife live in New York City. Dean likes to play golf, travel, and babysit for grandchildren. **Lawrence Wetzell** wrote from Fairfield, NY, that he lost his wife of 39 years to complications from multiple sclerosis in March 2006. He works for Citizens Communications, which moved him from Texas to Rochester in 2002 when his company acquired Frontier Communications. Lawrence is

active in the Rochester Engineering Society, the Cornell Club of Rochester, the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association, and the Cornell Entrepreneurs Network. Son Shawn works as a financial analyst in Dallas, son Scott does website design in Rochester, and daughter Holly is married and raising his two grandchildren in Homer Glen, IL.

**Joseph** and **Carolyn Gottlieb Meyer** are in Elkins Park, PA. They spend half their time at their Jersey Shore home and would love to hear from any Cornellians visiting the area. They have five grandchildren, with one on the way. They often see **Dick Stern '62**, **Mike Kay '64**, and **Ken Kershbaum** in the Philadelphia area. **Douglas Futuyma** lives in Stony Brook, NY, and was inducted as a new member of the National Academy of Sciences in 2007. **Susan Meyers**, MED '67, retired in 1995 from 30 years of public school teaching in Westchester County, NY. She lives in Mt. Kisco and is busy traveling, playing contract bridge, and gardening.

**Judy Fischer** Reinach is director emerita of Miami Bridge. She was co-chair of the annual fundraising for the agency, which provides two shelters for abused and runaway children. Her profession—bridge—is coincidentally the same as her charity—Miami Bridge—which occasionally brings funny comments. **Whinfield**, ME '68, and **Joan Melville** live in Pittsford, NY. Whin is design center manager for Intrinsic Corp. Their son **Jeffrey** is a member of the Class of '09 and is in Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. **John** and **Sandra Luburg Beeman** are in Roxbury, CT. John is retired, so time is spent wintering in Naples, FL.

That's all for this month. Don't forget—our 45th Reunion is June 5-8, 2008. ☐ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

**64** For some time now, we've been encouraged to use our class website to enter news and other data. Now this encouragement is being made an imperative. Specifically, class treasurer **Linda Cohen** Meltzer is asking us to send her our e-mail addresses in order to facilitate communications. This all came about following a class officers' meeting last August. So please comply with Linda's request and send her your e-mail address. She can be reached at: LCM12@cornell.edu.

Now to some news. At an age when many if not most of us are retiring, **Seth Levine**, together with his wife and business partner Kathy, actually moved their business, Collections 2000 Inc., across the continent to try and make it more effective. Since 1989, they've been in the travel retail and duty free markets, selling European and American luxury goods to airlines, airport stores, and cruise ships. For 16 years, they ran their business from their home in San Diego, CA. Then a couple of years ago, they moved east to the Washington, DC, suburb of Haymarket, VA, in order to make easier the heavy travel that is associated with their business. Seth writes that they may return to San Diego at some time, but for the present, they view Haymarket as the "perfect location" for their activities.

**John Randall**, PhD '72, has returned to work part-time at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission following two years' absence from work due to very serious health issues: removal of an intestinal obstruction, followed by a partial liver transplant from his son Trevor . . . a donation that, John asserts, "probably saved my life." John has even resumed aikido (but sans falls), which he had long practiced, but laments that his judo days likely

are over. **Elaine Emling**, MRP '83, who lives in Kingston-on-Thames, England, finally took a vacation in nearby Ireland with husband Mike. She writes that while neither she nor Mike has Irish ancestry, they took advantage of a heat wave in London in June 2006 to make the trip to Bantry Bay in southwest Ireland, whose coolness she deemed "balm for our souls." They also toured elsewhere in Ireland (e.g., Tipperary, Limerick, and Cobh) before returning home, where Elaine works actively with the UK chapter of Democrats Abroad.

**Barbara Conway Scheaffer** is another classmate who has fallen in love with retirement. Barbara retired in 2006, while husband **Norm**, a civil engineer, continues to do engineering and land development services through his company, Compass Engineering. The Scheaffers have two grown children and live in Bellingham, WA. They sail on Bellingham Bay and still do a little inline skating. Barbara notes that retirement has allowed her to return to quilting and sewing. Right after Barbara retired, she and Norm went to Australia, where they spent more than two weeks, including visiting their daughter in Brisbane. They also attended a performance at Sydney's famed opera house, and even ate crocodile. **Miles Haber** has not retired, but does admit he's "slowed down some." Miles, who lives with wife **Ronnie** in Chevy Chase, MD, is a builder, currently consulting on multi-family developments in the Washington area. He reports that he and Ronnie welcomed their first grandchild last May.

Cornell's Adult University is becoming ever more popular with classmates. Last summer, seven of our number attended CAU, including **Barbara Furman Attardi** (Sailing Clinic), **Nancy Greyson Beckerman** (Sculpture Studio), **Rodger Dalston** and wife Eileen (Personal Trainer Clinic), **Martin Garfield** and wife Jocelyn (Field Ornithology and Sculpture Studio, respectively), **Paul Kruger** and wife Mary (Inventing Christianity), **Susan Lamme Laessig**, MAT '66, and husband **Walter '63**, MBA/LLB '66 (World War II, "The Good War"), **Peter Marx**, MBA/JD '68 (Digital Video), and **Bruce Wagner** (Holy War . . .). And 13 of us attended CAU's Study Tours last April, which included some truly exciting adventures—but I'll save that for my May/June column.

That's it for now. Remember my new e-mail (see below), and be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>, and to send news and dues. Also, save June 4-7, 2009 for our 45th Reunion. ☐ **Bev Johns** Lamont, blamont64@comcast.net.

**65** When you read this column, spring will be approaching. As I write it, we are getting a mix of snow, freezing precipitation, and rain in suburban Detroit. I'm clearly looking forward to heading down to Florida in late December and joining my wife Marcia for a couple of weeks at our condo in Lake Worth.

That's some news about me. What about you? We are quickly running out of news from members of the Class of 1965, so look for our annual class News and Dues mailing coming this spring and send us an update. Your three class correspondents look forward to writing our columns. It is an effective way of communicating with members of the class about the many things that are happening in their lives. We just need to hear from you.

**Nancy Seelig** Podewils had lots of news to report. In her free time, she has been volunteering in a number of areas: community theater, League

of Women Voters, Democratic Party, and a watercolor society's elementary school program. Her "after-hours" activities include walking, reading, painting, and spending time with her friends. As she recalls her years in Ithaca, one thing she remembers most fondly was the beauty of the fall colors, especially as reflected in Beebe Lake. Although she has remained in contact with some classmates, Nancy has lost track of **Ginger Teller**—she would love to reconnect with her. In November 2006 Nancy lost her husband Robert. This has her reassessing her priorities. She is now considering returning to her clinical social work practice, perhaps with a network for people without insurance.

**Janice Perlman** keeps busy as president and CEO of the Mega-Cities Project, a global nonprofit sharing innovative solutions to urban problems of poverty, environment, and participatory governance. For her after-work activities, Janice is interested in swimming, painting with watercolors, yoga, biking, hiking, and walking on the beach. Recently she completed a book on the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, 1968-2005. She won a Fulbright award and grants for research on a book that, when it was written, won a Guggenheim Award! At the same time, she mentions several things she would also like to be doing. These include: being passionately in love, traveling around the world, and inspiring young people to address the future urban challenges. Among her fond recollections of her days in Ithaca were enjoying spring on the campus, getting a tuna on rye at midnight from one of the food trucks, being with her friends, and summer tours she participated in during 1962, '63, and '65.

**Bruce Bennett** reports that he is a professor of English at Ohlone College in Fremont, CA. His extracurricular activities include long-distance cycling (100-mile rides) and a two-day "marathon" cycling adventure, riding from his home in the San Francisco Bay Area to Yosemite National Park (250 miles). Bruce is also involved in a couple of book clubs. When he thinks about his time in Ithaca, he thinks about winter walks across the Arts Quad, as well as watching snow passing through the lights of Goldwin Smith Hall. Bruce would like to hear from **Richard Kalvar**. From Pennsylvania, **Alex Mastoris**, MS '67, passed along the following news. Already the owner of a restaurant, he is building another one in his "after-hours"—a "sports bar" that will be called Alstarz. If he weren't working on his new restaurant, Alex noted he would definitely rather be traveling. He would like to hear from **Phil Grosse**.

**Michael Schwarting**, MARCH '68, is keeping busy. In addition to being a partner in Campani & Schwarting Architects, Mike also is a professor of architecture at the New York Inst. of Technology's School of Architecture & Design. Recently, he has been working on a plan for the downtown and harbor of the Village of Port Jefferson, where he and wife Frances Campani live. The project is sponsored by the Port Jefferson Business Improvement District. The *New York Times* reported that **William Lee Carroll** and Leo Cardini were joined in a civil union in Lyndhurst, NJ, on March 11, 2007. William is a data administrator at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

A press release from the law offices of Jenner & Block announced that classmate **Ronald Grais**, a prominent Chicago real estate attorney, had joined the firm's Chicago office as a partner. Ron joined their real estate and climate and clean technology practices. Before joining Jenner & Block, he was a principal at Schwartz Cooper Chartered's real estate development, acquisitions and dispositions

practice and its construction law practice. In the Chicago area Ron is known for his active leadership in the not-for-profit community. He has also been recognized nationally for his efforts on behalf of people with disabilities and those seeking affordable housing. ☐ **Ronald Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Terry Kohleriter Schwartz**, TeryKS7@aol.com, and **Joan Elstein Rogow**, psurutsc@aol.com.

**66** Our apologies to **Jeff Collins** and **John Blackton**! Due to a computer glitch, their news was combined into a single entry in the Nov/Dec column, causing confusion all around. Jeff, still living in Chapel Hill, NC, reports that wife Rose Mills has joined the ranks of the retired, although she's still doing a little freelance medical editing. However, he continues to enjoy life in the venture capital world with Pappas Ventures, a life sciences-focused venture capital firm based in North Carolina. A major client is an Indian firm that causes him to travel back and forth to India. Jeff vacationed last year in the Canadian Rockies. John's news was as follows: John Blackton has "retired" about half a dozen times. He finished a career in the Foreign Service and retired from a professorship at the National War College and from the directorship of a private firm in Cairo, Egypt.

Last October, ten class officers had the joy and privilege of sharing time with Becker House students at their weekly house dinner. Class copresident **Alice Katz** Berglas reports that a formal plaque was unveiled acknowledging our class gift to enhance and enrich programming for Becker House residents. The students have run with our gift, imagining and creating programming that reflects their interests, and it wonderfully morphs each year with the changing personalities. The students thank all of you.

**Brian Cranston** took a trip to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu last fall. It was an active and educational trip and he highly recommends it. **John Monroe**, PhD '70 (jwm28@aol.com) now shares retirement with his wife **Margaret (Warne)**, MS '68. Together they have done such things as clean out 30 years of stuff from the garage and travel to England, where they went to Oxford and Newcastle and saw Hadrian's Wall. They also joined their son in London and saw *The Sound of Music*. John continues to enjoy his retirement music career, playing with the Golden Gate Park Band and even trying alto trombone in a performance of Mozart's *Requiem*.

Last July, **Tom Guise**, MBA '72, ventured to Ithaca to attend a roast for Ted Thoren, retired longtime Cornell baseball and freshman football coach. Tom joined classmates **Ted Sprinkle**, DVM '69, **Jim Docherty**, MBA '68, **Phil Ratner**, MBA '71, **Bill Wilson**, and **John Schaefer**, MEE '68, to honor "Teddy Ballgame." As her youngest child starts college, **Kathleen Earle** Fox (Kfox@midcoast.com) has returned to work. Kathleen will be doing research on child abuse/mental health issues in Indian Country in the US. Kathleen has two sons who are Cornell graduates.

News of an enjoyable retirement comes from **Leonora Gray Gulick Rueppel** (melandgray@gmail.com). She retired in 2004 from St. Louis Community College, where she was a chemistry professor. She and husband Mel moved to Estes Park, CO, where they enjoy hiking, reading, community activities, and weaving and woodworking hobbies. Travels include hiking inn-to-inn in the Alsace region of France and, in Belize, snorkeling, birding,

and seeing the jungle. They have two grandchildren, Narayan and Kailash, whose parents are **John Rueppel '93** and **Aparna Venkatesan '93**. Aparna teaches at U. of San Francisco, and John attends Hastings Law School.

**Asher Rosenberg** has a new address in Syoset, NY, and **David Ackerman** (dackerman@imci.net) and **Joel Poch** (joelpo@aol.com) both sent new e-mail addresses. **Charles Rappaport** (cr78@cornell.edu) is thoroughly enjoying retirement in the Maine woods. He says it's the best career he has had. The scenery is so spectacular that he just enjoys staying around the area. He has returned to his old hobby of wood turning.

Mathe Ohl sadly sent us news of the passing of her husband, classmate **Charles Ohl**, MBA '67, last October. Charles had just retired after ten years at Alliant Energy, and the Ohls had recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. Charlie attended the 40th Reunion of the Johnson School last summer. Our condolences to the Ohl family. ☐ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell Gittner**, dgg26@cornell.edu; **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu.

**67** **Carol Farber Wolf** (Point Pleasant, NJ; wolfssea@verizon.net) "moved to the Jersey Shore to market a Web-based reading program for a start-up. After years of pressure-filled jobs as senior executive of major educational publishing companies, I decided to pursue my original interests—theatre arts, especially educational theatre. Now I manage the marketing for a regional arts organization as marketing manager for Algonquin Arts and hope to help build it into a major cultural center—what fun!" **Susan Dollinger** (Hong Kong; susan.b.dollinger@citi.com) sends "a semi-correction": "Shocked to see myself in the *Alumni News*. I am based in Hong Kong and am the risk manager for Citigroup's private equity investments and our real estate initiative—lending, capital market issuance, and private equity in the Asia Pacific region (Australia to India, including China and Japan). Love to hear from anyone in the region in the industry."

Prof. **Christian Day** of the Syracuse U. College of Law (Syracuse, NY; ccdlay@law.syr.edu) is "serving as co-director of Law in London—nine weeks each summer in London and getting paid. Who'da thunk it?" Fond Hill remembrances include "playing 150 lb. football and classes with Profs. Bloom, Staller, Berns, Lowi, Kahn, and Marchand." Christian now enjoys reading, needlepoint, and three Norwegian elkhounds. **James "Arvid" Brady** (Pensacola, FL; jbrady@bellsouth.net) writes, "Dealing with the sudden and unexpected death of my wife Barb on Aug. 15, just four days short of our 40th anniversary. She had been secretary of our local Cornell Club for over a decade, despite not being a Cornell alumna."

"Renew the college poker game with **Alex Miller**, DVM '69, **Van Greenfield**, and **Mike Rattner**, BEE '72, usually in NYC, about once a quarter. Always looking for fresh blood," reports **Richard Tunick**, R.D. Tunick & Co. LLC (Scarsdale, NY; rdtoonick@aol.com). "Recently purchased a condo on the beach in Palm Beach, FL. Hope to spend increasing amounts of the winter months there. Both children, Robert, 29, and **Erica '04**, 25, have returned to the New York areas. Erica is an associate with the Dewey LeBoeuf law firm, and Robert is organizing an investment fund to target companies that succeed because they treat their employees, suppliers, and customers well."

**Senetta Hill Koch** (Manhasset, NY; senetta.koch@yahoo.com) writes, "I gleefully retired in December 2006 and have been enjoying life as a retiree enormously. We have spent two months in Florida, ten days in Italy, and six weeks in Scandinavia. Really enjoyed attending reunion this year, seeing old friends and even making new ones." **Robert Goodman**, PhD '73 (Somerset, NJ; execdean@aesop.rutgers.edu) is executive dean at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and of New Jersey's Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers U. and continues to sail, row, and ski.

"Built a systems dynamics-based model of the digital marketplace (how search queries get changed into advertising messages and whether Google, Yahoo, Bardee, or MSN will dominate)," reports **Susan Goodman Feldman** (Framingham, MA; sef2@cornell.edu). "I like what I do," she adds, "but I wish I could do less of it. I'm also still looking for a chamber music group to join in this area." Her remembrances: "Walking in the snow, having great conversations, being younger, falling in love with my husband **Bob '66**, PhD '75, and music everywhere." **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

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At the outset, I want to remind you to SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming 40th REUNION IN ITHACA—June 5-8, 2008! Our hardworking reunion chair **Henry Siegel** and his committee have a great program planned. The highlights include: Thursday night dinner on the Straight Terrace; Friday morning forum, led by Ross Brann, professor of Middle East studies, on the current state of the Middle East; Friday dinner at Alice Cooke House; Saturday barbecue lunch at the Plantations with guest speaker **Dean Koyanagi '90**, BS HE '01, head of Cornell's sustainability efforts; Saturday night dinner at the amazing Duffield Hall; and Sunday class brunch, featuring the Sherwoods.

In short, a great program is planned for reunion. And the best part of it all is, of course, seeing classmates and catching up on the lives of Cornell friends. I hope to see you there and urge you to call your friends and urge them to join you!

I recently heard from **Bennett Marsh**, who had some great ideas for reunion programs. Bennett keeps in touch with his "absolutely quintessential Cornell roommate of three years," **Rich Felder**. Rich and wife **Deborah (Slater) '69** enjoy their homes in Scottsdale, AZ, and Aspen, CO. Bennett lives in the Washington, DC, area. **John Seligman**, Scarsdale, NY, reports that the Azores provided the perfect setting for a get-together of fraternity brothers from Cornell Fiji and their wives during summer '07. John, **Al Fidellow**, **John Wallace '67**, and **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69, were joined by **John St. John '70** and his wife **Jane (Gegenheimer) '70** and were all graciously hosted by **John Court '70**, MFA '72, a renowned artist in residence in São Miguel, the Azores.

A note from Cornell's Alumni University reports the following classmates have attended one of CAU's outstanding programs: **David Maisel** and wife Martha, **Susan Tafler**, **Tim Vinciguerra** and wife Maggie, **Byron "Buddy"** and **Linda Goldspinner Wittlin '71**, and **Lincoln Yung** and wife Polly.

During my visit to Ithaca last October for the Trustee/Council Weekend, I had the opportunity to meet **Michelle Dumond '08**, the Class of '68 Cornell Tradition Fellow. I met Michelle at a reception for scholarship recipients and sponsors and was

joined by our classmate **Jay Waks**, JD '71, and wife Harriet. Michelle is a terrific scholar, raised on a farm in a small town north of Binghamton, and she is intent on attending medical school. Last summer she volunteered in a medical clinic in Kathmandu, Nepal. Michelle has expressed great gratitude for the support she received from our class and the impact it has had on her education. She is surely a credit to our class and Cornell.

**Mary Lou Janicki** Currihan lives in Shaker Heights, OH, and is dean of the Weekend College and director of student advising at Notre Dame College in Cleveland. In her spare time Mary Lou

released, including the Spanish translation of her first book, *Why Say No When My Hormones Say Go?* She writes, "This summer I spent two weeks in Costa Rica promoting the book, giving 18 talks in Spanish in a period of ten days. My next book, *Tom in Two: Healing for Fractured Families* will be released in spring 2008." Emily says that she loves what she does but would like more time to work on her current writing project. When reminiscing about Cornell, Emily recalls the beauty of the campus and hiking through the gorges, and would most like to hear from **Mary Ames**. About Emily's family, all the kids are married, and she and her

'Gail Post Wallis has a full-time business as a personal chef.'

Connie Ferris Meyer '70

enjoys the theater and volunteer work with the local chapter of sorority KD, and she is experienced with crossword puzzles. Mary Lou asks for news of **Betty Semel**, **John Nelson** and his wife Hortensia Chang live in Albany, CA. John is retired and enjoys the time for travel. He has great memories of the hockey games at Cornell. John asks for news of **Tom Fingar**.

**Helen Stokoe** and husband Roger Polansky live in Highland, NY, and enjoy retirement. Helen's hobbies include traditional Irish music. She asks for news of **Liz Reed**, PhD '74, and I hope Liz will write in. **Joyce Davis Sand**, Los Angeles, CA, is director of donor and community relations of Pups for Peace. She enjoys studying Tai Chi and is active in the local Cornell Club, hosting large networking events in her community. Joyce has fond memories of the great Cornell ice cream. She asks, "Whatever happened to **Nate Eisenberg?**" My records show that he still lives in Texas, and anyone with more information should write in. As always, I look forward to hearing from you. **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon\_silver@comcast.net.

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Thank you to everyone who returned the News and Dues form with a note. Your classmates want to keep up with your life, so taking the time to write is so important. I won't be able to fit everyone's news in this one column, so please stay tuned to future issues—I will include every note! If you haven't written yet, please do, or you can e-mail me directly.

**Barbara Grosz** has been appointed interim dean at Radcliffe, replacing Drew Faust, who will be ascending to the presidency of Harvard, writes **Leona Fass '65**. After 16 years on the faculty at Georgia State U., **Roy Black** writes that he left to accept a position as professor at the Goizueta Business School, Emory U. "I am charged with building up the new real estate program," says Roy. In addition, "My wife Adrienne and I sold our house and moved to a condo, where we enjoy the freedom from yard work. For fun, we travel a lot, and I play guitar. I enjoy jamming on open-mike nights at Atlanta blues clubs."

**Emily Chase** is employed as a coordinator of educational services, but is also a published author and speaker. Last year she had three new books

husband are now grandparents of two little boys! **Robert Jossen** tells us that his son **Daniel '02** was married last October to **Susan Klein '03**, continuing the Cornell tradition. And his son **Matthew '04** is studying law at Fordham Law School.

A press release from Dykema, a large and respected legal services consulting firm, informs us that **Seth Lloyd** has been ranked by his peers as a leader in his respective field in the newly published *Best Lawyers in America* guide by Woodward/White. Seth specializes in healthcare law and labor and employment law, serving as principal outside counsel to a number of Michigan hospitals and health systems. He is also Dykema's member-in-charge of professional personnel. We hear from attorney **Margaret Peterson Mathewson** that she is on the board of directors of Botánica, and at the time of writing would rather be "sleeping." **George Frank** sent a brief note to say that he is an interventional cardiologist.

**Naresh Khanna** writes from New Delhi, India, that he is attending to his family's twin businesses, Bhol Nath Brothers fine jewelry and Eastern Int'l Hotels Ltd. Naresh spends a great deal of time attending jewelry shows all over the world. At home he enjoys reading and parties with friends. Naresh recalls sliding on Libe Slope and working at the Statler's restaurants and banquets. **Jacques Verhaak '68** and **Ken Hamlet '66** are the Cornellians he would most like to hear from. **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

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Our 40th Reunion is only 27 months away! Start now to plan your trip to Ithaca and to contact '70 friends and classmates. The dates are Thursday to Sunday, June 10-13, 2010. Mark your calendars (or at least write it down and put it on the fridge) and we'll see you there!

On November 15, 2007, the California Healthcare Inst. (CHI) announced the election of **George Scangos**, president and chief executive officer of Exelixis, to its board of directors. CHI is a non-profit public policy research organization representing leading California academic institutions and biotechnology, medical device, diagnostics, and pharmaceutical firms. Exelixis is a biotechnology company dedicated to the development of small molecule therapeutics for the treatment of

cancer and other serious diseases. George began his career on the faculty of Johns Hopkins U. (where he still holds an appointment as adjunct professor of biology) and then joined Bayer Corp. in 1986, where he ultimately became president of Bayer Biotechnology. He also serves on several other boards, including the advisory board for the Cornell Life Sciences Initiative. George received a doctorate in microbiology from UMass and was a post-doctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Frank Ruddle at Yale. Exelixis is at the leading edge of life science R&D and so CHI is very pleased to welcome George to their board.

In Downingtown, PA, **Bill and Gail Post Wallis** continue to lead an extremely active post-“retirement” life full of travel, work, volunteering, and lots of fun with family, which includes daughter Jillian and husband Bryan, who live in Southern California, and daughter Emily and husband Jeff and their four children, who are in Massachusetts. In addition to trips to visit the “kids,” there was also “Camp Wallis” in Pennsylvania in August for a variety of family campers and counselors and lots of local activities. Gail and Bill take an annual visit to Tanglewood—this year it was to see Garrison Keillor’s “Prairie Home Companion” broadcast. In March they spent three weeks in Peru, the first week in the jungle along the Amazon, the second on a riverboat, and the third high in the Andes near Machu Picchu. The first two weeks of this adventure were with Cornell’s Adult University (CAU) and the last was on their own. I am sure that the Wallises will join me in highly recommending CAU for wonderful educational vacations and terrific classroom experiences on campus in Ithaca each July. Call (607) 255-6260 or e-mail [cauinfo@cornell.edu](mailto:cauinfo@cornell.edu) to get on their mailing list or check out their website at <http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/> for detailed information on their study tours and on campus offerings.

Gail has a full-time business as a personal chef. She does some catering for weekend parties, but mostly works for several families by filling their refrigerators and freezers with two to three weeks of food each visit. She is also active in Le Tip, a business networking group, and the local Chamber of Commerce. Bill continues to do weekly volunteer work at the U. of Pennsylvania Museum, enjoys gardening, has been on the board of their homeowners association for two years, and wrote a novel in 2007! Together Gail and Bill have been taking ballroom dancing lessons, providing dinners for and serving lunch at a local homeless shelter, and serving as poll workers for their precinct in both the spring and fall elections. Gail had a “big” birthday toward the end of 2007 with a surprise celebration planned and hosted by Bill and their daughters. Happy 60th birthday to Gail and all our Class of ’70 classmates who have already reached this amazing milestone and for those who will as 2008 progresses! ☑ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, [cfm7@cornell.edu](mailto:cfm7@cornell.edu).

**71** Last fall, many Cornellians attended the opening of “What the Trees Say,” an art exhibition in Manhattan of **Leslie Kirpich Brill’s** paintings. Much of Leslie’s work was inspired by the landscape of Ithaca and surrounding areas. Classmates **Chuck Reisen**, **Gerry Eichner**, **Steve Altman**, **Lee Jablin**, BArch ’72, **Leslie Jennis Obus**, and my husband **Joe Miller ’69** and I were in attendance, as well as several other Cornellians from the classes of ’69 and ’72, and Leslie’s daughters **Sarra ’01** and **Alison ’03**. You

may see a sampling of her work at [lesliebrill.com](http://lesliebrill.com). Congratulations, Leslie, on a very successful show.

Another lively Cornell reunion took place at the Cornell/BU hockey game in November. Although our team lost, spirits were high at a pre-game reception. Leslie Jennis Obus was at this event, too, along with classmates **Jan Rothman**, **Steve Gorfine**, **Andrew Tisch**, and **Charlie ’70**, JD ’73, and **Deborah Gerard Adelman**, MS ’74. **John ’70**, MBA ’71, JD ’74, and **Amy Pastarnack Hughes**, MBA ’74, were there with their entire family, including **David ’04**.

We received a nice letter from **Ken Kuscher** of Boynton Beach, FL. Ken was a Hotelier and has had a long professional history in numerous fields that include food service, financial management, and service in the US Army. Ken was selected to serve on the Philip A. Connelly Awards Committee, which inspects US Army food service facilities all over the world to select the top operation of that branch of the military. Ken is the only civilian chosen to be a part of this special committee of three experts. During his tenure on the committee he will hold the rank of Brigadier General (Hon.). He looks forward to visiting men and women who serve in the military at posts all over the world, and he feels that “it is a special opportunity to again serve in the US Army and be a part of this mission to reward the best of the best in a specialty in the military that is so crucial to morale.”

From Boston, **Tom Nally**, BArch ’72 ([tnally@abettercity.org](mailto:tnally@abettercity.org)) writes that his favorite activity has been watching his 10-year-old son play sports. Tom writes, “He’s a very hard driving point guard on his basketball team, scoring a three-pointer as the buzzer went off in the third quarter in a recent game. In baseball, he’s also a determined second baseman and pitcher.” When he’s not attending one of his son’s sporting events, Tom is planning director at A Better City, which was created 15 years ago to support the central artery/tunnel project in Boston. He advocates for transportation, development, and public realm projects that benefit its members, including many of Boston’s major financial services companies, utilities, museums, hospitals, and universities.

**Earl Harrison**, MS ’73 ([Harrison.304@ose.edu](mailto:Harrison.304@ose.edu)) is the Deans’ Distinguished Professor in the Dept. of Human Nutrition at the Ohio State U. and does research on vitamins and dietary bioactive compounds. He enjoys his teaching and mentoring of students, fellows, and younger faculty members. Last year Earl traveled to Bulgaria for ten days of birding and photography. Earl would like to hear from **Charles Crispin**. **Ken Stillman** ([kjs62@cornell.edu](mailto:kjs62@cornell.edu)) is a practicing family physician and director of community family medicine at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Group in Worcester, MA. Ken is married to Ann Molloy, an estate planning attorney, and they have children Sarah, a freshman at Bates College, and David, a 10th grader at the Bancroft School in Worcester.

**Elisabeth Kaplan Boas** sent a wonderful letter about her summer experiences at CAU. She has been lucky enough to make Ithaca a summer retreat, staying multiple weeks, living in the North Campus dorms (air-conditioned, carpeted, with great food), and enjoying the scenic Ithaca area as well as many cultural activities. She writes, “Art in New York was eye-candy for someone like me who studied American art in graduate school and worked for years in museums in New York and Delaware. For me, seeing the works of art that I studied long ago was like running into old friends after decades’ absences. Nancy Green, senior curator of prints,

drawings, and photographs at the Johnson Museum took us aboard an air-conditioned coach for trips to museums in Cooperstown, Rochester, and Corning and also taught us in the museum at the Kroch Library. Her gracious and patient teaching style justifiably has developed a following among CAU’ers who’ve taken her antiquing courses and museum classes in past summers. We all felt we had personal tutoring as well as the rare opportunity to be up close and personal with original works.” Elisabeth also took a wonderful writing workshop and a fascinating course on Christianity with equally talented faculty. Other classmates who attended CAU last summer include **Linda Goldspinner Wittlin** (Writing Workshop) and **Dorothy Roller Wiswall** (Energy). Contact Elisabeth at [elisabethkboas@comcast.net](mailto:elisabethkboas@comcast.net).

E-mail us with news for the next column at any time! ☑ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, [lg95@cornell.edu](mailto:lg95@cornell.edu); and **Matt Silverman**, [mes62@cornell.edu](mailto:mes62@cornell.edu).

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I hope that the year has started well for everyone. At this time 40 years ago, most of us were nervously awaiting word from the nation’s institutes of higher learning on whether they deemed us worthy to matriculate at their hallowed halls. Then, from the group of colleges that determined that we were acceptable, we had to decide which school to attend. We were encountering our first major fork in the road of life. That decision we made 40 years ago to attend Cornell has influenced our lives ever since.

I thought of our decisions about colleges when I received an e-mail from **Ray De Stefano** reporting, “What a wonderful experience it was to bring my daughter Bethany for her first visit to Cornell, which happened to coincide with Homecoming 2007 in October. She was truly impressed by the size and beauty of the campus and the fact that my classes seemed ‘so far’ apart (and not just across or down the hall as in middle school). Bethany is an 8th grade student in the Garden City (NY) Middle School, where she is thriving academically and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and active as a member of the Garden City Varsity Fencing Team. It was great to get back to campus, but incredible to watch the reaction to her first (of many?) time at Cornell. Now that is what dreams are made of!”

Congratulations are in order for **Peter McCarthy**, who was nominated by President Bush to be the assistant secretary for management and CFO of the US Dept. of the Treasury. Pete was confirmed by the US Senate and sworn in on August 3, 2007. **Bill Ellis** was inducted into the Cornell Sports Hall of Fame on November 9. Bill was a standout defensive end for the 1971 Ivy League championship football team, as well as a top-notch lacrosse player for the National Champion Big Red lacemen. Kudos to Bill for his selection.

**David Reiner** of Lexington, MA, is still playing bluegrass, old-time, and Irish music with his family band, the Reiner Family Band. At his “day job,” David plans software strategy at EMC. **Beverly Roth** ([RothBD@aol.com](mailto:RothBD@aol.com)) writes that after settling into her new apartment in Manhattan Beach, Brooklyn, she would like to reconnect with single members of our class. If anyone living in Brooklyn or Manhattan has found a place for socializing or joined a singles group, Beverly would like to hear from you.

**Nancy Thompson Soucy** was appointed associate dean for graduate and post-doctoral studies

in Brown's Division of Biology and Medicine. She is also professor of medicine (research) and pathology (research) and deputy director of the COBRE Center for Cancer Research Development at Rhode Island Hospital. Nancy and husband Raymond celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in May and were visited by **Betty Dunckel** Camp in June. Betty is director of education at the science museum at the U. of Florida, Gainesville. **Elspeth Franklin** Werle writes from Port Orchard, WA, that her daughter Alexandra graduated from the Culver Girls Academy in Culver, IN, in 2006 and headed for college at NYU. Younger daughter Piper is a senior at CGA, while oldest daughter Jane received her MFA in creative writing/poetry in 2006 from Naropa U. in Boulder, CO. Son Adam, 32, is finishing his PhD in linguistics from UMass, Amherst. Elspeth has been in touch with **Elaine Barber** Wallace, who moved to her husband's family homestead in Michigan. Elspeth says she keeps busy creating quilts for wedding gifts for numerous nieces and nephews and clearing brush on her wooded acreage in Port Orchard.

**Elaine Leass** (Boulder, CO; bouldergirl50@yahoo.com) reports that she was thrilled when her 10-year-old son got a job making \$50 for a half-hour's work playing violin for a wedding. Elaine started playing an instrument two years ago—marimbas, African style. Clearly, a musical family. Elaine is single and enjoys biking, hiking, horseback riding, dancing, swimming, and attacking the Colorado rapids in an inflatable kayak. Wow! I'm not sure when she has time for the marimbas. If any Cornell alumni travel to Boulder, Elaine volunteered to show you around. **Emanuel Tunji Akiniyi** writes from Nigeria that after leaving Cornell, he worked for the government in agricultural planning development and rural development. He was general manager and chief executive of the River Basin Development Authority when he retired from government service in 1987. Emanuel reports that he was honored by Pope John Paul II with the Knighthood of St. Gregory (KSG) in 1992 and was also honored by the federal government of Nigeria with the National Honors Award: Officer of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (OFR) in 2000. Emanuel is married and blessed with two boys and two girls, and is now the grandfather of five. Now he enjoys private life and works as a consultant in agricultural development and small farming.

Two of the many talented high school students who attended the 2007 Cornell University Summer College Program were **Gary Rubin's** son Zachary and Mary and **Francis Burke's** son Thomas.

Remember, Gary, Carol, and I depend on YOU to send us news about yourself and your family. Send news to: **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Gary Rubin**, gl Rubin@aol.com; or **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

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A plethora of classmate news arrived with dues renewals. I thank you, and I hope to see many of you this June in Ithaca at our 35th Reunion, June 5-8. Please visit our class website, <http://classof73.alumni.cornell.edu>, and click the "Reunion" tab to get all the latest details.

**Ava Shaffer** Burke, BS Nurs '75 (asburke@hotmail.com) is a health promotion counselor at Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC. She swims daily and enjoys her work, but would rather be retired and just caregiving for her mother. **Charles Camisa** (charles.camisa@pmc.hma.org) "retired" from the Cleveland Clinic after

it sold his hospital in 2006 and now works full-time as chief of dermatology in a busy medical practice in Naples, FL, taking care of psoriasis and skin cancer patients. He is planning his first daughter's wedding in Naples next June. **Glenn Cantor** (gcantor63@hotmail.com), Princeton, NJ, writes that his youngest daughter Emma started as a freshman at Washington U. Before leaving for school, they went on a whitewater raft trip together on the Salmon River in Idaho.

**Edward Cobb** (ec38@cornell.edu) has hosted reunion gatherings for Cornell Plant Biology for the past three years. He will again host the gathering on Saturday, June 7, for Plant Biology and Plant Science alums, so we'll see him at our reunion. **Marilyn Markman** Denkin (marilyndenkin@dol.state.nj.us) is an employment counselor at the Middlesex County One-Stop Career Center of the New Jersey Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development in New Brunswick. She enjoys walking, swimming, counted cross-stitch, and traveling. **Dave Evans** (ev9dav@att.net) lives with wife Eileen in Colleyville, TX, where he is GM of New Breed. He can be found at the gym and on the golf course on a regular basis.

**Rhonda Frankel-Fein** (rsff50@hotmail.com) writes from Amherst, MA, that she is a school psychologist and enjoys reading, walking, films, and friends. Her most fond Cornell memory is the beauty of the environment and the availability of the professors. **Gabriel Garcia** (ggarcia@stanford.edu) is a professor of medicine at Stanford U., as well as associate dean of medical school admissions and Peter E. Haas Director, Haas Center for Public Service, all at Stanford. He also teaches a service learning course entitled Patient Advocacy Program yearlong at Stanford and summers in Oaxaca, Mexico.

**Barry Hartstein** (bhartstein@morganlewis.com) writes from Chicago that he is thrilled to assume the role of president of the ILR Alumni Association, which will give him a good excuse to do some gentle arm-twisting to get the ILR Class of '73 to return for our 35th Reunion. **Kenneth Horowitz's** son Jonathan was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2007 Cornell Summer College Program. **Jeffrey Hubsher** is a veterinarian in Ridgefield, CT, and enjoys horse training, horseback riding, skiing, and surfing. **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74 (jon.kaplan@comcast.net) is board chair-elect for Family & Children Services of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, CA. He joined this board three years ago, his first foray into human/social service agency work in the community. He is also ever more involved in long/ultra-distance bicycling and writes that his epic ride in 2007 was a triple century (300 miles) in less than 24 hours.

**Martha Burroughs** Keagle (martha.keagle@uconn.edu) is director of the Diagnostic Genetic Sciences Program at UConn. She loves to quilt and knit and recently met her first grandchild in Hawaii. She fondly remembers the physical beauty of Cornell and Ithaca. **Fred Knaysi** (knaysi@comcast.net) is a dentist in Richmond, VA, where he and wife Dolores are busy keeping up with three sons, ages 14, 12, and 8. He recently has traveled in Europe, as well as going to his Virginia Beach house and Wintergreen condo skiing. He adds that he'd rather be hanging around Willard Straight with his old full head of hair!

**Paul Kross**, Macon, GA (pkross@cox.net) is chief of gynecology at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Mercer U. School of Medicine. He enjoys biking the back roads of central Georgia on

his VROD. (OK, I give up, what is that?) **Barbara Levine** Laufer (boobob19@aol.com) lives with husband Skip in Fair Haven, NJ, where she plays golf and volunteers on the First Aid Squad. Recently she has been getting their last kids off to Boston College. **David** and **Christine Dickieson Pesses** write from Gloversville, NY, that they enjoy biking on their recumbent tandem bike in Florida, Virginia, and West Virginia with friends, as well as reading, cross country skiing, and traveling to see their three daughters and AFS children. David is a family practice physician employed by Nathan Littauer Hospital. Not surprisingly, their most fond Cornell memory is meeting each other! They recently saw classmates **Andy** and **Beth Simon Swartz** and **Jerry Lupu**, as well as **Jeri Trink** Hochron '74, and report all are well.

**Thomas Quinn**, West Chester, PA (tquinn66@comcast.net) is a novelist author whose new novel, *The Sword of Venice*, was published in December by St. Martin's Press. This is his second book (after *The Lion of Saint Mark*) of a planned trilogy regarding Venice. He writes that he'd rather be traveling in Europe with a better exchange rate. I concur! **Gloria Rapoport**, Forest Hills, NY (rgloriamay@aol.com) is a radiologist at Brooklyn Hospital Center. She enjoys jogging, reading, skiing, artwork, and working out. Recently she attended a five-day watercolor workshop at Mount Desert Island in Maine. She enjoys what she's doing, but would rather go to art school. She fondly remembers having studio space to paint at Cornell and would like to hear from **Phil Cogen** '72.

**Leslie Roth Silverstein** (hihosilver@comcast.net) and husband **David** '68, JD '73, divide their time between Warren, VT, and Andover, MA, working together in Dave's solo law practice, where he specializes in intellectual property. Son **Scott** '08, a Cornell senior majoring in Civil Engineering, is the head chimesmaster this year (he plays the Alma Mater on the school website) and also on the heavyweight rowing team. Younger son Brett is a freshman at U. of Vermont's business school and plays on its newly revived football team.

**Vashti "Tice" Supplee** (vsupplee@earthlink.net) is a bird conservation biologist for the National Audubon Society in Arizona and teaches Southwest natural history at Phoenix College. She enjoys horse riding and reports that she recently went on vacation to the "Brazilian Pantanal—ecotourism at its best!" She fondly remembers Cornell's Lab of Ornithology and women's polo. **Richard Taylor** (rtaylor@pt.edu) is associate professor of HVAC at Pennsylvania College of Technology and a church elder at New Life O.P.C. He and wife Linda are expecting their first grandchild, and he fondly remembers Cornell Christian Fellowship. **Paul Witt** (ladwitt@dejazzd.com) poses this challenge: "I will give either a vintage 'Cornell '73' T-shirt circa 1969 (size medium) or a one-night stay at my hotel in Historic Gettysburg, PA, to the first classmate who can tell me the words to the first line of the song 'Bus Stop' by the Hollies."

My husband Gerry Greenberg and I had a wonderful October vacation in France, visiting the Normandy beaches and Loire Valley chateaus, and ending with a glorious art-filled week in Paris. Son **David Greenberg** '05 is finishing his final year at NYU Law (parent brag alert: top 10 percent of his class) and will start his legal career with NYC's Ropes & Gray, where he worked last summer (if you actually characterize a NYC 2L summer job as "work"). The last law school tuition has been paid, so now we can focus on daughter Allison's medical school tuition as she begins next summer!

See you at reunion! ☐ **Pamela S. Meyers**, [psmeyers@fuse.net](mailto:psmeyers@fuse.net); **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, [phyllis.grummon@scup.org](mailto:phyllis.grummon@scup.org) or [phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:phg3@cornell.edu).

**74** This column starts with news from my Central New York epicenter and emanates out into the larger world. From Syracuse, **Jeff Bishop** reports that he covers the Northeast and the Midwest working as a manufacturer's rep for the Lambert Peat Moss Co. of Quebec. He enjoys music, dancing, and fixing up the house, as well as fishing from his dock in the

college-level work." **Bob Morgan**, Millstone Township, NJ, is the chief medical officer for the State of New Jersey Dept. of Children and Families. He reports great satisfaction "working with colleagues to bring much-needed reforms to New Jersey's foster children programs." In his (spare?) time, Bob teaches a new course on international health at UMDNJ School of Public Health.

She claims she would rather be "sitting in the tropics on a beach," but instead **Marilyn Gaynor** is renovating her home in Newark, NJ, and earning a graduate degree from Rutgers U. in executive management/public administration. As a day

where Bill commented on the upgrades to both campus housing and academic facilities since our days on campus. Bill traveled to D.C. in the fall to see Cornell's football team beat Georgetown, attending the game with brother **Ray '73**, **Jeff Ellis**, **Jack Wind**, **Joan Pease '75**, and others. I received a News Form from **Roger Evans** of Dallas, TX, dated October '07. Roger noted that he is dealing with a terminal illness, and though I have not been able to contact him, I imagine that he would enjoy hearing from his friends.

**Ken Brown** resides with wife Elizabeth Sanjuan and family in Hollywood, FL. He works as a partner and managing director of One Equity Partners, a private equity fund of \$5B, part of JP Morgan Chase. A mechanical engineer, Ken worked as a regional manager for GE during the 1990s and became involved in community-oriented activities—such as building orphanages—in Central America and Southeast Asia. In recent years, Ken has lent his support (moral and financial) to organizations such as Hispanic Unity of Florida, Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW), and the AguaClara project, whose goal is to bring clean water to rural Latin American villages. His family foundation, Fundacion Sanjuan, sponsors several summer internships for Cornell Engineering students while they train local community operators, supervise plant construction, and monitor water plant performance. According to Ken, "Nothing will compare to the opportunity to see what impact you've had in the eyes of a child." He hopes to semi-retire soon and spend (even) more time on travel and charitable pursuits.

Please send your news to: ☐ **Betsy Moore**, [emoore@cazenovia.edu](mailto:emoore@cazenovia.edu); **Bill Howard**, [wkh2@cornell.edu](mailto:wkh2@cornell.edu); **Steve Raye**, [spr23@cornell.edu](mailto:spr23@cornell.edu).

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Karen DeMarco Boroff '75

Berkshires of Western Massachusetts. Jeff would most like to hear from **Fred Pittman**, **Joe Trocchio**, **Mimi Schneider** Trudeau, MPS '93, and **Jim Pugh** while he is convalescing from an upcoming knee replacement. Although she would rather be running, **Florence Higgins**, DVM '81, reports that she is limping (broken toe) from a recent encounter with a cedar chest in her Rush, NY, home, where she lives with husband **John Lebens**, PhD '88, and two active teenage sons. Florence works part-time as a relief veterinarian and trains her border collie and Belgian sheepdog in obedience, agility, and fly ball skills.

**Kevin Malchoff**, MBA '75, lives in Buffalo, NY, and heads up Rich Products, a company with business in 70 countries. He enjoys golf and tennis, and notes that he would like to be sitting next to John McEnroe reporting on all of the major tennis tournaments. He'd also like to hear from **Scot McClintock**, MCE '75. Kevin reports that his son **Jeff '03** was married to **Liz Bowers '04** at Sage Chapel on "a beautiful October day with Cornell showing all its beauty."

**Herbie Robinson** of Newton, MA, works as a software architect at Stratus Computers for his day job. Herbie enjoys playing keyboards after hours and dragged **Ken Haven**, MME '75, out to a jam session the last time he visited Boston. A recent clipping, entitled "Designer Dirt," profiled **Nina Bassuk**, director of Cornell's Urban Horticultural Inst. and co-inventor of "CU-Structural Soil." This patented soil product allows urban trees to "get what they need: uncompacted soil with adequate moisture, drainage, aerations, and fertility."

**Andrea Paretts Ascher** is a partner at Proskauer Rose LLP, where she practices real estate law and finance. She lives with husband **Paul**, LLB '65, and two athletic teenage sons in Chappaqua, NY. Recently they took Zach, 16, to visit Cornell on a tour of prospective colleges. Andrea stays in touch with SDT sorority sisters and enjoys career and personal satisfaction. Veterinarian **Marc Levine**, DVM '78, owns the South Orange Animal Hospital and lives in nearby Short Hills, NJ, with wife **Frances Melton-Levine '75**. Their daughter Amanda attended the 2007 Cornell University Summer College Program, which offers courses to "high school students with the academic ability, maturity, and intellectual curiosity necessary to undertake

job, Marilyn is Newark's Director of Municipal Facilities and would enjoy hearing from **Michele Toppin** Thompson. **Karen Spencer** Kelsey lives in Greer, SC, and works nearby as an underwriter for Marsh, specializing in medical malpractice and physician's professional liability insurance. She also enjoys walking on the beach and visiting friends at Hilton Head Island when she is not busy volunteering for blood drives or campaigning for the United Way. Karen would like to hear from **Mariann Salton** Thompson. **Ann Trueblood** Raper lives with husband David in Summerfield, NC. She serves as a trustee at Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, and recently joined the board of directors of the Human Ecology Alumni Association.

**Gary Johnson** lives in Minneapolis, MN, works as a financial consultant on various assignments, and sings bass for the Twin Cities Catholic Chorale. Gary fondly remembers Cornell's beautiful campus, especially the gorges, and would like to hear from **Helene Joy Jacobowitz**. **Marc Zimmerman** of Lake Havasu City, AZ, lists "orthopedic surgeon" as an extracurricular activity, but writes that his present day job is owner of Divine Wine Imports Int'l. He works with "importers and suppliers to bring low production excellent quality and value wine and spirits to the State of Arizona."

**Phil Terzian** published *Alphabet Birds* in August '07, using bird photos he has taken and rhymes he has created over the years. The book is selling well and Phil feels content at the moment. He works as editor for Bellingham Publishing and lives with wife Kay in Cupertino, CA. San Franciscan **Mark Schwartz** continues to work as a poet, and reports "taking medication, getting into verbal street fights, and living a poet's life." He fondly remembers tray-sliding on Libe Slope and "upstaging **Christopher Reeve** in a play by Sean O'Casey at Risley." (Hmm, were there any witnesses to this?) A brief message from **Bob** and **Wendy McKee Wuest** reports them enjoying their third year in Singapore.

**Bill Van Sweringen** notes, "After 30-plus years on the contractor's side, I switched to the owner's side and joined Exxon Mobil." He expects to be building a petrochemical plant in the Middle East sometime soon. Bill and wife Patricia Lawrence live in Houston, TX, and recently took son James on a college tour. This included Cornell,

**75** It is late December, and we in the Northeast are icy cold. But here is the hot news from our classmates. Starting up north of the border, we hear from **Kathryn Cabinet-Kroo**, who lives in Montreal, Quebec. Her time is divided between painting and translating French to English. She recently celebrated the marriage of her son Josh. Her daughter Gaviella graduated in 2006 from Harvard and lives in NYC. **Stephen Kelleher** lives in Ontario, where he is president and CEO of Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. In between his many business trips to Korea, he spends time coaching his 13-year-old daughter's hockey team and watching his 12-year-old son play basketball. He would enjoy hearing from classmate **Anne Kelley** Anderson.

Crossing the Canadian border into New England, we hear from **Jane Rabbino** Miller. Jane lives in Falmouth, ME, where she is a substitute teacher. She also works in the Falmouth Town Hall. Her volunteer time includes work at Portland's Ronald McDonald House. She fondly recalls all the friends she met at Cornell and would enjoy hearing from **Laurie Clemente** Milnor and **Barbara Foote** Shingleton. **William Blumenreich** writes to us from Milton, MA. He is a concert promoter, and recent promotions include concerts for Andrea Bocelli and Dane Cook. **William Sloma** resides in South Burlington, VT. He'd enjoy hearing from his Cornell friends. **Ralph Padilla** is a veterinarian at the West Haven (CT) Animal Clinic. He enjoys watching his son play baseball, soccer, and basketball and seeing his daughter row—she is on the crew at Northeastern. Ralph recalls walking to class during snowfalls. He'd like classmates **Christopher "Michael" Stamatelos** and **Paul Kelly** to get in touch with him.

Moving into the middle-Atlantic area, we have lots of news from our classmates in New York. **Abby Nash** lives in Ithaca, where he is a wine and food educator. He led a very successful Cornell Adult University wine study tour to Bordeaux, France. Also living in Ithaca is **Susan Lustick**, MS '77, who is a realtor and radio talk show host for her program "House Call." She loved lobster night at the dining halls, and recalls making the rounds at all the halls to dine on as many lobsters as possible. **Sayre Fulkerson** is a farmer and winemaker in Dundee, NY. He misses the exciting Cornell environment. **Linda Hyde Peterson** is a biology teacher in Geneva, NY, but also a chauffeur for her high school freshman. Her older child, Eric, is now a freshman at Ithaca College, so Linda enjoys the visits back to Ithaca. She particularly remembers Sunday nights at the Commons Coffeehouse for "Bound for Glory" and hiking the gorges.

**Bruce Van Dusen** and his wife **Susan Whiting** live in Brooklyn. The couple are spending more and more time in Idaho and would like to link up with '75ers in Boise. **Jane Snyder Hubbell**, BS Nurs '75 (husband **Ralph** is Class of '43), writes from Chazy, NY. She loves living on the shores of Lake Champlain with the Green Mountains in the distance. Jane volunteers her time at Planned Parenthood in Lake Champlain and enjoys gardening as well. She recently traveled to Hong Kong and Beijing, celebrating her birthday with her two daughters. Her recollections of Cornell include the wonderful house parties at Theta Delta Chi in the '40s. She would very much enjoy hearing from her Nursing College friends from 1973-75.

Moving down the eastern seaboard, we hear from **Fran Rosenberg** Cogen of Bethesda, MD. Fran is the director of the pediatric diabetes program at the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. Vacations have recently taken Fran to Italy. While we all complained about the Ithaca cold, Fran remembers enjoying those cold Saturday morning breakfasts with friends at the Pancake House. Fran would love to hear from **Beth Richards Affleck**. Midlothian, VA, is home to **William Broadus**. He is a neurosurgeon at the Medical College of Virginia. In his spare time, he enjoys running (marathons and half-marathons), hiking, listening to music, traveling, and driving his '69 Porsche. His daughter **Elena '08** is studying at Cornell.

Way down south we hear from **Steven Sheppard** of Naples, FL. He is a spiritual intellectual, artist model, and dancer. He has traveled extensively (France, Senegal, South America, and India) and is appreciative of his many blessings. He remembers his friends and professors at Cornell and would enjoy hearing from them.

**Maria Recurt** writes from Puerto Rico, where she is a rheumatologist in private practice. She has volunteered her time at the Caribbean Preparatory School, where she was president of its board of directors. Her best recollections of Cornell include the autumn colors, Riskey Hall, the teachers, and the classes. She started jogging while at Cornell.

Moving inland, we have news from **Daphne Schneider** of Evanston, IL. She is a geriatrician at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. Daphne enjoys going to hear the Chicago Symphony performances. Like so many Cornellians, she loved her time at Riskey. She would like to hear from **Jenny Sloan** and history graduate student **Scott Swanson, PhD '88**. **Todd Teitell** is in Dallas, TX, where he is president of Colemart Insurance Brokers. His three children are all in college (U. of Texas, Austin, U. of Georgia, and Oklahoma State) and he enjoys visiting them. He looks back with

great pleasure on his fellow Chem E's, who banded together to survive!

We have one bit of news from the West Coast—from **Elaine Burke**. Elaine resides in Lake Oswego, OR, and is a radiologist and nuclear medicine physician at Kaiser Permanente. Her daughter Elizabeth participated in the Oceanography of the Gulf of Maine course, offered jointly by Cornell and the Sea Education Association. Elaine was lucky enough to visit Cornell's Shoals Marine Lab and, as a result, visited with her old lab partner **Willy Bemis '76**, director of the lab. Around the globe, we hear from **Wendy Sneff**, deputy press attaché at the US Embassy in Seoul, Korea. Her travels have taken her to Beijing, where she and daughter Caitlan climbed the Great Wall. **Larry Lohmann** lives in Dorset, England. He is on staff at the Corner House and recently edited a new book, *Carbon Trading*.

My husband Joel and I have half of an empty nest. Our son Alexander is a plebe at the US Military Academy at West Point. Our daughter Austen is a high school sophomore, and we enjoy following her soccer, basketball, and track achievements. Keep in touch! [Karen DeMarco](mailto:KarenDeMarco@shu.edu) Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; [Mitch Frank](mailto:MitchFrank.mjfgator@aol.com), mjfgator@aol.com; [Joan Pease](mailto:JoanPease.japease1032@aol.com), japease1032@aol.com; and [Deb Gellman](mailto:DebGellman.dsgellman@hotmail.com), dsgellman@hotmail.com.

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I have been sharing the writing of this class column over the past 25 years. Sometimes I am abundant with news and at other times the news is scarce, but I've learned how to do the last-minute scramble. Please forgive me as I am unable to meet the challenge for this deadline. Having left it to the last minute in the last week of the 2007, I was hit with the extraordinarily sad news that on December 22, we lost fellow classmate **Sandy Widener**. Sandy, a significant staff member at the *Daily Sun* during our four years on the Hill, was en route from her home in Denver with her husband John Parr and daughters Chase, 19, and Katy, 17, to visit family in Boise, ID, for Christmas. A crash on a snow-blown Wyoming highway killed Sandy, John, and Chase, and left Katy seriously injured.

Sandy was my roommate for three years in Ithaca, along with co-correspondent **Pat Relf Hanavan**. Pat offers the following tribute to our friend—she was one of the best.

Here's how I came to be Sandy Widener's senior-year roommate: she yelled something at me through the revolving door as I was leaving Willard Straight Hall and she was entering. It turned out to be, "Hey, do you have a place to live next year?" We barely knew each other, and only from interactions at the *Daily Sun*, where she spent all of her time and I was but a dilettante. As a matter of form, Sandy invited me to meet the other two roommates, **Karen Krinsky** and **Ellen Cord**, but later I realized that none of us had any real choice in the matter: Sandy seemed certain that it would be great. What more was there to say? Years later, Sandy said she hadn't planned to ask me to be their roommate; it just came out when she spotted a familiar face. That was Sandy: impulsively generous, enthusiastically decisive, hard to refuse, and usually right. In fact, it turned out to be the world's best combination of roommates. I should have thanked Sandy for our housemates, too—I wound up marrying one of the boys from downstairs.

Of course, we scarcely saw Sandy at our apartment. I could glimpse her at the *Sun*, where she was assistant managing editor that year and

always embroiled in writing or editing front-page stories about tuition protests and administration contretemps. She was a tough investigative reporter and yet made good friends among her subjects in the administration, as she did among professors and just about anyone else she met. Sandy did everything at top speed and in a small cloud of chaos. Even on an old Remington with a sticky H, she typed faster than speech. She was small, blonde, and cute (a word she hated), and she had a sharp wit and an impish sense of humor. Every boy was in love with her.

After graduation, Sandy spent the summer in Indonesia, where her parents Jean and **Paul Widener '52** were living. In the fall I met her in London and we traveled around England and Ireland by train, conducting a continuous Travel Scrabble tournament. When she returned, she moved to Denver and joined old *Sun* friends **Patty Calhoun** and **Rob Simon** to start the alternative weekly newspaper that Denver lacked. *Westword* seemed a crazily unrealistic project based on precious little money or experience. Visitors who wanted to see those three during the early years were likely to find themselves pasting up headlines or delivering stacks of freshly printed papers to student hangouts at 4 a.m. *Westword* became a great success, of course, and Patty continues to preside over one of the best weekly papers in the country.

A similarly unlikely success story was Sandy's and my longtime scheme to match up her youngest sister, Carol, and my brother, Mike, aka Bo. Our unsuspecting victims found themselves working in Denver the summer after they graduated from college. Sandy introduced them—how could they say no?—and now they've been married more than 25 years and provided us a nephew and niece in common.

Sandy fell for one of her interviewees, lawyer John Parr, a behind-the-scenes political mover who did the kinds of political and nonprofit work that took a long time to explain. Sandy adored John, his dry humor, his kindness, surely his patience, and his devotion to community that was so like her own, and they became a true team. They married in 1986 and moved to New York City for John's job as director of the National Civic League. Sandy, who in Denver had left *Westword* to write first for *Rocky Mountain Magazine* and then for the *Denver Post*, now became a crime reporter for *New York Newsday*—a tiny, baby-faced reporter showing up at crime scenes in every part of the city, at all times of day and night, often reaching witnesses and families before detectives did. She continued this madness throughout her pregnancy with their first daughter Chase and just laughed at those of us who expressed slight concern.

The family moved back to Denver, younger daughter Katy was born, and their constellation continued to grow. Friends, colleagues, exchange students, politicians, friends of friends, children of friends of friends . . . everyone found themselves enjoying the Parrs' hospitality and home. Sandy started freelancing so that she could be at home for Katy and Chase, and she always had several jobs going, usually textbooks and other educational projects. Meanwhile, she continued to do everything with total commitment and gusto—a great mom, a professional-level cook, a tireless advocate for public education, an advisor to politicians, a mainstay of the Denver community. She loved planning fantastic trips, and Sandy wouldn't let a year go by without a meeting of the Girls' Club—a product of the coincidence that she, our mutual friend Debbie Kovacs, and I each had two daughters. The

nine of us met somewhere every summer when the girls were small, and in recent years, just the senior three got together for a weekend of New York City food and theater every January. Add to us Sandy's Kappa sorority sisters, Sun and dorm and class friends, work colleagues, fellow activists, and dear Denver neighbors . . . Sandy considered so many people family. And she was right; we were.

On December 22, a great swath of people across the country lost three friends who were family to all of us, whether or not we'd managed to wangle any semi-official relationship by marriage. Sandy was 53; John 59; and Chase 19. As of this writing, Katy, 17, is in Boise with Carol and Bo's family, Sandy's parents, and Sandy's sister Gail and brother-in-law Mike's family from Oakland. She is recuperating well from the accident. Katy is a chip off the old blocks—energetic, smart, athletic, and funny. We're all lucky to have her, just as we were incredibly lucky to have known Sandy.

Patricia Calhoun's remembrance of Sandy in *Westword* can be found at [www.westword.com/2008-01-03/news/reminders](http://www.westword.com/2008-01-03/news/reminders). A memorial website has been established at [johnsandychase.muchloved.com](http://johnsandychase.muchloved.com). Memorial contributions may be made to: The Sandra J. Widener Memorial Fund, The Cornell Daily Sun Alumni Association, P.O. Box 876, Ithaca, NY 14851-9980; or to: The John Parr and Sandy Widener Community Leadership Award c/o The Denver Foundation, 55 Madison St., 8th Floor, Denver, CO 80206 (<http://www.denverfoundation.org/page17849.cfm>). ☐ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, [Krinsk54@optonline.net](mailto:Krinsk54@optonline.net); **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [Refl@tds.net](mailto:Refl@tds.net); **Lisa Diamant**, [ljdiamant@verizon.net](mailto:ljdiamant@verizon.net).

**77** By the time you read this, I hope winter will be a distant memory. As I was writing this column last December, though, the Pacific Northwest (whence I hail) suffered a doozy of a winter storm. I knew it was a big one when my mother called from New York to say that the national news had reported the storm! Coastal towns in Oregon and Washington (including mine) went without power, phone, or cell service, and some were underwater for days. Thankfully, things are on the mend. Life without a phone—landline or cell—or e-mail was quite interesting.

Speaking of e-mail, it's a great way to send news to your correspondents. Or you can use snail mail or the Class of 1977 website, <http://classof77.alumni.cornell.edu/>, to provide information.

We did hear from a number of classmates—thank you! Our class continues to demonstrate remarkable achievement and diversity of chosen occupations. **Wendy Auslander** ([wendyaus@wustl.edu](mailto:wendyaus@wustl.edu)) was installed as the Barbara A. Bailey Professor of Social Work at Washington U. in St. Louis, MO, in November 2007. Wendy's research focuses on health promotion in minority populations, and she also chairs the doctoral program at the university. Congratulations, Wendy! Also in academia, **Jennifer Raab**, president of Hunter College in New York since 2001, was named one of New York's "100 Most Influential Women in NYC Business" by *Crain's New York Business* magazine. Way to go, Jennifer! The magazine cited Jennifer's success in fundraising for Hunter College for improved facilities, professional training programs, and scholarships, as well as the increase in research grants to faculty members. At Colby College, **Jeff Earickson**, MCE '80 ([jae33@cornell.edu](mailto:jae33@cornell.edu)) is the computer administrator for central services computers. While Jeff would rather be snorkeling

down in the tropics, he engages in sports and photography in the free time he has left after painting the exterior of his Cape Cod house last summer. Jeff writes that he would like to hear from **Kathy Biondillo** Valliere '80.

A Hotel school contingent checked in. In an October 3, 2007 article, the *Daily Sun* ([www.cornell-sun.com](http://www.cornell-sun.com)) reports that **Drew Nieporent** is "kind of a big deal," running Myriad Restaurant Group. Myriad owns a number of well-known restaurants (like TriBeCa Grill and Montrachet) all over the world. Drew reports that his favorite food (as of last October) was salmon. Drew, try some Pacific Northwest salmon—it's wonderful. We also heard from **John Longstreet** ([john.longstreet@clubcorp.com](mailto:john.longstreet@clubcorp.com)), who wrote that one of his fond Cornell memories is Friday lunches with Drew Nieporent at the Peking Restaurant. John is the executive VP, people strategy at ClubCorp in Dallas, TX. John enjoys golfing, relaxing on Cayuga Lake, poker, and reading. In a related field, **Patricia Fisher** Vasseur ([tmw825@cox.net](mailto:tmw825@cox.net)) writes that she is opening a bed and breakfast in State College, PA. The move to State College from Rhode Island followed a divorce. Patricia would love to hear from her Cornell friends. Good luck, Patricia, on your new venture.

**Doug Kallen** ([dougal@msn.com](mailto:dougal@msn.com)) writes that he has not provided any alumni news for 30 years, and we thank him for starting this year. Doug is president of the Vermont Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a partner in a law firm on the shores of Lake Champlain in Burlington, VT. Living in Jericho, VT (which Doug informs me is halfway between Burlington and Stowe) with his 9-year-old daughter Hana, Doug likes to ski, bike, and hike.

Moving from the law to biology, **Cynthia Fairbank** Lewis ([coralcin@yahoo.com](mailto:coralcin@yahoo.com)) writes that life doesn't get any better than hers. (OK, Cynthia, now we are all a little jealous.) She gets paid to travel around the Caribbean to collect lobster samples for genetics projects (now we are really jealous!). Cynthia is a staff marine biologist for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, where she assesses the impact of lobster traps on the marine environment. When not roaming the islands, she enjoys boating, fishing, diving, and playing in a community band. In family news, Cynthia's son **Craig** graduated from the Vet college in 2006 and is currently at the Missouri vet school working on his master's in herd health, and son Jeff is in the engineering program at Georgia Southern. And there's another vet in the family: daughter Kerrie is in her second year at Ohio State's vet school. Cynthia would like to hear from fellow scientifically minded classmate **Bill Nye**. We also heard from the father of **Tim Downs**. Tim, a high school biology teacher at the School of the Arts in Rochester, NY, was in Iraq back in November. Tim serves as an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel assigned to Civil Affairs and is attached to the 3rd Infantry Division. Hope you see this column soon, Tim, and our best wishes for a safe return.

**Cheryl Keown** ([Cheryl.keown@coldwellbanker.com](mailto:Cheryl.keown@coldwellbanker.com)) sells luxury real estate in Las Vegas and reports that living in Las Vegas is "like being on vacation 24/7." Sounds good! Cheryl is involved with fundraising for Best Friends Animal Rescue in her spare time, and would like to hear from **Susan Laird**, PhD '88. **Robyn Maltz** ([robymaltz@rcn.com](mailto:robymaltz@rcn.com)) is a psychotherapist in private practice in Newton, MA, with a specialty in mind-body medicine. Robyn enjoys dancing, running, yoga, and playing the piano. She especially liked hiking the trails at the falls in Ithaca, and would like to hear from **Joyce Laudin** '76.

Quite an interesting group reporting in for this column. Please write with your news. C'mon—reconnect! ☐ **Annette Mulee**, [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com); **Howie Eisen**, [heisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:heisen@drexelmed.edu); and **Mark Petracca**, [mpetrac@orion.oac.uci.edu](mailto:mpetrac@orion.oac.uci.edu).

**78** Even though Cornell lost the game, all who attended the Cornell-BU hockey game at Madison Square Garden the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend had a blast. I took my nephew Taylor, who got a real taste of the Big Red team spirit. There was a pre-game dinner for the classes of 1978-80, hosted by **Nancy Sverdlík** '79, and she arranged for a delicious buffet dinner at the Heartland Brewery at the Empire State Building. There were several other '78ers there with whom I visited and chatted. **Andy Seiden** lives in New York City and is a partner in the law firm Curtis, Mallet-Prevost. He specializes in corporate and intellectual property law. Andy moved back to NYC five years ago after living in California. He keeps in touch with **Matt Sadinsky** of Charlotte, NC, who wishes he could have attended the dinner and game. **Andrea Kavaler** lives in NYC and works with a specialized economic consulting firm that deals mostly with agribusiness.

Also in attendance was another alumnus who is currently serving on the University Council. **Angela DeSilva** traveled from Texas with her husband and son. They carted their local family entourage of nine to the game after celebrating Thanksgiving at her mother's house. **Polly Kreisman** is a network producer at NBC News. She is also a publisher and editor for a local daily in Westchester County ([www.larchmontloop.com](http://www.larchmontloop.com)) and is a mother of 5-year-old twins who are in kindergarten. **Jim Megna** and his wife Kathy live in Arlington, MA. Jim works on Long Island and designs radar. Their daughter **Katheryn** '09 is studying Engineering.

**Terry Williams**, who works in medical marketing, flew in from San Francisco to take his dad to see the hockey game. He is hoping to organize a "Friends of Laing Kennedy" hockey and golf reunion. **Duane**, MBA '79, and **Laurie Paravati Phillips** came in from Lafayette, CA, to have a Thanksgiving feast in Utica, NY, along with their children **Lisa** '10 and **Greg** '08. Laurie is a lawyer and teaches at California State U., while Duane works in a foreign investment firm. **Jeff** and **Suzanne Tougas Snedeker** live in Ithaca. Jeff is a pediatrician and Suzanne works at the Veterinary college doing public health and outreach at the cancer institute there.

That was about all the news I could gather at the dinner. Then it was off to the Garden! Of the 14,000 tickets sold, 9,000 of them went to Cornellian fans. The Big Red Band kept us cheering, and you could hear the screams of "Go Red" and "Screw BU" throughout the game. It was truly a wonderful and very fun evening. Of course, it would have been sweeter if we had won! I saw **Eric Kates**, DVM '81 ([fastestvet@aol.com](mailto:fastestvet@aol.com)) and his wife, **Shari (Watchman)** '79 at the game. Eric is a successful equine veterinarian in New Jersey and Shari practices law. Shari is also very active in the Cornell Club activities in her area. Renewing old friendships is nice, especially when Cornell is the common thread.

**Bob Horowitz** ([rahdds@optonline.net](mailto:rahdds@optonline.net)) graduated from Columbia Dental School 25 years ago and has completed three post-graduate training programs. Unbelievably, he is about to embark on a double-doctorate program. His major field of study is rebuilding jaw bones and studying replacement

graft materials and growth factors that might be used in oral/maxillofacial surgery, neurosurgery, and orthopedics. In addition to maintaining a full-time private practice in Scarsdale, NY, in periodontics and implant dentistry, Bob teaches once a week at NYU and publishes and lectures extensively. He has lectured all over the world, including places as diverse as Jordan, Israel, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Dallas, and Orlando. He keeps in touch with **Maurice Belanger**, **Lee Schwartz**, and **Mark Levenson**. He is looking forward to catching up with everyone at reunion this June.

**Peter Chatel** (Atlanta, GA; pchatel@na.co.com) is the vice president of operational quality for Coca-Cola North America. He writes that he is active in church and sings in the choir. He also enjoys traveling and putting around with digital photography. Peter says he is "trying to get two of his three daughters through college." **Elaine Zajac Jackson** is an affiliate services training coordinator at Kendal Corp. Kendal at Ithaca is one their communities. **Brad Marion** was appointed the leader of the Global Automotive Sector of Korn/Ferry Int'l. He is based in Chicago and has an MBA in marketing from U. of Wisconsin. The section that Brad heads up specializes in the recruitment of senior executive talent to the automotive aftermarket, automotive retail market, heavy truck industry, OEM manufactures, and assemblers.

I'd like to introduce everyone to our new class correspondent, who will be sharing the duties with me. **Cindy Fuller**, PhD '92, lives in Seattle and actually "got a touch of midlife lunacy" by participating on a relay team for the Danskin Triathlon last summer. She shares her time with two Russian Blue cats: Phoebe, 14, and the youngster, Luka, who is 6 months old. Luka arrived from Akron and charged out of the carrier, utterly fearless, and is the most outgoing cat Cindy has ever owned. Classmate **Lori Lofvers** and her family visited last summer; friends are finally discovering how gorgeous Seattle is to visit. Cindy has also volunteered to help with reunion. Don't forget the dates: June 5-8, 2008. You can also check for any news on the class website at <http://classof78.alumni.cornell.edu/>. That's all for now. Please keep sending us your news! **Pepi F. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; **Cindy Fuller**, cjfuller@mindspring.com.

**79** On this chilly December day it is encouraging to know that spring will be well on its way by the time this update appears in print. As 2007 came to a close, many classmates across the country wrapped up several successful 50th birthday celebrations.

After the Cornell football overtime victory over Brown on October 20, spirits were high for the 50th birthday celebration at **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87's home a few blocks from the campus. Local foods and beverages, courtesy of Olivia Restaurant, and dessert from Purity Ice Cream (of course) were enjoyed by the guests. **Jeff Weiss** and **Mary Wilensky Kahn** attended the event and also participated in Cornell's Trustee/Council Weekend. Jeff is enjoying sharing the Cornell experience with his freshman son, who is in the Hotel school and on the wrestling team. Mary and husband Stuart's daughter **Jackie '10** is a sophomore Hotelier.

**Lisa Barsanti Hoyt** and daughter **Lisbeth '09**, a junior in the Arts college, also attended the party. Lisa works for Cornell in NYC. Lisbeth's dad, **Lon**, was on campus briefly between *Hairspray* shows, as it was also her sorority's Parents Weekend. Lisa returned to campus a few weeks later

for Lisbeth's fall concert with the a cappella group Absolute. **Kathy Best**, of Syracuse, and Mary Grainger also attended the concert. Kathy and husband **Steve Green's** daughter Caroline is a freshman at Smith. They missed the birthday celebration at the Graingers' since it was also Smith's Parents Weekend—and Steve's real 50th!

**Karen Jewett** was at the party after recently resigning from her job working at Cornell's Western Regional Office. Karen is preparing to go to graduate school, hopefully at Cornell. Bill and **Christie Gilmartin Waters** and **Steve** and **Jean Pawlak** came to the party together. Both couples have kids at Cornell, and Bill works for the university while Christie teaches at Cayuga Community College. The Waterses live in Auburn and the Pawlaks call Cortland home. **Chris** and **Amy Schapiro Cochran '81** brought their youngest child with them so that he could hang out with his two older brothers who are students at Cornell while they were at the party. The Cochrans made the trip from Saratoga County. Also in attendance were Ithaca native **Steve Magacs** and **Celia Rea**, who came down from Syracuse.

In addition to hosting a very successful 50th party, the Graingers are busy with numerous other activities. Mary continues as a full-time volunteer for the Ithaca schools, the Ithaca Public Education Initiative, the Tompkins Girls Hockey Association, Cornell, and the Girl Scouts. Brad is on the Ithaca school board and works with Capmark Finance financing housing and healthcare facilities. Their three daughters are in various stages of their educational careers. Allie, 22, graduated from Ithaca College in 2007, worked for NYPIRG at Binghamton, and is headed to South Korea to teach English. Maura, 20, transferred to UMass, Amherst from Providence this fall and is still playing hockey and studying sociology. Erin, 17, is a junior at Ithaca High School and has begun her college search in earnest.

**George Rogers**, Arlington, VA, attended the Washington, DC, party at **Deb Waterman Johns's** home. He celebrated his 50th birthday with his family earlier in the year on a ski trip in January 2007. **Warren Smith** also attended a recent party in Boston, where he enjoyed reconnecting with **Tom Manning** and **Larry Barstow**. He regularly keeps in touch with **Paul Natusch**, **Tom Stenson**, **Lou Greenblatt**, and other members of the Cornell gymnastics team. Warren and classmate **Eric Hopkins** work together as sales engineers for imaging systems. He has been busy putting his four daughters through school in recent years. Oldest daughter Sarah, 23, has graduated from the U. of Notre Dame; Kelly, 21, is a junior at Villanova; and

Laura, 19, is a freshman at Notre Dame. Ellen, his youngest, is 16 and still in high school.

Viewing college life from a different perspective, **David Allen** writes that he is a professor at the U. of Texas. He and wife Lingling reside in Austin, where David enjoys bicycle racing. **Kathryn Conway Dimiduk** is teaching physics at the U. of New Mexico. She lives in Albuquerque and enjoys sailing, swimming, and creating and teaching new courses. Her three children all attend Cornell. **Kathryn Gleason** writes that she is an associate professor of landscape architecture at Cornell. She lives in Ithaca but has recently been digging up historic gardens at Petra, Jordan, and Nagaur, India. She would love to hear from **Darcie Boyd** and can be reached at KLG16@cornell.edu.

**Judy Van Adelsberg Berman** is a professor of genetics, cell biology, and development at the U. of Minnesota. She has recently been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Judy is being honored for significant advances in the field of genomics including bioinformatics and chromosome structure and function. AAAS Fellows for 2007 were announced in the October 26, 2007 issue of the journal *Science*. **JudithAnn Hartman** (Hartman@usna.edu) has been promoted to full professor of chemistry at the US Naval Academy. She and husband **Craig Beyler '75**, MME '81, live in Columbia, MD, where she enjoys riding her horse Alice Ann.

**Julie Jones** also enjoys horseback riding and bicycling in her spare time. Last July she bicycled and kayaked in the San Juan Islands off the coast of Seattle, WA, to celebrate her 50th birthday. Joining her in this celebration were U-Hall 1 freshman friends **Judy Gelber**, **Karen Matrunich**, **Rebecca Maron Mazin**, **Maggie Chon**, and **Dale Feuer**. Julie would love to hear from **Pat Woodbury** and **Tony Mortelliti**. When she is not in the great outdoors, Julie practices family medicine in Millersville, PA. She and husband Richard Zook live in Lancaster and can be reached at JLJMD83@msn.com. **Betty Sanchez-Catanese** (NVCAT@earthlink.net) is practicing internal medicine in Lebanon, NJ, where she and husband Anthony reside. Betty is a member of the board of education leadership at Somerset Medical Center and the medical director of the quality department there.

I am continuing to enjoy my position as clinical assistant professor teaching nutrition in the Department of Health Science at Towson U. in Towson, MD. Towson is the targeted growth university in the State of Maryland system so it is an exciting place to be right now. I am also pursuing an EdD in instructional technology at the university.

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My husband **Bob Gould** is busy maintaining the status of Snyder's of Hanover as the Number One pretzel retailer in the US. Our son Brandon, 21, will graduate from UVA in May with a bachelor's in economics and political science. He is in the Master of Public Policy program there and will stay to complete that degree in May 2009. Allison, 19, is a sophomore at James Madison U. in media arts and design. She plans to finish up her Division I swimming career this year to allow for study abroad next year, hopefully in Spain.

It's wonderful to hear news of your accomplishments as we wade through the milestones of life. As all of us approach the 30th Reunion it would be great to reconnect with old friends through the column. Send us an e-mail and let us know what's going on in your life and who you would like to hear from. You can write us at [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or directly at: **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [rdgould@comcast.net](mailto:rdgould@comcast.net); **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthiashea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiashea@hotmail.com); and **Cindy Williams**, [cw32@cornell.edu](mailto:cw32@cornell.edu).

**80** As I write, it's that time of year when we all are too busy to take time to think about keeping our classmates up to date, so this will be a rather short column. Hope you are all enjoying celebrating our milestone birthday this year. Let's face it, 50 is pretty impressive, don't you think? Who would have thought that we would have accomplished so much since we donned those caps and gowns in 1980? Just look at the few past issues of this magazine to see how far we have come.

Remember just a few years ago when you were camping out at Lynah Rink for tickets? Well, some of us had déjà vu in November when we had the opportunity to see the Big Red hit the ice. Red Hot Hockey! Yes, that is how it was billed, but actually it was a really great opportunity to meet old friends, bond over the old Cornell-BU rivalry, introduce our kids to old classmates, and honor the past victories of Cornell. In case you weren't there, I'm referring to the Cornell-Boston U. hockey game that was played on November 24, 2007 at Madison Square Garden in NYC. It was a great evening, thanks to our class officers and our Class of '79 counterparts.

Starting with dinner at the Heartland Brewery in the Empire State Building and culminating with the face-off at the Garden, we enjoyed rooting for our team. Among the fans were **Jill Abrams** Klein, **John Englander**, **Jeff Estabrook**, JD '83, **Lauri Feldman**, **Sheri Frumer**, **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead, **Gina Lee**, **Karen Benz** Merns, **Robert Messner**, **Esther Elkin** Mildner, **Tim O'Connor**, **Walter Peek**, **Joyce Rosen**, **Beth Santa**, **David Toung**, **Robin Butner** Weidy, **Lisa Privett**-Wood, and myself, with a collection of family and friends.

The Garden was a sea of red (both for the Big Red and for Boston) and was echoing with the sounds of the Big Red Band as well as those oh so familiar hockey chants. All I can say is, "Wish you were there!" This was one of the first events that have been scheduled this year to ensure that we have ample opportunity to get together and bond over the year that we turn 50! And of course the first of the cakes with 50 candles was presented at dinner before the game. If you would like to see pictures from the event, go to <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/>. And don't forget to visit our class website at <http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu/> for updates.

As for correspondence, the mailbox is rather empty, but I did receive an update from **André**

**van Hall** in Colorado. He writes that he is CEO and general manager of the Denver Athletic Club. Also in from the Cornell Summer Program, two of our classmates took advantage of summer study on the Hill through CAU. **Barbara O'Mara** Hinsley delved into the History of Natural History taught by **John B. Heiser**, PhD '81, while **Charles Horvath** studied Inventing Christianity: The First Six Centuries presented by **Scott MacDonald** '78, PhD '86.

## ‘Substitute teaching aids my quest to figure out teen behavior.’

Jennifer Read Campbell '81

That's all for this issue. Send your news to any one of us, or mail in the News Form from the annual class News and Dues mailing coming soon this spring. And make a wish for me when you are blowing out those 50 candles! **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, [caa28@cornell.edu](mailto:caa28@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky**, [leonabarsky@aol.com](mailto:leonabarsky@aol.com); **Dana Jerrard**, [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu); **Tim O'Connor**, [tvoc0744@optonline.net](mailto:tvoc0744@optonline.net); and **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu).

**81** The year 2008 came racing around the corner before we realized what hit us! Everyone is so busy that news is only trickling in. Look for our annual class News and Dues mailing coming sometime in early spring, and send us your news with your dues.

Hopefully, classmate **Lisa Dietrich Zimmerman**, DVM '85, is having a better winter than last year, when she fractured her tibia while skiing over the holidays. She recuperated while husband **Bill**, DVM '85, went to the Master's Alpine Skiing Nationals in Big Sky, MT. Lisa and Bill are veterinarians and owners of the Nassau Veterinary Clinic, a small animal practice near Albany, NY. She has fond Cornell memories of her dog, Blondie, sneaking into Baker Hall during Organic Chemistry. She would love to get in touch with **Celeste Starr** Frohm '80.

Fellow correspondent **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto had to go "fishing" online, so to speak, to snag some new tidbits. **Lisette Hawkins** LaFortune wrote back in the fall that she loves her new job as the director of marketing at the Farm Bureau Bank. Her husband Joe recently switched jobs from the business world to teaching first grade. Weekends find them cheering at their friends' kids' soccer games, mountain biking, boating, touring in an RV, or geocaching. She recently enjoyed a trip with her mother in the Baltic. Lisette admitted that although she now lives in San Antonio, she is still a Red Sox fan!

We heard from **Susan Ogden** Hampton, in Tucson, AZ, with a newsy update: "My mother, **Ruth Read** Russell '56, 14-year-old daughter Jessie, and I attended reunion together since it was my 25th and Ruth's 50th." They had a wonderful trip, visiting Niagara Falls, Corning Glass, and Lake Placid before and after reunion. In June 2007, Susan, her husband Carl, and their daughter joined former college roommate **Peggy Nelson** Copenhaver '82, husband Alan, and son Bryce for a camping trip to Joshua Tree, Sequoia, and Yosemite national parks in California. She would love to hear from classmates at [soh4@cornell.edu](mailto:soh4@cornell.edu).

**Fran Hoffinger** wrote that her older daughter, Rebecca, is a freshman at Johns Hopkins U. Younger daughter Alice is a ninth grader in high school. Fran still practices law as a partner at Hoffinger Stern & Ross LLP in Manhattan, doing primarily white collar and non-white collar criminal defense work, plus civil litigation and family law. Husband Harvey Fishbein is also a criminal defense attorney. Fran serves as vice president of

her synagogue and also on a subcommittee of the Bar Association. Needless to say, life was too full for her to make it back to reunion. She did make it back to campus several years ago and was amazed to find high-rise apartment buildings in Collegetown and to discover that two houses she had lived in were no longer standing.

**Rhonda Brauer** wrote from NYC, where she is secretary and corporate governance officer in the *New York Times* legal department. She is married to Greg Holch and is mother to Jillian, 13, and Justin, 10. She is also an avid fan of the Yankees. Rhonda has fond memories of living in Watermargin and having no *real* responsibilities. Also from NYC, **Susan Berko** Conde is married to husband Cristobal and works in the Susan Conde Art Gallery and in her own Berko Painting Archives. Her children include Daniel, 14, Isabel, 12, and Elena, 10. She is involved in the Arts Council, in the ICA in Philadelphia, at her daughter's school, Sacred Heart, and with the St. Ignatius Loyola Church. She would love to hear from **Colleen Rohan** Curro, **Helene Wassermann**-Bloodworth '80, and any ROTC friends from 1977 to 1979.

**Debra Chesman** ([yodelady@stny.rr.com](mailto:yodelady@stny.rr.com)) lives in Painted Post, NY, and is the bookings coordinator for Valley Folk Club. She would love to hear from **Karen Wright Donnelly** and husband **Bob**. **Jeffrey Resnick** reports that he is working for Goldman Sacks Commodities and lives in Irvington, NY. **Tom Nucatola** of Scotch Plains, NJ, is enjoying his two kids and opened up a private practice specializing in rheumatology in Westfield, NJ, this past year. He would love to hear from **Peter Snell** and remembers fondly the bells at Cornell playing our Alma Mater.

**Leslie Rosenthal Jacobs** wrote that she and husband **Scott** '79 are still living in New Orleans and have rebounded slowly from Katrina. She reports that the city is still "great for food, music, and fun, so come visit us!" Daughter **Lauren** '05 is back in town to be part of the rebuilding effort. Daughter Michele is a junior at Penn and is currently studying in London for a semester. They dined with Prof. **James Maas**, PhD '66, this past fall when he was visiting New Orleans. They received an update on the Bailey Hall renovations, since Dr. Maas is still teaching Psych 101.

As for me, I am substitute teaching in the local school system at the primary, middle, and high school level. This makes for an easy commute and aids my quest to figure out teen behavior. It also meshes well with my volunteer position as president of the PTSA at Westfield High School (Chantilly, VA), which, with 3,270 students, is Virginia's

largest. One big benefit: I get to sit on stage in cap and gown as my own daughter, Olivia, graduates next June! Olivia, along with our other teenager Ben, grade 9, insures there is never a dull moment here, especially with college applications, acceptances, and that whole decision now in process! Ron, my husband of 23 years, is in sales for IBM, which acquired his former company, FileNet, this past year. As scoutmaster for a local Boy Scout troop, he took a crew on a two-week high adventure trek last summer at the Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimmaron, NM. Not to be outdone, I had the pleasure of taking my daughter and niece Allison, 15, to Barcelona and Tossa de Mar, Spain, thanks to helpful itinerary tips from Cornell buddy and travel aficionado **Theresa Kronik** Wrobel. Traveling with my teen girls was a great adventure. I will always cherish having seized the opportunity!

Remember to check out our class website, <http://classof81.alumni.cornell.edu>. We look forward to hearing from you this spring—let us know what's happening! ☐ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, [ronjencam@aol.com](mailto:ronjencam@aol.com); **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, [lashoto@rcn.com](mailto:lashoto@rcn.com); and **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@comcast.net](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net).

**82** Because of reunion reporting and some false starts by me in coordinating with our new class correspondents (bless them both!), this column features news that is six to nine months old as I write and will be pushing a year by the time of publication. Nevertheless, it is all interesting, and I apologize if anything is obsolete. You will just have to write in to us to update and correct it!

From the Midwest we received news from **Michael Wapner**: "I'm pleased to report that after a longer than expected semi-retirement and a lengthy quest to get involved in something environmentally friendly, I recently achieved my career change objective. I am now the director of finance and operations at the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. MEEA is a small nonprofit in Chicago that enables energy efficiency through education and other programs for the residential and commercial sectors." Michael, wife Lan Eng, and daughters Anna, 4, and Julia, 7, live in Park Ridge, IL, which he says "is right outside Chicago near O'Hare Airport. I encourage any classmates traveling into, out of, or even through Chicago to get in touch with me to see if we can arrange a visit."

Also in the Midwest is **Paul Weisman**, who is an interventional cardiologist and chairman of the Dept. of Cardiology at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee, WI, where he lives with wife Laura. In his spare time he enjoys tennis league, biking, rollerblading, and a book club. Making me feel not quite so bad about my lack of willpower, the eminent cardiologist reports that he eats too much and exercises too little and that he would rather be napping. His fondest Cornell memory is playing Frisbee on the Arts Quad at 2 a.m. with **Jack Meskunas** using a "black Master Frisbee" (it's the details that matter). He would love to hear from **Mark Dwortzan**, "to see if he remembers learning to ski in an ice storm at Greek Peak," and from **Bari Brandt**, "to discuss whether the last 20 years of being physicians was all we thought it would be when we were struggling in Chem 207 as 'pre-med' hopefuls."

As it happens, we heard from Jack Meskunas, who writes, "Not sure I have ever written into the alumni magazine, so on the occasion of my 25th Reunion, I thought I would just drop a line to let

my fellow Cornellians know how to find me." He can be reached (take note, Paul!) at [jam420@gmail.com](mailto:jam420@gmail.com), and the website for his NewRoc Harley-Davidson dealership in New Rochelle, NY, is <http://www.nrhd.com/>. On the other coast, **Tracy Columbus** is a lifestyle, branding, and marketing strategist and the owner of Columbus & Co., a multiplatform lifestyle and strategic marketing company located on Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles, CA, specializing in the "Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability (LOHAS) global marketplace." Tracy also does Vinyasa flow yoga . . . and if her picture on her business card is any indication, we all should be doing it to maintain our youthful appearance and flexibility!

**Miriam Honore Akabas** was part of "a wonderful family gathering of many Cornellians: my mother **Shelley Epstein Akabas '51** and her brother **Howard Epstein '55**, my brother **Myles Akabas '77** and his son **Sam '07**, my other brother's sons **Shai '09** and **Tal '11**, and my cousin's wife **Leah Odze Epstein '88**." The extended family went to Iceland to celebrate Shelley's 75th birthday and Miriam's father's 80th. Miriam's community service work, done with her children, has included working two to three hours per month at a local pantry/soup kitchen, painting scenery for a fundraising play, visiting the elderly through an intergenerational program called Dorot, and planting flowers in the treewells in her neighborhood.

**Jeffrey Kidwell** lives in New York City and is a partner/managing director at Cantor Fitzgerald. He continues to sing the National Anthem for Major League Baseball, performing for both the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians in July 2007. He also sang at the NYPD/NYFD Fun City Bowl. Jeff misses playing billiards between classes at Willard Straight Hall and would like to hear from Dr. **Cynthia Trowbridge**. Also living in New York State, in Lima, is **Earl "Skip" Adams II**, a veterinarian to small and exotic animals. He also raises sheep, alpacas, and llamas for fiber, which involves shearing sheep, building an animal shelter, and putting up fencing. Skip says he loves farm life with his wife and six children. Like Paul Weisman, he remembers fondly playing Frisbee on the Ag and Arts quads. He would love to hear from **Edward Pawkett** and **Holly Alwyn Werner**.

From Norwich, CT, **Joan Lesmerises** Love writes that she is a middle school science teacher and department facilitator, who enjoys "judo, coaching cross-country, judo, hitting the gym, and judo. My partner and I opened our own dojo (judo school), and I won my masters division at the national judo championships for the fourth year in a row." Joan's strongest Cornell memory is Sage Chapel Choir, and she would most like to hear from **Marilyn Mayer**, MS '86.

**Kathryne E. "Keo" Opton** has moved to Florida, where she is establishing herself as Gainesville's only watsu (water shiatsu) practitioner. She also does massage therapy and some personal training. She volunteers as part of the Gainesville Area Women's Network, as a mentor and doing volunteer/community massage. Some fond Cornell memories include sunrise/sunset views from the back porch at 660 Stewart Ave. and her puppy yelping during a lecture and hearing it on tape! She would love to hear from Cornell friend **Margaret Gallo '81**, and would like to watsu with Cornellians from the Gainesville/Jacksonville area at Amelia Island Spa!

**Karen Isberg** lives in Versailles, KY, and is president of Kentucky Performance Products LLC, which markets and sells equine nutritional supplements. "After work and on weekends, I devote

most of my time to my kids; at 14 and 12 they keep me very busy. I am involved in Scouting with my son and fast-pitch softball with my daughter. I enjoy camping, hiking, bird-watching, and many other outdoor activities. I love to read about the Civil War and attend reenactments and seminars. For the first time in 20 years, I don't own a horse!" Friday nights at the Depot are Karen's fond Cornell memories, and she would love to hear from any of the gang from Ide's Hotel, the Horseman's Association, or the Equine Research Farm.

Back in 2006 two of our classmates participated in CAU Off-Campus Study Tours. **Delia Kelder Adams** went on the Springtime in the Smokies: A Nature and Ornithology Walkabout, and **Wendi Blum Kushner** did Opera in Santa Fe with husband **Brian '78**, PhD '84. In a different kind of tour, class council member Cmdr. **Charles Stuppard** continues to serve his country in the US Navy and will be in Kuwait until sometime in 2008. Charles passed along a picture of himself in desert fatigues, looking heavily armed and armored and prepared to do his duty. Last, I am happy to report that fellow Lambda Chi **Michael "Curt, Man" Curtis** and wife Sheryl are the proud parents of a boy, Austin Robert, born August 2, 2007. Way to go, bro! ☐ **Mark Fernau**, [mef29@cornell.edu](mailto:mef29@cornell.edu); **Douglas Skalka**, [dskalka@nplmlaw.com](mailto:dskalka@nplmlaw.com); and **Steven Crump**, [spc25@cornell.edu](mailto:spc25@cornell.edu).

**83** I am writing this in December. But due to the lag in our publishing schedule, you are likely reading this column in March—just a few months till our big reunion in June. I want to take this opportunity to encourage you to come to a reunion that historically is the largest in class participation: the 25th. Please call every classmate you know and encourage them to come too. Our fellow class officers have all worked hard to make this a memorable event. Let's make this reunion the one that sets the record for class participation.

Themes of classmates' involvement with their kids, many being sent off on their own to school, tops this round of notices. Speaking of class officers, **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer lets us know that daughter **Madison '11** was accepted to the Hotel school and is now a freshman. Abbie is thrilled and looking forward to spending more time on the Hill. Also updating us is **Duncan Huyler**, whose oldest son **Garrett '09** is majoring in Information Sciences and was first at the Ivy League Heptagonal Championship (Heps) this spring in the high jump. Second son **Connor '11** was accepted early decision to the AEM program in the Ag college. Duncan is the CFO of a hedge fund in NYC (The-sis Capital) and his wife **Erica (Nichols) '82** runs their horse farm in Marlboro, NY.

**Diane Barsky** brings us notice that she attended the bat mitzvah in September of Julia Barnes, daughter of **Ellice Halpern** Barnes. Also present was **Emily Vener** with her husband Simon and their sons, ages 16, 13, and 4. Diane tells us that Emily is a psychologist who is now in her second year as a student at Temple U. Law School. The Cornell friends Diane would most like to hear from include **Jayne Trachman**, **David Messinger**, MD '87, **Theresa Baccoli** Harte, **Molly Van Buskirk**, and **Jana Winograd** Cayne.

**Mark Wolcott** from Pittsford, NY, informs us that he is VP of KeyBank's commercial banking division in Rochester. While busy being a husband and father of three, Mark "moonlights" as a ski-racing coach. During the summer he is a guest ski

coach for the Mount Hood Summer Ski Camp on the Palmer Glacier in Oregon. Activities Mark enjoys (besides skiing, obviously) are cycling, windsurfing, and golf. Mark reflects, "I learned so much about life and hard work at Cornell and really enjoyed participating in athletics and fraternity life." He still misses terribly his best friend and roommate **Jay Von Hemert** who, sadly, passed away in 1984.

From Bloomfield, NJ, we hear from **Cindy Goldberg** Fine, mother to son David, 14, and daughter Rachel who, Cindy informs us, has multiple disabilities. She is focusing most of her time and energy on helping her daughter, but hopes to return to work as a lawyer, a position she put on hold in April 2001. Cindy is married to Jay, an immunologist and a proud owner—according to Cindy—of a talking bird "friend." Cindy remembers most fondly the "mudslide" on Libe Slope during our freshman year, and would like to hear from classmate **Harry Roosje**, her best friend that year who went mud-sliding with her.

Also remembering sliding down Libe Slope (although on trays rather than mud) is **Layne Lieberman-Lieberson**. Layne is a nutrition consultant and director of nutrition for King Kullen Grocery Co. in New York. She also serves on the board of the American Heart Association as well as F.A.C.T. (Foundation for the Advancement of Cardiac Therapies). Expressing a sentiment shared by many of our classmates in the midst of leading busy lives, when asked what she'd rather be doing now, her answer: "Nothing!" Doing her best to balance work and family life is **Ellen Winchell-Goldman**, a very active travel agent with Up & Away Travel in Fairfield, CT. One benefit her job does allow her is to plan wonderful family trips and make

arrangements for her oldest child, who is attending Washington U. as a freshman, to get to/from St. Louis. To help herself stay on top of the crazy schedules of a husband and three kids and keep the household functioning, Ellen practices Pilates. But she would rather be doing anything now than the "mountains of paperwork" she is working her way through. Fondly, perhaps wistfully, she looks back to her time at Cornell and "being able to hang with friends and stay up past 11:30 p.m."

From Syracuse we hear from **Eric Lee**, who has quite literally been "workin' on the railroad!" Eric is president and CEO of Meridian Southern Railway LLC, a short-line railroad company serving various counties in Mississippi. Eric also serves as an attorney representing the short-line railroad industry in various matters, including lobbying on Capitol Hill and participating on and speaking to various industry committees. It is obvious that Eric is a major train buff, as in his spare time he enjoys restoring a 1954 vintage diesel electric locomotive. Sometimes his position even allows him an occasional shift at the throttle of a full-size locomotive. In fact, Eric says he used to run the salt train through Ithaca and up the lakeshore from 1998 to 2002. His other extracurricular activities include serving on the Zeta Psi Elders Association and coaching his daughter in moot court. He remembers fondly the good times he had at Zeta Psi. And while he hears from many Cornell friends, he would love to hear from more.

Also from upstate New York (Rochester), we learn that **Monica Kalilec** Palacio still loves her job as a physician assistant, which she does part-time. Her work involves inpatient internal medicine and short-term rehabilitation, mostly with elderly patients. Much of her "free time" is taken up with shuttling two daughters, ages 14 and 17, to various activities including sports, music, and social events. Monica also plays indoor soccer one day a week with a great bunch of "soccer moms," and enjoys her daily run. Her 17-year-old has begun her college search. And while Monica hopes she goes to Cornell, it was still too early to tell as of this writing. Of the many fond memories she has from her own time at Cornell, Monica says, "the playing of the clock tower bells puts a lump in my throat, just as it did 28 years ago!" The old Cornell friend Monica would most like to hear from is her Kappa Big Sister, **Caroline McKallor '82**.

**Kim Leffert** writes from Chicago that while much of her "after-hours" activities involve running after her 2-year-old son Daniel, she still finds time to enjoy (in no presumed order) the symphony, the opera, and the Chicago Cubs. She also has been an active gardener. Professionally, Kim stays busy as a litigation attorney at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw specializing in labor and employment matters and electronic discovery. Recently she finished a collective bargaining arrangement for a client in western Kentucky. The one thing Kim misses most from her time at Cornell was having the "time to read a book—even if it was for a literature class—and being part of the Lynah Faithful."

Mark your calendars for reunion on June 5-8, 2008. I hope to see you there! ☐ **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net; and **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, dinah.godwin@earthlink.net.

Hockey" against BU (I bumped into Sonja Watkins Kelly while I was there). It was sold out, and most of the tickets were to Cornell alums! Red and white filled the stands and it was a blast, even though we lost. **Lee Bender** was there and e-mailed the following: "We had a mini-fraternity reunion for Phi Sig Ep at the historic Cornell vs. BU game at Madison Square Garden. I came from Philly, **Larry Lazar** from D.C., **Matt Siegel** from New York, **Charles Oppenheim** from L.A., **Scott Krowitz** from Connecticut, **Mark Ansoorge '85** from New York City, and **Mike Kirsch '85** from Indiana, with wives and kids. Sitting two rows behind the goal, but unfortunately not able to make the BU goalie more of a sieve, we came up a bit short on the scoreboard, 6-3, but clearly had the upper hand with the spirit in the stands. Good rehearsal for our 25th Reunion."

On to other news. **Susan Chang** is the part-time head of Asian development at Westpac Banking Corp., where she works on Asia strategy and development of infrastructure into Asia. She is a full-time parent to son Taos, 11, and daughter Satori, 9. Susan's extracurricular activities include homework police to her children and president of the Cornell Club in Singapore. Recently, Susan has been setting up her family's French home in Provence as a vacation rental. See www.vrbo.com, house no. 115006, or www.vacationfrance.com, house no. 3005. Susan would love to hear from **Myong Chang '82**, with whom she lost contact after she left Johns Hopkins. **Julie Helitzer** Shubin is teaching business law at George Mason U. After hours, she plays tennis, collects antiques, and volunteers at the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue. Recently, she has been taking care of son Michael, 8, and daughter Rachel, 13. Rachel celebrated her bat mitzvah in February 2007. The family is enjoying their five rescue cats, and Julie is enjoying being a soccer mom.

**Wayne Hartung** is the chief meteorologist at WEHT-TV in Evansville, IL. He and wife Amber spend most of their time raising their twins, 9-year-olds Hayes and Allison. Wayne just finished up a huge NOAA Weather Radio campaign following the deadly 2005 Evansville tornado. Recently, he has been traveling to San Francisco with his daughter for her ear reconstruction surgeries. Wayne's fondest memory of Cornell is the Phi Psi 500's—all four of them! He would love to hear from **Steve Valk**. **Kris Bagwell** is an investor and the head of the Georgia Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). After-hours activities include bicycling and riding in three upcoming JDRF 100-mile rides in Montana, California, and North Carolina. His fondest memories of Cornell are the Hot Truck, concerts at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, and the rare sunny day! He would love to hear from **Paul Foskey**.

**Scott Diehl** is the VP of business development for the Winery Exchange/Trade Pulse. Recently he has been raising three kids and trying to survive. He would love to be riding down Libe Slope on a cafeteria tray right now! **Despina Metaxatos** is an acting instructor at the Bergen Community College in Paramus, NJ. Oil painting and container plants are her favorite extracurricular activities. Recently, Despina received her MFA in Fine Art with distinction from the U. of Western Australia, Perth, which led to her present position. She returned to the US in 2005 after seven years abroad in France and Australia. Her fondest memories of Cornell are of the Prospect of Whitby Co-op.

**Diane Matyas**, MFA '89, is a museum administrator/artist at the Staten Island Museum. She plans and leads the public dimension at the

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**84** Remember how in August 2007, *Newsweek* named Cornell the "Hottest Ivy"? Well, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we went to Madison Square Garden to watch Cornell play some "Red Hot

126-year-old Museum of Art, History, and the Natural Sciences. She and husband Ben have children Abraham, 11, and Winsome, 6, who fill up most of their days and nights. Both Diane and Ben work in the cultural field so they are constantly attending concerts, plays, and exhibits that come from their local arts community. Recently they moved to a great new house only minutes from the Staten Island Ferry. Diane is also working on mounting a show about Spanish Camp, a bungalow community that was lost to development on Staten Island. Then she will curate an exhibit about bikes that really move! She also wrote and illustrated a small book about museum manners called *Captain Jack Visits the Museum*.

**Stephen Howell** is president of Howell Design & Build Inc., a professional design/build firm. In his spare time, he coaches son Jake, 11, and daughter Olivia, 14, in soccer and basketball. He and wife **Susan (Seligsohn) '86** live in Boxford, MA. Recently Stephen spent time building a large Adirondack-style vacation home in Maine for some local Boston-area clients. His fondest memories of Cornell include time spent with friends in the beautiful parks such as Taughannock, Buttermilk, Upper Treman, the Gorges, and Upper Beebe Lake. **Dorothy Pelovitz** Frank spends most of her time taking care of her 4-year-old twin boys. She is trying to get New Jersey to pass "twins legislation" that would make classroom placement the parents' choice. In the meantime, she also does some freelance work. **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** I hope you are enjoying a great start for 2008! We want to hear what you're doing, your memories of our years on campus, and your plans for 2008, so please send us your news. The annual News and Dues class mailing will be arriving soon!

Many in New York City recently had the opportunity to hear from Dr. **Alejandro Badia** who flew in from Florida for his presentation at a CEN (Cornell Entrepreneur Network) event at the Cornell Club. At the event, titled, "The Surgeon as Entrepreneur," Alejandro discussed how your physician stays in business despite endless HMO bureaucracy, sky-high liability insurance rates, and healthcare policy misfires. He also shared his ideas on what entrepreneurial physicians are doing to stay on top of their games in one of this country's most imperfect industries. Among Alejandro's many accomplishments is that he just opened the Da Vinci Center in Florida, the world's largest and most technologically advanced cadaveric surgical training lab. Many were in attendance at the CEN event including classmates **Steve Dadourian** and **Jaan Janes**.

**Wanda Sizemore-McRae**, her husband Arthur, and their 3-year-old daughter Kendra live in Elizabeth, NJ, where Wanda is teaching second grade. As if teaching doesn't keep her busy enough, she also spends her free time mentoring youth in the community. She recently had an enjoyable vacation in Waikiki. Her fond memories of Cornell include the Hot Truck and the festival of Black Gospel. She would love to hear from **Charly Carter '86**. **Christine Natsios** hasn't traveled far from campus; she is living right in Ithaca and is director of alumni affairs for the School of Hotel Administration. She travels frequently for her job and is also busy caring for her aging parent.

When **Tim Norris** recently found himself waiting up for his daughter Leah, 17, to come home

from a high school concert, he decided to take the time to share some of his news with us. He had recently read an update in our column about his roommate **Nick Theodore** and his friend **Howard "Phil" Spira**, so he thought it was time he should contribute also. In 2006, he visited Cornell with his son Alex, who applied (Tim thinks it was as a favor) and was accepted, but Alex decided to attend Brandeis. Tim enjoyed the visit after not having been on campus in many years, adding that his Cornell sweatshirts have long since turned to dust. I hope he found some time to stop by the Campus Store to get a new one. Tim's other kids are Joanne, 13, and Haley, 5. He spends most of his time coaching their soccer and softball teams and has been playing soccer himself. He also finds the time to do labor and employment law for cities, towns, and schools. He just joined Facebook, primarily to see what his kids are doing. He noted that he didn't see many of our classmates on Facebook, so he wants to encourage everyone to join and to apply to be his friend.

**Liz Mozesky** Langston just finished coaching two soccer teams this past fall, and to stay in shape, she is training for a triathlon. I know she will also be busy helping to plan the annual Spring Reunion of the women from 216 Delaware, which is going to be in New Orleans this year. In addition to Liz, this year's reunion is expected to include **Jill Beckenstein Lerner**, **Cindy Cowen Bowman**, **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, **Debra Eisenstat** Deroche, **Maryellen Fisher** Magee, **Karen Magri**, **Sharon Tolpin**, **Margaret Vanasse**, and **Leslie Nydick** (I have been lucky to be included as an honorary member of the 216 group).

By the time you read this column, co-correspondent **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, her husband Michael, and their son Daniel will have moved from Florida to Cumming, GA. Although they haven't found a house yet, Joyce expects to be living only a 15-minute drive from where **Rob Tchack** and his wife live. She also hopes to connect with other classmates who are living in the area. Joyce will be starting a new job with a company where she had previously worked for almost seven years, so she is really looking forward to the opportunity to get to know the residents. She will be working in a clinical realm, which is new for her, so she's excited about that, too. I look forward to visiting them in Georgia after they get settled.

Last summer, several of our classmates returned to campus to enjoy the warm weather (and plenty of rain depending on which week they were there) attending CAU (Cornell's Adult University). Those who attended included: **Georgette Asherman**, **Sharon Cape**, **Laura Jones** Kobrin, DVM '89, **Joan Lee**, DVM '89, **Michael Snyder**, and me. I had a fantastic week taking a photography course and spending all my free time roaming around Ithaca shooting thousands of photos (and running to the store to get more memory cards for my camera!).

Early in 2007, I expanded my conflict resolution business to include work in the guardianship courts of NYC. This work is tremendously rewarding and I enjoy it. In addition, I do mediation work, where I assist businesses, individuals, and families to resolve conflicts and disputes. I have also been teaching at NYU and that has been equally rewarding. My business has been keeping me incredibly busy, but it's a relief after having spent last summer clearing out my father's house—the same one I grew up in—so he could move to NYC. If any of you have had to clear out the house you grew up in, you know what a chore it can be. I did find some wonderful letters that I had saved

from my years at Cornell. My freshman roommate, **Jill Beckenstein Lerner**, will probably remember the many letters I received from my parents and brother that year—they each wrote me every single day, so our mailbox was always stuffed.

Here's a reminder about an opportunity to get involved with the class. We need you to volunteer as our class webmaster. **Suzanne Montenegro** has been our webmaster for at least the last eight years and she needs a break. The time requirement is only one to two hours per month, and then just before reunion, it can increase to four to five hours per month. To learn more, contact Suzanne at [Suzanne@darkstar.cc](mailto:Suzanne@darkstar.cc).

Send news! **Leslie Nydick**, [LNydick@aol.com](mailto:LNydick@aol.com); **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [michael.cornett@myspeedworks.com](mailto:michael.cornett@myspeedworks.com).

**86** Spring greetings! We hope you are happily enjoying longer days, better weather, and maybe even the chance to steal away for Spring Break. If you have children and are still ruled by the academic calendar, you probably look forward to Spring Break now as much as you did when we were at Cornell. Since your correspondents are in the suburbs of Chicago and Boston, we're more than ready to put away the mittens and hats and pull out the galoshes and umbrellas.

For our classmates in Los Angeles and Miami, we're sorry you don't get to experience the excitement of seeing the snow melt away to be replaced by crocuses and daffodils. One of our classmates, **Pete Bell**, was in L.A., but he happily gave up the California lifestyle to return to New Jersey. Pete and **Liz (Kallenbach) '87** moved back to Pennington, NJ—and even managed to buy their old house—when Cure Autism Now (L.A.-based) merged with Autism Speaks (New York-based). Autism Speaks is now the world's largest autism advocacy organization. With the merger, Pete became executive VP of programs and services. He oversees the science program, government relations, and family services efforts. He writes, "Our friends don't need to be quite as afraid of us hitting them up for a donation . . . although that is always appreciated." For more information on this great organization and the work Pete is doing, check out their website at [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org).

With his update, Pete was kind enough to put me in touch with his fellow Phi Deltas, including **Tim Smith**. Tim works in Boston in finance, after spending 13 years in consulting. He and his wife just moved to a new home in Wellesley with their 9-year-old twins. When we talked in December, they were patiently waiting to adopt their third child, which may have happened by the time you read this. If so, our congratulations to the Smith household—send us the name and details! Also with a new baby in the house is **Steve McPherson**. Steve is president of ABC Entertainment and lives in L.A. with his wife and daughters: **Marcie**, 2, and new baby **Kayley**. Along with his busy job and family, Steve sees Cornellians **Kevin Reilly**, **Emile Levisetti**, **Dan Tomson**, and **Will St. Laurent**.

**Kenan Nacar**, another Phi Delt in the e-mail chain, started his news with two significant events: his June 2005 wedding to wife **Stefanie** and the birth of their first child in July 2007. Son **Cameron** is their "other full-time job." When not playing with and caring for Cameron, Kenan is a CFP/senior financial advisor in Winchester, MA. He also managed to squeeze in a few rounds of golf with **Tim Smith** and **Steve Georgaklis** this summer and was

hoping to make it to Sugarbush with some other Phi Deltas for a little snowboarding over the winter.

This column is not about just Phi Deltas, but almost. **Sue Snyder** sent word from Austin, TX, that she has become a new partner in the business transactions section of Jackson Walker in Austin. Along with her law career, Sue has also been on the board of several charities including the Capital Area Food Bank. **Jay Goldstein** also received a promotion. He's now VP of marketing for All Star Directories based in Seattle. Jay moved to All Star after spending ten years with Microsoft.

That's all the news we have right now. If you're wondering, "Where are my friends and buddies from U-Hall 3 or the sailing team or the *Daily Sun*?" . . . well, we'd like to know too! We hope you'll all fill out the News Form in the annual class News and Dues mailing coming this spring. Or start an e-mail chain and copy either of us on it. We'd love to feature your group of buds in our next column! ☐ **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net; or **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susancornell86@comcast.net.

**87** If you are reading this column as *Cornell Alumni Magazine* hits the newsstands, i.e., shows up in your mailbox, you are probably just starting to see the first signs of spring. However, if you find yourself near Ithaca or other northern climes, you will probably need to wait a few more weeks before the crocuses, daffodils, and tulips start pushing their way through. Thinking back on the late arrival of spring at Cornell, one of my favorite memories was the appearance of tulips in Minns Garden on Tower Road in front of the Ag Quad. If you are at a loss for what news items to send in, I'm sure your classmates would love hearing about some of your favorite memories, spring or otherwise, at Cornell.

One classmate who has left cold winters far behind is **Ravi Srivastava**. He has enjoyed the Silicon Valley climate for the past eight years and writes, "California has been great for me and I certainly don't miss Ithaca winters!" Starting out in various corporate strategy and M&A ventures, Ravi made a big career shift several years ago and is now an executive recruiter at Egon Zehnder Int'l. **Jin-Kyu Koh**, a lawyer in Dykema's Detroit, MI, office, was recently named to the 2008 *Woodward/White Best Lawyers in America* guide. Jin-Kyu leads Dykema's biotechnology and life sciences team. **Fred Barber** reports that the company he founded in 2004, Directive Corp., was acquired by the Meredith Corp. in late 2007. Fred added, "Directive was the third company I had built, but now I've made the transition from an entrepreneur to a cog in a billion-dollar machine."

**Patricia Baumann**, Merritt Island, FL, is an orthopedic surgeon. In 2007, Patricia was named medical director of rehabilitation services at Parrish Medical Center and Vista Manor Nursing Facility. From another sunny locale, Phoenix, AZ, **Lourdes Melendez** writes that she is an ob/gyn. When not busy with her patients, Lourdes spends her time volunteering for Latin American health events and participating in ballroom dancing competitions! **Jill Barnett** Kaufman is excited to be starting a job as a clinician at Jewish Family & Vocational Services of Middlesex County in New Jersey. She admits, "It's an adjustment with three boys at home, but I am excited to be helping people."

**William Herz** calls Falls Church, VA, home and writes that he was recently promoted to VP, scientific programs at the Fertilizer Inst., a trade

association representing North American fertilizer manufacturers, distributors, and retailers. Bill reports that he was also appointed to an EPA Science Advisory Panel on integrated nitrogen that "is using a cross media approach to examine the human health and ecological consequences of excess reactive nitrogen in the atmosphere."

**Chris Shea** and spouse Dana Trevas are in Brandywine, MD. Chris is an artist-blacksmith at his own Ironwood Forge, where he designs and creates art furniture and architectural metalwork. Check out some of Chris's beautiful creations at [www.ironwoodforge.com](http://www.ironwoodforge.com). Another classmate in the arts is **Monica DiLisio** Berry, who lives in Saratoga Springs, NY, with husband Ian and daughters Fiona, 10, and Georgia, 7. Monica is an art conservator "working mostly on sculpture from museums and private collections" and her husband is a curator of contemporary art. She enjoyed our 20th Reunion last June and had fun taking her kids through the library and up the bell tower. "It was nice to hear from long-lost friends!"

Responding to a question about what he would do differently if he could go back in time to 1987, **Jeff Maxim**, BFA '89, said that he "would have had a little less vino di casa while studying in Rome." I don't know, it sounds to me like he enjoyed his time in Italy. Jeff added, "I am living in Boulder, CO, doing the artist thing, painting murals for a variety of public and private clients, including the Denver Zoo." He also designs and fabricates custom trade show booths. He and his beautiful girlfriend are enjoying life with their Jack Russell terrier, Wyeth, in a rural setting north of Boulder. Jeff has also coached lacrosse at Boulder High School for the past five years. He says, "I would love to bang out a few turns with any vacationers hitting the slopes or trails of Colorado, so don't hesitate to drop a line ([jeffmaxim@aol.com](mailto:jeffmaxim@aol.com))."

Travel continues to play a major role in our lives, whether for business or pleasure. In December 2007, **John Marozas** and his wife sent their son Brendan, 15, on a two-week trip to Antarctica with an organization called People to People, where he would be spending his time on a research ship learning about their studies and observing penguins in their natural habitat. **Maria Off** Kaleta has been making good use of her mastery of the French language through her career as a French teacher. She reported on a recent trip to Belgium, Luxembourg, and France with her husband Chris. She wrote that the trip was for "a little R&R and a chance for me to practice my French." Maria and Chris have two beautiful daughters, Christina and Kimberly. **Brian Kelley** had a recent career change, leaving behind a job at Motorola to become an assistant professor of ECE at the U. of Texas, San Antonio. He says San Antonio is "a blast," and his wife Violette and daughters Anastasia, 7, and Christina, 5, are enjoying the area. Brian was recently published at the IEEE Asilomar Conference on Signals and Computers in Pacific Grove, CA, with his article "Jointly Optimized Software Radio for Low Power 4G Cellular Systems." He also reports that in the last year his travels included visits to Latvia, Estonia, Shanghai, and Jamaica!

Classmate **John Bailey** sent news from his home base in Dryden, NY. Looking for a "physical and mental challenge," he decided to run the 2006 NYC Marathon, entering through their lottery system. Not satisfied with that goal in itself, John used it as an opportunity to raise money for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and put together a fundraising effort he termed "Run for the Brave." Dave not only finished the marathon, he

raised over \$30,000 for the DAV. He was interviewed by NBC Sports for a feature on their website, and is hoping to keep the "Run for the Brave" as an active fundraiser in support of disabled veterans. John also ran the Ottawa Marathon "for fun" in May 2007 and is planning on running in the San Diego Marathon in June 2008.

Hailing from Washington, DC, **Chris Nielsen** Berg writes that she and husband Dick have children Peter, 11, Katy, 10, and Stephen, 8. She describes herself as a stay-at-home mom. After hearing of her travels with family, I would beg to differ. They found themselves in St. Petersburg, FL, Maplewood, NJ, Chicago, Baltimore, and Ottawa, Canada, in 2007. They also hosted family from Denmark and Canada. Chris reports that she will be having her second total knee replacement in January 2008, followed by months of physical therapy. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope she is up and about by the time she is reading this column!

That's the news to date! Please keep the e-mails coming to: ☐ **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, [bfn26@cornell.edu](mailto:bfn26@cornell.edu); or **Heidi Heasley** Ford, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu).

**88** Greetings, Class of '88! As I write this column, we are experiencing a terrible ice storm in New Jersey and in much of the East. To the west, mudslides due to flooding have been wreaking their havoc. We hope everyone's homes and families are safe. The winter holidays are approaching, as is the realization that this is the next-to-last column I will write before our class officer slate turns over. It is hard to believe that almost five years have passed. In just a few months we'll be gathering on the Hill for our 20th Reunion. If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars for June 5-8, 2008, and seriously consider volunteering as a class officer—more information to follow!

We are never too old to learn. Some of your classmates attended Cornell's Adult University courses this year. Have you ever thought about it? It's a week or two in beautiful Ithaca, or in one of many amazing places around the globe. **Alison Minton**, who has taken at least half a dozen CAU classes, attended Holy War, Crusade, and Jihad in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, taught by Ross Brann. **Richard Reid**, DVM '92, tried the Rowing course, instructed by Todd Kennett. And the team of **Howard Shiau** and Maria Shiau took, respectively, Wine and Food with **Abby Nash '75** and the Personal Trainer experience with Thomas Howley and the staff of the Friedman Strength and Conditioning Center.

**Jill Katz** Wolf writes that she is a real estate broker in Acton, MA. She loves to ski and play golf and tennis, and is busy carpooling her sons Skyler, 9, and Austin, 11. She fondly remembers Slope Day, football tailgates, and frat parties. Jill, we hope you're coming to reunion! **Ellen Ann Andersen** is associate professor of political science at Indiana U. Purdue U., Indianapolis. Ellen writes that she takes great joy in watching her 5-year-old daughter Sofia grow, and is working on the second edition of her book *Out of the Closets and Into the Courts: Legal Opportunity Structure and Gay Rights Litigation*. Ellen's spouse is Susan Harrington. Her fondest memory of Cornell is Riskey Hall, and she would really like to hear from **Lisa Gold '86**.

Also in academia is **Julie Mlawer** Fegan, who teaches third grade in the Herricks School District on Long Island. She job-shares with another Cornellian, **Shawna Brennan** Irish '03. Julie and

husband Michael's kids Eric, 12, and Nicole, 9, get chauffeured by Mom to their many activities!

**Amy Doig** Cullen is married to Tom, and mom to Ryan, 14, Meghan, 8, and Kevin, 4. She spends time watching softball, baseball, hockey, dance, and volleyball. Amy and family visited **Maureen Roncovich** Hall '87 and **Angela Helms** Anello this summer. She fondly remembers Facetime at the Straight and spending time with other Kappa Deltas. Amy would really like to hear from **Hillary Rossman**. Hillary, are you out there? **Paul Streiter** and wife **Angela Rey** are owners of Jackie Rey's Ohana Grill in Kailua-Kona, HI! Paul's extracurricular activities include Hawaiian outrigger canoeing and spending time with his family. He would love to catch up with **Steve Feldman**. A recent transplant from the West is **Kathy Leichter**, who had been living in San Francisco for two years with husband Andrew Moran and sons Otto, 6, and Theo, 3. Kathy and her family have relocated to New York City, where Kathy is a director of documentary films. She misses her Cornell friends and the beauty of Ithaca.

**Florence Parrella** is senior staff physician at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington, MA. In September in New York City, she married David Baron, a doctor of optometry at Holy Cross. Also in the medical field, **Amy Crawford-Faucher** is associate director of the Crozer-Keystone Family Medicine Residency Program in Pennsylvania. In her "spare" time she and husband **Gus** are raising four children: Justine, 13, Ford, 11, Theo, 7, and Antoinette, 4. She also rides and shows her horse Kiss Me Kate. She loves her life but would just like to have a couple more hours in every day! She fondly remembers walking down through the Cornell grounds from the Vet college to South Campus on spring and summer evenings, seeing the land and the valley beautifully spread out before her. Amy, Cornell is just as lovely now—hope you can make it to reunion.

**Lisa Gross** Dayan is an attorney in labor and employment law at Kauff, McClain & McGuire LLP. She also keeps busy with children Julia, 8, and David, 5. She misses coffee on the terrace at the Straight and singing the "Unicorn Song" after too much beer at Dunbar's. Lisa, do you remember the lyrics? Can you send them to me? Lisa would like to catch up with friends **Colleen Connolly** McGarty and **Sivonne Hermann**. Next we heard from **Eva Ververidis**, who hails from Malden, MA. She is director of academic development for the Aristotle Law School Preparatory Program. She is also involved in a growing website/publishing business. Check it out at [lawschoolcompanion.com](http://lawschoolcompanion.com). Eva would love to hear from **Ruth Rothaus**.

Last but not least, we received word from **Sue Declerck** Peglow, who is an administrator for the Pendleton Health & Rehabilitation Center in Mystic, CT. Sue's oldest son Ted, 12, is an avid lacrosse player. She writes that the family enjoyed following the success of the Cornell men's team last season. Sue's husband Steve and the other two children, Kate, 9, and Sean, 5, all look forward to attending reunion in '08!

Until next time, stay safe, and be good to each other. Let us know if you're planning on being at reunion in '08, and who you hope to see there. Write us at: ✉ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, [smb68@cornell.edu](mailto:smb68@cornell.edu); and **Steve Tomaselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu).

**89** Well, gang, the inbox is nearing empty. Make sure to look for the annual class News and Dues mailing coming in the spring. Renew or start your class membership—and send news! You can also write to us directly any time of year at the addresses below.

**Gil Irizarry** and wife **Carolina** recently welcomed the arrival of their second daughter, **Sophia Elizabeth**. First daughter **Victoria** is almost 3 and happy to be a big sister. Gil is looking forward to the 20th Reunion so he can show Cornell to his daughters. Other news of future Cornellians came from **Peter Klose**, who recently had his third (and last) child, **Oliver Voutsinas-Klose**. Non-work activities include working with the River Rowing Association Inc. ([www.riverrowing.org](http://www.riverrowing.org)) and hoping to catch up with the freshman (1985-86) lightweight crew team.

**Armand Dickey** sends an update from Europe where he is a senior consultant at IMG, the Information Management Group, and keeps busy with gospel choir, Orchestra Wallisellen in Zurich, and skiing in winter. **Michele Dowling** Johnson and husband **David** live in Madison, NJ. Michele works in New York City at Matrix, the largest professional hair care products company in the US, where she is senior VP, US marketing. After hours finds her jogging, spending time with children **Nicole**, 7, and **Christopher**, 5, scrapbooking, reading (mostly while commuting), and participating in a gourmet dinner group. The family was planning a trip to Provence in the spring. Michele's News Form included reminiscences about field hockey games at Cornell, nights in the TXA studio, and the "sheer beauty and grandeur of the campus."

On a personal note, **Lauren Kidder** McGary has news of a big achievement: "In celebration of my 40th birthday, I trained for and completed a half-marathon in Disney World. As part of the Team Cure Orlando Challenge, I participated in a fundraising program to support the Roswell Park Cancer Inst., one of the nation's top comprehensive cancer research and treatment centers, here in Buffalo, NY." I watched her put in the pre-dawn roadwork, overcome injury, and be in such good shape that the race was just fun. Great job, Lauren. ✉ **Mike McGary**, [mmcgary@dma-us.com](mailto:mmcgary@dma-us.com); **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); **Lauren Hoeflich**, [laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com); and **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [stephanieavidon@optonline.net](mailto:stephanieavidon@optonline.net).

**90** **Julian Ha** and **Annett Kuester** welcomed **Ellis Blake** to the family in August. "Older brother

Cyrus seems to be enjoying his new 'toy'—although he wonders why it cries at 3 a.m. every morning." Julian recently met up with **Carolyn DeWilde** Casswell and looks forward to getting more involved with the Class of 1990 now that he is stateside again. **Vijay Mehra** is chief information officer at the Essar Group in Mumbai, India, where he lives with his wife, **Rosina**. He has been working too hard and would much rather be on vacation in India. Vijay may win the prize for Big Red sentimentality, reporting, "Heaven on Earth . . . thy name is Cornell." Staying active and calm, between the swimming, tennis, and meditation, he would love to hear from his old Cornell friends.

In Hong Kong, **Yvonne So** is director of communications and marketing for Asia and the Middle East for the law firm **Allen & Overy**. She keeps busy kayaking, boating, and skiing, which recalls her fond memories of Cornell's snow-covered campus. Yvonne would love to hear from **Danielle Saba**, her ex-roommate at Ritsley. **David Herz** is teaching English and investing in real estate in Israel. Otherwise, he spends his free time taking his kids on day trips, embarking on projects around the house, and "changing educational policy in Israel." Like many of us, he is trying to lose some weight (Concept II rowing machine), but would rather be "sitting in the sun drinking a beer, smoking a cigarette, and reading a book." He misses the snow and the quiet solitude of campus at night.

**John Varoli** still lives in St. Petersburg (Russia, not Florida!) and is reporting on the Russian art scene for various publications, including *Bloomberg News*, the *New York Times*, and the *Int'l Herald Tribune*. John has been active in efforts to help children and expose the exploitation of children in Russia. **Christine Clark Pambianchi** and husband **Mike '89** just had their fourth baby, a boy named **Harry James**. The couple has three other children, **Phineas**, 7, **Avery**, 5, and **Sarah**, 3. She remains a stone's throw from Ithaca in Corning, where she works at Corning Glass.

**Eddy Luh** is a vascular surgeon in Las Vegas, where he is also training for the Eco-Challenge Adventure Race. He fondly recalls the cheesecake at the Ivy Room, and he will be able to afford the extra calories after the competition. **Richard Wang '91**, Eddy would like to hear from you! Not far away in Davis, CA, **Eugene Lee** also practices vascular surgery as assistant professor at the UC Davis Health System. He and wife **Jennifer** welcomed their second child, **Olivia**, in November 2006. Also in California, **Kathy Kirk** enjoys her ranch in Descanso, CA, although she would rather be traveling. She teaches applied spirituality, but has been learning marketing and gardening. Kathy would love to hear from **Craig Vaughan '91**.

**Ivan** and **Lori Hanchett Brockman** live in Menlo Park, CA. Ivan is an investment banker at Citigroup. He has remained active with Cornell, recently serving as the featured speaker at a Cornell Entrepreneur Network luncheon in Palo Alto. His talk was entitled "The Current State of Turbulent Markets." Lori is at home with their children **Sara**, 7, **Emma**, 5, and **Henry**, 1-1/2. Lori spends most of her time running from one activity to another, including soccer, softball, swimming, and gymnastics, but she would rather just be "lying on a beach!" With the kids, of course. **Dmitri Oleynikov** is associate professor in the U. of Nebraska Medical Center's Department of Surgery, where he has been doing work with robotics and laparoscopic surgery. He enjoys golf in his spare time.

Living in Croton-on-Hudson, **Karen Streisfeld-Leitner**, **JD '90**, is a lawyer practicing in the area

of trusts and estates with McLaughlin & Stern in NYC. Her life revolves around work and motherhood. While she continues to build her practice, "at home I laugh many times a day at how cute and funny my 3-year-old son is." She would rather spend more time doing the latter than the former. Recalling that study groups transformed "potential torture into a wonderful socializing event," she would love to hear from **Amy Skolnick** McDaniel and **Lori Bostrom**, JD '90.

**James Kumpel** is a healthcare services analyst for Friedman Billings Ramsey in New York City. Forbes/StarMine ranked him as the No. 1 stock picker and No. 2 earnings estimator on Wall Street

faced by diplomats and their families outside the embassy or consulate walls, the authors explore topics such as schooling and housing abroad, intercultural marriage, medical evacuations, employment for accompanying partners, and the growing number of unaccompanied assignments.

**Christina Moeder** Shaul launched Davidson-READs, a town-wide "one book, one community" reading program in Davidson, NC. She assembled a committee composed of local residents and representatives from the local library, local bookstore, and Department of Parks and Recreation to select a book for everyone in town to read. The committee then held many book-related events, including

**Britt Lacher** welcomed Julien Lee on October 1, 2007. In November, Britt wrote that she was taking a long maternity leave from her career as an emergency medicine physician at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ, spending time at the beach "down south" with the baby. Britt was busy last fall visiting with many friends, including **Jill Cohen** Garcia, who flew up from her home in Florida to meet baby Julien. She would love to hear from **Alisa Lefkowitz**, **Heather Lowry** Cundey, and **Laurny Schmerl**.

**Meredith Clark** Shachoy reports that she had an amazing time at **RuthAnn Keene**, JD '98's wedding in Crested Butte, CO, last September. It was a Cornell reunion, with many classmates in attendance, including **Elizabeth Kuo** Spokes, **Steve '90** and **Elleke Monster Haggerty**, **Hilary Morse '84**, **Jill Weisman Pflaum**, MBA '97, **Richard** and **Sabrina Strickland Fertig**, and **Jed Tukman '93**. "The weekend was filled with Cornell memories, and we certainly added a few more to the collection," wrote Meredith. Not least of which was the spectacular rainbow that filled the sky on RuthAnn's wedding day.

Class President **Bob Baca** and his wife Stacey celebrated their fifth anniversary by taking a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge and getting the "most amazing" pastrami sandwich at Katz's Deli. If you live in NYC, this story may not sound like such a big deal, but Bob and Stacey live near Washington, DC, so a trip to New York for a sandwich is a trek. "As you can tell, we enjoy celebrating in non-traditional ways, and we had a great time," wrote Bob. Bob was recently promoted at the USDA and now heads a team that ensures that the USDA's plant pest control programs are in compliance with environmental laws. During 2007, his team was involved with new plant pests discovered in California, New York, Idaho, and Guam (though he was not lucky enough to take any business trips to Guam this year).

Did you know that because our class has so many dues-paying members, we are entitled to longer columns in the Class Notes than many other classes? Please help us use all of our space by sending us news of your work, travels, awards, publications, successes, random musings, and any special vignettes that your classmates and the broader Cornell community might enjoy. You can submit news through a link on our class website (<http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>), directly to us via the e-mail addresses listed at the bottom of this column, or on the news form included in our class mailings and the University's fundraising mailings. Best regards to all—I hope your year is going well. **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, [ams14@cornell.edu](mailto:ams14@cornell.edu); **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, [klk22@cornell.edu](mailto:klk22@cornell.edu); **Sharilyn Carter** Heslam, [sheslam@berkshirepartners.com](mailto:sheslam@berkshirepartners.com).

## 'Tatiana Rosak Birkelund took the trans-Siberian train from Moscow to Beijing as a honeymoon trip.'

Erica Fishlin Fox '93

for the healthcare technology sector in 2006. **John Erthein**, wife Lela, and "delightful" son Matthew, 2, recently moved to Erie, PA, where he is pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. **Tamiko Toland**, [stmoluag@yahoo.com](mailto:stmoluag@yahoo.com); **Amy Wang** Manning, [aw233@cornell.edu](mailto:aw233@cornell.edu); and **Kelly Roberson**, [kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net).

**91** Has anyone else happened to notice how often our classmates are featured in the front two-thirds of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*? In recent issues, there have been feature articles about, and other stories mentioning, many of our classmates: **Alan Rosen** scored the cover story last fall! This serves as another example of how our class continually stands apart from the rest. Keep up the great work, Class of '91!

Congratulations to **Sheri Wilner**, who received a Bush Artist Fellowship in Playwriting. The Bush Artist Fellows Program awards \$50,000 to each fellow to continue to develop his or her work. The fellows are selected from panels of nationally recognized artists and arts leaders who look for artists with a strong vision, creative energy, and evidence of perseverance. Sheri lives in New York City. According to the Fall 2007 issue of the *College of Agriculture and Life Sciences News*, **Enjar Knudsen III** was recently recognized by CALS with a Young Alumni Achievement Award. Enjar is a managing partner of Kruse Investment Company, a family investment office, and Craton Capital, a hedge fund focused on public and private investments. Enjar also finds time to give back to his community and Cornell. He founded a yearly fundraiser for a local college, raising more than \$200,000, and he helped save a community service center at the Goshen School by having Western Milling purchase the facility. Enjar serves on the CALS Dean's Advisory Counsel and was a presenter at the Entrepreneurship@Cornell 2007 conference.

**Chris Stuebner** contributed an article in *Realities of Foreign Service Life, Volume 2* (paperback) relating to seeking employment as a "trailing spouse." In this book, members of the US diplomatic community share their knowledge, research, personal perspectives, and candid insights into the Foreign Service lifestyle. Focusing on the "realities"

a kick-off, book discussions, a get-to-know-the-author night, a Halloween-themed event, and a tie-in with the Davidson Historical Society. "It has been a great way to get to know lots of people," says Christina, "and participation has been quite enthusiastic! I've had a great time working on this project, and we plan to do it again next year."

After years of work in accounting, **Laurie Cegowski** Fronhofer is now teaching Spanish at the local junior high school in Salem, NY. This new role has been a great learning experience for Laurie, albeit incredibly challenging. The consummate professional, Laurie reports that she feels she is never done or fully satisfied, although that is quite typical in teaching, particularly during the first year. As for her students, Laurie says "they are so much fun, most days." She hadn't remembered how much boys of that age giggle. Laurie also coached the school's field hockey team last fall, which she had done previously. When not teaching or coaching, Laurie has her hands full with children Luke, 10, and Scout, 8. In news from other working moms, **Stacy Stephans** is at Emory U. in Atlanta, GA, as a senior associate director of programs in the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease. She and her husband have three sons, ages 5, 3, and 1. Earlier this year, **Cathy Merrill** Williams took over her family business, and she is now publisher of *Washingtonian Magazine*. She lives in D.C. with her husband Paul and their sons Wynne, 3, and Bryce, 1-1/2.

Our classmates continue to welcome new additions to their families. **Fran Simon** and her partner Anna welcomed Jeremy Benjamin in July 2007. Fran and Anna moved from the San Francisco Bay Area to Denver in 2004 and had their wedding in 2005. Fran continues to work as an independent marketing research and analytics consultant. **Denise Law** LaGalia and husband Bob welcomed Catherine Marie on November 24, 2007. Denise reports that her son Matthew, 7, is a very loving big brother. On October 17, 2007, **Jennifer Gray** Moss and her husband Brian added their third baby, Draden Elizabeth, to the fold. Will, 5, and Emeline, 3-1/2, are captivated. "Sometimes I literally have to peel them off of her," reports Jen. On December 8, 2007, **Eric Bluman** and wife Trimble Augur welcomed second daughter Tenney. Big sister Adair, 1-1/2, is very happy with her new baby sister.

**92** It's been a while since I've written in about my latest escapades and those of our classmates. Here goes! Most recently, I flew to Las Vegas to shoot a "Youthful Essence" skincare infomercial with Emmy Award-winner Susan Lucci. While there, I enjoyed some much-needed spa time. Sadly, my husband and four children could not join me, so I was forced to enjoy the pleasures all by myself (sigh). The family let me know how much they missed me (and then some) upon my return.

I'm still at the helm of [www.MahoganyBaby.com](http://www.MahoganyBaby.com), contributing to *Odyssey Couleur* travel magazine, and of course singing, singing, singing (with my church choir and for my album project—check out [www.myspace.com/WilmaAnn](http://www.myspace.com/WilmaAnn) for audio

snippets). I visited Denver and Oklahoma recently on travel-writing assignments and was pleasantly surprised. Both destinations are hot and happenin'! Less about me, more about the rest of the Class of '92!

**Jennifer Lynham** Cunningham moved from Seattle to Ithaca in June and took a really, really fun job as the director of the Cornell Entrepreneur Network (cen.cornell.edu). She runs business networking events in D.C., Boston, and New York City and has seen several friends/classmates and met hundreds more over the course of just six months. "Ithaca's a great place to be settling the family. A little weird at first being an 'adult' here—Collegetown's just not the hangout spot when you've got two babies and a husband! Phoebie was born in July '06. Oscar was born in Guatemala in March '06 and joined our family seven months later. We're still looking for a house, but once we have it, the door's wide open anytime for visitors!"

**Karen Schanzer Goldberg** says, "I am doing well. I am living with my husband **Phil**, MD '96, and our children Shayla, 7, Casey, 5, and Kevin, 2, in Guilford, CT." Karen is a pediatrician working part-time and a mommy working full-time. Phil is an endocrinologist in a busy practice in Branford. They recently visited Cornell for **Cindy Spera's** wedding in Sage Chapel. Karen says they had a wonderful time and it was great to be back in Ithaca.

Life is a bit busy for **Michael Agostin**. "But then again, when is it not?" he declares. Michael, his wife Anne, and their kids Nicholas, 5, and Sarah, 3, are happily living in Randolph, NJ. "The kids' activities and family events always keep us on the go. I am working at Stryker Orthopaedics in Mahwah, NJ, making replacement hip and knee joints. Drop us a message at mla22@cornell.edu to catch up!" This just in: The couple has been spotted at Cornell hockey games, catching up with old friends and cheering the home team. Go Big Red!

**Cynthia Caruso** decided to send a quick update on what's going on with her. She lives in New York City and is still working for CIT as the senior VP of human resources for corporate finance. "I just got back from a three-week vacation on safari in Africa—Kenya and Tanzania—and then wrapped up the trip with a few days in Dubai. In March, I moved. But in typical New York City fashion, I moved to a new apartment within the same apartment building on the Upper East Side. I keep in touch with several friends from Cornell, including **Jeff Earle**, **Ben Matos**, and **Matt Hagopian**."

**Anita Lee**, JD '98, reports that she's been a bit delirious due to sleep deprivation. Her second daughter, Sarah, was born on July 30, 2007. Despite being 13 weeks old in October, baby Sarah still was not sleeping through the night. Sarah joins big sister Maddie, who turned 3 in October. In any case, Anita and hubby **Phil Hsia**, MBA '99, are just thrilled to have both girls. Delirium set in again when she went back to work in December. Phil, on the other hand, has been taking his delirium on the road; he usually goes back every fall to recruit at the Johnson School. He has also been giving guest lectures there, so he, luckily, gets to visit Cornell every year. Anita is curious to know where the sorority sisters from Tri-Delt have landed and what everyone is doing now, particularly **Cathy Spano '93**.

Hey, Anita, take it from a lady with four kids and ten jobs, a little delirium keeps ya' young! And every year, I get a little bit younger. How about the rest of you? What's making you tick these days (or . . . ticking you off?). Whatever it is, WRITE IN! Tell us what's hot and happenin' in your world.

Until next time, be a light and be well. ☺ **Wilma Ann Anderson**, info@WilPowerEnterprises.com; **Megan Fee** Torrance, megan@torranceinc.com; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, lkd2@cornell.edu; and **Jan Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

**93** Can you believe our 15th Reunion is only a few months away? We hope you can join the festivities in Ithaca on June 5-8. For more information about reunion, visit <http://classof93.alumni.cornell.edu>. Better yet, if you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact our reunion chairs **Lauren Baily** Sapira, MBA '94 (lmb49@cornell.edu) or **Christine Watters** Stuhlmiller (cmw1@cornell.edu).

OK, onto the news. Our classmates have been hitting the road lately in a big way. **Ryan Crim** is planning a major move. "I am leaving my rural family medicine practice here in Pennsylvania to move to New Zealand. I will be going with my wife Laura, an ER doc, my sons Duncan, 9, and Darian, 20 months, my daughter Delaney, 5, and our mutt Indigo. Laura and I will continue to practice medicine and are looking forward to exploring the country. Any words of advice from Cornellians who have lived there or are currently living there would be greatly appreciated." You can send Ryan your pearls of wisdom at dunc8@comcast.net.

New Yorker **Tatiana Rosak** Birkelund, MBA '98, just returned from a big trip. "I got married in June and then took the trans-Siberian train from Moscow to Beijing as a honeymoon trip. I caught up with **Mike Chao**, MBA '98, while in Beijing. He works for Microsoft there." **Theresa Flores** recently visited Argentina and Uruguay. She also purchased her first home in Dallas and reports, "I am disgusted at the amount of possessions I've acquired since Cornell!" Theresa added, "Teddy passed on in 2003, but I now have two other canine companions, Penny and Buster." If you can't travel, you can have travelers come to you. **Joan Miranda Ruhland** Taylor recently hosted a few exchange students, who were also cousins from Germany. Miranda is a self-employed acupuncturist and herbalist going into her fifth year of private practice. She and husband Todd have been married for eight years and live in Seattle.

As usual, we have lots of new arrivals to announce. **Yvette Politis** and husband Dan welcomed son Matthew on August 25, 2007. Yvette is employment counsel for Reed Elsevier Inc. She and her family live in Mansfield, MA. **Kelly Horl** Limekiller and husband Richard of Middletown, NJ, welcomed Ryan John into their family on January 19, 2007. Kelly is an account executive in network sales for the CBS television network. **Kristi Coleman** also has baby news. "My husband Ed and I joyfully announce the birth of our daughter Johanna Coleman Zaleski on May 27, 2007. We are having a lot of fun with her!" The family lives in Palatine, IL, where Kelly is technical lead consulting engineer at Art Technology Group. **Allison Waxberg Milgrom** and her husband **Marc '94** welcomed Alexandra Lauren on August 16, 2007. The Milgroms live in Brooklyn. Finally, **Nancy Goldberg** Laist wrote in with baby news. "Though this update comes a bit late, I thought better late than never. I want to announce that my husband Frederick and I welcomed our good-natured, happy, and healthy daughter America Lydia Laist into the world on August 4, 2006."

**Anita Zieba Graham** is the chief administrative officer for Shire, a pharmaceutical company based in Wayne, PA. She and husband **Gary '94**

also have an almost 2-year-old son Ryan. Anita writes she has been happily balancing "lots of work and travel with home, family, and trying to take care of myself." Another busy mom is **Nicole Zissu**. Nicole is a psychologist for the lower division at the Horace Mann School in New York City. She and husband **Lambert Gingras**, MA '97, have daughter Pascale, 4, and son Theodore, 1. The family lives in Bronx, NY. **Deanna Greer Schoenborn**, DVM '96, is also a working mom. She is a diplomat of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, staff veterinarian, and mom to Jonathan, 4, and Michael, 9 months. Deanna, husband **William '90**, DVM '94, and the boys live in St. Johns, FL.

A few of our classmates have had some exciting career developments recently. **Marla Greenspon** Roshkoff, an associate in the Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Group at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, was elected to the board of directors of the Wellness Community of Philadelphia, an organization that helps people affected by cancer. **Vincent Chen** recently joined the Albany office of Hiscock & Barclay LLP as an associate attorney focused on commercial litigation.

**Calvin Holmes**, MRP '93, is the executive director of the Chicago Community Loan Fund (CCLF), a nonprofit lender that finances affordable housing and community development activities benefiting low- and moderate-income communities in Chicago. Calvin was recently honored with the Tom Gobby Leadership Award from LaSalle Bank. The Gobby is presented to an individual with an exemplary history of supporting community development. He also received the Egan Service Award from Genesis Housing Development Corporation.

That's all the news for now. Please drop us a line and let us know what's going on in your life! Thanks! ☺ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu.

**94** This month, I'm going to focus on some classmates who took the time to answer our most pressing questions on the news form. Indeed, when asked to name the "one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell," alums have a hard time sticking to only one!

Let's start with updates from the Garden State: **Monique McCloud** relocated to Basking Ridge, NJ, from Florida a couple of years ago. When she isn't working as the director of organization development for Cadbury Adams, she can be found salsa dancing. When asked about her one fond memory, she answers, "Fall." The old Cornell friend she would most like to hear from is "Eric from Q&D." Hmm . . . Quill and Dagger? Eric, wherever you are, help solve the mystery. **Arielle Hecht** Schiffman checks in from North Caldwell, where she's busy "raising two future Cornellians, Lucas, Class of 2023, and Samara, Class of 2026." She also volunteers at Lucas's school and plays tennis.

On that note, it seems there are a lot of parents who still manage to fit sports into their busy lives: **Leigh Benevento**-McHugh, a national sales manager for Monster, pitches for a coed softball team and plays in a women's basketball league. Extra exercise is provided by her children Caelan, 3, and Jack, 1. When asked what she'd rather be doing, she answers, "Sleeping . . . as that is something there is a great paucity of in my life!" What she remembers most fondly from her time at Cornell is "just hanging out with so many of my best friends in one place—always laughing and enjoying life."

Another proud (and athletic) parent of two is **Glenn Garrison**, a customer business manager at Unilever. In Fayetteville, AR, he coaches soccer and spends time with wife Deirdre, 6-year-old son Aidan, and 4-year-old daughter Riley. The one thing he remembers most fondly from his days on the Hill? "Cold winters and beautiful springs." From my limited vantage point in Brooklyn, I, too, am getting a little nostalgic for pristine snow and the spring melt of waterfalls. Fellow Brooklynite **Leigh Gallagher** is a senior editor for *Fortune* magazine at Rockefeller Center. Also in NYC, podiatrist **Howard Reifer** lives with his wife Sharon. The old Cornell friend he would most like to hear from is **Eve Gardner**.

**Michela Barba** married Pierre Brenneman in January 2007. The couple lives in Arlington, VA, where Michela is the associate economic analysis director at Freddie Mac. As her stepson William is autistic, Michela has also been learning more about the subject. Her fond Cornell memories? "Being on my own for the first time; growing up; its beauty!" This sentiment is echoed in school social worker **Elizabeth Klose** Hartford's answer. Her best memories include "the natural beauty of campus and winning the 1991 Ivy League field hockey championship." Former teammate and goalie **Amanda "Amy" Smith** Wright is the one old friend she would most like to hear from. Not surprisingly, Elizabeth remains active in Litchfield, ME, where she lives with her husband Lucas. Her activities include biking, running, hiking, sewing, crafts, and playing with her dog. What she's been doing recently? "Leading groups on a low ropes course and building a wall for it." What she'd rather be doing? "Rock climbing in Greece."

**Tricia Webster** is very happy doing what she's doing. She loves her job as the registrar for the Houston Zoo, a position that takes her to conferences in Philadelphia and Orlando. Home is Pearland, TX, with husband Douglas Blatt. The old Cornell friends she would most like to hear from? **Tom Rogers**, DVM '01, and **Erica Wildy**.

Thanks to everyone for taking the time to come up with such heartfelt responses. ☐ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com, **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com, **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dineen@wasylik.net.

**95** Welcome to Class Notes—a place where everyone knows your name! This edition features lots of professional news, a few baby updates, and a couple of wedding announcements. Is this a shift in the news? As an aside, have you ever read the Class Notes for classes that graduated many years before we did? I do . . . in order to get an idea of what's in store for the future. It's almost like a crystal ball. Now, on to what you've been waiting for.

In New York City, **Josh Bretstein** is a principal at and owner of Bernard, Nickels, and Associates, a legal staffing company that came into being on September 24, 2007. Congratulations on the birth of your business, Josh! When not nurturing his business, Josh and wife Nanne take care of their young son Jakob Samuel. Nearby, **Todd Hodgman** works as a strategic account director for Juice Pharma Advertising. When not at work, Todd enjoys weightlifting, swimming, and taking jaunts to Home Depot. Also living in New York, **Evelyn Rondinel** is a physician.

Going a bit north, **Lisa Micchelli** teaches English as a Second Language in Tarrytown, NY. Lisa says, "I love it! I teach kindergartners and

first graders." When not in the classroom, Lisa writes poetry, draws flowers, and is very involved with her church. In New Paltz, NY, **Alison DePiero** Butler is a director of membership and communication for the Council of Industry of Southeastern New York. Alison and her husband Scott coach their daughters' travel soccer team.

**Jenny Schwartz** Corman is abuzz with news. She lives in Austin, TX, and works for Starbuck's Coffee Company as a territory manager for central Texas, handling new sales and existing business at locations such as Barnes & Noble, Hyatt Hotels, etc. Jenny volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and is a vice president for the Cornell Club of Austin. As if she wasn't busy enough, Jenny spends her free time biking and running marathons. If **Amy Berlin** is reading this, please get in touch with Jenny. She'd love to hear from you.

**Brooke Yules** James is a veterinarian and owns her own practice in Castle Rock, CO. Brooke is expanding the practice and is in the process of hiring new veterinarians and opening a satellite clinic. In addition to caring for other people's pets, Brooke is caring for her own children, as well as working on her seven-acre farm. **Adam Baacke** calls Lowell, MA, home and enjoys hiking the White Mountains as well as renovating the house with his partner **Stephen Laput '96**. Adam is a deputy director in the division of planning and development for the City of Lowell.

On to the weddings. In Greece, **Themis Trakas** married Marina Fidi on September 1, 2007. Themis is a senior associate for HVS Global Hospitality Services in Athens. In 2006, **Lynn Finamore** married Dominic Ciccarelli and had classmate **Nicole Eskandar** Durnin as a bridesmaid. Lynn was recently promoted at HBO to vice president of affiliate marketing. On September 29, 2007, **Jeffrey Hart**, MBA '01, married Virginia Burden, with classmate **Neeraj Choubey** in attendance. The couple honeymooned in New England and resides in the Washington, DC, area.

Next up . . . the babies! **Diego Valderrama** and wife **Afra Afsharipour '96** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, son Emilio Pasha Valderrama Afsharipour, on April 23, 2007 in San Francisco, CA. Diego adds, "Afra has left the law firm where she worked and is now a tenure-track professor of law at UC Davis Law School. She commutes there from San Francisco, where we bought a house two years ago. I am still working at the San Francisco Federal Reserve." **Brian Rose** and wife Caroline are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Arden Josephine on August 24, 2007. "Big brother Cyrus and big sister Nina can't get enough of her!" On September 15, 2007, little Cole Patrick Siwinski greeted his parents Peter and **Karen Fellowes** Siwinski and big brothers Jack and Will.

News from afar came from **Esteban Viteri**, who welcomed baby daughter Simona on October 1, 2007. Esteban works for the Goddard Catering Group Quito and Goddard Catering Group Guayaquil as the general manager for Ecuador. **Scott Lajoie** is "happy to announce the arrival of Willow Rhian, who came into this world at 7:34 a.m., October 29, just hours after the hometown Red Sox won the World Series! Wendy is doing great. A little tired, but very happy to be spending some quality time with our precious bundle of joy! We headed home on Halloween to show Willow off to the hoards of trick-or-treaters coming to the door."

Closing out this edition is an update from **Steve and Wendi Rabiner Heinzelman**. "We're planning a sabbatical in New Zealand from January

through May. We'll be in Christchurch starting mid-February. If anyone happens to be living in the area, let us know." Thanks, everyone, and keep the news coming! ☐ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**96** I pause from checking everyone else's status updates on Facebook (and the temptation to change my own to something particularly inane) to bring you a bit of news from the Hill. **Dan Rech** is getting a dose of the one thing he says he remembers best about his time at Cornell: snow. He's back in Ithaca while his wife Tiffany completes her MBA at the Johnson School. "We both enjoy participating in local triathlons and running events, as well as walking our dog Walter in the Arboretum," he writes.

And now, back to our regularly scheduled wedding and baby programming . . . Wedding One: **Jessica Andrews** married Liam Conway-Nesson (Hendrix '98) on May 12, 2006 in her hometown of Santa Cruz, CA. Cornellian friends **Afra Afsharipour** and husband **Diego Valderrama '95** (more on them in a minute) were in attendance. Jessica and Liam are living in Liam's hometown of Fayetteville, AR, where Liam is pursuing a doctorate in American literature at the U. of Arkansas and Jessica is working as an architect. She recently won an AIA travel fellowship to study and document modern, sustainable building strategies in Dublin, Paris, Copenhagen, and Stockholm—so no crystal ball needed to predict that 2008 will include plenty of travel. As for Afra, who started a new job as assistant professor of law at UC Davis Law School, and Diego, they welcomed son Emilio in April '07. He's already made his first international trip—to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where the family ran into **Tanaz Parmar** Pilla.

Wedding Two (courtesy of the *New York Times*): **Philip Irwin** married Catherine Montjar on Sept. 29, 2007 in New York. The bride is an associate at Kornstein Veisz Wexler & Pollard, and the groom at Covington & Burling. Wedding Three: **Samantha Klein** married **Lowell Frank '99**, MD '03, on Sept. 9, 2007 in Great River, NY. The couples live in Washington, DC, where Samantha is a trial lawyer in the environment and natural resources division of the Dept. of Justice. Lowell is a fellow in pediatric cardiology at Children's National Medical Center.

**Stephanie Schwarz** Sailor and husband Scott welcomed daughter Rachel Jordan on Sept. 19, 2007. She joins big sister Jenna who turned 2 in July. The Sailors live in Atlanta, where Stephanie is an optometrist and Scott does mergers and acquisitions for HD Supply. Tom (Colgate '96) and **Gina Saline** Accordino welcomed son Erik Ole in July. "Big sister Julia loves having another toy to play with," Gina writes. And **Lukas Neckermann** is keeping busy with 1-year-old son Leo—and a promotion within Allianz. He was to head the corporate university, Allianz Management Inst., starting in January 2008. ☐ **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; and **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** Yet another update from some names from the past. **Vina Lam** Lillvis (burgybrown@yahoo.com) writes from New York City, where she works for OgilvyOne and spends her spare time working with dogs for both the Good Dog Foundation and

Puppies Behind Bars. Staying busy is **Rich Baecher** (rabaecher01@aol.com), who relocated to Dallas last year. He formed Baecher Consulting Group and is expanding his endeavors across the globe, including the Far East Winery Golf Resort in China. New mom **Heather Swayne Burns** (hls2@cornell.edu) sends regrets that she and husband Quintin couldn't attend reunion, but they had their hands full with daughter Evelyn Gail, who entered the world on April 22 in Charlotte, NC. When not busy enjoying her little one, Heather is a technical account manager for Microsoft. The entire Burns family looks forward to seeing everyone at our 15th Reunion.

Making an early entrance this past June 23 was Ariel Sofia Grossman, daughter of **Josh and Rebecca Soffer Grossman**. The Grossmans live in Bedford, MA, where Rebecca is a marketing manager at Upromise, a loyalty marketing company focused on helping families save money for college, and Josh

his marriage to wife Sandra in April 2006 in Rye, NY. The couple's bridal party included Michael's brother **Jeffrey Schoenhaut '00**, MS ORIE '01, **Seth Winerman**, **Josh Babbitt '96**, MS ORIE '97, and **Jordan Lisella**. Michael and Sandra welcomed daughter Ava on July 13, 2007. Michael is still working at JPMorgan Asset Management, where he has been since graduation. Congrats to all the couples—wishing you many years of happiness!

Recently relocating to a warmer part of the country is **David Rodin**, MD '01 (daverodin@gmail.com). Dave completed his training in urology at Massachusetts General/Harvard Medical School last December and moved with wife Heather and daughter Joie to the Treasure Coast of Florida, where he joined Indian River Urology Associates in Vero Beach. Heather is working with Hematology Oncology Associates of the Treasure Coast. Dave enjoyed catching up with pals **Jesse Slansky**, **Aaron**

check back next time. Until then . . . **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu; and **Erica Broenne Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** Wow, thanks to everyone who has sent in news and notes about their lives! I usually banter a little more, but because of all the news, let's just cut to the chase. No nice transitions necessary, just updates! **William Stempel** is the senior VP and general counsel of Swig Equities LLC, a real estate developer. He has been spending his free time raising his first son, Alexander. **Heather Kirby** is enjoying Colorado to its fullest—biking, hiking, and skiing. She is exploring great ski towns in both winter and summer. She tackled her first 14'er this summer. She would like to hear from **Ashish Katkar**, MPA '99, and asks "if that kid is running the country yet?"

**Suzie Ariyaratana** Noronha is a pediatric hematology/oncology fellow at Johns Hopkins. She was married in Baltimore on August 18, 2007. Other Cornellians in attendance include her sister **Linda Ariyaratana '01**, **Stephanie Omokaro '97**, **Edward '95** and **Emi Hojo Caywood '96**, **Darrin Miles '95**, **Eva Medina '96**, **Sandy Lynch '95**, **Brian Min '97**, **Gibran Hadj-Chikh '94**, **Kimberly Kim**, and **Janny Kim '99**, BArch '01.

**Andrew Klein**, PhD '05, was welcomed to the tenure-track faculty at Worcester Polytechnic Institute last fall. An assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, Andrew got his BS in electrical engineering at Cornell, an MS in electrical engineering and computer science at UC Berkeley, and a doctorate in electrical and computer engineering back at Cornell. In addition to serving as a post-doctoral researcher at Cornell, Andrew was a Chateaubriand Fellow at Sup/IEC in Paris before joining WPI. His research focuses on adaptive signal processing and parameter estimation to enable the next generation of wireless communication networks.

**Jennifer Yen** spends her extracurricular hours boxing. She is an actress and appeared in "America's Most Wanted" as the victim's friend, and was cast in Stefan Rudnicki's film *The Delivery* and Craig Hammill's film *Exit*. She loves her life but misses sunning in the gorges. **Tara Cremin '99**, if you're out there, Jennifer would like to hear from you. **Joy Waldron** Alferness is an actor and food writer. She co-wrote an urban eco-travel guide to San Francisco, published by Grassroutes Travel. **Janine Avril** published a book that takes place at Cornell, called *Nightlight: A Memoir*. It is a book about the loss of her parents in childhood and coming upon the knowledge as an adult that they were impacted by the AIDS crisis of the 1980s. Read more about it in the Authors section of this magazine.

**Natalie Posteau** Stein is an attorney in NYC. **Esfandiar Nasr**, who has relocated from Los Angeles to Palm Springs, is a physician in geriatrics and family medicine. He enjoys traveling, hiking, and playing sports with his two little boys, and would love to be traveling the globe. He would like to hear from **Nugalfti Tahamont '99**. **Jen Woodard** Reynolds is an animal center manager at the City of Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center. She likes to ride her motorcycles, play volleyball, dabble in photography, and play with her many pets (four dogs and five cats).

**Allyson Byrne** is an endodontist—a "root canal specialist." She bought a new house and a new office, but says she'd rather be sitting on a beach drinking a Margarita and not worrying about paying bills. She remembers the summer, winter,

## James and Fiona Blanco's new daughter has not expressed a college preference yet.

Sarah Deardorff Carter '97

is a marketing manager at Alloy Marketing, which specializes in marketing programs reaching the teen and young adult audiences. Joining the girls as a future Cornellian is Brandon Drew Sheflin, son of Craig and Jill Akst Sheflin (jill\_sheflin@yahoo.com). Brandon (born June 13), big brother Ryan, Mom, and Dad live on Long Island, where they have played host to many visitors, including Aunt **Shari Sheflin '02**, **Heather Brill** Skolnick, **Stephanie Shaps** Ferrara, **Michael** and **Robin Ebenstein Siegel**, **Caryn Feinberg**, and **Angie Datta** Kamath. Although proud parents **James** and **Fiona Blanco** say that new daughter Anna has not expressed a college preference yet, James says they are both quietly pulling for Cornell. Anna joined the family on October 25, 2007 in New York. James (jpb9@cornell.edu) works in the investment banking division of Barclays Capital after graduating from Columbia Business School in 2005. Welcome to Evelyn, Ariel, Brandon, and Anna!

Wedding bells were ringing for quite a few classmates this past year. **Isabel Cordova** married Vincent John Gabriele in San Juan, PR, on July 5. Classmates **Caroline Moon** and **Jennifer Quisumbing** attended, as well as fellow Cornellians **Alex '95** and **Jen Isacoff McNealey '95**. **Michael Gurton** (michael.gurton@gmail.com) celebrated his marriage to **Lena Kuo '98**, MD '02, on February 18, 2007 in Delray Beach, FL. Friend **Andrew Conn '95** officiated at the ceremony, which was held at the Monikami Museum, a Japanese museum and garden. Michael writes that friends and family participated in all aspects of the event, from arranging the flowers to dancing with the couple at the reception. Cornellians in attendance included **Jeremy Wilcox '96**, **Mitul Vakharia**, MD '02, **Aya Kobori '98**, MPA '99, **Mitchell Huang '95**, MEE '96, and **Michael Tsay '98**. The couple lived in Arizona, where Lena was a pediatrician for the Indian Health Service and Michael completed his master's in social work at Arizona State U. They relocated to Portland, OR, late last summer. Another (not so) newlywed is **Michael Schoenhaut**, who celebrated

**Hutman**, **Marc Schiffman**, and **Michael Lifland**, MRP '98, at reunion. **Amy Blye Cohen** and husband **Jason** are experiencing some large life changes as well, as Jason was recently deployed to Baghdad as an emergency medicine doctor with the US Army 86th CSH for a 15-month tour. In addition, the couple welcomed their second daughter, Naomi Hope, on January 19, 2007. Thanks to all our classmates and their family members that serve.

Relaxing with her horse in New York State is **Maria Lagana**, BS '93, DVM '97 (jkel33@aol.com). Maria is the owner of Animal Hospital of White Plains and enjoys spending time on the lake and traveling when not taking care of the animals of White Plains. Another classmate making her living working with animals is **Justine Lee**, DVM '97. Justine is assistant clinical professor in emergency and critical care at U. of Minnesota Veterinary School. Living in possibly the biggest hockey state in the US, Justine says she misses Big Red hockey and all those fun games at Lynah Rink. To keep occupied when she's not playing Ultimate Frisbee, ice hockey, and broomball or traveling or gardening, she has been busy writing. Her book, *It's a Dog's Life . . . But It's Your Carpet: Everything you ever wanted to know about your four-legged friends*, is due for release in spring 2008. The book, published by Three Rivers Press/Random House, is a humorous reference book that provides scientific answers to some of the most common, offbeat questions about our pets. It sounds great and I think my dog and I might just check it out!

Best wishes for a safe move go out to **Jose Orellana** (jvo1@cornell.edu) and wife **Sonia Badilla**, who recently moved to Port Gentil, Gabon. Jose works as a field services manager for Schlumberger, an oilfield service company that recently assigned him to the African nation for two years. This assignment might throw a curve to one of his favorite pastimes from South Texas—watching NASCAR. I hope you have good satellite TV! Thanks again to everyone who sent in updates. If you didn't see your news here,

and spring up at Cornell and would like to hear from **Shannon Cadile '97**. **Michael** and **Laura Duran Gober** both write in that they have had a lot of life changes in the last few months. Michael graduated from the MD/PhD program at Maryland and is currently doing a medicine internship in Philadelphia. He will start a dermatology residency at Penn in the summer. Laura has started a fellowship in allergy and immunology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. They moved to the Philly suburbs, but the biggest change has been the birth of their baby daughter Abigail Elizabeth on October 9, 2007. They can't wait until reunion.

Speaking of reunion: What will you be doing June 5-8? Hopefully joining hundreds of your classmates in Ithaca for our 19th Reunion! There are many exciting events and activities planned. One of the highlights is sure to be our official class dinner on Saturday night overlooking Beebe Lake and catered by the world-famous Dinosaur Bar-B-Que! In addition to planned activities (such as a carnival on the Arts Quad for the kids), there will be plenty of time to reconnect with the campus and long-lost friends. For more details or information, or to volunteer, check out: <http://classof98.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.html> or e-mail [cu98reunion@gmail.com](mailto:cu98reunion@gmail.com).

Please pass the website along to all your classmates and be sure to send your "then and now" photos (in .jpg format) to [cu98reunionphotos@gmail.com](mailto:cu98reunionphotos@gmail.com) to be part of our Reunion Slideshow. For more information, or to volunteer, contact **Shana Elberg**, JD '01, and **Erik Weinick**, JD '01, our reunion co-chairs, at [cu98reunion@gmail.com](mailto:cu98reunion@gmail.com). Official registration packages will be mailed in March, so be sure to update your contact information using the Pre-Reunion Survey at <http://classof98.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion.html>. Thanks and see you there!

Stay tuned to this space for more updates, and keep sending your news. Hope everyone is doing well. ☐ **Gregg Herman**, [gdh5@cornell.edu](mailto:gdh5@cornell.edu); and **Erica Chan**, [hc31@cornell.edu](mailto:hc31@cornell.edu).

**99** Welcome spring! Let's raise a glass of cheer and welcome the warmer months. Bring on the rosé, Chablis, Champagne, and more!

**Lily Peachin** will certainly have occasion to break out the bubbly. She's opening her own wine shop in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn at 153 Franklin Street. Called Dandelion Wine, the store will focus on esoteric wines with what she calls a "green attitude"; that is, wineries that care about the Earth, giving back, and being environmentally conscious. Over the last year Lily has been busy dreaming up new ideas, raising money, and doing demolition on the new store. She's wanted to open her own place for a long time and now it's finally happening. To find out more, go to [dandelionwinenyc.com](http://dandelionwinenyc.com). Cheers, Lily!

**David Asam** is working in the wine industry, too. He's a vice president and sommelier at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV, and a vice president of the Mimslyn Inn in Luray, VA. He's busy renovating the Mimslyn Inn, tasting wine, playing golf and tennis, and traveling to France and Croatia. Also raising a glass is **Meow Seen Yong** in Singapore. When he's not busy being daddy to his new little girl Anne, or hanging out with his wine tasting group, he's at his day job as an investment analyst at Target Asset Management.

Other busy dads include: **Leon Miller-Out**, in Ithaca, who is running after his two cuties,

3-year-old Louisa and baby Chiara. Leon is the owner, president, and lead developer for Singlebrook Technology, a Web development company. **Daniel Stone**, in Los Angeles, welcomed beautiful daughter Abigail Dina on September 12. His day job is being a dad, but he's also in law school. In Gaithersburg, MD, busy mom **Lindsay Campbell** Perrell has playgroup and classes with her 2-year-old on some days, and on other days she works as a recruiting manager for Chevy Chase Bank.

In NYC, **Melissa Crawford Kennedy** and husband **Robert** are enjoying parenthood. They welcomed daughter Olivia Marie on March 19, 2007. Melissa is the pediatric chief resident at Mount Sinai hospital, and Rob graduated from Columbia business school in May 2007 and is now a senior consultant at Deloitte Consulting. **Tamara Nedjar** and **Michael Botelho** are new homeowners in Ardmore, PA, and knee-deep in home improvement projects. Tamara writes, "How did we end up with so many projects on a house that needed no work?! Did Cornell have a Vo-Tech degree? I think we needed that!"

**Beth Tulanowski** Hill, MS '02, is in Longmont, CO, working as an ArcGIS software instructor for ESRI, a company that designs and develops geographic information systems. She also does a lot of hiking. In August 2006 she traveled to Peru to hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. Along for the hike were '99ers **Bibi Danko**, **Brian Markham**, **Jon Felske**, and **Laura Maginnis**, as well as **Aylin Atilla '00**, **Dave Sweeney '00**, and eight other friends and spouses. In October 2007 Beth, Brian Markham, and **Jen Librach** hit Munich for Oktoberfest. Beyond the hiking, there have been many weddings. Beth reports that Jen Librach married Clayton Nall in January 2007; **Adam Nokes** wed Travis Donahoe; **Brian Glassmeyer** got hitched to **Kristi Kull '01** at Sage Chapel in July 2007; Jon Felske married Meagan Kapper; and **Chris Bastardi** wed Christine Haddigan.

On the West Coast, **Laura Knights** Riley writes to tell us of her wedding to Sean Riley on September 29, 2007, in Medina, NY. The couple spent three weeks in Italy and France on their honeymoon. Laura lives in Seattle and spends her days in the office as an associate vice president at Harrison Group, a market research and consulting firm. During off-hours, Laura and Sean spend time playing softball and volleyball—they had three softball leagues last summer and started a few volleyball leagues this past fall. **Missy Globerman** is in San Francisco working as the senior manager for the development campaign for the San Francisco Symphony. She just finished running a half-marathon to support the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation and she volunteers with the local chapter of Engineers Without Borders. Missy recently attended the wedding of **James Stevens**. **Nikhil Shanbhag** is in Mountain View, CA, working for Google as an associate product counsel.

In NYC, **Rebecca Marcus** Shumaker works as a small animal veterinarian, and husband Jon works in real estate private equity. **Chiann Bao** is an associate at DLA Piper and happy to spend her leisure time participating in triathlons and marathons, traveling, and cooking. **Matthew Nagin** teaches developmental writing, ESL, and freshman writing at the Brooklyn campus of Long Island U. But what he'd rather be doing is spending more time on his writing and comedy routines. He produces a monthly comedy show at NYC's Parkside Lounge. He's also published stories in several literary journals including *Void Magazine*,

*American Drive Review*, *New Works Review*, *Down-town Brooklyn*, and *Tell It Again Stories*.

As always, we look forward to hearing from comedians, teachers, dads, lawyers, vets, barkeeps, business folk, outlaws, and all others. To submit your news visit the class website at <http://classof99.alumni.cornell.edu> or drop an e-mail to one of us: ☐ **Melanie Grayce** West, [mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:mga6@cornell.edu); **Jennifer Sheldon**, [jls33@cornell.com](mailto:jls33@cornell.com); and **Brady Russell**, [bradydale@thistoowillpass.com](mailto:bradydale@thistoowillpass.com).



Someone once told me that weddings come in waves.

There's a big wave of nuptials a few years after graduation, followed by a lull. And then the next wave comes around the time we turn 30. This is certainly true for our class, with lots of wedding news to share!

**Linnea Carter** married Richard Matulat on July 21 at the Colgate Inn in Hamilton, NY. **Jen Plut** Coyer and **Lisa Garback '01** served as bridesmaids, and **Sam Sibley**, **Jordan Garner '01**, **Lauren Drucker '01**, and **Itai Dinour '01** were there to celebrate. The couple then honeymooned in bella Italia. Our next bride, **Julie Nemecek**, married Andrew Snyder in Great Falls, VA, on October 27 and then honeymooned on the north island of New Zealand. Cornellians in attendance included **Gayle Anonuevo**, **Pati Kickland** and husband **Brian Lewis '99**, **Yelena Chigirinskaya '99**, and **Eric Milkie**. Julie reports that she recently took a post-doctoral position at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

**Florence Natter** wed Bryan Grossman on June 10 in Verona, NJ. The wedding party included maid of honor **Liz Mahler**, matron of honor **Marisa Dolled** Filhart, and best man **Matt Lindenberg '99**. Also enjoying the party were classmates **Mike Filler**, **Kristen Sweeney**, **Linnea Hartsuyker**, and **Dena Zigun**, as well as more than a half dozen Cornellians from nearby classes. Florence is currently working at Johnson and Johnson doing pipeline and strategy development for the Aveeno skincare brand, and Bryan is a director of implementation at Fidelity Investments. Both are enrolled in the part-time MBA program at the Stern School of Business at New York U. and reside in Hoboken, NJ.

Two of my Class of '28 U-Hall roommates were also recent brides. **Stephanie Mah** married Thomas Spier on August 25. The beautiful ceremony and reception were held in Santa Fe, NM. It was an event I was truly sorry to miss, but Steph graciously let me be a bridesmaid in spirit. **Lindy van Dalen** and **Lillian Rokhsar** Nerayoff also stood up for Steph, and **Brian Damiano**, **Barbara Brody '99**, **Ishika Majumdar**, and Mat and **Gigi Chang** Parke and their 1-year-old daughter Chloe also made the trip to the Southwest to celebrate. The couple is now living near Vail, CO, and looking forward to a lot of skiing! Stephanie shared that Ishika Majumdar wed Charles Cotter on December 1 in New Brunswick, NJ. **Lindy van Dalen**, **Caroline Eichberger**, **Hannah Emery**, **Nick DePalma**, and **Mandy Krauthamer** were in the wedding party, and **Jason Satran** and **Waina Cheng** celebrated with Ishika and her new husband.

Now, for some non-wedding news! **Adam Bult** is living in Las Vegas, working as an attorney at Jones Vargas. He hikes in his free time and is also working on planning a 30th birthday party. Like most of us, he has fond memories of Wegmans and the Quad. A true world traveler, **Damian Brundage** shared that she departed Moscow and worked in D.C. at the State Department and various national

agencies. She then spent a year in Guantanamo Bay before heading to Iraq for a 13-month effort. After Iraq, she returned to the States and is currently situated in Tampa working as an IT project manager for the Defense Intelligence Agency. Damian said she completed an MA in diplomacy and conflict resolution and began an MBA program in December. She noted, "Cornell continues to open doors and carry an outstanding reputation with it that is respected worldwide."

Keeping track of two little boys occupies most of **Anne Mattice-Strauch's** time these days. She is also a volunteer EMT and firefighter. **Shaniquoa Elrington** retired from more than four years teaching in the NYC public school system, and is now focused on building her career as a real estate salesperson. She works in NYC and northern New Jersey and spends her free time networking and volunteering for various alumni associations. **Corinne Keane Kadlec** is also based in the NYC area and manages international commercial property insurance programs for Starr Tech. She's working on her MBA at Baruch College with a double major in international business and organizational behavior.

On the other coast, **Christopher Buckstein** is the president and owner of Four Bucks Restaurant Group in Huntington Beach, CA. **Katherine Pollak Eisen** sent word that she is working as a psychologist in Palo Alto, CA. She spends her free time traveling, surfing, hiking, and biking with hubby **Adam '99**.

Thanks to everyone who sent in news. If you haven't sent an update lately, let Andrea or me know what you're up to! ✉ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

**01** Have you fatigued yet of the presidential nomination process . . . or have you yet to check in? Or like me, have you been observing with great interest for months now? I have recently been reminded of the two occasions that I saw Hillary Clinton on campus while she was campaigning for her first US Senate bid and my inability then to have predicted all that has transpired.

Since leaving campus, several classmates have returned to create new memories with the celebration of their marriages. Congratulations to **Edward Perez-Cortes** and **Courtney Berry '02** on their marriage at Sage Chapel on June 30, 2007, which was featured as the *New York Post's* Wedding of the Week for August 19. **Melissa LoPinto** was also married at Sage Chapel on September 22, 2007. Melissa is a surgical resident at Illinois Masonic Metropolitan Group Hospitals. **Jennifer Radi Greenberg** is a third-year pediatric resident physician at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, OH. After graduating, she will be staying on as the program chief resident. Jennifer and husband Brian, also a resident, were married at Sage Chapel in June 2006 and reside outside of Cleveland, OH. On October 21, 2007, **George Sclavos** married Meredith Krevitsky. His wife is a fourth-year medical student at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and will begin her residency training in pediatrics in July.

**Geoffrey Zhao** joined Deutsche Bank's corporate and investment banking division in July 2007 and relocated to London. He is getting used to looking right first when crossing the street, having fewer choices but higher prices for food (and just about anything else), and running into more fellow Cornell alums. Last summer **Matt Hyland** had to acclimate to the heat and humidity

in D.C., working in telecommunications research for the Dept. of Defense and training for the Marine Corps Marathon, which was his second marathon after a ten-year break from the first. In Truckee, CA, **Regina Rennix Curry** has been training to run a half-marathon and had the goal to learn how to downhill ski this season. When **Elizabeth Konieczny** is not designing kitchens in the Vail Valley with Elegant Cabinetry & Design, she can be found skiing, biking, and dirt biking.

After passing the LARE (Landscape Architecture Registration Exam), **Kim Wilczak** was a professional figure skater with *Holiday on Ice* for two months last year, touring the Netherlands, Turkey, Budapest, Slovakia, Greece, and Croatia and skating the role of a pirate and skeleton in their *Peter Pan* production. She always wanted to experience the life of a professional skater on the road and she is very glad that she took a chance on such a unique opportunity. **Christopher Fan** is a third-year doctoral student at UC Berkeley in their English program. He would rather be writing plays or a novel these days than teaching. **Nicole Neroulias Gupte** would also like to have more time for freelancing and teaching, since she is busy working full-time as a reporter for the *Journal News*, a daily newspaper covering NYC's suburbs.

**Lauren Feldman**, a playwright and graduate student in the MFA program at Yale School of Drama, has finished co-creating a collaborative theater piece entitled *The Apocryphal Project* that premiered at the Yale Cabaret. This past fall she was working on rewrites for a world premiere of *Fill Our Mouth* at New Theatre in Miami, FL, and of her thesis play. In the coming months she will be figuring where to go next when she graduates in May. **Patrick Mace** is again at Cornell as an MBA student.

Pursuing her MBA at U. of Virginia after working for Nestlé for five and half years, **Sara Diedrich** found three other Cornellians in her class whom she had not known until business school: **Sangita Shaha**, **Emmett Lyman '99**, and **Molly McGovern '05**. **Melissa Mortazavi** and husband Roger Michalski moved back to NYC, where Melissa is an attorney for Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. **Monica Marusceac** is a captain in the US Marine Corps and has flown air support missions in AV-8B Harrier jet aircrafts in support of ground forces in Iraq. She and husband Ramzy Ayachi reside in Yuma, AZ. Classmate **Clinton Festa** is also a pilot and works for Ram Air Freight, a time-critical freight leader in the mid-Atlantic and southeast regions. He resides in Raleigh, NC, with his wife Sanna.

Congratulations to Kyle and **Nicohl Merrill Swartley** on the birth of their second son, Gavin Nicholas, on August 3, 2007. Nicohl continues to work as a loan officer with Farm Credit of Western New York. Send news to: ✉ **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

**02** This year is going to be so amazing. Not only is this the year Kate Winslet is finally going to win an Oscar, but there's going to be a presidential election. I'm stoked. And no matter what happens, victory or defeat, I think we should all celebrate with the help of **Eduardo Porto Carreiro**, who recently acquired his own wine label. Eduardo has spent the last four years working as a sommelier. But you know what they say, "The grapes are always greener on the other vine." Much like *The Little Mermaid*, Eduardo wanted more. But instead

of selling his voice to a wicked sea witch, he partnered with an old buddy from high school and started a boutique winery specializing in Rhone varietals. Their first vintage, a Syrah from Santa Barbara, was released the first week of December and the response has been stellar. If you want to find out more about the project or buy a bottle, the label's called Angelica Cellars and you can check them out at angelicacellars.com.

If it's too pricy for you, might I recommend getting back into box wine? They've really made leaps and bounds since we've graduated. The smaller boxes aren't half bad. They stay fresh for weeks, and you're not held to the unit of a bottle. You can be responsible and stop after one or two glasses because you don't feel all that pressure to finish the bottle. Plus the new spouts hardly drip at all. But sorry, Andrew Malcolm Swenson, born February 19, 2007 to **Eric** and **Cythia Polay Swenson '01**. There'll be no wine for you, because you're not old enough. You have to be 21 to drink alcohol.

I don't have to tell that to **Margriet Schaberg** or **Charlene Davis** because they're both lawyers. Margriet earned her law degree from Fordham and works in litigation and insurance with Riker Danzig law firm in Morristown, NJ. Charlene is a business and commercial litigator with Gibbons PC and splits her time between Philadelphia and New York. Regardless of what you drink, box or bottle, we should all raise a glass and toast **Janie Guevara** and Nathan Lowrie, who got married on September 14, 2007 in Silverton, OR.

As class correspondent I know you look to me to do more than just cut and paste your e-mails. You want someone who knows how to look below the surface and can offer insight. Who better than a geology major. I've received a handful of those "Cornell Class of 2002 News Forms" we all get, and on the surface they're pretty much what you'd expect—responses from successful graduates with impressive jobs. **Amy Gorman** is a graduate assistant for the School of Public Affairs at Penn State. **Carrie Salo** is an account manager at the Laurel Group Graphic Design agency and is editing her first novel. (Were we ever in the same creative writing class?) **Brie Goldberg** is a junior associate at an architecture/urban design firm and is finishing an MS in real estate.

And then there's all the responses to the prompt, "What I'd rather be doing." Across the board people wish they had more personal time. You write, "Go to the beach, travel, spend time with family and friends, hang out with my sweetheart, focus on my writing, etc., etc." So why isn't anyone doing any of these things? What I'm hearing is a cry for help. But before you hurt yourselves pondering this deep question, I have a theory: people from Cornell don't listen to nearly enough country music. Talk about a genre that is just chock full of good messages. Drive fast if your mom is dying. Don't cheat on people. Fishing is awesome. And don't honk even if the person in front of you is driving his tractor absurdly slowly.

We all could stand to chill out a little. I don't think I need to tell **Elizabeth Mirabelli Scully** this. She decided to take the year off from working as a reading specialist at the Tuscarora Indian School to enjoy time at home with her new baby, Jack Ransom Scully, born on July 20, 2007. Elizabeth follows in the footsteps of the great moms before her, including Kate Winslet, who also took a year off to be with her children. (The worst year of my life.) But now she's back and her new movie, *Revolutionary Road*, is due to hit theatres in the fall of '08.

The next time you write I'd like to hear about what you all do to keep balance in your lives. How do you reconcile all the time and stress you spend working? Does it ever drive you mad that you have to call half your friends "Dr." and the other half you only talk to when you need legal advice? Is there anyone out there who instead of climbing the corporate ladder is climbing Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs? Do you perhaps wish you had been a zoology major? If these questions are too profound, I'll also accept, "What is your favorite Kate Winslet performance, and why?" Mine is *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*.

Carolyn and I look forward to hearing from any and all of you whenever you get a chance. You can email us at: ☒ **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; or **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu. And remember to vote, especially if you're a member of the Academy. Kate '08!

**03** It's almost time for reunion! I hope you're thinking about buying your plane ticket and will keep an eye out for registration materials coming soon. I can't wait to see friends and catch up in person in June. (That's June 5-8 for

those of you who have yet to mark your calendars.) Five years, can you believe it?! While I'm sure we'll get lots of news in person at reunion, I'm happy to say that I've been getting a pretty steady stream of updates from our classmates lately. '03ers have been a busy bunch.

**Tony Cortes** just finished up with business school and is now living in Alexandria, VA. **Greg Austic** is down in North Carolina working for Piedmont Biofuels. Greg adds, "I started as an intern where I collected waste vegetable oil from restaurants, which we in turn made into a usable replacement for diesel fuel. After that, I worked at the plant making 2,000 gallons of biodiesel a day. Now I'm back in the waste oil, starting a new arm at Piedmont collecting waste vegetable oil from restaurants near us with the goal of collecting 20,000 gallons a month by the end of next year. I also do research and development, helping to make our process more efficient and improving our design-build department, which builds small-scale plants for other would-be biodiesel producers." **Alexa Barron** left L.A. this past May and is now living in Ann Arbor, MI, while she earns her MBA at the U. of Michigan. She writes, "It's been an amazing experience and the people are incredible, but I do miss California."

In New York City **Lindsay Brooke Cohen** is "the associate fashion and accessories editor for the Niche Media publications, including *Gotham*, *Hamptons*, *L.A. Confidential*, *Boston Common*, *Capitol File*, and *Aspen Peak*." New Yorker **Michelle Carley** will finish up her MD at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan in May 2008. She writes, "I will be doing a residency in anesthesiology, although I'm not sure where yet. Can't wait for reunion!" At a mini-reunion in New York, **Adrienne Dutt** met up with **Jess Rak**, **Adrienne Kroepsch**, **Molly Dickens**, and **Jen Somers**. Adrienne writes, "I'm finishing up my first year of living on the West Coast in San Francisco, doing Internet marketing for eBay. I've enjoyed travels to Dublin, Amsterdam, and several spots closer to home. Around home, I've trained for and completed several triathlons, including my first half-ironman in September—the Big Kahuna."

**Rachel Crisciello**, another triathlete, moved to Portland, ME, two years ago for a grant-writing position at a nonprofit. She writes, "Last year I started law school at the U. of Maine. I was awarded a legal fellowship at a labor union, and I worked there last summer and continue to work there part-time during the school year." Rachel competed in her third triathlon this past summer and also climbed to the summit of Mt. Washington with her partner. She also wrote that she plays banjo and accordion in a four-piece female folk/bluegrass band based out of Portland. "We play mostly in New England, but have also played in Memphis, Austin, NYC, and Boston this past year." Way to go, Rachel! **Michael Hurlbut** is also training for the Marine Corps Marathon 10K. He does that while working as the legislative assistant in D.C. to Congressman Robert Andrews.

Also training (though not running) is **James Moriarty**. He's a member of the US Olympic bobsled team and is preparing for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, BC. We'll definitely have to get our Cornell fan power behind him! **Susan Zelmanovich Shafar** wrote, "I had my second son, Daniel, on October 13, 2007. My other son, Avi, will be 2 in March. Life has been pretty busy since Daniel came, but watching these two boys grow up has so far been a very rewarding experience." Congratulations, Susan!

**Joanna Beceril** e-mailed with an update on behalf of a number of her friends. She wrote, "My husband Mario and I bought a home in Westtown, NY (Orange County) in summer '06. This is where I grew up. I'm an advertising executive for our local newspaper. Yesterday we were in Philadelphia for **Chris Marshall** and **Bryn Doran's** wedding. **Matthew Gross '04**, **Jeff Gilbert**, **Dan Aitchison**, **Heather Blaikie**, and **Arun Mohan '05** were all there. Dan and Heather hiked the whole Appalachian Trail in 2004. My cousin **Becky Gibbs** and **Adam Hill** recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. They are farm managers near Rochester. **Ryan Haines**, BS Ag '05, and **Matt Korona** were at their wedding. This summer, Mario and I attended **Rivka Shoulson's** graduation

## Quixotic Quest

Illiana Ivanova '03, BArch '04 & David Toal '04

Somewhere in Kazakhstan, there's an abandoned car that once belonged to Illiana Ivanova and her husband, David Toal. The red Skoda Felicia hatchback—known as *Rustinante*, in honor of Don Quixote's faithful steed—came to its final resting place after carrying Ivanova and Toal 5,937 miles in the Mongol Rally, an annual adventure that begins in London and (theoretically) ends in Mongolia's capital of Ulaanbaatar. Very few rules apply to the 200 racers—and only a handful of them actually finish. The only stipulations are that each team raise \$2,000 for charities benefiting rural Mongolian communities, each vehicle's engine be no larger than one liter, and the car itself be considered a piece of junk. Ivanova and Toal's vehicle was no exception. "At one point we had only fourth gear left," she says, "which means you can't really start, and you can't really slow down or stop, either."

Ivanova, a residential architect, and Toal, an executive with W Hotels, began their journey on July 21, calling their team Windmill Giants in another *Don Quixote* homage. Over the course of three weeks they traveled through ten countries, sleeping on the couches of locals they met online and ending their trip with *Rustinante's* final breakdown in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Along with flat tires, misleading maps, indecipherable street signs, and extreme heat, the perils of their trip included being stopped by policemen outside Baku, Azerbaijan, five times simply for standing out as foreigners. (They bribed the cops with "I ♥ NY" T-shirts.) Still, the New York City couple says such pitfalls were part of the adventure. "There were definitely some moments that you wouldn't call pleasurable, but they were quintessentially Mongol Rally," Toal says. "It's all about slightly demented people setting out to make the world a better place and encountering unexpected obstacles along the way."

— Meghan Ownbey '08



party at the Jewish Heritage Museum in NYC. Rivka is now officially a veterinarian and is involved in research in Manhattan. **Amber Ball '04**, DVM '07, graduated from the Vet college and practices in Hawaii. **Lindsay Whisher** is in her final year as a Vet student at Cornell. **Jenn Winchell** and her husband Robbie Sands had a boy March 25, 2007—Tracker Russell Sands." Thanks for the great update, Joanna.

**Marcus Calvani** wrote from Florida that he's now the VP of hospitality for a development resource company that services the themed entertainment, attraction, and hospitality industry. He also wrote that he'd love to catch up with **Mike Mraz** and **Doug Murray**, two of his best friends from his Cornell days. That's what reunion is for!

Well, folks, there was more news, but I'm not able to fit it all here. More to come in the next issue. I look forward to seeing you at reunion and writing our reunion recap this summer! In the meantime, don't forget to keep me and Sam posted! ☐ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; **Samantha Buckingham Noonan**, noonans@seattleu.edu.

**04** **Kandis Gibson** is living in Alexandria, VA. She writes that she is finishing her last year of law school and has accepted an associate position at Miller Chevalier Chartered, a law firm in D.C. What does she miss most about Cornell? Walking through the Arts Quad during the fall, and lunch at Trillium. **Michelle Findley** is in Nevada and received her master's degree in occupational therapy from Touro U. on December 9, 2007. After graduating she began working for Nevada Early Intervention Services as an occupational therapist. **Jennifer Farmer Austin '03**, when you read this, e-mail Michelle—she would love to hear from you.

**John Lipiros** is working on his MBA full-time at Villanova U. School of Business. He is also a graduate research assistant for various professors. **Aditya Jhunjhunwala** works at Analog Devices, where he is in charge of increasing revenues in North America for the company's Precision Linear division that makes op-amps, voltage references, and in-amps. He has been traveling to and from Australia quite a bit to assist in the family mining firm, and when he's not traveling or working, he's playing badminton or walking around San Jose. Aditya would love to hear from **Joseph Egbulefu**, **Ekta Naik**, **MRP '05**, and **Kalpana Bains '03**.

**Carissa Mirasol** is a desktop publisher and graphic designer at American Intellectual Property Law Association. Her present after-hours activities include participating in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), the Field Hockey Alumni Association, and the Washington Field Hockey Association. In addition to all this, she is attending classes at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, DC, to earn a certificate in graphic design. **Rosemary Wilde** recently married Greg Rowen, whom she met after college while working at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco. The couple was married at Geneva on the Lake in Geneva, NY, and honeymooned in Greece and Paris.

**Sarah Greenberg** writes, "Upon graduating from Cornell, I joined Teach for America and began teaching kindergarten on the Navajo Nation Indian Reservation. During my time here in New Mexico, I've had the privilege of working with some of the brightest young people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I've also seen the unlimited

potential that the students here in our area possess in terms of academic growth. Unfortunately, this growth is often stunted as a result of a lack of access to books and other literacy resources. I'm part of a group of teachers and community leaders that has teamed together to found the Thoreau Children's Library Project to address this problem. The project aims to build a fully functioning children's library in Thoreau, NM, a small community on the southern border of the Navajo Nation. By partnering with our community's Chapter House, we hope to foster a sense of possibility and community responsibility in promoting literacy to our local youth. Thus far, we have been able to secure several book donations from local libraries and other private donors. We are excited that we have such a large number of books that will soon be in the hands of children who desperately need them. We're also working on getting funds for building materials and financial support for the completion of the library." If you'd like to learn more about the Library Project, contact Sarah at sarah.greenberg@teachforamerica.org. E-mail me with your news! ☐ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

**05** I hope your springs are going well! Some of us have been busy at our current job, some have shifted career paths, and some have made the decision to go back to graduate school. Like many of you, I will soon turn 25 (or as I like to call it, the fourth anniversary of my 21st birthday). Being the oldest of 25 cousins in a close-knit family, I am like everyone's oldest daughter. Lately, my family has grilled me with, "What are you up to?" and "When will you go to grad school?" I have a few great-uncles who eventually retired from the company they worked for right out of college, and many of my aunts and uncles have been with their current companies for years. Our generation is so different. Graduate school seems almost routine these days, and it's quite common to move up by moving on to a different company. I've had two jobs since graduation (career change), and graduate school remains on the horizon for me. It's great to hear what everyone else has been up to—it never ceases to amaze me that this is just the beginning of what our class will accomplish over the years.

**Mary Ellen Cravens** has been keeping herself busy with acting and shoe modeling. This past fall, she traveled to Las Vegas and San Francisco for shoe modeling, and also participated in Nine West's October shoe show. In addition, Mary Ellen traveled for two weeks to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Bhutan. She misses rowing on Cayuga Lake, and when she's not shoe modeling or traveling, Mary Ellen actively fundraises for the New York Junior League and Cornell's Ivy Society, a giving club created specifically for young alumni. To learn more about the Ivy Society, visit <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/fund/ivy/>.

**Benjamin Cavender** works long days and evenings as a senior analyst for China Market Research Group in Shanghai, China. He currently chairs a research group on second- and third-tier Chinese cities. He reminisces fondly about the Knoll and his time on the lightweight rowing team. **Eric Thomas Litton** is now in the U. of Notre Dame's MBA program. **Alexandra Schwartz** just finished her first year of law school at Northwestern U. Upon graduation from the U. of Rochester, **Vaughan Washco** conducted stem cell research for two years. He is currently a first-year medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Sherida Porgiglia** completed her master's degree in organizational communication and works as a project manager for Reed Exhibitions. She enjoys traveling, working out, watching the Yankees, and spending time with family. She misses Cornell and her time as an RA on West Campus. **Michelle Giuliano** has been traveling for work and studying to take the Chartered Financial Analyst exam. She currently works as an analyst for Credit Suisse. **Nicole Rubenstein** has been working at Nutrition Energy in Manhattan, in addition to seeing clients through her private practice in individualized nutrition counseling. She has offices in Southampton, Quogue, and Riverhead, NY. Last August, **Sienna Babb** shifted from the investment banking industry to the entertainment industry and is now a senior analyst with Sony Pictures Entertainment.

President of the Cornell Club of Vermont, **Alexandra Tursi** has been busy "planning everything from cocktail hours to scholarship drives." During her "day" job, she is a junior associate, public relations at Kelliher Samets Volk in Burlington. Her clients include Crane & Co., Concept2, and Efficiency Vermont. Says Alexandra, "I've also been catching up with artists around the world as the visuals editor and social justice blogger at IdentityTheory.com." One thing she misses about Cornell is singing in Sage Chapel with the Cornell Chorus and After Eight a cappella group. Alexandra would like to hear from **James Neuhaus '04**. The last she heard, he was in Uganda!

**Thomas Balcerski** has enrolled in a PhD program in US history at SUNY Stony Brook, where he is "taking classes, TA-ing an undergraduate lecture, and learning about great problems in history." Thomas reports, "I am still active with Acacia fraternity at Cornell. The Centennial Weekend, August 24-26, 2007, was a huge success. I am now working on the chapter's capital campaign. I recently completed writing the chapter's history, which was published as a book this past summer. I cannot think of anything else I would rather be doing." Congratulations, Thomas! *Acacia Fraternity at Cornell: The First Century* is now available through the Cornell Store, online ([www.cornellacacia.org](http://www.cornellacacia.org)), or in the local section of Ithaca's Borders bookstore in Pyramid Mall (now called the Shops at Ithaca Mall). To find out more about Acacia's Centennial Weekend, you can view an article about it on the Cornell *Daily Sun's* website, keyword: Acacia.

As we become accustomed to our lives as young professionals, I recommend visiting the Cornell Alumni website at [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu). Here you can search for a Cornell Club near you, seek out a college association, or sign up to recruit and interview prospective students through CAAAN (Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network). It's never too early to get involved. The Class of 2005 already has active members in the Ivy Society and Cornell Clubs around the world!

Please be in touch. You can write us at classof2005news@gmail.com or directly at: ☐ **Michelle Wong**, michelle.r.wong@gmail.com; **Jennifer Miel**, miel.jennifer@gmail.com.

**06** Sadly, I was unable to make it for Homecoming last fall. Those of you who had the opportunity to see friends and enjoy Cornell's campus and barhopping on College Avenue and Eddy Street surely had a great time! I hope to make it up there before our 5th Reunion.

For those of you who sent in updates for this issue, these are some of the things you and

your peers miss most about Cornell: the gorges, the view from the terrace, friends from the Greek system, eating lunch at Sage, and the snow—especially those who live in warm climates. So where are we now?

In the world of academia, **Steve Angelini** is a ninth grade English teacher at Anacostra Senior High School in Washington, DC. He is simultaneously pursuing a master's in education at American U. Steve looks forward to summer break and plans to be "a better teacher next year." In warmer temperatures, **Claire Lambrecht** has been teaching high school English in Ewa Beach, HI, since joining Teach for America upon graduation. She recently traveled through Europe. Claire admits, "Maybe I'm crazy, but I miss the weather up in Ithaca. 365 days of sunshine seems a little unnatural after four years in Ithaca." In the athletic realm of academia, **Yanni Hufnagel** is the graduate assistant coach for the U. of Oklahoma's men's basketball program. He is also enrolled in OU's MBA program.

In graduate school, **Christine McInnis** is a student at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, getting her PhD in chemistry and working in Helen Blackwell's lab. She goes sailing and biking, organizes church-related activities, and attends numerous free concerts in the Madison area. **Allison Pinchasick** is a medical student at SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine. **David Gura** graduated from Columbia in May '07 with an MS in journalism. Now in Washington, DC, David works as a producer for "Talk of the Nation" at National Public Radio.

**Taylor Korfhage-Poret** is a land planning designer/landscape architect for ESE Consultants (a wholly owned subsidiary of Toll Brothers Inc., America's Luxury Home Builders). Extracurricular activities are sports and parties. Taylor recently bought a home and has been moving and working on improving the house and property, although he would rather be traveling. **Cheryl Horton** is also working in architecture—at NCES in D.C.—as a paid intern. She takes advantage of living in D.C. by visiting cultural institutions, in addition to networking and running.

**Badri Narayanan, LL.M. '06**, from New Delhi, is an attorney who has recently been buying and selling patents. He goes jogging and engages in outdoor sports during his free time. **Rachel Adomat** is a development specialist for Shire Pharmaceutical in Cambridge, MA. **Lucy Mansdorf** is a marketing coordinator at Polo Ralph Lauren in NYC. **Debra Erber** is the meetings and special events manager at the Ritz-Carlton, South Beach. Anyone planning a trip to Florida?

Aside from his friends, what **John Schaub** misses the most from Cornell is acting! John is currently a server at McCormick & Schmick's in NYC, although he would rather be acting. Break a leg, John! **Danielle Vollmar** is a meteorologist at WBOC-TV/FOX 21 in Salisbury, MD, creating new weather graphics and studying for her Certified Broadcast Meteorologist seal (CBM). Other than working out in her free time, Danielle volunteers at the Crisis Life Center. **Alexander Yee** is a financial analyst at the hedge fund of funds Holding Capital Groups.

**Jean-Baptiste Cossart**, an A&S graduate from the College Scholar Program, has been involved in entrepreneurial ventures. After working for a year consulting—including two months in Saudi Arabia—with Bearing Point, he left the company to co-found a start-up called TheIssue.com, a new kind of news source. He writes that The Issue, which launched July 10, 2007, is a blog newspaper. Using the diversity of blogs to provide

multiple perspectives on a whole variety of issues, "we handpick the top blog articles, written by experts, eye-witnesses, and passionate people, and organize them in the form of an online daily newspaper. Our goal is to become a new kind of news source—one where the reader is exposed to the different viewpoints and benefits from the vast amount of knowledge generated online each day." Their team consists of four full-time people and several part-timers. Jean-Baptiste gave a lecture to an Intro Communication class last fall, and another Communication professor was considering using the site in the spring. They have also been in touch with people at the Berkman Center for Internet Studies at Harvard, as one of the other co-founders is a Harvard '06 alum. Check them out online at [www.TheIssue.com](http://www.TheIssue.com).

Thanks to everyone for sending in their updates. We look forward to hearing about your progress and future endeavors. We also encourage those of you who have been keeping quiet to become active in our alumni community—we do appreciate your contributions. Until next time, keep the Cornell spirit alive! ☐ **Kate DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu); and **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu).

# 07

Hello, Class of 2007! We have a lot of updates for you in this issue. After graduating in May, **Ariel Fuchs** (HE) moved to NYC and is now working for Goldman Sachs. **Jessica Hoffman** (HE) also moved to NYC and accepted a job with DEGW as a strategic consultant in workplace design. The firm integrates research, strategy, and design to create recommendations for workplaces based on the changing nature of how people work. Some of the firm's big clients include Google, Pfizer, GSA, Fidelity Investments, and Mars Candy, to name a few. Jessica is living in a Brooklyn brownstone apartment with two other Cornell graduates from the TXA program. She enjoys living in New York after college and would suggest it to anyone.

**Sara Lewin** (ALS) has been working at NYU School of Law in the vice dean's office doing a lot of event planning and helping the vice dean with projects. She really enjoys it and has met a great number of international VIPs in the law community. She is now in the process of switching schools within NYU to attend the Gallatin School of Individualized Study, where she plans to complete her master's and PhD. Sara happily lives on the Lower East Side of Manhattan near Union Square Park and Stuyvesant Park, where her dog can enjoy the dog runs and park. She also loves living in NYC because she randomly runs into other Cornellians shopping, going out, or just walking down the street.

**Danielle Binler** (HE) has been working at Steve and Barry's as a project manager in the marketing department, where she manages the production of all printing projects, including in-store signage. **Georgia Giannopoulos** (HE) went to Central America in the fall, where she volunteered as an HIV/AIDS educator with the Cornerstone Foundation—a nonprofit community development organization in San Ignacio, Belize. In January, she worked as a dietetic intern, studying nutrition at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

**Jon Lamkay** (HE) is a teaching assistant at the Elizabeth Mellick Baker Elementary School in Great Neck, NY. He works in two fifth grade classrooms and tutors students after school. Jon enjoys his job because he went to this elementary school when he was younger and gets to see

some of his past teachers. Jon plans on starting graduate school in the fall to get his master's and hopes to find a job in the next year or two where he has his own class. **Chuck Kast** (ALS) now attends SUNY Downstate College of Medicine in Brooklyn, NY. Between graduation and medical school, he worked at Cornell's survey research institute on the New York State Empire Poll. This summer he plans on doing research within the psychiatry department at his medical school.

**Tiffany Goh** (HE) is living in NYC now—in Stuyvesant Town. She is an analyst in the Strategic Partners group at Credit Suisse in the Alternative Investment division (basically the secondary market in Credit Suisse's private equity). **Erica Fischer** (EN) is also working in NYC at DeSimone Consulting Engineers, where she does structural engineering building design. She works on residential and commercial high-rise buildings, making sure they can stand up.

Thanks to everyone who sent in updates regarding your recent whereabouts. If you haven't yet and want to share what you've been up to over the past year, you can! Just e-mail me or Marianna. As your class correspondents, we look forward to hearing from you! ☐ **Dana Scolnick**, [Dana.Scolnick@gmail.com](mailto:Dana.Scolnick@gmail.com); and **Marianna Gomez**, [mag95@cornell.com](mailto:mag95@cornell.com).

# 08

As class correspondents, we would like to welcome the Class of 2008 to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. We encourage you to stay in touch by passing along your experiences and future news to us. Keep your classmates informed about your lives!

This column introduces half of the newest Alumni Class Council, who will work together on the Senior Class Campaign, as well as on our 5th Reunion in 2013. We'll meet the rest of the fabulous officers in the May/June issue. Congratulations to all the class officers on your new positions!

Class Correspondents: **Elana Beale** (A&S) of Boca Raton, FL, is a double Government and American Studies major. Her on-campus activities include: president of the Cornell Hillel Jewish Student Union, student manager of Campus Information and Visitor Relations (campus tour guides), an opinion columnist for the Cornell *Daily Sun*, and a research assistant for Government Prof. Isaac Kramnick. She has worked for Class and Reunion Programs in Alumni Affairs and Development and served as an Orientation leader in the past. After graduation (which she refers to as "the G-word"), she plans on working in New York City or Washington, DC, for a year or two before graduate (most likely law) school. Elana loves all things Cornell and Ithaca, and will most miss the on-campus community fostered by long winters, beautiful autumns, and many hours spent in Libe Cafe. **Libby Boymel**, BS HE '07, originally of Sudbury, MA, graduated early last May with honors in Human Development and a concentration in Law and Society. While at Cornell, Libby's involvements included being a Class of 2008 Council VP, a Cornell Int'l Affairs Society member and committee chair for the Cornell Model UN Conference, a Cornell Figure Skating Club team member, and a Resident Advisor. She was also a PAM 230 TA, a research assistant for Prof. Charles Brainerd, and a Meinig Family Cornell National Scholar. Since she graduated, Libby has been working for a sales and marketing consulting firm, and she would like to pursue graduate studies in business, law, and/or psychology in the future. She loves absolutely everything about

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Cornell and the Class of 2008, and encourages everyone to make the best of their final semester!

Co-Presidents: **Sarah Snider** (ENG) came to Cornell all the way from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and will graduate with a Biological Engineering major and Engineering Management minor. In her time on the Hill, Sarah has been a Resident Adviser in Campus Life and Residential Programs, and served on the Campus Life Student Advisory Board and as a student manager and volunteer caller with the Cornell Annual Fund. Next year she hopes to pursue a Master of Engineering Management degree through Cornell's Civil Engineering school. She has enjoyed taking advantage of the "diversity of opportunities" available at Cornell and has found it hard to fit everything you want to do in a 24-hour day! I'm sure all of our class officers would agree with that sentiment! **Manuel Natal** (HE) of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, is a Policy Analysis and Management major. On campus, his involvements include being in La Unidad Latina, as well as serving as the Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc. Alumni Liaison and being the Sphinx Head Honor Society secretary and a student coordinator for the Cornell Fitness Centers. After graduation, Manuel hopes to attend law school back in his native Puerto Rico, and has aspirations of working in the public sector. His favorite thing about Cornell is "the snow! Then again, I live on an island and we don't get any snow, so I love the change."

VPs, Greek Challenge: **Stephanie Posen** (A&S) hails from Haworth, NJ, and is a double major in History and French. Her Cornell activities include serving as an assistant supervisor for the Cornell Annual Fund, the Big Red Phonathon, and various leadership positions in the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Stephanie loves Cornell in the fall, a time "when everyone is coming back to campus and reconnecting with classmates and friends"; she also enjoys taking advantage of Ithaca's autumnal activities, including apple-picking with her College-town housemates. **Jessica Intravia** (CAL), a Biology and Society major from South Windsor, CT, has remained busy throughout her time at Cornell with her involvements as executive VP of the Panhellenic Association, as a member of the Orientation Steering Committee, in Club Women's Lacrosse, and in Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Jessica is also enrolled in Human Ecology's Sloan Program in Health Administration and will graduate with a Master of Health Administration (MHA) in May 2009.

VPs, Giving Societies: **Linda Yu** (A&S) is a Government major from Brooklyn, NY. Her on-campus activities at Cornell include co-founder and co-president of Asian and Asian American Forum, Class of 2008 Councils Senior Week co-chair, and Alpha Phi Omega retention chair. She hopes to take time off before attending law school and a career in nonprofits and government. **Andrew McIntyre** (A&S) of San Francisco, CA, is also a Government major. He keeps busy at Cornell by working for Risley Dining and being a TA for NBA 300 and NBA 564. After graduation, he would like to take a year or two off to work in a law firm and to travel, and then go to law school. In regard to the Class of 2008, Andrew states, "We know how to balance work and life really well. When it's time to hit the books, it looks like a class reunion in Olin, and when it's not, it looks like a class reunion in Collegetown. My peers in the Class of 2008 are some of the brightest, most dedicated, earnest people I know." Awww, thanks Andrew!

Send us your news! We look forward to hearing from you! ✉ [Elana Beale, erb26@cornell.edu](mailto:Elana.Beale@cornell.edu); and [Libby Boymel, lkb24@cornell.edu](mailto:Libby.Boymel@cornell.edu).

'26 BS Ag—**Philip I. Higley** of Fort Walton Beach, FL, May 19, 2007; pioneer in the dairy industry; former president, American Breeders Service; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'29 BA—**Frances Levinson** Zippin of New York City, July 12, 2007.

'32 DVM—**Arthur C. Eldred** of Fort Covington, NY, May 11, 2007; veterinarian; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Psi.

'32 BS HE—**Helen Maly** of Rochester, NY, June 6, 2007; active in alumni affairs.

'32—**J. Elizabeth North** of Victor, NY, March 24, 2006; active in alumni affairs.

'33, BS Ag '34—**Lawrence B. Clark** of Myrtle Beach, SC, July 7, 2007. Alpha Zeta.

'33-34 GR—**Anthony J. Marsloe** of Centre Island, NY, December 14, 2006; attorney; house counsel, Peerless Importers; worked with NYS Bureau of Investigation under Gov. Dewey; veteran; author; radio lecturer; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'33, BA '32—**Jerome Ritter** of Tucson, AZ, May 1, 2007; hospital director, V.A. hospitals in Tucson, AZ, and Martinez, CA; chief of staff, Boston V.A. Hospital; assoc. clinical professor, U. of Nebraska, U. of Wisconsin, and Boston U. medical schools; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'34 BME—**Thomas R. Crowley** of Madison, NJ, May 12, 2007; president, UnionImperial Laundry and Dry Cleaning; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Delta Phi.

'34-35 SP Ag—**Maurice K. Hitchings** of Syracuse, NY, June 20, 2007; owner, Maurice K. Hitchings Construction; also worked for Beak & Skiff Orchards; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'34, BArch '35, BLA '36—**Robert S. Kitchen** of Oceanside, CA, May 25, 2007; architect; designed BART stations and buildings at UC Davis and UC Berkeley; veteran; active in professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'34 BS Ag—**Carl T. Nordstrom** of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of East Aurora, NY, May 26, 2007; loan officer; active in civic and community affairs.

'34—**Manuel Stapen** of New York City, May 25, 2007; psychoanalyst; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'35 BA, MD '39—**Gaert S. Gudernatch** of Salisbury, CT, May 29, 2007; physician; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'35, BA '36—**George L. Hamilton Jr.** of Concord, NH, formerly of West Hartford, CT, June 29,

2007; chief, Crippled Children's section, Connecticut Dept. of Health; active in religious affairs.

'35 BME—**John F. Schoedinger** of Columbus, OH, June 23, 2007; retired president, Schoedinger Funeral Service; cattle breeder; tree farmer; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'37 BS HE—**Elizabeth Eldridge** Boylan (Mrs. Laurence C., PhD '52) of Emporia, KS, March 6, 2007; teacher; active in community and alumni affairs.

'37, BS Ag '38—**Cornelius F. Handy** of Lowville, NY, May 28, 2007; agricultural extension agent, Cornell Cooperative Extension; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'37 BA, LLB '40—**James M. Pollock** of White Plains, NY, April 22, 2007; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'38—**Augusta Fairchild** Chapman of Spencer, NY, June 10, 2007; retired home editor, *American Agriculturist*; active in community and religious affairs.

'38 BS HE—**Helene Irish** Johnston (Mrs. Carl B. Johnston '38) of Carmel, CA, July 18, 2007; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'38-40 GR—**Ruby Osterman** Leininger of Dublin, OH, June 30, 2007; high school science teacher; also taught at Fenn College; active in community affairs.

'38 BS HE—**Laura Smith** Means of New Woodstock, NY, May 14, 2007; elementary school teacher; social worker; nutritionist; dairy farmer; potter; active in community affairs.

'38 BS Ag—**John P. Murphy** of Naples, FL, formerly of Skaneateles, NY, July 6, 2007; attorney; also worked for Bristol-Myers Squibb; worked on the Manhattan Project;

'38, BS Ag '39—**Charles W. Severinghaus** of Edinburg, NY, July 6, 2007; principal wildlife biologist, Delmar Laboratory, NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation; authority on white-tailed deer; author; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'38 BEE—**Frederick J. Skinner** of Cortland, NY, May 24, 2007. Wife, Eleanor (Ramsay) '41.

'39 BME—**William B. Halladay** of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, April 1, 2007; engineer, ARCO; worked on Alaskan Pipeline; veteran; taught at West Point; active in religious affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

'39 BA—**George L. Kalb** of Medford Lakes, NJ, October 13, 2006. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'39 MS, PhD '43—**Charles T. Male Jr.** of

Niskayuna, NY, July 5, 2007; professor of civil engineering, Union College; partner, C. T. Male Assocs.; owner, C. W. Male & Son Insurance; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'39 BS Hotel—**Leslie N. Scott** of Cape Coral, FL, June 1, 2007; managed Rockefeller Estate in Pocantico Hills, NY; owner, Tiger Lily Gift Store; active in civic and community affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'39 BArch—**Daniel B. Warner** of Walnut Creek, CA, December 11, 2005; architect; veteran; active in professional affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

'40 BA—**Roy F. Dietrich** of Stamford, CT, June 2, 2007; director, procedures and control, Continental Can; also worked for Price Waterhouse; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'40 BA—**Sidney A. Haber** of White Plains, NY, November 26, 2006; psychiatrist.

'40—**Robert E. Halpin** of Odessa, NY, May 23, 2007; dairy farmer; active in professional affairs.

'40 BA—**Robert H. Sparre** of Chestertown, MD, March 14, 2007; retired DuPont manager; historian; veteran; active in community affairs.

'41 BA—**Albert L. Aschaffenburg** of Metairie, LA, June 26, 2007; operated the Pontchartrain Hotel; speech teacher, U. of New Orleans; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'41 BS Ag, MS Ag '54—**Donald G. Robinson Sr.** of Castile, NY, May 15, 2007; retired vocational agriculture teacher; town councilman; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'41 PhD—**Jay R. Schenck** of Lindenhurst, IL, June 16, 2006; research chemist; active in community affairs.

'41—**Frederick D. Vieth** of Chester, CT, formerly of Pacific Palisades, CA, July 8, 2007; marketing executive, aerospace industry; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'41 BS Ag—**Nathaniel E. White** of Fayetteville, NY, May 10, 2007; worked for Agway; active in community and alumni affairs. Theta Chi.

'42 BA—**Louise Sargent Akins** of Interlaken, NY, May 21, 2007; teacher, Interlaken Central School; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'42, BEE '48—**Earle C. Bowen** of Tucker, GA, April 11, 2007.

'42 MS HE—**Elizabeth Feldmeier Brereton** (Mrs. John G. '38, PhD '42) of Chittenango, NY, July 6, 2007; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'42 PhD—**George H. Hildebrand** of Walnut Creek, CA, May 18, 2007; retired economics professor; active in alumni affairs.

'42 BS Ag, DVM '43—**Wallace G. Jones** of Setauket, NY, April 23, 2007; veterinarian;

active in alumni affairs. Alpha Psi.

'42, BS Ag '47—**Robert H. Spickerman** of Middleburgh, NY, April 19, 2007; retired postmaster.

'42, BS ORIE '44—**Frank B. Williams III** of Sarasota, FL, May 11, 2007; founder, Crawford Williams engineering firm; active in community and religious affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'43 MD—**Frank H. McNutt** of Kittanning, PA, May 12, 2007; physician; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'43—**Martin D. Meyerson** of Philadelphia, PA, June 2, 2007; former president, U. of Pennsylvania and SUNY Buffalo; former acting chancellor and dean of the design school, UC Berkeley; scholar of urban design; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'43 BA—**Louis L. Mihalyi** of Glenfield, NY, March 15, 2007; high school science teacher; veteran; author; editor; active in community and religious affairs.

'43 MS Ag, PhD '45—**Julio O. Morales** of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Greenwich, CT, May 29, 2007; economics professor, Cornell U.; co-founder, Inst. for Humane Studies, George Mason U.; director, Dept. of Economics, Inter-American Inst. of American States; consultant to the Organization of American States; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Virginia (Tedeschi) '45.

'43 BS Ag, PhD '52—**Kenneth C. Parkes** of Pittsburgh, PA, July 16, 2007; curator emeritus of birds, Carnegie Museum of Nat'l History; author; field ornithologist; active in professional and alumni affairs. Wife, Ellen (Stone) '54.

'44, DVM '45—**Stanton E. Bower** of San Luis Obispo, CA, July 7, 2007; veterinarian; developer, Buttonwood Industrial Park; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'44—**Alexander M. Cadman Jr.** of Pittsburgh, PA, June 25, 2007; retired president, A.W. Cadman Manufacturing Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'44, BArch '46—**Samuel J. Caudill Jr.** of Carbondale, CO, May 13, 2007; retired architect; worked on Glenwood Canyon Interstate 70 project; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Sigma Nu.

'44—**Philip W. Donovan** of Plantsville, CT, April 28, 2007; worked for A. N. Pierson Co. and Macy's department store; OSS officer; active in community affairs.

'44 BME—**Harvey Jacobson** of Atlanta, GA, May 6, 2007; president, Nation Linen Service; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'44 BS Hotel—**Charles H. Lindelow** of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Drexel Hill, PA, May 5, 2007; worked for Stouffer Restaurants.

'44 BS HE—**Marion Beatty Parsons** of Fairfax, VA,

May 20, 2007; homemaker; active in civic and community affairs. Husband, George A. Parsons '43.

'44 BA, JD '49—**Bertil L. Peterson** of Orchard Park, NY, May 31, 2007; attorney; former president, Deep Springs College; veteran; honorary Swedish consul; active in civic, professional, and alumni affairs. Wife, Jean (Ripton), JD '49.

'44 BA—**Beatrice Sacks Stillman** of Marana, AZ, January 28, 2006.

'44, BCE '47—**Theodore T. Van Hying** of Kilmarnock, VA, August 30, 2006; owner, construction company; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

'44, BA '47—**William F. Wagner** of Hendersonville, NC, March 27, 2007; retired industrial relations manager; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'44—**Virginia Olsen Wilson** of Fort Worth, TX, February 17, 2007.

'45—**Augustus C. McDaniel** of Waite Hill, OH, November 8, 2006; president and CEO, Hill Acme Co.; active in community affairs.

'45, BA '44—**Barbara Wagner** Neumark of New York City, June 22, 2007; homemaker; active in community and religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'45 BS Nurs—**Harriet Williams Ripple** of San Angelo, TX, December 8, 2006.

'45, BS HE '44—**Alma Schwenk Salmon** (Mrs. Oliver N. '40, PhD '46) of Austin, TX, formerly of Bemidji, MN, May 20, 2007; homemaker.

'45, BA '47, PhD '55—**Seaward A. Sand Jr.** of East Aurora, NY, July 15, 2007; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Mavis (Gillette) '46.

'45—**William H. Tatro** of Bakersfield, CA, April 7, 2007; salesman; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Kappa Psi.

'46 PhD—**Leona Schnell Emrich** of Hinton, WV, March 26, 2006; professor emerita of biological sciences, William Paterson U.

'46, BA '45—**Arlene Newton Hilton** of Cumberland, RI, May 21, 2007; bibliographical researcher, Brown U. Rockefeller Library; owner, Betty's Curtain Shop and Toddle-Teen Playhouse; active in community and religious affairs.

'46 MS, PhD—**Chung Y. Li** of Hershey, PA, May 12, 2007; consulting engineer on hydroelectric projects.

'46, BA '48—**Walter Minkoff** of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, May 14, 2007; president, Peerless Paint & Varnish; veteran. Phi Sigma Delta.

'47 BME—**Max R. Bluntschli** of Los Gatos, CA, June 9, 2007; VP and part-owner, Brown & Root; engineering consultant, Edgewood Inc.; former director of engineering, Allied Chemical; active in alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'47 MED—**Olive Griffin Boehlecke** of Spencerport, NY, February 3, 2007; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Robert A. Boehlecke '34.

'47 MS HE—**Euphemia Deade** Boroughs of Monroe Township, NJ, March 9, 2006.

'47, BS HE '46, MS HE '54—**Barbara Kenrick** Miller of Tucson, AZ, May 28, 2007; retired county extension agent; active in alumni affairs.

'47, BA '46—**Jay Monroe** of Sands Point, NY, June 12, 2007; created the Tensor lamp; inventor; engineer; veteran; active in professional and alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi. Wife, Barbara (Thaler) '55.

'47 BA, PhD '52—**Eleanor Tananbaum** Ostrau of Mamaroneck, NY, May 20, 2007; dept. chair of government and politics, Manhattan College; also taught at Yeshiva U. and Hunter College; intelligence analyst, US State Dept.; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'47 MA—**Emily Skillings** Palfrey of West Lafayette, IN, July 11, 2007; middle school teacher; taught English at Purdue U. in retirement; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Husband, Thomas Palfrey '49, PhD '53.

'48 BME—**Harold Andrews** of Arlington, VA, May 15, 2007; aeronautical engineer, Naval Air Systems Command; aviation historian; consultant; author; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Beta Pi.

'48 GR—**Philip M. Davenport** of Chevy Chase, MD, March 31, 2006;

'48 MNS—**Santo D. Formica** of Sherwood, AR, May 11, 2007; cookbook author; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'48 BS Ag—**Gilbert Gude** of Bethesda, MD, June 7, 2007; Congressman; director of Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; state legislator; treasurer, family nursery business; veteran; environmentalist; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 BCE, MCE '49—**Oscar C. Rohmoser** of San Jose, Costa Rica, July 11, 2007; chief engineer, Junta de Proteccion Social; helped to construct hydroelectric plants; real estate developer; philatelist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'48 PhD—**John G. Seeley** of Ithaca, NY, May 9, 2007; professor emeritus of horticulture, Cornell U.; also taught at Penn State U. and Rutgers; author; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'49 BCE—**Richard C. Callaghan** of Summit, NJ, June 2, 2007; senior VP and chief engineer, Schiavone Construction; mediator, American Arbitration Assn.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Estelle (Palezny) '49.

'49, B Chem E '50—**Davidson Clark** of Alton, NH, July 9, 2007; retired president, Hitachi Magna-Lock; former marketing manager, GE Magnetics; furniture builder; author; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Sally (Andrews) '52.

'49 BA—**Peggy Jack Drake** of Somerville, NJ, July 11, 2007; senior medical writer/editor, HoechstCelanese; instructor, Museum of Natural History; naturalist; active in community and professional affairs.

'49 BS Hotel—**Richard T. Harris** of Englewood, OH, February 11, 2007; food service teacher, Dayton High Schools; purchasing agent; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma. Wife, Grace (Hubbell) '49.

'49—**Melvin S. McLeod Jr.** of Bedford, MA, July 9, 2007; worked for Payne Elevator Co.; hospital trustee. Sigma Chi.

'49 LLB—**J. Read Murphy** of Bloomfield, CT, June 4, 2007; attorney; veteran; former state's attorney; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'50 BS Ag, MEd '54—**Donald M. Alexander** of Newark Valley, NY, April 17, 2007; agricultural teacher, Newark Valley High School; farmer; tree surgeon; developed Alexander Park; active in civic and community affairs.

'50—**Talbot Bissell** of Greensboro, NC, July 2, 2007; retired asst. secretary and manager of field claims division, Pilot Life Insurance; veteran; active in community affairs.

'50 BArch—**Robert M. Blunk** of Burlingame, CA, June 20, 2007; architect; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'50—**John F. Burroughs** of Visalia, CA, May 23, 2007; USDA agricultural inspector; probation officer; farmer; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Sigma Nu.

'50 JD—**Lawrence Carnick** of Indio, CA, June 3, 2007; attorney; taught at College of the Desert; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'50 BS Ag—**Henry F. Flamm** of Staten Island, NY, July 5, 2007; retired trust dept. officer, Bank of New York; naturalist, New York State Conservation Dept.; veteran; first director, Staten Island Zoo; author; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'50 BEE—**Bernard Gerb** of Princeton, NJ, March 27, 2006; patent attorney; co-founder, the 55-PLUS forum for Princeton area seniors; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'50—**Jack C. Giroux** of Ithaca, NY, May 16, 2007; retired Cornell Food Service employee; veteran.

'50 BME—**George A. Goetz** of Whitefish Bay, WI, July 16, 2007; former professor, Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell U.; owner, Goetz Haussler James insurance agency; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Chi Psi.

'50 BA—**Alan P. Howell** of Park Ridge, NJ, formerly of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, July 9, 2007; realtor; high school teacher; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'50 BS Ag, MEd '56—**John A. Koska** of Delhi,

NY, May 25, 2007; guidance counselor; taught agriculture; veteran. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'50, BS ILR '51—**Richard S. Locke** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, formerly of Ithaca, NY, June 1, 2007; real estate broker.

'50—**Francis S. Poplasky** of Hayward, CA, May 1, 2006. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'51 BA—**Graham A. Brown** of Naples, FL, formerly of Skaneateles, NY, May 6, 2007; worked for Jones & Laughlin Steel; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi. Wife, Ann (Blodgett) '55.

'51-52 SP Ag—**Shinjiro Endo** of Tsunacho, Japan, June 1, 2006; pastor emeritus, Shizuki Church; active in religious affairs.

'51 BS Hotel—**Thomas W. Gee** of Worland, WY, April 16, 2007; hotelier and restaurateur; owner, Washakie Hotel and Settler's Inn; manager, Jenny Lake Lodge; veteran; horseman; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

'51 BS Ag—**William H. Webb** of Connersville, IN, March 3, 2007; farmer. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'51 BS Hotel—**John J. Zimmerman Jr.** of Syracuse, NY, June 18, 2007; president, Real Estate Investors of Central NY; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'52—**Byron M. Baer** of Englewood, NJ, June 24, 2007; senator and minority leader, New Jersey Senate; civil rights activist; proponent of the Open Public Meetings Act; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'52 BA—**Virginia A. Darnell** of San Francisco, CA, June 7, 2007; senior computer systems engineer, IBM; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Kappa Delta.

'52 BME—**Philip F. Gottling Jr.** of Wyoming, OH, March 13, 2007; retired manager, Procter & Gamble; recording engineer; active in community and alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa. Wife, Barbara (Johnson) '54.

'52 MD—**George Johnson Jr.** of Chapel Hill, NC, May 15, 2007; professor, chief of vascular surgery, director of Ambulatory Care Surgery Center, and vice chairman, Dept. of Surgery, U. of North Carolina School of Medicine; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'52—**Capt. Edward A. Lane Jr.** of Panacea, FL, May 16, 2007; retired US Navy and Merchant Marine officer.

'52—**Walter J. Purcell** of Everett, WA, June 10, 2007; Shell Oil franchiser; businessman; active in community affairs. Sigma Nu.

'52, BME '53—**Robert C. Reisweber** of Williamsburg, VA, May 13, 2007; computer scientist; mechanical engineer; author; active in community affairs.

'52 LLB—**Franklin B. Resseguie** of Binghamton, NY, June 18, 2007; attorney; founder,



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Brundage Publishing; veteran; taught at West Point; author; active in civic affairs.

'52 BS Ag, PhD '67—**Bruce T. Wilkins** of Solomons, MD, June 30, 2007; professor emeritus, Cornell U.; leader in Sea Grant Extension; wildlife biologist; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha. Wife, Sandra (Enevoldsen), MPS '89.

'53 BA—**Richard T. Cliggott** of Tequesta, FL, June 9, 2007; founder, Cliggott Publishing; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'53 BA—**John H. Depew** of Dallas, TX, March 12, 2007; banker; VP, First Nat'l Bank and M Bank; actor in "Dallas" and *JFK*; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Phi.

'53 BA, MBA '54—**Manuel J. Ferreira** of Cumming, GA, May 14, 2007; executive, General Mills, W. R. Grace & Co., and Carnation Co.; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa. Wife, Joan (Hartford) '51.

'53—**Daniel H. Horwitz** of Riverview, FL, January 22, 2007.

'53 MBA—**Timothy J. Marcouiller** of Longboat Key, FL, formerly of Cheshire, CT, June 12, 2007; financial manager, Uniroyal; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'53—Col. **Kenneth J. Payne** of San Antonio, TX, May 14, 2007; retired US Air Force officer; director of civil engineering for North American Defense Command; project manager, int'l construction projects; homebuilder; active in professional and religious affairs.

'53 BS Ag—**Glen E. Woolfenden** of Lake Placid, FL, June 19, 2007; ornithologist; expert on the Florida scrub jay; taught at the U. of South Florida; active in professional and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'54, BME '55—**Ralph E. Delaplane** of Jenersville, PA, formerly of Wilmington, DE, February 3, 2007; retired DuPont engineer; active in community and religious affairs. Theta Chi.

'54 BA—**Sandra Perman Itzkoff** of Scotch Plains, NJ, June 10, 2007; retired professor, Union County College; high school teacher; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'54—**Peter M. Marx** of New York City, June 11, 2007; Broadway producer; real estate agent; veteran.

'54—**Patricia Palmer Shope** (Mrs. Richard A., GR '52-'54) of Simsbury, CT, July 9, 2007; director, Hopmeadow Nursery School; master weaver; artist.

'55 BS ILR—**Lee J. Fingar** of Darien, CT, July 17, 2007; worked in industrial marketing; consultant for financially troubled companies; substitute high school teacher; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'55 BA—**Frank B. Knight** of Urbana, IL, March

19, 2007; professor of mathematics, U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; instructor and research assoc., U. of Minnesota; author; editor; mountain climber; active in professional affairs.

'55 BS HE—**Doris Gottlieb** Sherman of Port Washington, NY, May 13, 2007. Husband, Philip M. Sherman '52.

'55 MEd—**John R. West** of Claverack, NY, July 4, 2007; coach and asst. director, Cornell Athletics Dept.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'56 BA, MBA '57—**Jeanne Pipes Appel** of Indianapolis, IN, July 9, 2007; accountant, Central Indiana Oil Co.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Wilbur L. Appel Jr., MBA '57.

'56 BA—**Annette Spittal Huene** of Fresno, CA, April 27, 2007; business manager; expert in mass spectrography, Stanford Research Inst.; assisted her husband in research at Brookhaven Nat'l Laboratory; active in religious and alumni affairs. Husband, Donald R. Huene '55.

'56 BA—**Judith Stone** Morenberg of Westfield, NJ, July 4, 2007; computer programmer; active in religious affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'57 BS Hotel—**John A. Brooke** of Punta Gorda, FL, formerly of Lake Forest, IL, June 11, 2007; president, Carysfort Inc.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'57 GR—**Chris L. Heidenreich** of Monroeville, PA, November 1, 1971; attorney.

'57 BA—**Helen Kuver Kramer** of Toronto, Ontario, May 30, 2007. Chi Omega. Husband, Ronald E. Kramer, MBA '57.

'58—**Joseph I. Chuckrow** of Niskayuna, NY, May 11, 2007; owner, food brokerage; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'59-'60 GR—**Catherine M. Brennan** of Worcester, MA, July 3, 2007; physician; specialist in obstetrics and pediatric care; active in professional and religious affairs.

'59 BA—**Harvey R. Colten** of Tamworth, NH, May 24, 2007; VP and senior assoc. dean, Columbia U. Health System; former dean and VP for medical affairs, Northwestern U. School of Medicine; former chair, Dept. of Pediatrics, Washington U. School of Medicine; served in US Public Health Service; active in professional and alumni affairs. Wife, Susan (Kaplowitz) '60.

'59 MA—**Frederick M. Congdon** of Detroit Lakes, MN, May 29, 2007; director, Omaha Playhouse; actor; famed for role of Atahualpa in *Royal Hunt of the Sun*; president, American Community Theatre Assn.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'59 BS Ag—**Clifford E. Cool** of Leesburg, FL, May 4, 2007; retired pilot, Delta Airlines; also flew with Pan-American Airlines; veteran; active in community affairs.

'59, BA '60—**Alta Ogden** Copeland of Washington, DC, May 14, 2007; librarian, Kellogg Library,

Nat'l Museum of Natural History; active in civic and community affairs. Husband, Robert E. Copeland, JD '65.

'59, BArch '60—**David J. Rietz** of West Chester, PA, March 31, 2007; architect; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'60, BA '61—**Peter E. Blanchard** of Scottsdale, AZ, May 22, 2007; president, Strategic Horizons. Phi Delta Theta.

'60 MD—**Robert C. Charman** of Lebanon, NH, May 8, 2007; physician, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'60 BA—**Peter R. Cummins** of Springfield, PA, April 19, 2007; financial consultant; veteran; active in community affairs. Theta Chi.

'60 BA—**Peter A. Silverstein** of Plainview, NY, May 24, 2007; attorney. Beta Sigma Rho.

'60 BS HE—**Valerie River Vaughan** of Hilton Head, SC, June 21, 2007; Braille transcriptionist; active in community affairs. Delta Gamma. Husband, Aubrey W. Vaughan '60, MBA '63.

'60, BA '61—**Ralph J. Wright Jr.** of Middletown, OH, June 8, 2007; retired manager, Armco Steel; owner, Lakeside Inn; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

'61 BA—**Kenneth M. Frankel** of Longmeadow, PA, June 17, 2007; chief of thoracic surgery, Baystate Medical Center; clinical professor of cardiothoracic surgery, Tufts School of Medicine; veteran; founding member, Vietnam Veterans Against the War; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Epsilon Pi.

'62 BS Ag—**David S. Adam** of Somerset, NJ, May 19, 2007; entomologist, New Jersey Dept. of Health; active in community and professional affairs.

'62 PhD—**Joe T. Clayton** of Northampton, MA, May 18, 2007; retired professor of food engineering, U. of Massachusetts; also taught at U. of Illinois and U. of Connecticut; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'62 BA—**Donald R. Shaghalian** of Narragansett, RI, June 25, 2007; manufacturer's representative; veteran. Zeta Psi.

'62, BA '63—**Robert C. Tibbetts** of Elm Grove, WI, May 17, 2007; information technology manager; veteran.

'63 LLB—**Roger K. Bentley II** of Freehold, NJ, May 16, 2007; attorney; active in civic and community affairs. Wife, Jane (Palminteri) '63.

'63 BA—**Peter M. Crevi** of New York City, July 25, 2007; attorney; active in community and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'63 LLB—**David R. Frank** of Rochester, NY, December 29, 2006; attorney.

'63 BA—**Scott Gibbs** of Alameda, CA, May 5, 2007; Emmy-winning film producer; president, Quadrant Productions; worked for BBC, CBS,

ESPN, NBC, and ABC; veteran; active in professional affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'63 BA—**Naomi J. Kalos** of East Meadow, NY, September 28, 2006; retired school district administrator; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'63 BA—**Linda Silverman Goldzimer Meranus** of Melville, NY, July 18, 2007; director, women's campaigning, United Jewish Appeal's Long Island chapter; first female affirmative action officer, San Diego; author; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau. Husband, Harvey Meranus '61.

'63 JD—**Stephen I. Munzer** of New York City, July 3, 2007; attorney; veteran; active in community affairs.

'64 DVM—**Bruce T. Boehringer** of Fremont, CA, July 3, 2007; veterinarian; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Phi Delta.

'64 LLB—**Jerry M. Kleinberg** of Roslyn Heights, NY, June 14, 2007; attorney.

'64 BA—**Carol Willner Thurm** of Davidson, NC, June 14, 2007; systems analyst; active in community affairs. Delta Phi Epsilon.

'65 GR—**William J. Stackman** of Woburn, MA, June 3, 2007; technical director, Cambridge River Festival; theater reviewer; puppeteer; active in community and professional affairs.

'66 BS Nurs—**Jo Ann Townsend Devorkin** of New York City, October 12, 2006; psychoanalyst, Inst. for Psychoanalytic Training & Research.

'66, BEE '67—**Robert J. Matilainen** of Los Altos, CA, June 14, 2007; owner, power supply company; also worked at GenRad; active in community affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'66 PhD—**W. John McCoy Jr.** of Arlington, VA, May 22, 2007; CIA officer; professor of Chinese, Cornell U.; pharmaceutical executive in Shanghai; veteran.

'66—**Russell L. Priestley Jr.** of Staunton, VA, June 13, 2007; owner, Rose Hill Designs; plans examiner; organist. Watermargin.

'67 BME—**Barrie A. Barclay** of Cranbury, NJ, May 28, 2007; aerospace engineer, West Trenton Naval Warfare Center; owner, Barclay Tree Farm; active in community affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

'67 PhD—**Jay S. Johnson** of St. Petersburg, FL, June 5, 2007; retired professor, Eckerd College; also taught at U. of Wisconsin; minister; operated Thai Int'l Display; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs. Wife, Jean (Scheufler), MS '66.

'67 PhD—**John E. Maxfield** of Reno, NV, May 19, 2007; professor of plant pathology and pest management specialist, U. of Nevada; active in professional affairs.

'67 MD—**Robert G. Schwager** of New York City, June 26, 2007; plastic surgeon; clinical asst. pro-

fessor of plastic surgery, Weill Cornell Medical School; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'67 BS ILR—**Stephen M. Warner** of Mamaroneck, NY, June 14, 2007; trial attorney. Beta Sigma Rho. Wife, Sena (Gottlieb) '67.

'69 MD—**Richard J. Haber** of Lagunitas, CA, June 11, 2007; professor of internal medicine, U. of California, San Francisco; vice chief of medical service and director of the primary care program, San Francisco General Hospital; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'70 MST—**Lewis B. Clark** of Orbisonia, PA, October 28, 2004.

'75 MA—**Jane Aufmesser Lisberger McCarthy** (Mrs. Philip J. '39) of Exeter, NH, May 1, 2007; writer; artist; worked for racial and social justice; active in civic and community affairs.

'76 MS ILR—**Michael T. Lescault** of Cheverly, MD, July 3, 2007; deputy executive director, American Center for Int'l Labor Solidarity; union organizer; advisor to trade unions in Botswana and Lesotho; European liaison, AFL-CIO; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'77—**Lawrence D. Koldort** of Teaneck, NJ, formerly of Springfield, NJ, July 3, 2007; portrait painter; potter; architect.

'78 BS HE—**Janet Ostrander Bacon** of Denver, NC, July 5, 2007; CPA; business unit controller, Areva. Kappa Delta. Husband, Marc R. Bacon '78.

'78, BS Ag '82—**Steven R. Markham** of Locke, NY, formerly of Delevan, NY, July 1, 2007; farm manager, Eldridge Dairy; active in religious affairs.

'83 BS ILR—**Darryl Hale** of East Hartford, CT, May 17, 2007; field attorney, Nat'l Labor Relations Board; pastor; active in religious affairs.

'85 BS HE—**Michele Wolf Corsey** of Monroeville, NJ, May 26, 2007; owner, Ann's Abbey; active in community and religious affairs.

'86 BME—**Judah R. Gubbay** of South Orange, NJ, March 13, 2007; worked for Cisco Systems.

'93 BS Hotel—**Rory K. Holloway** of Longmont, CO, May 13, 2007; financial planner, the Vanguard Group.

'96 JD—**Fred Bertram** of Aurora, CO, December 17, 2006; attorney.

'96 BS Ag—**Walter H. Blackler IV** of Skaneateles, NY, June 13, 2007; worked at Apple Acres; also worked in information technology.

'97 BS Ag—**Lee Jay Oplinger** of Groton, NY, June 18, 2007; forest technician, City of Ithaca; active in community affairs.

'00 BS ORIE—**Taiwai Lei** of Forest Hills, NY, May 8, 2007; systems analyst, Deloitte Consulting.

'06 BS—**Alexander I. Holiat** of Phoenix, AZ, May 6, 2007; worked for Intel Corp.; pianist. Sigma Pi.

**S**eventy-five years ago, a very large ape scaled what was then the tallest building in the world, swatting biplanes and making eyes at a blonde. But Richmond Harold Shreve 1902, one of the Empire State Building's architects, was hardly one to monkey around. He orchestrated 60,000 tons of steel and 3,000 workers to raise the skyscraper at an unprecedented rate of four-and-a-half stories a week, not only completing it on time (in 1931) but coming in ahead of schedule. He and his partners at the firm of Shreve, Lamb & Harmon charted each piece from design to placement to prevent delays. Shreve viewed the construction as “a great assembly line—only the assembly line did the moving; the finished product stayed in place.”

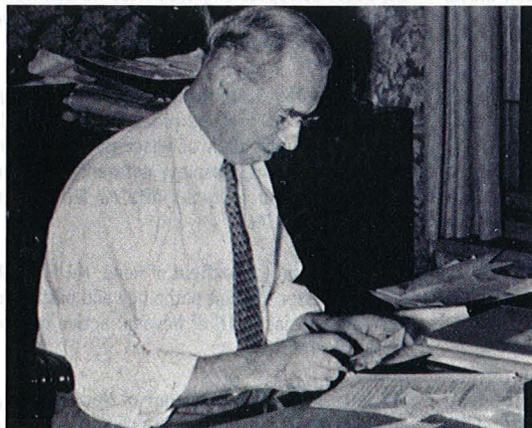
Although William Lamb designed the building, the narrow window sills and limestone façade were Shreve's ideas—to lower costs and speed construction. As he once wrote: “Finance dictates the fenestration.” Shreve went on to oversee the New York City housing projects that set the standard for the next generation of urban renewal, and the firm later designed Olin, Kimball, and Thurston halls on the Hill. A 1941 interview in the *Architectural Record* noted that “order, forethought, and system are words that might be his middle name.”

Until it was eclipsed by the World Trade Center in 1972, the Empire State Building towered above every skyscraper on the planet. With the Twin Towers destroyed, it's again the tallest building in Manhattan—at least until the controversial Freedom Tower is built. When the new project is completed in 2010, it will mark the tragedy that took place there fifty-five years and one day after Shreve died—on September 10, 1946.



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**Sky high:** A lack of renters due to the Depression prompted the nickname “Empty State Building.” R. H. Shreve (left) was president of the American Institute of Architects from 1941 to 1943.

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