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ASSOCIATE EDITOR SHARON TREGASKIS MOVES ON



NICOLA NGUNTUJES

IN THE SUMMER OF 1996, SHORTLY AFTER I JOINED THIS magazine as an associate editor, two assistant editors left to try their luck in the Manhattan publishing world. When we cast about for a single new hire who could replace both of them, one name rose to the top of the list: Sharon Tregaskis '95. This fall, after nearly a decade on the magazine's staff, Sharon decided to move on to a career as a freelance writer. Considering her talent, CAM was lucky to have kept her this long.

Although Sharon will continue to write for the magazine, her day-to-day presence will be missed: cheerful, smart, funny, and unafraid to challenge. "Sharon brought a lot to the office every workday," says editor and publisher Jim Roberts '71, "ideas, energy, organizational skills, institutional knowledge, and a healthy dose of skepticism." She was also the magazine's "queen of green," not only spearheading coverage of environmental issues but living by those principles every day. Although it's been nearly two years since we worked in the same office—I've been a freelancer since I moved to Manhattan to get married—I can still picture her methodically ripping pages out of old spiral-bound reporters' notebooks for recycling. She was also known to remove the sticky parts of Post-It notes, lest the adhesive gum up the paper shredder. I'm not kidding.

Sharon first came to the magazine in January 1994, when she did a one-week externship as a junior in the College of Human

Ecology. Then-editors Steve Madden '86 and Paul Cody, MFA '87, assigned her a week's worth of work—which she finished in two days. So they gave her a pile of past issues and some unedited manuscripts, and asked her to critique them. "Most interns are pretty timid," says Madden. "Maybe it's because they don't want to offend, or because they know they don't know much about the topic at hand. While Sharon had a lot more on the ball than most of the kids I saw, she wasn't yet the wonderful editor she would become. But that didn't stop her from basically eviscerating everything she read."

Admiring her chutzpah, Madden hired her for the summer. She stayed on as a freelancer during her senior year, then as a part-time name-checker for *Class Notes*, under the tutelage of the late, great Elsie McMillan '55. Sharon was working in the campus human resources office when we recruited her full-time. Except for a stint as an admissions officer in Human Ecology, she spent most of the next decade at the magazine—blossoming into a terrific reporter, writer, editor, and colleague.

"Sharon was that rare staffer with skills across the board—in editorial, finance, project management," recalls David Gibson, who was the editor and publisher from 1996 to 2000. "And she knew how to get things done. If I remember right, it was Sharon who suggested we add a line item to the budget—for chocolate. She knew we couldn't run a magazine without it."

Although Sharon wasn't too far past her twenty-fifth birthday when David left to join the editorial staff of *Yankee Magazine*, he tapped Sharon to keep things running smoothly until Jim took over. And three years ago, when Weill Cornell Medical College hired CAM to publish its magazine, Sharon helped to forge the agreement and became the chief editor of *Weill Cornell Medicine*.

Sharon knows Cornell inside and out. She has seen the University from many sides—as a student, an employee, an Ithaca resident, an alumna, and a journalist covering the Hill with this magazine's trademark "sympathetic objectivity." "Most important, I think, was her critical eye," says Gibson. "Nothing got a free pass from Sharon, which ultimately served Cornell." He goes on to give her the boss's ultimate compliment: "I was lucky to have hired Sharon—twice," he says. "I'd hire her again."

So would I.

—Beth Saulnier



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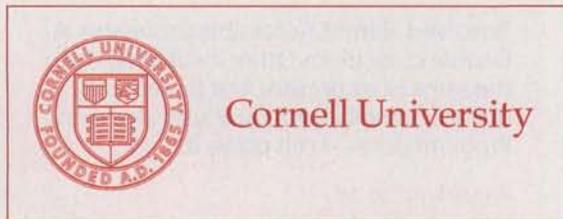


Symbolism

LOOKING AT THE LOGO

THANKS FOR INFORMING YOUR READERS about Cornell's new logo, the symbol of the University's new visual identity program (From the Hill, November/December 2004). At the heart of the program is a reconnection to Cornell's traditional symbols.

Your story suggested that the new logo is only the circular insignia; in fact, the



new logo contains two parts (shown here): the insignia—a modern and functional refinement of the University emblem for use in diverse media—and the “Cornell University” logotype. Also, as part of the design process, the official color has been returned to Cornell's original deep shade of red—dubbed “carnelian”—first used during the inauguration of the University and its first president, Andrew Dickson White, in 1868. The new logo's designers conducted archival research to detail the history of graphic marks at the University and to understand the origins of Cornell's traditional shield and colors. (For the record, the design team included editor Jeri Wall, as well as senior designer Laurie Ray and designers Clive Howard and Kathryn Seely.) A detailed style guide for the use of the new logo by the Cornell community in a variety of applications and media—print, Web, broadcast, signage, and apparel—is online at www.cornell.edu/identity.

*Simeon Moss '73
Press Office Director
Cornell News Service
Ithaca, New York*

I WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE new Cornell logo resembles the old shield I knew and liked from my days as a student. But I was dismayed to see that it prominently states “Founded A.D. 1865”—in other words, “in the year of Our Lord 1865.”

Jesus is not my Lord. He's not the Lord of tens of thousands of present and past Cornellians, nor of tens of thousands of future Cornellians. He's surely not the Lord of Cornell University, major portions of which are state schools.

The inclusion of “A.D.” serves no useful purpose; if the logo said “Founded 1865,”

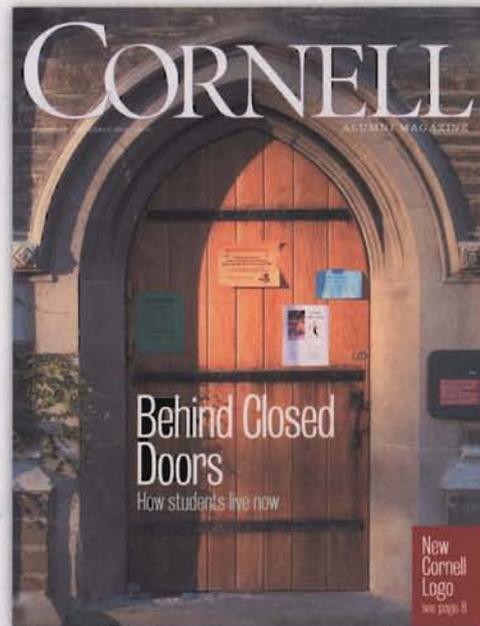
no one would think it meant 3,869 years ago. I understand why “A.D.” appears on many older documents and insignia, but I find it offensive that it was included on a logo that was designed in 2004, at a time when the University cares so much about diversity and inclusivity. Cornell shouldn't be reinforcing the false notion that the United States is a “Christian nation.”

*Arthur Spitzer '71
Chevy Chase, Maryland*

Campus Life

AFTER READING “THE WAY WE LIVE Now,” I feel the need to add something to your neat, concise list of student lifestyles (November/December 2004). The way many Cornell students live now is *depressed*.

This has much to do with Cornell's workload, but I have come to think of it as deeply ingrained in Cornell's non-academic culture as well. Students never seem to have enough time to really talk to each other, to ask “How are you?” and wait for an actual response. As much as I love Cornell and appreciate the undergraduate education I recently completed, I remain very concerned about what many Cornell-



ians see as an intractable mental health crisis on campus.

*Will Schmitt '04
Alexandria, Virginia*

THE “LIVING-LEARNING” CONCEPT OF the new West Campus residence halls sounds great (Letter from Ithaca, September/October 2004). But please don't tell me the exteriors of all the new dorms are going to be the depressing shade of muted charcoal gray shown in the accompanying photo. God knows Ithaca has enough gray already! If others feel as I do about the color scheme of these new buildings, I'd suggest they contact Vice Provost Isaac Kramnick <ik15@cornell.edu> and let him know.

*Perry Jacobs '74
Scarsdale, New York*

Red vs. Blue

CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR Elizabeth Sanders for emphasizing that the primary system has polarized the country and created less democracy rather than more (Letter from Ithaca, November/

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

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December 2004). The “cigar-chomping bosses” were not ideologues and chose centrist candidates. Making sure the candidates are Tweedledee and Tweedledum is good for the country! Catering to hysteria and paranoia at the extremes is not. Besides, the old-style conventions were fun to watch; you could see just who was supporting whom.

*Peter Cortland '57
Wallingford, Connecticut*

WE HAVE JUST EMERGED FROM ONE OF the dirtiest election campaign seasons I can remember. It was characterized by a plethora of slogans and sound bites replacing thoughtful statements of policy. Intelligent thinking was not required of, or expected to be important to, the voting public.

Elizabeth Sanders continued this process in order to advance her political bias, in what should have been a neutral article. She used the word “abortion” several times, even attributing it to Bill Clinton’s agenda. This is a word with heavy emotional overtones for many people. To my knowledge, Clinton has never professed any support for abortion. I have frequently heard him say that he supports a woman’s right to choose what to do with her body—but supporting choice is not the same as supporting or recommending abortion. The word “abortion” comes with a built-in prejudice for some people, and I am surprised that a professor in the Department of Government would color her article to express her own viewpoint.

*Simeon Ross, DVM '50
Greenlawn, New York*

Elizabeth Sanders responds: I regret that one reader found my essay biased. I did not intend to promote a personal viewpoint, but simply to describe the most emotional issues underlying the red/blue divide and the difficulty they pose for Democrats. Most post-election commentary has focused on these same issues. Emotional they no doubt are, but they are certainly a prominent part of current political debates. As we know, “moral issues” were ranked very high by voters on November 2. A willingness of the Democrats to accept some compromise on the issue of abortion would show some accommodation, as would a willingness to work toward the goal of reducing unwanted pregnancy and supporting health-care and adoption services for women who are pregnant and unable or unwilling to care for a

child. Opposition to all restrictions on abortion beyond those in the original Roe v. Wade decision is supported only by about 35 percent of the population, and the level of support among some historical Democratic constituencies is even lower. Hence the party's current dilemma.

As for Clinton, he did take bold positions on both abortion and gay rights. Among his first formal actions as president were executive orders permitting gays to serve openly in the military and voiding the Reagan-Bush rule requiring federally aided family planning clinics to give "non-directive" counseling to pregnant women and separate the counseling process from the clinics' abortion services. He also vetoed, twice, the ban on partial-birth abortion passed by Congress.

I will confess to the following "agenda": I endorse the suggestion of Peter Cortland that the old-style conventions were indeed more fun to watch than today's tightly scripted shows, and they also gave us better presidential candidates, more meaningful debates, and standard bearers closer in their issue positions to the parties' rank-and-file supporters than the ones chosen by the primary system in place since 1972.

Unnatural State?

THE 50TH REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1954 was a wonderful experience, but a number of hours spent walking the gorge trails left me shocked at the state of ecological deterioration. The once-natural character of the gorges, with their ground cover of native shrubs and wildflowers, has been massively overrun by invasive exotics to such an extent that the native plant life is now largely limited to a few species of trees. Given that the University, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in particular, is committed to world leadership in the ecological basis of the human condition, I found the state of the gorges quite unsettling. Is Cornell losing touch with its conservation heritage?

Robert Hellmann '54, MS '57
Hilton, New York

Nancy Ostman, Natural Areas Director of Cornell Plantations, responds: Indeed, the vegetation in Cascadilla Gorge is dominated by non-native invasive species. Norway maple is more shade tolerant, has a longer growing season, and over time has replaced sugar maple as one of the dominant trees in the gorge. Other ornamental plants are also

abundant; they probably fell from backyards along the gorge lip or were carried to the gorge by birds. Fall Creek Gorge has a similar problem but is not yet quite so overrun.

Cornell Plantations has been tackling the invasive-plant problem with diligence for years. We didn't begin on the gorges, although we have discussed the issue. There, the slopes are highly erosive, tend to slump in wet weather, and are subject to rock falls caused by the freeze-thaw cycle. We fear that all of these problems might be worsened if we were to cut trees. We have turned our attention to the vast numbers of invasive plants found elsewhere, and have made major inroads on invasive-plant removal in the Mundy Wildflower Garden and at our recently acquired natural area, Park Park on Fall Creek. We have also worked systematically to remove invasive plants from the shores of Beebe Lake and the slope north of the Ag Quad. This is not a quick and easy task, nor is it a one-time event. Invasive plants spring back from bits of roots left behind or buried seed banks, or they arrive once again from the abundant seed sources in the region. So, no, Cornell has not lost its conservation heritage—but we sometimes feel overwhelmed by the task.

Golden Goof

THE ARTICLE "POWER PLAY," ABOUT amputee hockey players, was incredibly inspiring (Currents, September/October 2004). But in it Everett Hullverson refers to "the famous gold medal game" in which "the underdog 1980 U.S. hockey team upset the Soviet juggernaut in Lake Placid." The USA's miraculous victory over the USSR in the 1980 Winter Olympics was in the semi-finals; they went on to beat Finland to win the gold medal.

Jeffrey Anbinder '94
New York, New York

Corrections

July/August 2004

Legacies (p. 115): Charlotte Smith Moore '48 informs us that Edward Taylor Moore III is a fourth-generation, not third-generation, Cornellian. His great-grandfather was Edwin Potter Smith 1912.

November/December 2004

Alma Matters (p. 65): The listing of recipients of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Awards included the name Ginger H.S. So '61; the award was actually presented to Irene H.S. So '61.

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Why ‘Transnational’?

IN MY ROLE AS PRESIDENT I SPEAK OFTEN about the distinctive qualities of our beloved university that, taken together, make Cornell unique. I frequently describe Cornell as a “transnational” university. And sometimes that particular adjective prompts questions: Why do I say “transnational”? Why not “multinational” or “international” or “global” or some more familiar term?

The problem with those other adjectives is that, in one way or another, each has come to imply the replacement of national identity with a single new “world” identity. “Transnational” can be given a more modest understanding. It can imply the act of transcending but not abandoning national identity, recognizing the world beyond our borders without feeling pressure to fashion some kind of one-size-fits-all substitute.*

Cornell’s identity has always been bound up with America, without ever having been bound down. As the land-grant university of New York State, Cornell is rooted in American soil. Yet those roots have never implied parochialism. In the same way New York has long embraced the open spirit of Emma Lazarus’s words on the Statue of Liberty, Cornell has always welcomed students and ideas from the world over.

Two commitments together define a modern transnational university. The first is to help students develop a transnational perspective on the human condition. Such a perspective enables a student to be grounded in his or her own cultural identity, to recognize the many ways that different cultures have pursued shared ideals, and to resist the impulse to presume other cultures inferior only because they are different. A transnational perspective embodies a vision of universalism that reinforces and is reinforced by pluralism.

To nurture such a perspective in our students, we must construct our university as a diverse community where students from around the world have the opportunity to mingle with one another while studying the broadest possible array of languages, cultures, and histories. And we must then press our students to live actively integrated lives within that community, in which they experience a constant ebb and flow between people like themselves and people who are different.

The second organizing commitment is to support the continued emergence of a unified worldwide community of researchers. The challenges that confront our world today know no national boundaries, and they call for collaborative responses from the world’s best thinkers. Today’s research universities are nodes on a loosely coupled global research network, formed



Transnational moment: President Jeffrey Lehman meets with students at Tsinghua University during his recent visit to China.

through a web of overlapping, mostly bilateral agreements. In the future we will need to ensure that communication across that network becomes faster and more efficient. We will need to ensure that people—students and teachers—can move swiftly from node to node, so that they can discover, work with, and learn from one another, and participate in the development of a true transnational academic culture.

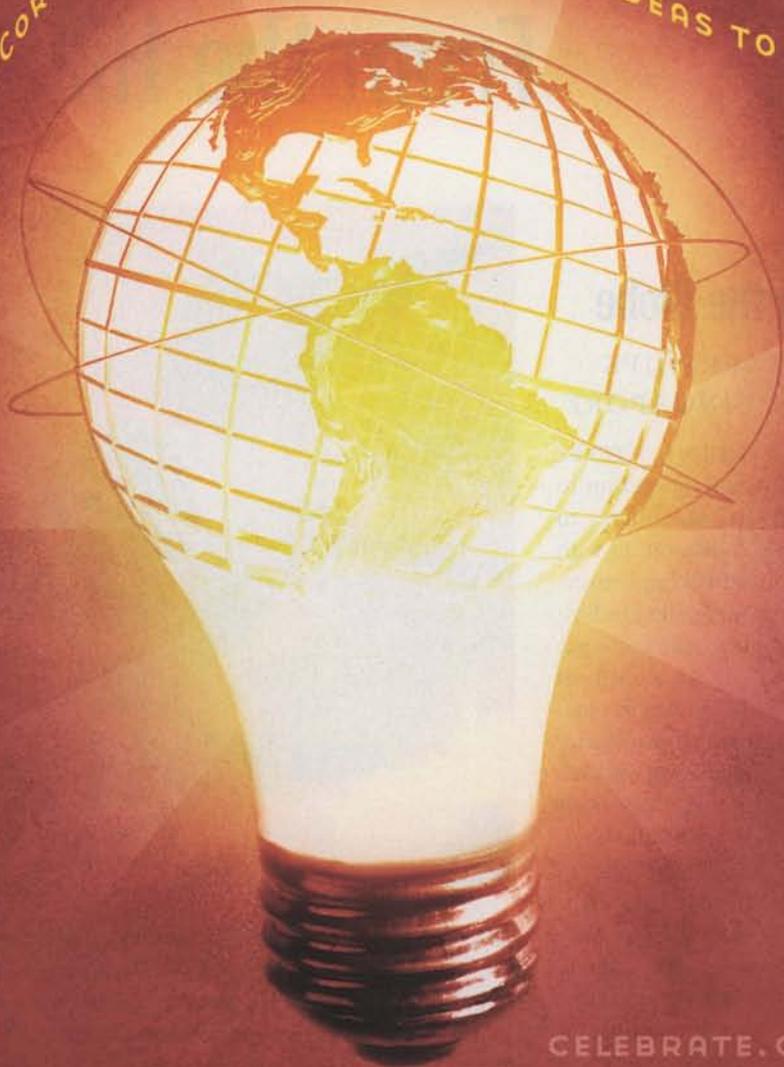
Cornell continues to exemplify the spirit of transnationalism. Students from more than 120 nations come to our campuses in Ithaca and New York City, and hundreds of our students make time in their educational careers to study at our program in Rome or at other programs around the world. Our medical campus in Qatar anchors a bold educational experiment on the Arabian peninsula. And a new set of partnerships with leading universities in China and Singapore has opened up new possibilities for our students and faculty. In the years to come, I expect that we will continue to find new ways to strengthen Cornell’s presence in the world. We will thereby enhance our ability to make distinctive contributions as America’s exemplary transnational university.

— Jeffrey S. Lehman ’77

* In the legal context, the great scholar Philip Jessup popularized the term “transnational law” to describe all laws, including laws adopted by individual nations from their own perspectives, which regulate actions that transcend national boundaries.

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NEW PARTNERSHIPS WITH CHINA, SINGAPORE

IN NOVEMBER PRESIDENT JEFFREY Lehman '77 led a Cornell delegation to China, where he signed agreements to establish programs in collaboration with Tsinghua University and Peking University. Tsing-hua, one of the leading technical universities in China, will exchange faculty and students with the College of Engineering. There will also be joint faculty working groups that will meet twice a year for workshops, focusing on such subjects as nanotechnology, materials research, information science, and environmental engineering. The agreement with Peking University establishes a new undergraduate major in China and Asia-Pacific Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. Cornell students who choose this major will receive rigorous Chinese language training and spend a semester at Peking University. It will first be offered in the Fall 2005 semester.

Before leaving for China, Lehman met in Ithaca with Dr. Su Guanng, president of Nanyang Technological University, and they signed an agreement to establish a joint master's program in hospitality management. Students in the twelve-month program will split their time between the School of Hotel Administration in Ithaca and the Nanyang campus in Singapore. "This program fits well with our strategy to increase our presence on a global scale," said Hotel dean David Butler. "Working together, we will build a curriculum that gives students a unique education and prepares them for leadership positions in the rapidly growing Asian hospitality industry."



Red-bellied Woodpecker: On the weekend of February 18–21, you can join with the Lab of Ornithology and fellow birders across North America in the eighth annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Participants are asked to identify and count the birds they spot—"great backyard" is loosely defined as anywhere you happen to be that weekend—and report their findings at www.birdsource.org/gbbc. Last year, bird lovers filed almost 50,000 checklists totaling more than four million birds of 512 species.

Renewing Cornell

LEHMAN LOOKS AHEAD

"OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT DECADE, LET US RENEW our beloved Cornell," said President Lehman as he concluded his State of the University address on Trustee-Council Weekend. "Let us ensure that its faculty, its staff, its programs, and its students together constitute a university worthy of our students' love. And let us renew our revolutionary Cornell. Let us ensure that the

intellectual breadth and depth of our university is brought to bear on the fundamental challenges of our time: Life. Wisdom. Sustainability.”

Lehman’s speech was delivered on October 29 in Alice Statler Auditorium before the Board of Trustees, the University Council, and other members of the Cornell community. In it, he reprised the themes of “beloved Cornell” and “revolutionary Cornell” that he had articulated in his inaugural address and laid out a plan for the University as it moves toward its sesquicentennial in 2015.

Revitalizing beloved Cornell, Lehman said, means that the University must prepare its students for “lives of contribution and meaning.” To do this, it must have an extraordinary faculty and provide that faculty with the resources it needs. The students must be “a diverse and actively integrated community of talent,” chosen from countries around the world and supported by a financial aid system that eases the burden on lower- and middle-income families. Cornell must also be an “ever more transnational university,” not only as expressed by satellite campuses like the one in Qatar but through more partnerships, such as the agreements recently forged with Tsinghua University and Peking University in China.

To remain revolutionary, Cornell must address three great challenges facing humanity. The first, Lehman said, is “life in the age of the genome,” which encompasses not only the Life Sciences Initiative but a wide-ranging complement of related issues that must be investigated by the humanities and social sciences. The second is “wisdom in the age of digital information.” To meet this challenge, Cornell must add faculty in computing and information science, as well as in “the welter of disciplines” needed to evaluate information in the pursuit of wisdom. The University will also need a new facility to carry out research in this area. The final challenge is “sustainability in the age of development,” which will involve a wide range of research in environmental science and related fields, as well as new structures of collaboration for integrating and disseminating information.

“For each of these challenges,” Lehman said, “I have asked Provost Bidy Martin to work with deans and faculty members to develop a long-range strategic plan. Each of these plans will structure the support and integration of our many existing efforts. Each will identify aspects that need further development. And each will consider how we can best ensure that Cornell’s contributions are uniquely significant and meaningful.”

Hadley, Bodman Step Up

BUSH TAPS ALUMNI

AFTER PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH CHOSE CONDOLEEZZA Rice to be his new secretary of state, he tapped Stephen Hadley ’69 to take her place as national security advisor (NSA). Hadley, deputy NSA since 2001, has served in a variety of defense and national security positions since the 1970s and was the senior foreign and defense policy adviser to Bush during his 2000 presidential campaign. Hadley earned a BA in government on the Hill and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi, Quill and Dagger, and the Glee Club.

Bush also appointed chemical industry executive and former treasury department deputy Samuel Bodman ’61 as his new energy secretary. Bodman, a chemical engineering major at Cornell, taught at MIT and spent seventeen years at Fidelity Investments, the mutual fund giant.



US STATE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Hadley

Aid Worker

ROBERT CARSKY, 49

A SUDDEN FLARE-UP IN IVORY COAST’S CIVIL WAR CLAIMED THE LIFE OF humanitarian aid worker Robert Carsky, PhD ’89, on November 6. State Department officials had urged Carsky, a soil scientist and crop researcher, to seek cover in the city of Abidjan from escalating violence between rebel and government forces. Unable to reach the capital, he took refuge instead in the north, near a rebel stronghold, in a building that housed French peacekeeping troops. He died when government planes bombed the building. Carsky, a Syracuse native, graduated from Colgate University, served in the Peace Corps for four years, and taught in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He returned to New York to study agronomy at Cornell, where he met his wife, Rebecca Khelseau, MA ’84, PhD ’85. The couple—who had lived in Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Mali, and Nigeria—had been planning to relocate to the United States. Carsky is survived by Khelseau and three children.

Survivor

KIDNAPPED REPORTER HEADS BACK TO IRAQ

NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER JEFFREY GETTLEMAN ’94 is returning to Iraq in January—his fourth stint since the war’s start—to cover the upcoming elections, but with some apprehension: last spring, he barely made it out alive. Speaking on the Hill in October, Gettleman described his abduction by insurgents near Fallujah on April 9. The gun-toting kidnappers seized Gettleman and a female photographer, who had hidden their American passports in her pants. Gettleman claimed to be Greek and the photographer said she was Italian; their captors—who as Muslims refrain from touching a woman to whom they are not married—didn’t body-search the photographer. The two were released hours later.



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R&D

Agriculture uses 80 percent of the available water in the United States, but most irrigation never reaches crops, according to ecology professor David Pimentel. In a recent study, he suggests that farmers are prime candidates for water conservation incentives.

A short-term memory becomes a long-term one only when the brain produces a protein that makes synaptic circuitry more efficient. Dr. Barbara Hempstead, co-chief of the Division of Hematology at Weill Cornell Medical College, and Dr. Bai Lu of the National Institutes of Health discovered that brain-derived neurotrophic factor locks long-term memory in place. Their findings could help develop drugs that arrest memory loss.

Computer users who stand at tables are more productive and pain-free than those who sit at desks. Alan Hedge, a professor of design and environmental analysis, found that when workers stand for part of the day, they work more effectively and experience less upper-body musculoskeletal discomfort. In a separate study, Hedge found that raising the temperature in work environments also encourages productivity. When the office temperature in a month-long study increased from 68 to 77 degrees, typing errors fell by 44 percent and typing output jumped 150 percent.

Using a tiny oscillating paddle only six-millionths of a meter long, research associate Rob Illic of the Cornell Nanoscale Facility, grad student Yanou Yang, and applied and engineering physics professor Harold Craighead have been able to detect the presence of as few as a half-dozen viruses. Their research could lead to the development of simple detectors able to differentiate between a wide variety of pathogens, including viruses, bacteria, and toxic organic chemicals.

Eating an apple a day could help protect against such neurodegenerative diseases as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, according to two new studies by food science professor Chang Lee and his co-authors. The chemical quercetin, a so-called phytonutrient, appears to protect rat brain cells from the oxidative stress that can trigger neurotoxicity.

A new device developed by electrical and computer engineering professor Michal Lipson may lead to future photonic microcircuits on silicon, in which light replaces electrons. Lipson's ring resonator allows one low-powered beam of light to switch another on and off.

The number of U.S. jobs lost to outsourcing in 2004 is grossly underestimated, according to a congressional report co-authored by Kate Bronfenbrenner, director of Labor Education Research at the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. The study indicates that the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported only one-tenth the number of U.S. jobs that have shifted overseas, mostly to Mexico, China, and India.

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

Extended Warranty

THE MARS ROVERS DRIVE ON, AND ON

DEFYING AGE, SPACE DUST, AND THE PREDICTIONS OF their designers, the Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity continued to operate long past their original three-month mission estimates, challenging Cornell scientists and researchers who had been living and working at Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Laboratory since the vehicles landed on the planet last January. Operations for the suite of geological instrumentation designed by lead scientist and astronomy professor Steve Squyres '78, PhD '81, have been largely transferred to the Space Sciences building in Ithaca, and in October NASA officially extended the mission for an additional six months. By December, both machines were running smoothly as they approached one (Earth) year of service on the surface of Mars.

At year's end, the rover mission also earned a prestigious distinction: "Breakthrough of the Year" honors from the journal *Science*. The editors called the scientific confirmation that water once flowed on Mars "a milestone in humankind's search for life elsewhere in the universe."

Election Season

CORNELL CANDIDATES WIN SOME,
LOSE SOME

POLITICALLY, BIG RED IS A VIVID BLUE. MIRRORING A phenomenon seen on most college campuses nationwide, voters who participated in the student-run Mock Election 2004 in October cast their ballots overwhelmingly for Democratic candidate John Kerry over President George W. Bush, 4,264 to 1,327. The president's support was highest among freshmen (29 percent) and Johnson School students (35 percent), lowest among women (18 percent). The Mock Election sponsored a number of election-themed lectures and speakers over the fall semester, including the nation's only debate for third-party presidential candidates and a New York State senatorial debate broadcast live on C-SPAN. The students also held a voter registration drive that began in August.

Alumni competed for a multitude of offices nationwide. Some of the highlights: Republican senatorial hopeful Pete Coors '69 was defeated in Colorado, as was talk show host/perennial candidate Alan Keyes '71, who ran as the Republican foe of Barack Obama in Illinois. Another radio personality, Seattle's Dave Ross '73, fell short in his Democratic bid for Congress in Washington, as did Libertarian candidate Bruce Guthrie '87 in his run for the state's second district. Illinois Republican Mark Kirk '81, who was first elected to the U.S. House in 2000, won a third term, and in California incumbent Democratic representative Robert Filner '63, PhD '73, retained his seat, which he has held since 1992. In Texas, El Paso Republican David Brigham '71 lost his bid for the U.S. House, his first campaign for public office, while Rob Andrews, JD '82, won an eighth term as a Democratic representative from New Jersey.



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Fantastic four: University presidents eight through eleven celebrated President Emeritus Dale Corson's induction into the Cornell Center for Materials Research's Hall of Fame on December 1. With Corson (second from left) are President Jeffrey Lehman, President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, and President Emeritus Hunter Rawlings.

Top Workplace

SCIENTISTS ACCLAIM CU

IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE EDITORS OF *THE Scientist*, Cornell was ranked fifth in the nation as a place to carry on academic work. Life scientists at the University praised the research facilities and supportive atmosphere provided by Cornell and their colleagues. The poll ranked sixty-six institutions; the California Institute of Technology placed first.

Law & Order

PEEPING TOMS UNIT

TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD ABRAHAM SHOREY, THE MAN Ithaca police arrested in October after linking him to at least nineteen home invasion and Peeping Tom incidents in Collegetown, failed to appear at his November 10 arraignment on felony sexual abuse and burglary charges. The suspected "Collegetown Creeper" paid \$5,000 in bail on November 2 after his arrest on misdemeanor trespassing charges, then disappeared after new indictments were handed up by a Tompkins County Court grand jury. Shorey, who reportedly confessed to police after his arrest but later professed his innocence, remains at large; his name has been added to the New York State Police Information Network and the National Crime Information Center.

The Ithaca landlord arrested in August for secretly videotaping female tenants was arraigned on ten counts of second-degree unlawful surveillance on November 30. David Church, forty-four, was charged with planting hidden cameras in three of his rental properties and filming the women, all Cornell and Ithaca College students, without their consent. Church pleaded not guilty.

Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

Michael Schwam-Baird '02, awarded a Marshall Scholarship to pursue a master's degree in economic and social history at Oxford University.

Damany Gibbs '03, the first Cornellian to win a Commonwealth Caribbean Rhodes Scholarship, to pursue an MBA at Oxford.

Associate professor of electrical and computer engineering **Kevin Kornegay**, winner of the 2004 Janice Lumpkin Educator of the Year Award from the National Society of Black Engineers.

Professor of civil and environmental engineering **Philip Liu**, winner of the International Coastal Engineering Award and the best paper award from Taiwan's Chinese Society of Mechanics.

Dr. Aaron Marcus, chief of oncology-hematology at Weill Cornell Medical College, awarded the \$2.8 million National Institutes of Health Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award.

Professor of chemistry and chemical biology emeritus **Fred McLafferty, PhD '50**, awarded the Lavoisier Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the French Chemical Society.

Professor of chemistry **Jerrold Meinwald**, winner of the American Chemical Society's \$25,000 Roger Adams Award in Organic Chemistry, a major international prize.

Professor of civil and environmental engineering **Jery Stedinger**, winner of the \$133,000 Saudi Arabian Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water.

Professor of electrical and computer engineering **Lang Tong**, named fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), an honor bestowed annually on only one-tenth of 1 percent of IEEE members.

Plant pathology professor **Gregory Martin**, plant breeding and genetics professor **Susan McCouch, PhD '90**, crop and soil sciences professor **Ralph Obendorf**, biological and environmental engineering professor **Roger Spanswick**, and adjunct professor of plant molecular genetics **David Stern**, all named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*.

Associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering and director of the Cornell proteomics program **Kelvin Lee**, winner of a \$749,400 Faculty Development Award from New York State.

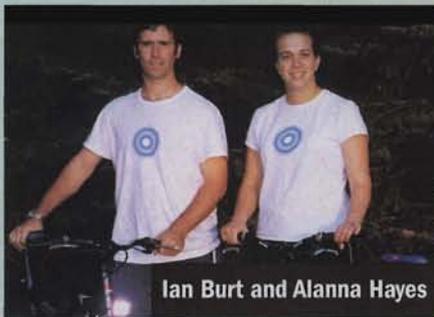
Former Cornell lecturer **Lorrie Moore, MFA '82**, winner of the \$30,000 Rea Award for the Short Story.

Doug Davidson, JD '96, a winner in the 2004 Don and Gee Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting competition, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

STRONG FINISH After losing all of its Ivy League games last year, the Cornell football team was the surprise of this year's Ancient Eight season, posting a 4-3 league mark and finishing third behind Harvard and Penn. After a slow start, the Big Red won three of their last four games, including a heart-stopping comeback victory over Columbia in which they rallied from a 26-7 fourth-quarter deficit to win 32-26. "I'm incredibly proud of this team," said first-year head coach **Jim Knowles '87**, whose squad had been picked to finish last in the preseason media poll.

GOALIES ON WHEELS A pair of former Big Red hockey goalies have traded their blades for bikes as they raise funds to fight cancer. **Ian Burt '01** and **Alanna Hayes '99** will celebrate their honeymoon by riding across the country

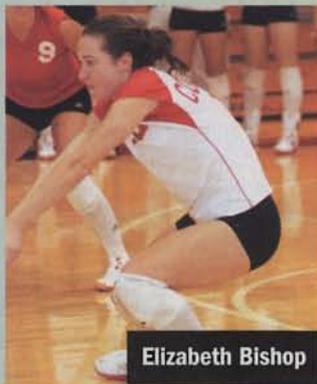
from California to Florida. The trip, which will start on March 23, is planned to cover 3,159 miles in 65 days. The couple, who live in Toronto, will be married in a formal ceremony in Burt's hometown of London, Ontario, two days before leaving for the bike trip. (They were wed in a civil ceremony this past May.) They hope to raise \$10,000 for the Strang Cancer Prevention Center and the Willow Breast Cancer Support and Resource Services in honor of friends and family members who have died from the disease. To learn more about their trip and the opportunities for sponsorship, go to www.ridethedistance.org.



Ian Burt and Alanna Hayes

ALANNA HAYES

NET GAIN After waiting 11 years to win an Ivy League title, the volleyball team probably didn't mind sharing it—but with three other teams? Under first-year head coach Deitre Collins, the Big Red went 10-4 in the Ivy League. Harvard, Yale, and Princeton posted identical league records, so a playoff was held over the weekend of November 20-21. Cornell downed Princeton on the first day but lost in the finals to the Yale squad, which advanced



Elizabeth Bishop

SPORTS INFO

to the NCAA tournament. **Elizabeth Bishop '07** was named Ivy League Player of the Week three times during the season; she led the league in kills with more than five per game.

ACADEMIC HONORS Cornell was one of five schools to receive an All-Academic award from the United States Track Coaches Association. Cornell's team GPA of 3.11 ranked fifth among NCAA Division I teams, mirroring the success the squad enjoyed on the track, winning last year's outdoor Heptagonal championship and taking second in the indoor Heps meet.

BACK ON THE MAT **Clint Wattenberg '03** has rejoined the wrestling team, this time as an assistant coach. A two-time All-American at Cornell, Wattenberg spent most of last season in Ithaca training for the U.S. Olympic trials, where he finished fourth after losing to eventual Olympic gold medalist Cael Sanderson in the semifinals. In addition to training and helping head coach Rob Koll with the team last season, Wattenberg also earned a master's degree in exercise science at Ithaca College.



Matt Moulson

SPORTS INFO

DOUBLE THREAT It's not unusual for a Cornell hockey player to be selected in the professional draft—but it is unusual when he's not drafted by a hockey team. **Matt Moulson '06** was taken by the Rochester Knighthawks in the fourth round of the indoor National Lacrosse League draft in October. Moulson played in one game for the Mississauga Tomahawks in the Ontario Lacrosse Association last season after leading the Big Red hockey team with 18 goals and 35 points. He was a ninth-round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2003 National Hockey League draft. Rochester's roster includes former Cornell All-American **Pat Dutton '99**, who also played for the Rochester Rattlers in outdoor Major League Lacrosse.

FALL TEAMS

Final Records

Field Hockey 3-13; 1-6 Ivy (8th)
Football 4-6; 4-3 Ivy (3rd)
Sprint Football 2-4;
 2-2 CFSL (T-2nd)
Men's Soccer 1-14-1;
 0-6-1 Ivy (8th)
Women's Soccer 4-10-3;
 1-5-1 Ivy (7th)
Volleyball 16-9; 10-4 Ivy (T-1st)



DAVID ZHIMAN

Big Meet

OCTOBER 29, 2004

Bruce Hyde '06 became the first Cornell runner in 11 years to win the men's Heptagonal Cross Country Championships when he covered the five-mile Van Cortlandt Park course in 24:35.5. Hyde, who earned first-team All-Ivy honors, finished four seconds ahead of runner-up Lucas Meyer of Yale. Not content with that, Hyde went on to win the NCAA Northeast Region Championship—becoming the first NCAA regional winner in Cornell history—and qualify for the NCAA national championship meet, where he finished 27th and was named an All-American.

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Rembrandt's Etchings: A Portrait in Black and White | Franklin W. Robinson

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Engines and the Atmosphere | Zellman Warhaft

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Natural and Human History of Plant Cloning | Kenneth Mudge

The Columbian Encounter | Mary Beth Norton

The Gender Pay Gap | Francine Blau

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A Brief History of English Garden Design | Donald Rakow

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New Social Initiatives at Cornell | David R. Harris

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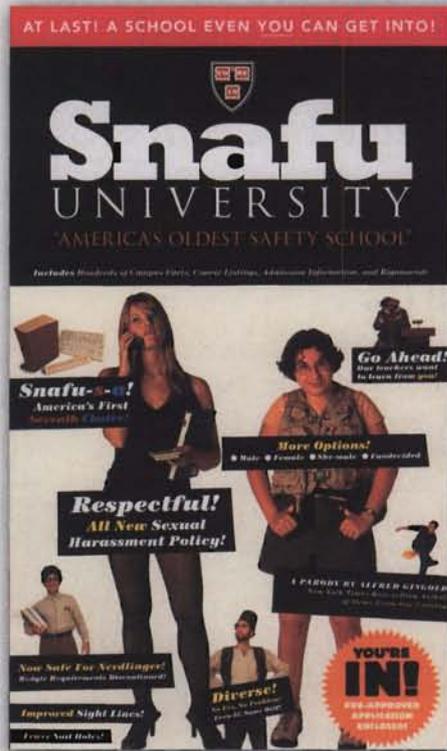
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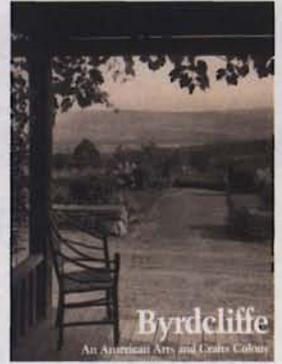




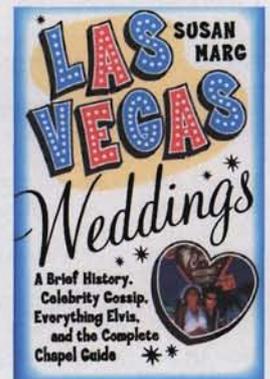
In Brief

SNAFU UNIVERSITY by Alfred Gingold '68, MFA '71 (Spark Publishing). Gingold, who was responsible for send-ups of L.L. Bean (*Items from Our Catalogue* and *More Items from Our Catalogue*) and the *New Yorker* (*Snooze: The Best of Our Magazine*), foists on the public a tongue-in-cheek admissions brochure to end all admissions brochures. Snafu University (“America’s Oldest Safety School”) boasts such courses as “Balloon Animals Intensive,” “Orgasmic Chemistry,” and “You Say Hoagie, I Say Hot Italian: Regional Foods in Context.” As the school’s creed proclaims, “Neither piddling intellect nor iffy study habits are impediments to success,” and “a handsomely framed diploma decorates a wall for decades, and impresses people big-time.”

BYRDCLIFFE edited by Nancy Greene (Cornell University Press). Founded in 1903 in Woodstock, New York, by Ralph Radcliffe Whitehead, a wealthy disciple of John Ruskin and William Morris, and his artist wife, Jane Byrd McCall, the Byrdcliffe arts colony played an important role in the Arts and Crafts movement. It transformed Woodstock from a farming village to an artists’ enclave, an identity it maintains today. *Byrdcliffe* captures the ferment of the colony’s first years, the importance of Byrdcliffe furniture and pottery, and the lives of those who worked there. The book, edited by Nancy Green, the senior curator of prints, drawings, and photographs at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, accompanies a traveling exhibit that honors Byrdcliffe’s centennial.



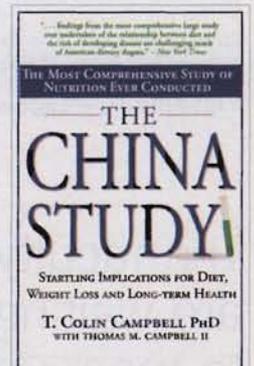
LAS VEGAS WEDDINGS by Susan Marg '73 (HarperCollins). Whether you find the idea of a wedding in Las Vegas kitschy or glamorous, consider this: almost five percent of all American weddings take place there. Susan Marg explores the Vegas wedding industry, covering everything from the city’s history to star marriages to a section devoted to Elvis. She also includes a chapel directory for those who may want to plan their own Vegas wedding.



ATTITUDE! by Katharine Davis Fishman '58 (Tarcher/Penguin). For a year, Fishman followed eight teenage dancers at the Ailey School as they juggled a routine of endless daily practice and rehearsals, jobs, schoolwork, and other pressures. Fishman concluded that while talent is important, what matters most is the hard work that goes into developing that talent, and, as a result, the opportunity one is given to continue working hard.



THE CHINA STUDY by T. Colin Campbell, PhD '62, with Thomas M. Campbell II (BenBella Books). This study examines more than 350 variables of health and nutrition with surveys from 6,500 adults across rural China and Taiwan. Campbell, a professor emeritus of nutritional science at Cornell, and his son Thomas call into question the practices of many dietary programs, such as the Atkins diet, that enjoy widespread popularity in the West.





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For the Birds: Landscapes and Habitats of San Diego March 19-24, 2005

Known for its perfect climate, wonderful beaches and bays, and splendid communities, the Southern California Pacific Coast is equally appealing for its large, varied birding habitats. Led by CAU's favorite ornithologist, Charles Smith, and eminent California naturalist Michael Hamilton, we'll explore birds and their habitats inland, on the coast, and along the water, visiting Paradise Point, Cabrillo National Monument, Salton Sea Wildlife Refuge, and Mission Trails Park.

The Biltmore, the Vanderbilts, and the 19th Century World of the Super-Rich March 20-24, 2005

Set in its secluded park among the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Biltmore estate is the largest, most lavish private home ever built in the U.S. Through lectures, discussions, and site visits in and around Asheville, professors Glenn Altschuler and Isaac Kramnick will help us enjoy and examine the significance of the Biltmore in its time and ours, and ponder the place of the super-rich and robber barons in American thought and culture.

April in New York: A Spring Theatre Weekend April 15-17, 2005

Join Glenn Altschuler, professor of American Studies, and David Bathrick, professor of Theatre, Film, and Dance, for a lively weekend of shows and pre- and post-performance seminars. The roster of plays may include drama, comedy, and classics, as well as new works from major playwrights.

Gardens of Provence and the French Riviera May 7-16, 2005

Provence's greatest treasures are its gardens, tucked away in the beautiful rolling countryside, from Marseilles and Aix to Nice. Led by Don Rakow, professor of Horticulture and director of Cornell Plantations, we'll tour both famous and less well known landscapes, from the creations of great and wealthy families to modest but intriguing hideaways and parterres.

Cultures and Landscapes of the Caucasus: Armenia and Georgia May 7-21, 2005

Cloistered between the Black and Caspian seas, Armenia and Georgia have withstood and outlasted a parade of occupiers and conquerors, from Genghis Khan to Joseph Stalin. With professor Yervant Terzian's guidance, contacts, and enthusiasm leading the way, we'll explore the cultures, history, peoples, and terrain of a remarkable region, from Yerevan to Lake Servan, Tbilisi to Kakheti.

Cultural Crossroads: A Walking Tour of Western Sicily May 21-30, 2005

Join architectural historian Jeffrey Blanchard as we explore the artistic legacies, cultural history, landscapes, and natural ecologies of western Sicily, on CAU's second walking tour of this incomparable island. We'll explore Palermo, Segesta, Erice, Arri-gento, and the Valley of the Temples, escorted by professional guides from Country Walkers.

Landscapes of the Last Frontier: Alaska, from Fairbanks to Glacier Bay June 4-15, 2005

Naturalist Verne Rockcastle, professor emeritus of science and environmental education, will lead a special expedition, taking us from Anchorage to several of the most unspoiled, splendid settings on the continent. A flight around Mt. McKinley, a rafting trip along the Nenana River, and forays in Denali and Glacier parks are among the many trips we'll enjoy.

Summer and Fall 2005

Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake August 9-13

Glenn Altschuler and Alain Seznec

Venice and the Dalmatian Coast August 12-22

Frank Rhodes, and Michael and Suzanne Steinberg

Saddle Up! Family Ranching in Wyoming August 13-20

Cole Gilbert and Linda Rayor

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John Henderson

Monhegan Island, Maine, The Fall Migrations September 8-12

Steve Kress

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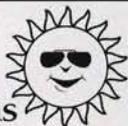
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School's in: M.S. 223 principal Ramon Gonzalez turned to Teach for America recruits to staff his experimental South Bronx middle school.

THE STUDENTS IN REBECCA Silberman's sixth-grade language arts class sit on the floor of a makeshift library in the back of her classroom at M.S. 223 in the South Bronx, the girls trying not to get dirt on their navy blue uniform skirts, one of the boys bouncing on an old couch. When Silberman asks them what they noticed about the brochures on recycling and nutrition that she's just passed around, hands shoots

up. "They're all about problems and how you can fix them?" guesses a girl.

On the couch, principal Ramon Gonzalez '94 nods. He knows something about fixing problems. As the founder and driving force behind M.S. 223—also called the Laboratory School of Finance and Technology—the thirty-two-year-old is working with a team of young teachers to meet the community's most basic need: a school that teaches kids to care about education.

The South Bronx has long been all but synonymous with urban blight, and its public schools lag behind the rest of New York. "Before we came in, this building housed the worst school in the entire city," says Gonzalez. "There were fifteen or twenty security officers in the building all the time, because the kids were out of control." In 2003, the Board of Education decided to shut down that school, I.S. 149, and start over. Gonzalez, then an assistant

principal at nearby I.S. 162, had already earned a reputation as an energetic administrator with big ideas about community-based education, and that June he was offered a chance to put those ideas into action at a laboratory school for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders, scheduled to open that fall.

Gonzalez had been thinking about new approaches to inner-city education since his days as a government and Africana studies major at Cornell, when he worked with visiting professor Cathy Schneider on an HIV prevention project in Brooklyn that put him in contact with young gang members. At grad school at Columbia, he stayed in touch with that community. "I was amazed by the financial skills that these kids had," says Gonzalez. "They were using them in the underground economy, selling drugs and mix tapes, but they knew how to make money. I wanted to see if we could take that sense of entrepreneurship and channel it into the legitimate business world." So he conceived a curriculum that would give middle-schoolers a taste of how staying in class could pay off. "Technology skills could make the difference for these kids," Gonzalez says. "Especially if they don't go on to college, the only jobs that will be available to them and pay them enough money to raise a family are going to require a knowledge of computers."

At M.S. 223, computer classes are required at every grade level, and students can apply to join the MOUSE Squad, a team that spends its Saturdays learning how to repair computers. The job pays in "school bucks," redeemable at the school store or for computer-game time after school. The financial lessons continue in math class, as students learn to calculate sales tax and double-check change. Other parts of the curriculum are integrated with the overall mission of making school relevant. "If no one in your neighborhood has gone to college, it's hard to imagine that possibility for yourself," says Bill Ohls '01, sixth-grade math teacher and vice principal. "We have to find other ways to motivate these students to do well."

Building a new educational culture in the South Bronx was a daunting human-resources challenge. "When we were starting the school, I had teachers flat-out tell

me they would not work in the Bronx," Gonzalez says. "They thought that it was too dangerous." So he turned to the federal Teach for America program. Seven of nine teachers that first year were brand-new recruits, and Gonzalez gave them administrative responsibilities as well as full teaching schedules. "We were all learning how to teach at the same time that we were in charge of setting up so many aspects of the school," says Silberman, a 2003 University of Pennsylvania graduate and, with one year of teaching under her belt, director of the school's language arts program. "We wrote the curriculum and the discipline code, planned all the after-school and Saturday activities, interviewed new teachers for this year. We were starting from scratch."

At M.S. 223, students can participate in programs in literature, architecture, video production, musical theater, and law; teachers are now developing a virtual job-shadowing program that will allow

grades. The shiny iMacs are so in demand that teachers can't use them as much as they would like. And beyond the chain-link fence around the busted-up concrete playground, the Bronx is still a tough place to grow up. "I see the students pulling off their uniform shirts as soon as they walk out the door," Gonzalez says. "This is one world, and the rest of the neighborhood is another. We're not kidding ourselves about what we're competing against for these kids' attention."

While the school could use a few deep-pocketed friends, it has enthusiastic support among parents. "My training had led me to expect that I'd have to work to get parents invested in the goals of the school, but it's been the other way around," Silberman says. "I've got a mother who set up a blackboard in their homeless shelter so she could work on her son's math with him."

And the word is spreading—over 500 prospective sixth graders applied for 150 spots in next fall's entering class. "Kids in



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Class ties: Uniforms are standard at M.S. 223. So are required computer classes.

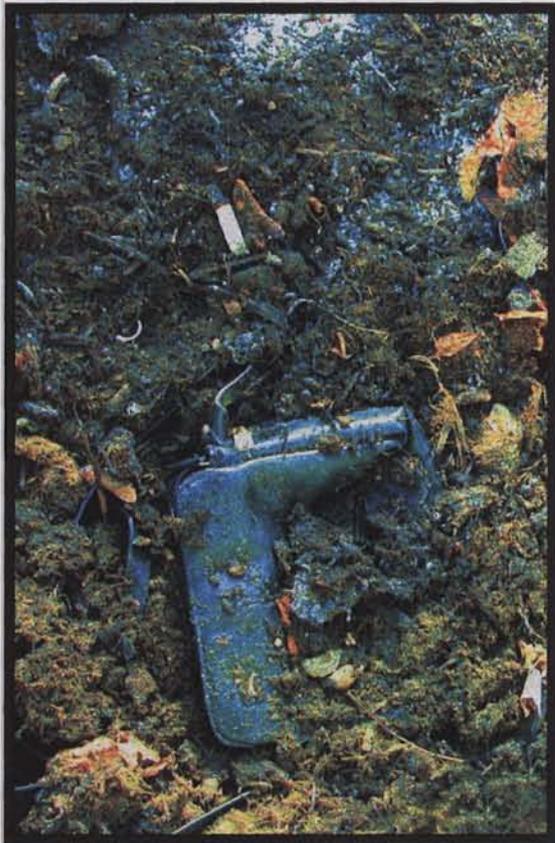
students to watch professionals at work via webcams. Everywhere you look, though, you can see ambition straining against lack of resources. The school fills the third floor of a gritty building at 360 East 145th Street—enough space for its first year, with only sixth-graders attending, but next year it will house all three middle-school

the New York City schools have been shortchanged for a long time," says Ohls. "Our goal isn't to create the best school in the whole country. We want parents to have the opportunity to send their kids to a good school in their own community. Everybody deserves that."

— C.A. Carlson '93, MFA '96

Six Feet Under

DETECTIVE AUTHORS BOOK ON SEARCHING FOR REMAINS



THE OLD SAW ABOUT NOT JUDGING a book by its cover was never so true. The photo atop Edward Killam's new volume—tall trees, verdant ferns, bushy shrubs, a patch of rich dirt—brings to mind a forestry text, or maybe an Adirondack hiking guide.

But then there's the title: *The Detection of Human Remains*. Inside is a primer, nearly 300 pages long, on searching for and processing the sites where murderers have hidden their victims.

Killam, who earned a wildlife biology degree from the Ag college in 1971, is a veteran police officer and private investigator. His book, the second edition of a text first published in 1990, evolved from the master's thesis in forensic anthropology he wrote at Colorado State University in 1988. As law enforcement was forging a

new understanding of criminal behavior and investigative techniques in the wake of several highly publicized serial murder cases (including the crimes of Ted Bundy, who hunted women in Colorado), Killam drew together a wide variety of information to help police locate victims—and track down their killers. "There were a couple of particular things about homicide cases that most police investigators did not do very well," says Killam, speaking from his investigation agency's office in Boulder. "In trying to reconstruct criminal behavior, they often overlooked some of the physical and psychological limitations of human beings. They also weren't particularly good at processing three-dimensional crime scenes."

Buried remains, he notes, are much more similar to archaeological digs than to most other types of crime scenes, which are comparatively

two-dimensional and generally no more than a few hours old. "What is on top came later," he says of an exhumation site. "If there's a pop can, obviously it had to find its way there some time after the body was buried. So you can go down through the layers and recreate a time sequence, just as they do in archaeology." The two fields are similar, he adds, in their emphasis on record-keeping, and the recognition of the importance of the tiniest details. "You're not just concerned about a large knife and the body itself. You're also concerned about trace remains, hair, fibers, a button, a shoelace, a cigarette butt, the marks left

by the blade of a shovel—the minute stuff, which years ago was largely overlooked."

Killam's interest in law enforcement began almost by accident, when the Long Island native starting working graveyard shifts for the Colorado State University police department to establish residency for graduate studies in zoology. "I liked the fact that every day was different," he says of the job, "that you weren't confined, you had the autonomy to work on your own and use your best judgment." Soon realizing that he couldn't juggle both work and school, he took a leave of absence from his master's program and became a full-time officer. He eventually transferred to the Aspen police department, where he rose to the rank of detective sergeant before opening his own agency; a chance meeting with a former professor prompted him to go back to school.

In his private legal investigation practice, Alliance Services, Killam has had a number of celebrity clients. (Though he



STEFANIE GREEN

won't name names, he was often photographed escorting basketball star Kobe Bryant to court during his Colorado rape case.) When he's not working, Killam is an avid outdoorsman—camping, fishing, and hunting both birds and big game. He is married with two children; daughter Erica

is a freshman in the Hotel school. Once a month, he volunteers with NecroSearch, a group of experts in fields ranging from psychiatry to botany to nursing that consults with law enforcement on difficult cases.

The Detection of Human Remains, intended for use in both the field and the classroom, covers everything from how to spot possible burial sites based on changes in vegetation to the use of scent dogs and aerial photography. Killam even discusses parapsychological methods such as the use of psychics and dowsing—not because he endorses them, but because in high-profile cases police will inevitably have to deal with such issues, often at the behest of the victim's family.

While much of Killam's book is highly technical, including chapters on geophysical prospecting devices such as metal detectors and ground-penetrating radar, it also offers observations on criminal psychology that any "Law & Order" or "C.S.I." fan would find interesting. In a chapter on deciding where to search for remains, for instance, Killam notes that murderers tend to be relatively predictable in disposing of their victims. "If you've committed a homicide, the longer you spend with the body, the greater your fear of apprehension, so you want to get rid of it as quickly as possible," he says. "Because you want it to be a secret, you're going to go someplace where you're not likely to be seen. Chances are, you will go to someplace you're familiar with. If you have to carry or drag a body, chances are you'll go downhill rather than uphill. And chances are, because you had to use a vehicle to transport it, the disposal site is going to be within fifty yards of a road. If you look at those things, you start to be able to reconstruct a pattern of behavior."

Such observations aren't just limited to homicides, he adds, but to lesser crimes as well. Criminals, like the rest of us, are creatures of habit. For one thing, he says, they're very fond of their wheels. "In our culture, most criminals are reluctant to get very far from their automobiles, so most crimes tend to occur within a block or two of vehicles. One of the principles of crime prevention is that if you can prevent vehicles from approaching a house, you significantly reduce burglary. Crooks feel uncomfortable getting too far from their cars."

— Beth Saulnier

Her Green Period

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Living art: Wightman with
Winogradsky Rothko

DAVID DUDLEY

"I'm not sure if it's art or science—or just appropriated matter," says artist/soil sciences researcher Jenifer Wightman, MS '02, whose amphibious homage to the late abstract expressionist Mark Rothko, *Winogradsky Rothko*, hung outside Mann Library for several months this summer and fall. The glass-and-steel installation is essentially a giant Winogradsky column—a slurry of mud and water sealed under glass, invented by nineteenth-century scientist Sergei Winogradsky and used to study soil biochemistry—designed to approximate one of the artist's untitled 1949 color-field paintings. As sunlight strikes the miniature ecosystem, microbial organisms and waves of multicolored bacteria spring forth, transforming the work into an ever-changing experiment in life, death, and rebirth. Wightman used mud and water from Beebe Lake and Houston Pond for the piece, which weighs 600 pounds (empty) and cost her over \$2,500 to build.

By October, *Winogradsky Rothko* had entered the green-gray autumn of its life; snails tracked through a skein of pond scum on the glass, methane bubbles seeped upwards, and hundreds of wriggly red worms waved in the mud like blades of grass. During warmer months, zones of pink and yellow bacteria appeared and disappeared. "You can see it change every day, but you can't capture it," says Wightman, who dreams of an even more ambitious biological artwork—an outdoor mural in a Jackson Pollack spatter-art mode using slow-growing lichen as pigment. It would take decades to complete. "One of the things I'm trying to get at is that life is eternal, whether or not we're conscious of its eternity."



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THE CROWD AT THE KOOL HAUS, a Toronto bar, was going mad. Ken Bromberg '00 stood before them, resplendent in his red unitard and cape. He had just tied his opponent for the eighth time, and the anticipation was building among the hundreds of people who had lined up outside the club on this October night to see who moved on to the next round. The match was deadlocked: Bromberg's opponent had won the first set; he had taken the second. Now the two

faced off to decide the winner.

In an instant, it was over, and Bromberg's hopes in the 2004 International World Championships of Rock, Paper, Scissors were dashed. He threw scissors. His opponent threw rock. And, as every playground veteran knows, rock crushes scissors.

Bromberg and teammate Ben Stein '00, both computer programmers for Bloomberg LLP in New York City, have made names for themselves as prominent

players in the world of advanced competitive rock, paper, scissors—RPS to enthusiasts. These days, there's a lot more to the game than deciding who goes first in kickball. The World Rock, Paper, Scissors Society—founded by a pair of Toronto brothers in 1995—boasts some 2,200 dues-paying members, and the annual tournament it has hosted since 2002 brought in more than 900 players on October 16 to compete for a \$10,000 (Canadian) purse. Fox Sports News covered the event for a one-hour special in December, and a documentary on the RPS phenomenon is set for release in January. "It's strange when there's a Fox Sports News reporter [at the competition] asking what you're planning to throw," says Bromberg.

Bromberg and Stein first discovered RPS via

Master Roshambollah—a.k.a. Jason Simmons of Washington, D.C.—former Grand Master (now retired) and something of a mythic figure in RPS circles. Stein watched Roshambollah challenge eight people—including Stein—to a match, winning each time. When he heard the story, Bromberg knew the game was more than child's play. "To beat eight random people is absurdly unlikely," says Bromberg, "I haven't done the math, but that's like one in a million."

Bromberg, Stein, and teammate Erin Hyland '02 competed at this year's championships as members of the six-person Team All Too Flat (the name is an obscure Monty Python reference). Winning at RPS isn't sheer luck, players say. One must learn proper throw techniques (paper must always be thrown palm down) and recognize the distinctive three-throw patterns called gambits—the Avalanche (rock, rock, rock), the Scissor Sandwich (paper, scissors, paper), and the Paper Weight (paper, paper, rock). "Someone who's studied,"

Caped competitors: Ben Stein and Ken Bromberg, in character as "Scizorro" and "Red Rock," at the World Championships of Rock, Paper, Scissors in Toronto

Bromberg claims, “can pick up on a gambit right away.” Stein and Bromberg—both electrical engineering majors in their undergrad days—also spent weeks challenging patrons in East Village bars, trying to come up with a statistical analysis of the random play and honing their defensive tactics. “Defense is the key to the game,” says Stein. “Aim to tie.”

To an RPS master, everything is strategic, including wardrobe. Like most competitors in Toronto, Team All Too Flat dressed in elaborate costumes for the tournament: their caped superhero personas (Bromberg was “Red Rock, the Boulder Boy,” while Stein became the scissors-wielding “Sci-zorro”) were designed to fool opponents into thinking they’re partial to a particular throw. They combined these mind games with a weight-training regimen to improve speed and flexibility. Fast hands help with Priming the Chump, a technique that involves slowly increasing the speed of one’s throws in order to fluster an opponent. When challengers are sufficiently frazzled, says Bromberg, “they’re more likely to throw their old faithful.” How do you know what a player favors? “More aggressive players lean toward rock,” he says. “Non-aggressive or serene players lean toward paper or scissors.”

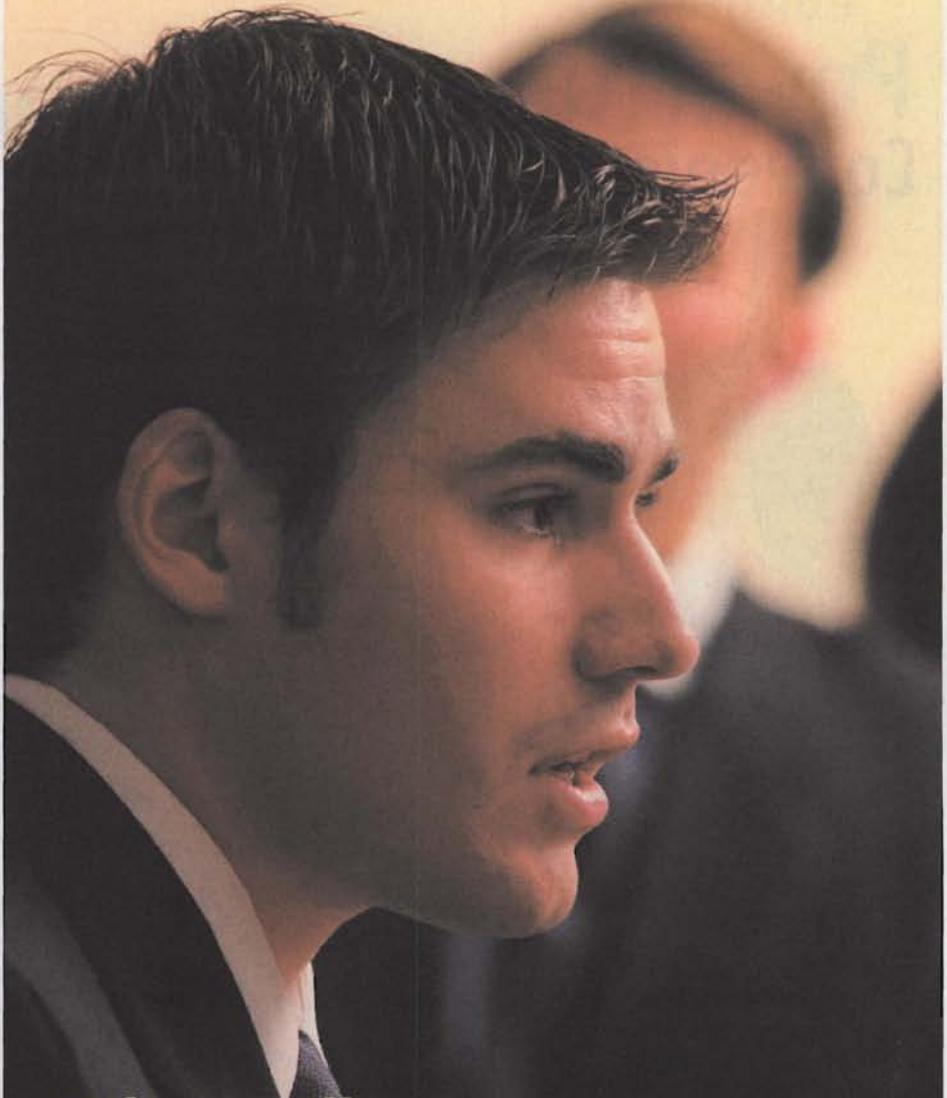
Hyland thinks there’s another, less strategic reason the guys wanted to tone up: “They were wearing unitards.”

Unfortunately for Team All Too Flat, the preparations didn’t pay off. Bromberg lost in round four, and Stein was bested in the second round. Hyland, a relative RPS novice who was knocked out in the first, admits that she didn’t work as hard as her male counterparts. “They tried to coach me—to instill the importance of training,” says Hyland. “I didn’t listen, and look what happened.”

But not to worry, they’ll all be back next year—and they’ll be hard to miss. “I have no idea how we’re going to out-do ourselves,” says Bromberg. “I think we’ll have to fly into the arena on jetpacks.”

—Maureen Gallagher

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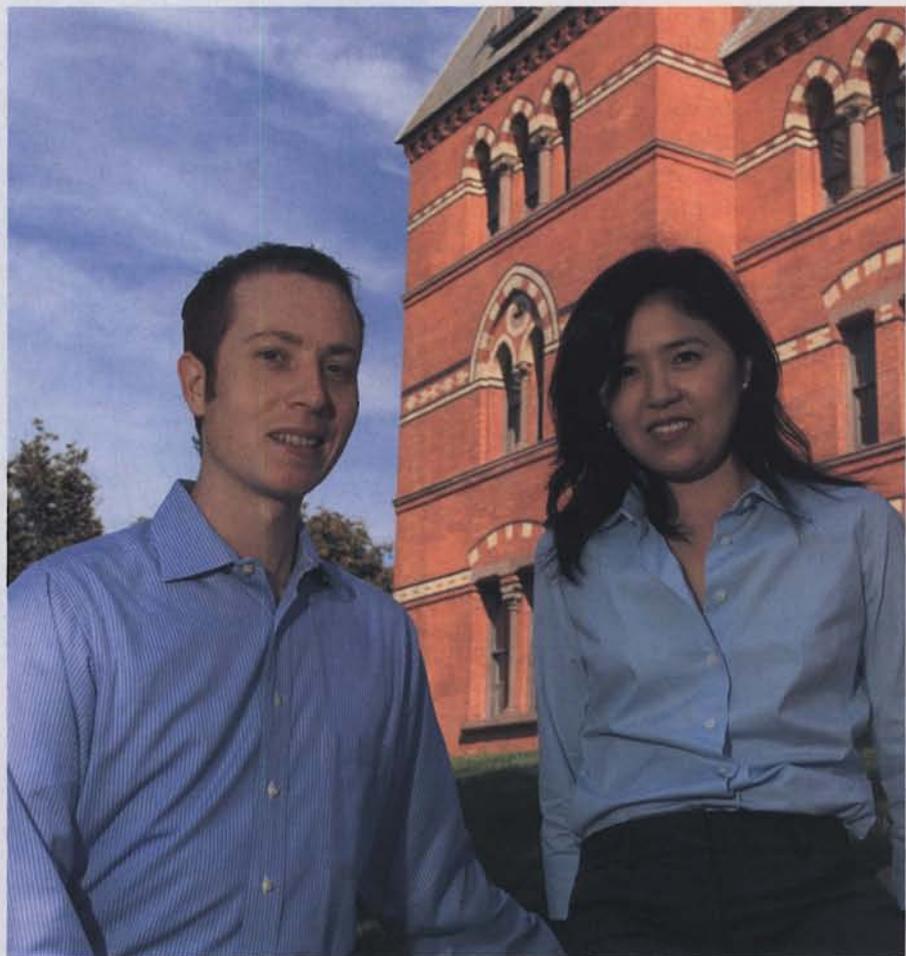
Out on Wall Street

BUSINESS CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON GAY MBAS

STUDENTS IN THE JOHNSON Graduate School of Management are used to getting top grades, and so is their school; JGSM regularly makes *Business Week's* top ten and came in at number fourteen in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2005 index. So when San Francisco-based Aplomb Consulting gave the

well. (Harvard, Stanford, and Wharton topped the list.)

JGSM already had an anti-discrimination policy that protects sexual minorities and provided benefits for domestic partners of students and faculty—but so did peer institutions. In winter 2003, as Aplomb finished its research, students



Diversity training: Johnson School classmates Mark Mitchell and Justine Suh

school a D for gay-friendliness—ranked at a lowly nineteen out of twenty in an April 2003 report on the nation's top business schools—the news didn't go over

formed Out For Business, a club to provide support, networking, and recruiting opportunities for their classmates. Last year, then first-year students Mark Mitchell

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and Justine Suh decided to take the effort a step further by organizing "Out for Undergraduate Business," the first diversity conference in the country targeted at gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender undergraduates considering careers in consulting and investment banking.

The two-day event, held in early October, was hosted by the Johnson School and sponsored by McKinsey & Company, Citigroup, Monitor Group, Credit Suisse, Lehman Brothers, and Goldman Sachs. Although it was originally planned for only thirty participants, actual attendance included twenty-five professionals and seventy-six students from more than twenty schools. "As an undergraduate at Columbia, I wasn't sure whether being gay would hurt my chances on Wall Street," says Mitchell, a twenty-six-year-old who worked for two years in investment banking before starting his MBA. "I wanted to help other gay undergraduates understand that coming out in banking and consulting will not kill your career."

Throughout the weekend, recruiters expanded on the notion that high-powered companies in management consulting and investment banking need gay and lesbian employees. "We're an international firm and we work with people of all kinds, so we want our firm to reflect that," says Jonathan Buck '98, MEng '99, one of six Monitor consultants who described careers in their field in a panel discussion. "Also, diversity in general—having different kinds of experiences—helps employees understand clients of different backgrounds. We really value as broad a representation as possible in our workforce."

In back-to-back sessions, bankers and consultants described their day-to-day work lives, discussed the pros and cons of coming out in the interview process and on the job, and gave students a feel for the cultures at their respective companies. On Saturday morning, McKinsey partner David Maue offered six tips for success based on his own climb up the corporate ladder. "Don't sacrifice your family life," he said, pointing out that straight executives use family commitments to protect their time away from work, and gay professionals can do the same. "Define your own family unit and figure out what it means

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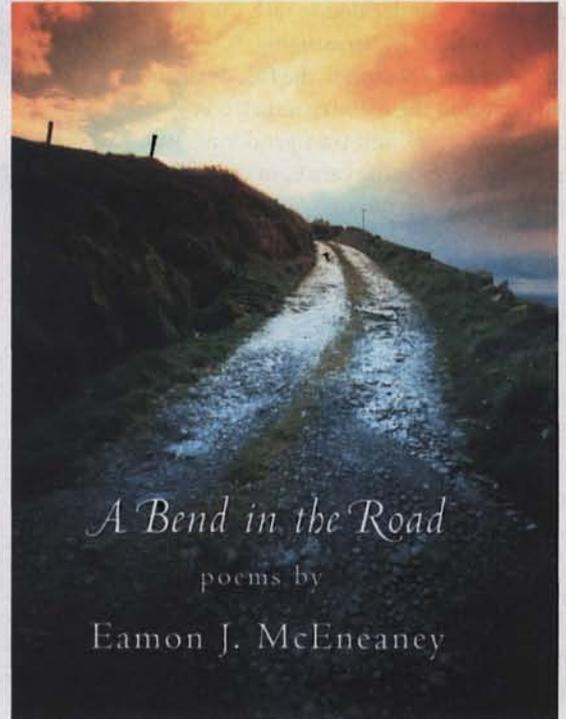


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Eamon McEneaney '77 was a celebrated athlete who led the Big Red lacrosse team to two national championships and was named NCAA Division I Player of the Year in 1977. He was also a poet. On September 11, 2001, McEneaney was at work in the Cantor Fitzgerald offices on the 105th floor of the World Trade Center when the terrorists attacked. Although his death was not confirmed for some time, his wife, Bonnie MacDonald McEneaney '78, knew he was gone. "I felt him brush by me in the wind," she said.

Since his death, McEneaney has been honored with a number of tributes, including the founding of the Eamon McEneaney Memorial Reading Series, which brings an Irish author to Cornell each year. But one task remained—one that had special meaning for Bonnie McEneaney and Eamon's good friend John Gilbert '78. Thanks to their efforts, the Cornell University Library has published *A Bend in the Road*, a collection of nearly 100 of McEneaney's poems about life, love, and nature. The book has a foreword by Kenneth McClane '73, MFA '76, the W.E.B. DuBois Professor of Literature at Cornell. "These poems are big-hearted," writes McClane. "They are maps of a big spirit, a wondrous, probing, luminescent soul." *A Bend in the Road* is available from the Book Clearing House: 800-431-1579 or <http://book-clearing-house.com>.



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to you." Later in the day, the Monitor reps had students tackle an acquisition case study and JGSM professor Alan Biloski gave a lecture on valuation. After a career fair and dinner at the Johnson Museum, participants gathered at Willard Straight Hall for a "Homo-Coming Dance Party."

"Something like this would never have happened when I was an undergraduate," says Buck, who heads Monitor's LGBT recruiting efforts. "I got several e-mails from students saying, 'Thanks for sponsoring and attending the conference. It answered a lot of questions we had about going from the academic community to the corporate community.' They were really grateful." For Garrett Hall, a junior at the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School, the conference provided necessary role models. "You don't see successful 'out' professionals in the media," he says. "You see 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.'" Already, Hall has followed up with the consultants and recruiters he met at the conference for help on his résumé. He also used the weekend as an impetus to improve the environment for gay students at Kenan-Flagler, the only top business school lower than Cornell in the Plomb ratings.

Mitchell and Suh raised \$46,000 to fund the event, which they organized as part of JGSM's Park Fellow program, a tuition-free leadership skills curriculum with a required service component. Other Park Fellows have developed a business plan for Ithaca's State Theatre, launched a fair-trade chocolate company, and conducted a strategic marketing assessment for a local vocational training service. "I wanted to do something to benefit the gay community," says Mitchell, a founding member of Lehman Brothers' gay and lesbian employee network. "How many gay CEOs do you know about? Careers in investment banking and consulting are the fast track to business success. This is a way to support professional development of gay people beyond the stereotypical roles of hairdressers and interior designers."

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A VILLAGE, ONCE LOST, IS FOUND

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This is Field Methods in Urban Archaeology 261, a hands-on, dirt-under-the-fingernails class in applied archaeology that, over the course of four autumns, has transformed a parcel of scrubby forest in Ithaca's Robert H. Treman State Park into a window on the nineteenth century. This site was once a hamlet called Enfield Falls, a modest collection of homes and businesses—a general store, a post office, even a small tourist hotel—that grew up around a gristmill in the mid-1800s. Tompkins County banker Robert Treman, whose family once owned the mill, began to buy up the little town's properties in the early 1900s. He donated the land to New York in 1920 to be incorporated into a state park, with nearby Lucifer Falls and its scenic gorge as the centerpiece. Over the next decade, Enfield Falls disappeared, its families dispersed and their homes bulldozed. In 1935, federal Civilian Conservation Corps workers moved in to transform the site into the upper portion of the state park. The mill and a neighboring miller's cottage still stand, but only the foundations of the town's other buildings remain, buried beneath a foot or more of earth and overgrowth.

In 1998, the Friends of Robert H. Treman State Park and park staff approached Cornell archaeology professor Sherene Baugher with a proposal to excavate the lost village. Baugher, who served as the first city archaeologist for New York City during the 1980s and had previously led a dig at Buttermilk Falls State Park, was intrigued by the idea. Rural archaeology is



What lies beneath: Artifacts unearthed from Enfield Falls include fine china and crystal—evidence that its residents once enjoyed a comfortable lifestyle.

a long-neglected side of the field, and the Enfield Falls site offered a unique opportunity—a complete nineteenth-century hamlet. “This was exciting, to look at a whole rural village,” she says. “And for students, it’s a wonderful opportunity for a real field experience.”

Using rough property maps, photographs, census records, newspaper clippings, and interviews with the handful of surviving Enfield Falls residents, Baugher and her class of student archaeologists estimated the relative locations of various buildings and started work. This year, after previous digs at a private home and a general store, they’re deep into the basement of the town blacksmith, Charles Budd. The site is a mosaic of square grids staked out with string, each neatly exca-

vated. While some students poke around the foundation stones with spades, others sieve bucketfuls of dirt through mesh screens. “Every speck gets sieved,” says grad student Heather Briggs, one of the four TAs for the course. Students keep careful field journals noting the location of their finds; a spring-semester laboratory course analyzes the specimens unearthed in the fall.

Digging through the foot or so of earth that entombs the fieldstone foundation of the Budd house is, as Baugher says, “a jump back through time.” After the town was razed, a campground stood on the site, so the upper soil layers are full of tent stakes, pop-tops from aluminum cans, and children’s toys—plastic army men on top, marbles on the bottom. As

STEFANIE GREEN

the students dig deeper, the clock goes backwards. A circa-1910 Pepsi bottle has been found, along with many shards of dishware and glass. Before the days of municipal garbage collection, household trash was buried in backyard pits; for archaeologists, those dumps can be treasure troves. Baugher, whose scholarly expertise is in nineteenth-century glass and ceramics, the quality of the artifacts her students have unearthed reveals that even residents of a fairly remote rural outpost coveted the finer things in life. "From their material possessions, these people were aspiring to the same middle-class lifestyle as their peers in the city," Baugher says. Her team has found pieces of good china, silverware, and slate roofing tiles—all signs of a solidly prosperous household. "I didn't expect to find so much, so well preserved."

But mysteries still abound in the lost village. For one thing, they can't find Enfield Falls's most prominent structure, its hotel. It burned down in 1926, and Baugher believes that the foundation is hidden somewhere on a gentle slope over the parking lot—a telltale stand of trees growing in straight parallel lines marks off what may have been the hotel's entrance drive. But a shovel test—a series of small sample holes—came up empty. Baugher hopes to borrow a ground-penetrating radar apparatus from the geology department to probe further. Other plans involve placing descriptive tourist markers in and around the excavations, turning the ongoing project into a permanent outdoor museum to "bring archaeology to the public," Baugher says.

But first, back to work: there's digging to be done before winter buries Enfield Falls anew. A student, caked in dirt, rushes up to Baugher. "We found something!" he exclaims, all but dragging her by the sleeve. Archaeology is a patient discipline—if something intriguing pokes though the soil, you don't just pull it out. You carefully and deliberately excavate the entire square plot, layer by layer, until it is slowly revealed. It's not going anywhere. So the professor finishes her thought, unhurried, and tramps off to see what the earth has been hiding all these years.

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IT'S TWO WEEKS AFTER THE NOVEMBER election, and Arizona state senator Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97, is taking her pickup truck to the mechanic. She just got back to her Tucson home from a business trip to Shanghai, and next week she's hosting her good friend Robert Reich, the former Secretary of Labor, and a pal who's a space shuttle astronaut. Also on the calendar: tours of Arizona's death row facilities and the cryogenics lab that is preserving the head of baseball great Ted Williams. "A car just drove by with a bumper sticker saying 'Viva Bush!'" she says, her clear, crisp voice cutting through the usual cell phone fuzz. "People on the East Coast talk about cultural diversity, but diversity—cultural, political, you name it—is our reality in Arizona."

On the East Coast, pundits will be debating red and blue states for four more years, but politicians have never colored inside the lines in the American West. The thirty-four-year-old Giffords is the latest in a long line of western lawmakers who have broken with tradition. She was the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona senate when she won her first term in 2002, and the Democrat has just been re-elected to serve two more years in the Republican-controlled body. As state senator for the 28th district, which covers the Tucson neighborhoods bordering the University of Arizona campus, she represents college professors and blue-collar families, Anglos and Latinos, Democrats and Republicans. Only half of Arizona's state legislators have a college degree; Giffords has a master's—and a 1972 BMW motorcycle. Is it a coincidence that she serves the state that produced Senator John McCain, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and Wonder Woman (or at least the actress who played



DANIEL SNYDER

Western style: State senator Giffords and her vintage bike make noise in Tucson.

her, Lynda Carter)?

"Arizona likes mavericks," Giffords says. "My family has lived in Tucson for three generations, and I was raised to think for myself." Her grandparents owned

a gas station, and when her father took over the business, the elder Giffords enjoyed an unconventional retirement—which included road trips in their Buick Skylark that took them as far as Argentina

Conspicuous Consumption

HOLLY MOORE'S HUNGER FOR AUTHENTICITY

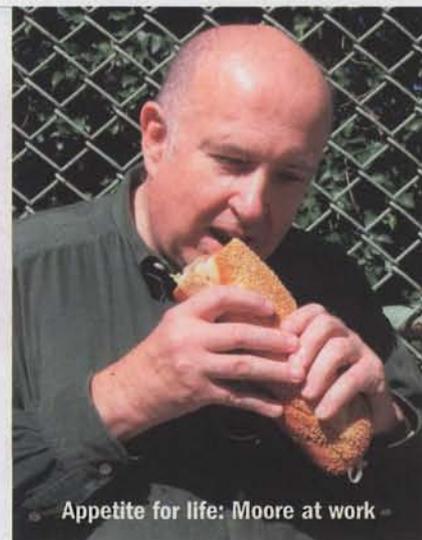
a few years back, Hollister "Holly" Moore had a corn dog—and a revelation: "A corn dog," he says, "can be really good."

This wasn't some gummy old State Fair corn dog—this was a Cozy Dog, from the Cozy Drive-In of Springfield, Illinois, where the deep-fried delicacy was invented in 1946. The experience was so transformative he launched a website, HollyEats.com, devoted to his dogged pursuit of all that is good and greasy in American foodways—the diners, barbecue shacks, hot dog stands, and burger joints that cling to their quiriness in a sea of chain restaurants. HollyEats now rates over 500 unpretentious eateries from coast to coast, each accompanied by a pithy review and plenty of vivid close-up photos of Chicago-style Italian beef sandwiches, North Jersey chili dogs, New England lobster rolls, and Carolina pulled pork. Lately he's been logging about 400 to 600 hits per day. "One of my missions is to get people back to the real independent places," says Moore, a former restaurateur and freelance food critic who lives in Philadelphia. "What Wal-Mart did to retailers, the fast-food chains have done to independent restaurants."

There's some irony here. After graduating from the Hotel

school in 1968, Moore landed a job as a junior executive at McDonalds (he devised the little cardboard collar that used to go around Big Macs) and later did marketing and product development for Burger King and Dunkin' Do-

nuts. But now he's busy beating back the fast-food revolution he helped advance. "I'm a sucker for tradition," says Moore, who contributed to a PBS documentary on sandwiches, hosted a Japanese TV show on American hot dogs and burgers, and is at work on *Eating Philadelphia*, an encyclopedic guide to his hometown's greasy spoons. As one might anticipate, he's a scholar of the Philadelphia cheesesteak (favorite: Steve's Prince of Steaks on Bustleton Avenue). "You gotta order it with Whiz—it makes it so much greasier," he insists. "That's my first law."



Appetite for life: Moore at work

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and explorations in nudist culture. For their granddaughter, they set an example of tolerance and global awareness that made a profound impression. Back home in Tucson, Gabrielle's father turned the gas station into El Campo Tire, a business that became an important player in the area's economy.

Growing up, Giffords learned to speak fluent Spanish, rode horses and motorcycles, and shared her mother's scholarly interest in Latin American art and culture. After studying at Claremont College in California, Giffords spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar in Mexico and then headed east for the regional planning program at Cornell. "I remember storming up Libe Slope in my cowboy boots and fringed leather jacket to beg for a stipend," she says. "I loved the international environment at Cornell, but it gave me strength to remind myself that I was from the West."

Price Waterhouse hired Giffords to work on economic development issues after she finished her degree, but she had only been at the job for a few months when she got a call from home—her father needed her help with the tire business. "When your family asks you to do something, you get in your truck and you drive back across the country and you do what you can," Giffords says.

Her graduate school friends couldn't understand why an Ivy League grad with an interest in international development would go back to Arizona to sell tires. But for Giffords, it made perfect sense. "I saw all these people who were using their degrees as planners in areas of the country or the world where they did not live—they didn't have to spend the rest of their days in the communities in which they're planning these projects," Giffords says. "Here was a chance for me to be involved with the economy of my hometown."

While working as the tire company's CEO, she became aware of the larger problems that Arizona faced. "I would open up the paper in the mornings and drink a cup of coffee before work, and here my home state was ranking forty-eighth in per capita funding for K-12 education, first in the rate of teen pregnancies," Giffords says. "I was so naïve. All I

knew is that Arizona is a great state, and people here deserve the best of opportunities, but they weren't receiving them." When her family sold the tire company in 2000, Giffords decided to run for office. "I didn't have any political background at all," she says. "But you look around and you say, if not me, then who?"

Not many young professionals are interested in state office in Arizona, where the annual salary for a senator is \$24,000. Thanks to the sale of the company, Giffords had some financial security, and in 2000 she won a spot in the Arizona House of Representatives; two years later, she moved to the State Senate. Her constituents have a broad range of backgrounds, but they share an interest in politics. In 2004, District 28 had a whopping 85 percent voter turnout. Giffords picked up two-thirds of the votes, and with a mandate like that, she's going to push on with her agenda: encouraging growth in the state's high-tech industry, establishing ties to the global marketplace, and funding education. With a Republican majority in both the Arizona house and senate, it hasn't been easy for Giffords to get her bills to the floor. "Sometimes I feel like Sisyphus," she admits. "I know that it's always going to be an uphill battle, but I just can't stop rolling that stone."

Her efforts have earned her spots on lists of the party's rising stars, such as the Democratic Leadership Council's Top 100 and Gannett News Service's Top Eight Young Leaders. Giffords can't imagine spending a lifetime in politics, though. She's concentrating on what she can achieve with the office that she holds now.

"One of my biggest accomplishments was passing a Dark Sky bill to limit light pollution," says Giffords, whose state is home to several major astronomical observatories that are threatened by the streetlights from its burgeoning population. "We have a \$100 million astronomical industry in this state. It's also important to me, though, that kids can go out in their backyards at night and look up at the stars and get a sense that we are part of a larger system. For me, it's all about connections, between us and the universe, between Arizona and the larger world."

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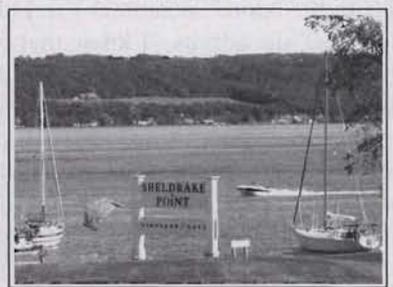
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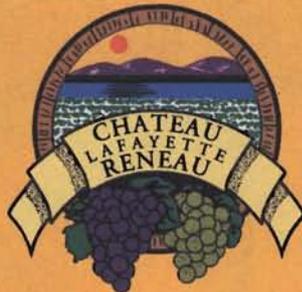


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How did Harley-Davidson boss **Jeff Bleustein** turn a foundering outlaw icon into a

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chrome-plated corporate success story?

By **Brad Herzog**

Just south of downtown Milwaukee, along a bustling avenue in the town of Greenfield, a stark white two-story building rises into the Wisconsin sky. It is a temple of sorts, in the sense that it is a place of worship: the House of Harley-Davidson.

Inside the motorcycle dealership, new and used bikes are lined up in shiny, neat rows—a Baditude 240 with painted flames licking the blue chrome, a Fat Boy as black as oil, a Heritage with studded leather saddlebags. And there, too, are the custom cylinder covers and fender trim that let the rider turn a cycle into performance art. But it's the assorted Harley accoutrements—the coasters and coffee, mints and mouse pads, designer headwraps and die-cast collectibles—that reveal the depth and breadth of Harley Nation devotion.

The brand name itself is an icon, consistently ranking among the ten best-known in America, according to *Fortune* magazine. The town of Harleyville in South Carolina had its sign stolen so often that it started selling them for \$20. In the summer of 2003, when a quarter of a million enthusiasts converged in Milwaukee to celebrate the company's centennial, six couples got married on the steps of Harley headquarters. Indeed, for many, a Harley-Davidson motorcycle is such a

means of individual expression that the bar-and-shield logo becomes part of their permanent selves. You don't see many folks with Rolex or Levi's tattooed on their biceps.

A Harley is a product with such cultural cachet that the slogans devised to explain the passion—mantras like “Live to Ride, Ride to Live”—convey a sense of knees-in-the-breeze enlightenment. To run a company that seems to sell a means of transcendence as much as transport is to be both guardian of a corporate legacy and spiritual figurehead of a devoted cult. To be top dog in the world of Hogs, one would think you would need not only a business degree on your wall but leather in your closet and a bit of the rebel in your soul.

Or you can be a nice Jewish boy from Scarsdale whose mom really wanted him to be a doctor.

When you buy a Harley, you are immediately enrolled in a company-sponsored motorcycle gang of sorts—the Harley Owners Group, of which there are more than one thousand chapters and nearly 800,000 members worldwide. These H.O.G. chapters are both a means of product promotion and a statement of common purpose. The days of the rebel biker have given way to the era of the joiner. You are officially part of the Harley family, with the

sixty-five-year-old CEO Jeff Bleustein '60, BME '61, as its unlikely patriarch.

After thirty years with Harley-Davidson, Bleustein plans to step down from his CEO post this April, though he will continue on as chairman of Harley's board of directors. He's widely credited with engineering the company's resurgence—after flirting with bankruptcy in the 1980s, Harley roared back to dominate the big cruiser bike market and has enjoyed record earnings in recent years. It's fair to say, as many riders do, that this is the man who saved the great American motorcycle.

A century ago, Bleustein's family made very different machines: his Polish grandfather, father, and two uncles ran Atlas Baby Carriage in the Bronx. "These were fabulous things," Bleustein recalls, "with hand-painted striping and beautiful leather finishes and chrome wheels." He grew up in the suburbs, graduated from high school in three years, and entered Cornell with plans for a career in medicine. But natural disinclinations got in the way of his pre-med path. "I didn't like memorizing things, I was a little woozy around blood, and I didn't like the smell of formaldehyde," says Bleustein. "Plus, I found chemistry a little difficult to understand."

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He opted instead for a five-year engineering degree and then earned a master's and a PhD from Columbia. (After getting his doctorate, he overheard his mother tell a family friend, "Well, thank you, but he's

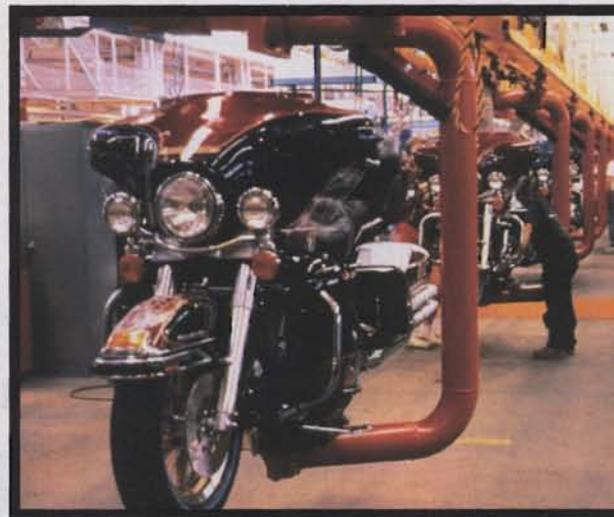
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not the kind of doctor who can help anybody.") After a year in England on a post-doctoral fellowship from NATO, he spent five years teaching engineering and applied sciences at Yale—until he had an epiphany. "It was my first midlife crisis, at age thirty," says Bleustein. "I just looked around and asked: Is this what I want to do for the next thirty-five years? Maybe I had been in academia too long. I wanted to get back from the frontier of research and closer to where more day-to-day action was taking place in engineering."

American Machine & Foundry (AMF), a large sporting-goods manufacturer, was looking for technology consultants, and in 1971 Bleustein began working for the company's nearly sixty business units, one of which was Harley-Davidson. In early 1975, however, AMF asked him to commute weekly from New York to Milwaukee to help reorganize Harley's struggling engineering division. When the vice president of engineering was fired, Bleustein, to his surprise, was tapped to replace him.

Until then, he had never run a business or ridden a Harley. But a fellow Cornellian, Seth Siegel '74, JD '78—who has known Bleustein for more than two decades while serving as licensing division chairman of the Beanstalk Group, which oversees the remarkably successful extension of the Harley-Davidson brand—describes him as "a person of almost limitless capacity to master new worlds."

At the time, one of those new worlds was a land called Wisconsin. "We were New Yorkers, born and raised," Bleustein says. "To go significantly west of the Hudson was really getting out beyond charted civilization." He promised his wife, Brenda, it would be a temporary move—two years, maybe three. But there was a lot of work to be done. Back then, the storied Harley-Davidson company appeared to be running out of gas.



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The Harley story began along with the twentieth century when twenty-one-year-old Bill Harley and his neighbor, twenty-year-old Arthur Davidson, began experiments on "taking the work out of bicycling," as they called it. They were soon joined by two other Davidson brothers, toiling in a shed behind the Davidson home. In 1903, the same year Henry Ford started his company and the Wright brothers took flight, the four friends founded Harley-Davidson and constructed their first motorcycle, using a tomato can for a carburetor.

They sold three bikes the first year, five the second year, eight the following year. Then Bill Harley decided to enlarge the engine to two cylinders, simply grafting an additional cylinder onto the original unit to create the famous V-Twin engine that produces the guttural roar so synonymous with the brand. Years later, the company would try (unsuccessfully) to trademark that sound.

Soon the company began finding buyers—police departments, the postal service, and, particularly during World War I, the U.S. military. By 1920, Harley-Davidson was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world, with production of nearly 30,000 units and dealers in sixty-seven countries. It was in these early days that the "Hog" nickname arrived, apparently via Harley racer Leslie Parkhurst and his penchant for giving his pet pig a ride around the track after a victory.

The company struggled through the Depression and prospered during World

Why They Ride

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arley-Davidson is a very embracing culture," says CEO Jeff Bleustein. "It's one of those few places where you find people from all walks of life who are drawn together by some common bonds—a sense of adventure, freedom, and individual expression."

In 1993, a decade out of college, Monica Daniel '83 wanted some of that adventure. She was living in Florida at the time, and she decided to sell most of her possessions, including her car, so she could purchase a Low Rider. "I figured if I was going to go for broke and really have a great adventure," she says, "I wanted to be able to tell my grandchildren someday, 'Yeah, when I got that Harley and rode across the country . . .' It just didn't sound right to say Yamaha or Honda."

She had never ridden a motorcycle in her life, and as a rather petite woman she wasn't necessarily built to pilot a heavy touring bike. But she learned to ride, and she hit the road. She broke down a few times, wiped out once or twice, and cracked several windshields, but she made her way all the way up to Michigan before hopping on a plane (along with her Harley) and rumbling around Europe for four months.

Now married with two kids and working as an independent nurse midwife in Ithaca, she no longer rides (she sold her bike in Germany so she could afford to come home), but she treasures the memory. "I always loved everything about Harleys," she says. "They're beautiful bikes, and there's just something about the sound of the engine. There's something about a Harley in fifth gear."

That same sound called to John Eckerson '46. A retired schoolteacher who is now the village historian in Akron, New York, Eckerson purchased his first Harley, a used military bike, back in his high school days. "I came home with it, and my mother had a fit," he recalls. "I rode it around for two or three days until she made me get rid of it."

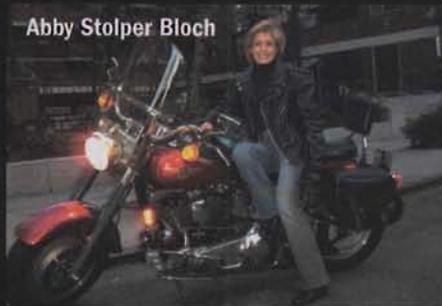
It was several decades before Eckerson bought his next bike, a blue-and-white Electra Glide purchased secondhand from the Miami police department in 1974. He rode that one for twenty-eight years, until he turned eighty. "I liked to drive up into the middle of the village and listen to it," he says. "Isn't that wild? I liked the sound of 'em."

Around the time Eckerson bought his second Harley, Bill Talmage '78 was dreaming of his first. He rode a Honda 750 in his days on the Hill, but yearned for a Hog. "A lot of us always wanted one and just never got around to it, because of business and kids and all the other things," he says. "But eventually you get a little more successful and have a little more time, and the kids get a little older, and you're able to do it."

On his fortieth birthday, Talmage's wife presented him with a Harley Heritage Classic. These days, the forty-eight-year-old real estate developer

pilots a Heritage Springer around eastern Long Island. "I come home from work and if it's a nice night, I jump on the bike and ride around the vineyards or the coast," says Talmage, whose son Kyle is a freshman on the Hill and a fifth-generation Cornellian. "It really clears my head."

While Talmage takes to the open roads of rural Long Island, nutrition consultant Abby Stolper Bloch '64 and her husband, Stanley, maneuver a bright red Fat Boy around Manhattan. "Everybody in New York looks at us like, 'What are those old fogies doing on that hot bike?'" says Bloch.



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War II (supplying nearly 90,000 motorcycles to the military). In 1953, Harley's fiercest U.S. competitor, the Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company, stopped production. (A succession of bike buffs has tried to revive the Indian brand over the years, the latest being Frank O'Connell '65, MBA '66, who was named CEO of the New Indian Motorcycle Corporation in 2000. Several thousand bikes were sold through about 200 U.S. dealers, but the company was forced to close its doors again in September 2003 when an eight-figure investment deal fell through.)

For Harley-Davidson, international competition quickly filled the void left by Indian, and the company had to compete with cheaper, lighter cycles from the U.K. and Japan. In an attempt to raise capital, the company sold shares publicly for the first time in 1965, but it still foundered, finally offering itself up for merger or takeover. On January 7, 1969, AMF acquired Harley-Davidson.

That year, the film *Easy Rider* would firmly cement the Harley-Davidson motorcycle as a rebel icon, a transformation that had begun in the late 1940s, when returning servicemen joined motorcycle clubs, donning thick black leathers and courting notoriety. A 1947 biker rally in Northern California inspired 1953's *The Wild One*, in which Marlon Brando was the star but rival Lee Marvin and his

stripped-down Harley were more menacing. Harley riders were the closest thing to modern-day cowboys, swapping their horses for 800 pounds of chrome and steel. The company began promoting its product as the "great American freedom machine." But the problem wasn't the freedom; it was the machines.

AMF was a massive conglomerate, and its indifferent management philosophy quickly sparked resentment among Harley employees. While production rose during the early 1970s, quality control suffered. More than half of the motorcycles on production lines failed inspections (as compared to 5 percent of Japanese bikes). The joke went that customers had to buy two Harleys at a time—one to ride and one for spare parts. By the end of the decade, Harley-Davidson's market share had collapsed, and the company experienced its first operating loss in fifty years. Harley management finally convinced AMF to sell the business to a buyer who would invest in it. In 1981, that buyer turned out to be the Harley managers themselves. With an \$81.5 million leveraged buyout, Bleustein and a posse of twelve other executives rode in on their Hogs to save the day, literally, leading a convoy from the company's York, Pennsylvania, plant to Milwaukee, stopping at every Harley dealership along the way.

Having been hired by AMF in the first

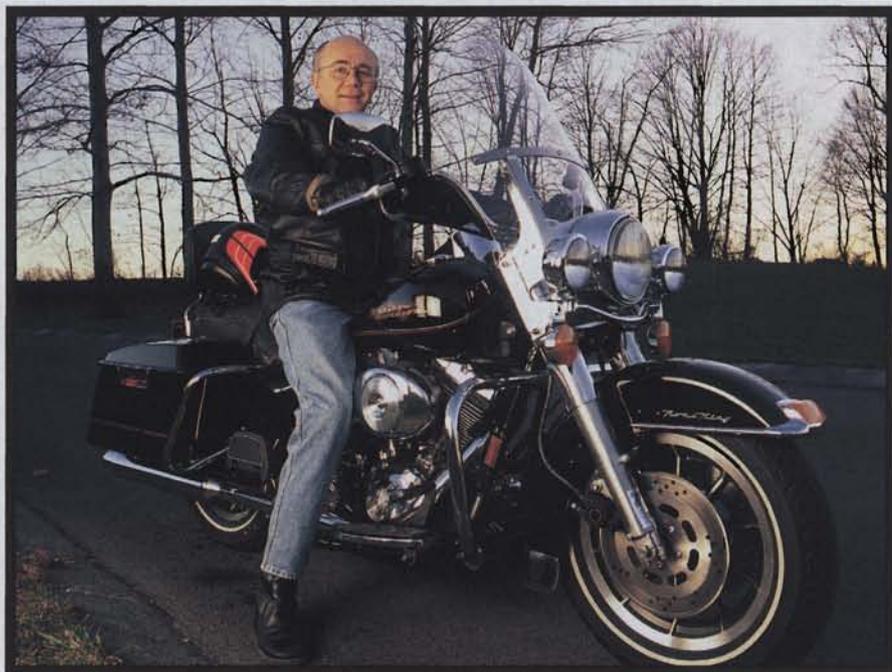
place, Bleustein was forced to prioritize his loyalties. "The opportunity to do something entrepreneurial, to have an equity stake in a company and in fact to be on the side of the underdog . . . all of those things were pretty compelling," he says. "And by that time I'd been at Harley-Davidson for six years, and it doesn't take that long to get some of that oil in your blood."

But the buy-back was ill-timed; a recession and high interest rates sent general motorcycle sales plummeting, and the company was forced to lay off nearly 40 percent of its workforce over two years. When Japanese manufacturers began flooding the market with their products, Harley-Davidson appealed to the International Trade Commission for relief in the form of higher import tariffs on large (700cc engine displacement) touring motorcycles. The company came very close to filing for bankruptcy at the end of 1985, rounding up new lenders in the eleventh hour.

At the same time, however, something else was happening at Harley-Davidson: the company was remaking itself from within. Line workers and middle managers were given a greater voice in decision-making, including a redesign of the production process. Creation of the Harley Owners Group fed brand loyalty. And the motorcycles themselves improved: quality control became a priority, and soon 99 percent of the bikes produced were ready to ride. As vice president of engineering, Bleustein had overseen a significant expansion and revitalization of much of the product line, notably a total redesign of the venerable V-Twin Shovelhead engine, dubbed the Evolution, that made believers out of the hardcore enthusiasts who had lost faith in the product. "If they hadn't come up with that, it might have been the end of Harley," says Albert George, the Carr professor of mechanical engineering on the Hill, who served, at Bleustein's request, as a "scholar-in-residence" at Harley-Davidson during his 1996–97 sabbatical year. "Harley had such a poor reputation for reliability and oil leaking, which the Japanese had already fixed, that they had to get some modern quality standards."

The Evolution helped spark a revolution of sorts for Harley-Davidson. For the first time, riders didn't have to be expert mechanics. The Harley became a yuppie status symbol, and the affluent weekend

Easy rider: Engineering professor Albert George, who was "scholar-in-residence" at Harley-Davidson during his 1996–97 sabbatical year.



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rider became the company's core customer. By 1987, the firm was beginning to thrive again. Harley-Davidson raised cash with a listing on the New York Stock Exchange (once again Bleustein and his fellow executives headed a mass Hog parade, this time down Wall Street) and boosted productivity by 50 percent. The company asked the federal government to remove the import tariff a year before it was scheduled to be lifted, a masterful PR move that drew Ronald Reagan to Milwaukee to praise Harley as a shining example of the quality and competitiveness of American industry. Soon they were selling every motorcycle they could make, and Bleustein, who had helped engineer the turnaround, rose through the ranks to become CEO in 1997.

The free flow of ideas is a centerpiece of Bleustein's management philosophy. Make every voice count, he says. Don't be complacent, but before making changes

try to understand why something has become, as he puts it, "part of our collective wisdom." Be sure that Harley-Davidson's 9,000 employees understand what the company is trying to achieve, and then turn them loose. "We long ago realized that the only sustainable competitive advantage that any company can have is what's embedded in its people," says Bleustein. "Our company is stronger if we have 9,000 people thinking each day when they come through the doors of how they can improve things, rather than a dozen or so at the top thinking about it and everyone else waiting to hear from the mountain."

According to George, who worked on product development during his Harley-Davidson sabbatical, the Harley Way helped him steer Cornell's Formula SAE race-car team to four world championships in the past five years. "I've used many ideas from Harley, almost all positive, to help improve how I run the team, because Harley does a lot of things really right," he says. George Barton '02, MEng '03, who spent three years on George's racing team and now works as a mechanical engineer at Harley, has learned that the styling and marketability of a Harley are at least as important as the mechanics. "We're

given something to shoot for aesthetically," he says. "It's important to our customers that it's like a piece of jewelry or a work of art."

The formula has worked. In 2001 Harley-Davidson passed Honda in U.S. sales for the first time since the 1960s and was named *Forbes* Company of the Year. The following year, *Industry Week* magazine named Bleustein and Harley-Davidson as its Technology Leader of the Year. In 2003, when the company announced its eighteenth consecutive year of record revenue, Bleustein was elected to the World Trade Hall of Fame. Today Harley-Davidson, which has sold some three million motorcycles since 1903, again dominates the global market for heavy cruising bikes.

Harley still faces challenges, to be sure, the most obvious being an aging customer base. For a large portion of the company's customers, this erstwhile icon of youthful defiance is a means of staving off middle age. The average Harley owner is forty-six, nearly a decade older than the industry standard, and earns more than \$75,000 a year. Bleustein says that management is well aware of the graying ridership. "We don't take our core customers for granted. We don't ever want to alienate them, but at the same time we want to reach out to new groups of customers—people who aren't yet in the family. There are a lot more years in those baby boomers, but we're also looking to the next several generations and making sure we're relevant to them."

The children of baby boomers prefer trimmer Hogs, and the company has responded during Bleustein's tenure, acquiring sport-bike manufacturer Buell Motorcycles in 1998 and introducing a sporty model of its own—the sleek V-Rod, with the liquid-cooled Revolution engine—in 2001. Also catering to new converts is the Harley-Davidson Academy of Motorcycling, which annually teaches more than 11,000 novices—nearly half of them women—the basics of riding.

And, of course, the Harley-Davidson licensing and merchandising phenomenon has become a key ingredient in creating and maintaining company loyalty. As co-founder of the Beanstalk Group, which has served as the licensing agent for both Ford Motor Company and the Olsen twins, Seth Siegel has spent more than two

decades studying the power of a strong name, and he's never seen anything quite like Harley-Davidson. "Their core audience," he says, "is more devoted to their brand than any other company I've ever worked with."

Under Bleustein, the company has turned that loyalty into a windfall. In 1998, his first full year as CEO, sales of Harley-Davidson's non-cycle merchandise totaled \$115 million. Over the next five years, that number more than doubled. And nearly \$1 billion is now generated annually by Harley-Davidson's licensing program, which boasts some eighty licensees across eighteen product categories. According to Siegel, Harley-Davidson's licensing philosophy evolved over the past two decades, from a focus on trademark protection to revenue generation and finally to brand building, furthering the company's goal of providing a sense of exclusivity. "If someone comes along and simply wants to take the Harley logo, slap it on a product and not design it uniquely, they would turn it down," says Siegel, who is also a partner in the Harley-Davidson Café theme restaurant in Las Vegas. "They could make two to three times as much money every year on licensing."

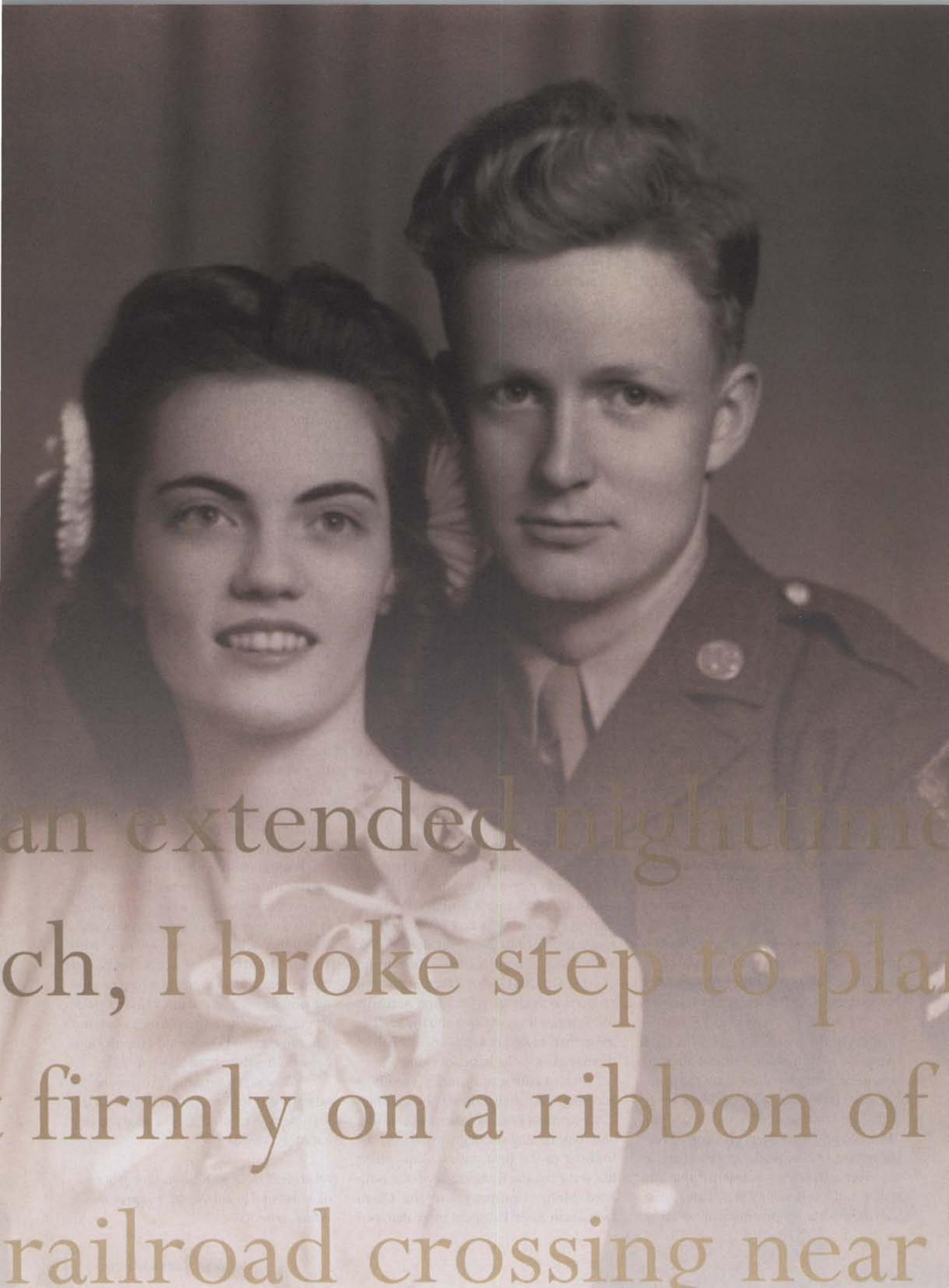
Traditionalists scoff at the "Disneyfication" of the storied name, but Bleustein says the overarching theory of brand extension is two-fold—to meet the needs of existing customers who want to identify with Harley-Davidson even when they're not riding one and to reach out to new customers. So, yes, you can buy Harley-Davidson leather jackets and riding gloves, but you can also find Harley kid's bicycles and baby clothes that shout "Born to Ride."

"We want to get into their psyches at an early age and keep that dream alive," says Bleustein, "until they're ready to buy a motorcycle." ●

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Idyll

In this excerpt from his new book, James McConkey remembers a special holiday in 1943.

James McConkey is the Goldwin Smith Professor of English Literature Emeritus. He began his teaching career at Cornell in 1956 and retired in 1992. As a writer, McConkey first concentrated on fiction, but an incident in 1960 redirected his focus. He describes the impact of that moment—a flash of insight that came to him as he sat alone in his study one winter night—in “The Telescope in the Parlor,” the title piece of his latest collection of essays: “That night I became essentially a writer of my own experiences, attempting to connect the normal details of daily living to a unity I had apprehended only for an instant, and which consciousness itself has since kept from my reach.”

McConkey’s “explorations of subjective memory,” many of which first appeared in the New Yorker, were collected in a 1968 book entitled Crossroads. A later collection, which comprised Crossroads and twelve subsequent pieces, was called Court of Memory; it is perhaps his best-known work. It was published in 1983 and reprinted in paperback a decade later. A third volume of autobiographical essays, Stories from My Life with the Other Animals, was published in 1993. The Telescope in the Parlor, recently issued by Paul Dry Books of Philadelphia, collects three recent autobiographical essays, as well as eight essays on literary subjects. “Idyll,” written in 1998, is one of the autobiographical pieces in that book; it is reprinted here in its entirety.

At the age of eighty-three, McConkey no longer teaches in the classroom, although he says he maintains contact with many of his former students and often reads their work-in-progress. When asked if he will write more autobiographical essays, he’s uncertain. “I can only do it,” he explains, “when something occurs that makes me draw on memory and I can then connect it back.”

— Jim Roberts

Toward the middle of my career as a college teacher, I had an unexpected classroom insight. Unlike my undergraduates, I had been born long before Auschwitz and Buchenwald, before the invention of the nuclear bomb, television, birth control pills, or even of Scotch tape and Band-aids; before the epidemic of mind-altering drugs, or the shocking collapse of our cities into burgeoning suburbs for the well-to-do and ghettos for the poor. My advanced years made me, in a crucial way, younger—surely more innocent—than my students, burdened as they were almost from birth with historical knowledge that came to me in increments long after my formative years.

Like nearly all other revelations, this one—that the older we are, the younger we are—was far less original than for years I thought it to be; shortly before my retirement, I learned, in an essay by Stephen Jay Gould that relies upon Robert K. Merton’s book *On the Shoulders of Giants*, that my insight is known as the Baconian Paradox, in honor of the popular formulation of it made by Francis Bacon in 1605—even though its origin can be traced as far back as an apocryphal book of the Vulgate Bible. In my case, the insight came to me as the consequence of a student’s offhand remark about sex that led me to remember a respite from military duties that I shared with my fiancée at Mammoth Cave National Park one Christmas during World War II.

Not until our fiftieth wedding anniversary—one celebrated far from home—was I able to see our holiday as something more than a self-enclosed idyll, one not only too intimate to mention but isolated by its very poignancy from our later domestic experiences. Idylls, of course, are intimate, and do demand isolation. Idylls require that their participants separate themselves from historical necessity—from a world they can hold momentarily in abeyance. The world we were keeping in check

then was a world at war, with all of its bloody chaos. War commands unthinking obedience from its soldiers on military duty, but relaxes societal proscriptions, particularly those concerned with sexual conduct. Like much else that was part of Jean's and my cultural heritage—including a belief in human brotherhood that made war itself abhorrent—the moral requirement of chastity before marriage had already been subject to rapid revision. So I suppose we were naive even for the times in managing to resist a consummation of our desires—willfully innocent, perhaps, since neither of us believed that a government should have the power to legislate rules about intimate behavior, mandating an official document in advance of a permanent relationship.

Shortly before my induction into the Army in May 1943, Jean and I were engaged; we were students at the same downtown school, Cleveland College, both of us on the editorial staff of the undergraduate newspaper. For basic infantry training, I was sent to an Army camp in Georgia, as a member of a special battalion. Everybody in that battalion had just graduated from college; indeed, we had all enrolled a couple of years earlier in the Army Specialized Training Program for the same reason: to delay our military service long enough for us to get our degrees. I resented the regimentation, the training to make me an efficient killer; in body as well as mind, I felt a revulsion toward the exercises designed to teach me how to thrust a bayonet into an enemy's guts. For the first time in my life, I was unable to accomplish satisfactorily what was expected of me. Most of the others managed to succeed, and yet in every other way we seemed peers—all of us from similar cultural backgrounds, all of us members of a generation told almost from birth about the horrors of war, and whose history texts in public school, written by Charles and Mary Beard, informed their young readers that economics and not idealism had motivated our past American wars, including the Revolution itself. Now, as college graduates in a specialized program, we attended any number of classroom lectures, but none of them was designed to tell us that this war had a moral necessity lacking from the earlier ones. References to German atrocities against Jews were missing, though—like all other soldiers—the trainees in my battalion were shown graphic slides of what could happen to our penises if we engaged in casual sex without using the condoms available without cost in every day room.

From all those incredibly long days and weeks of basic training, I have but one sharp memory, all of its details made vivid by the happiness I felt. On an extended nighttime march, I broke step to plant one foot firmly on a ribbon of steel at a railroad crossing near a darkened Georgia hamlet, thinking that to do so connected me through a variety of switches and tracks to the passenger depot in East Cleveland, Ohio, a block or two from the house where my beloved lay sleeping.

Upon the completion of basic training, nearly all the soldiers in my battalion were sent back to college, to learn foreign languages and advanced skills in mathematics; a handful of us, dropped from the program as inept soldiers, were assigned as infantry privates to a division preparing for combat at a base in

southern Kentucky, near the Tennessee border. Long before Christmas, I reserved a room for Jean at the base guest house for the holiday period, since the brevity of my pass would prevent me from returning to Cleveland. Travel was chiefly by train in those days, and the majority of the rolling stock of the railroads had been requisitioned for military use; train service for civilians was erratic and largely limited to antique passenger cars with straw seats and tulip-shaped overhead lamp brackets. Jean's 425-mile journey from Cleveland took eighteen hours, including a stopover in Cincinnati; the train from Cincinnati to Clarksville, Tennessee, was so crowded that she and many others sat on their suitcases, which wouldn't have been so difficult, she told me, if she and the others in the aisles hadn't had to rise and push aside their suitcases so often, to let the vendors of apples and soft drinks pass. She arrived the night preceding Christmas Eve, tired and smudged with soot but happy that we would be together.

Only the kind intercession of a USO volunteer kept Jean from returning to Cleveland the next evening. Her reservation at the guest house was abruptly cancelled late in the afternoon of her first full day on the base, apparently to accommodate a last-moment request by officers for their wives or friends; the few hotels and rooming houses in the nearby towns had long since been booked to capacity. I packed my weekend bag on the unlikely chance that something would turn up; harried as she was, the woman at the USO housing desk in Clarksville took a particular interest in our predicament, intensified as it was by our wish for separate rooms, and was able to secure reservations for us at the hotel within Mammoth Cave National Park, only ninety miles away. Darkness had long since fallen, and we had to rush to the station to catch the northbound train—the same one that Jean would have taken by herself, if we'd not found a place to stay. Shortly before midnight on Christmas Eve, the train stopped, just for us—for an infantry private and his fiancée!—at a little track-side sign marked "Cave City."

The helpfulness of nearly everybody we met, from the USO volunteer onward, contributed to the specialness of our brief holiday. The conductor held up the train in the apparent emptiness of the Kentucky countryside long enough to point out a path through the weeds that would take us across a road to a light that marked a telephone booth, where we could call a taxi. I called the after-hours number of the taxi company; the driver's wife, who answered the phone, said the family had just begun to open their Christmas presents, so we'd have to be patient. Less than ten minutes later, though, the taxi arrived: the driver thought the weather (we hadn't even noticed that a cold drizzle had started to fall) too miserable to leave us waiting. The hotel was a two-story frame building maybe ten minutes away; a large evergreen near the entrance glowed with colored lights. The driver carried Jean's bag into the lobby. He refused a tip, wishing us and the clerk at the registration desk—a boy of about fifteen—a merry Christmas. In an alcove off the lobby, a log fire was burning in a stone hearth; the alcove was just large enough for a couple of upholstered chairs and a small table with a checkerboard. A pair of white-framed and many-paned glass doors separated the lobby from the much larger dining room—empty of guests at this hour of course, but with another Christmas tree that lit up a series of linen-covered tables, each decorated with its own miniature tree.

Breakfast would be waiting for us in that dining room, the clerk said; he'd have to wake us quite early, in order for us to take

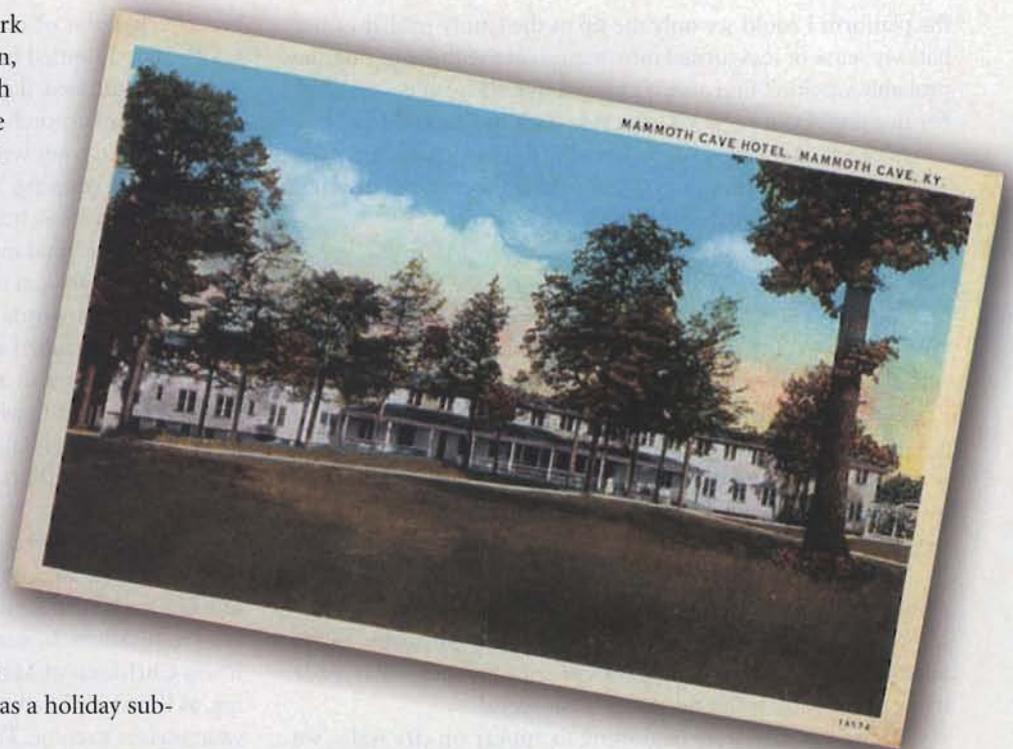
the daylong Christmas trip led by a park ranger through the cave. For servicemen, the guided tour was free. Since Mammoth Cave itself was the only reason for the hotel's existence, he took it for granted that we would go: as I remember, he gave us our tickets after we'd signed the registration book. He led us down a long corridor to our first-floor rooms. It turned out that they were connected, as was the case throughout the hotel, by a bathroom serving both rooms. The clerk said he could lock the deadbolt of one of the bathroom doors if we wished him to, though it meant that one of us would have to use the lavatory at the far end of the hall. How strange it now seems that both of us were embarrassed, and that the adolescent clerk himself—no doubt a high school student brought in as a holiday substitute—was blushing!

Jean and I decided the deadbolt lock wasn't necessary. On that first night, we slept in our separate rooms, but with both bathroom doors open. I woke on occasion to hear laughter and music from a party down the hall, or the sound of the rain at the window, and imagined I could hear Jean stirring in her sleep.

At breakfast, the guests included those partying the night before, two WAC officers and their male civilian companions. It was still raining—as it did for most of our stay—but it didn't matter, since we and the other guests spent the daylight hours of Christmas Day underground, with a box lunch provided for us on picnic tables in a vast cavern. We had crossed three counties, the ranger said as we came to the surface by a country road where a bus was waiting to transport us back to the hotel. My recollec-

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tion of our exploration of underground spectacles is far less distinct than are my memories of sitting across the table from Jean that night in the hotel restaurant, with its white linen, courteous attendants bearing platters of holiday food, and its Christmas tree, whose colored lights were reflected in her eyes; afterwards, of sitting opposite her again, this time in the lobby alcove's upholstered chairs, where we played checkers before the log fire; and finally of lying next to her on her bed or mine (she in her nightgown and I in my khaki Army shorts) where we talked long into the night about whatever came into our minds. We argued about which one of us was better at checkers; we reminisced about our first meeting (as a janitorial assistant at the college, I had been assigned an early morning task of dusting the tops of the lockers in the women's lavatory area: embarrassed that a



young woman had entered who might or might not see me crouched above her on the lockers, I called out, "Don't mind me: I'm just working my way through college"); and we imagined what we might do after the war ended. We could, for example, move to some town with lovely old houses set far back from the tree-lined streets, a town in which we would raise a family while editing together the weekly newspaper.

Jean said she needed to warn me about one thing, after we'd married and moved to that little town—since childhood, she'd twisted about a lot in bed. "Like this," she said, rolling over and over so rapidly that even I became dizzy, from laughing as well as from watching her whirl. "But that's because you've been sleeping alone," I said, pulling her close. She pretended to roll again, but lay quietly, her head resting on my shoulder. (The two couples down the hall had resumed their riotous partying and whatever else it led to; only momentarily was our own resolute chastity in serious doubt.) I woke in the morning, smelling the sweetness of Jean's hair on the pillow we shared.

We had arranged with the taxi driver to pick us up at nightfall the day after Christmas for the longer ride to Bowling Green, where Jean would board the train taking her home and I the one returning me to Clarksville. We dawdled over meals, and walked along the gravel paths of the hotel grounds, despite the rain; and we let the warmth of the log fire dry the dampness from our clothes while we played more aimless games of checkers. We didn't speak much; just to hold hands while looking into the other's eyes brought us close to the tears of imminent loss. But when the taxi driver asked us if we had enjoyed our stay, we smiled and said words like Yes, very much—words which, however true, couldn't begin to indicate how we truly felt. In Bowling Green, the train station was packed with travellers heading north and south. Jean's train arrived first. Swept aboard in the jostling army of passengers eager for a seat, she made her way down an aisle already crowded with standees; sometimes from

the platform I could see only the tip of the jaunty feather of her hat. My sense of loss turned into anguish at the thought that she probably wouldn't find a seat; I prayed that she would. I remember nothing about my own train ride back to Clarksville.

About four months later—on May 6, 1944—we were married, during the furlough granted all members of my division preceding our departure for Europe.

To celebrate our fiftieth anniversary, Jean and I spent a couple of weeks in New Zealand. We went there for a number of reasons. We wanted to go somewhere by ourselves, partly to prevent the fuss our three sons and extended family members would have made if we had stayed home; since childhood, Jean had dreamed of visiting those far-away islands; and New Zealand, according to the guidebooks, was a reasonably prosperous and peaceful democracy that had not despoiled the landscapes—glacier-topped mountains, rainswept fjords, green valleys filled with sheep, rugged coasts with pristine beaches—that made it one of the most beautiful places in the world.

Though graffiti were beginning to appear on city walls, we felt as if we had been transported back in time to the idealized America of our childhood, if not earlier than that. (In one town, we watched a group of adolescents dismount from their bicycles long enough to pick up some litter in the street and toss it into a nearby basket.) The kindness bestowed upon us was like that given long ago by a USO volunteer, a train conductor, and a taxi driver; but then it had much to do with the Christmas season, and with what had to be obvious to anybody who saw us—we were young and in love, and I was in uniform. Now, of course, almost everybody was much younger than we, and maybe we reminded others of their grandparents; as for the people our own age whom we met, their generosity might have come from the fact that I had been an American soldier in a distant war. “We’re still grateful to you Yanks, for saving us from the Japs,” a silver-haired pharmacist told me; for, by the time of Pearl Harbor, the majority of New Zealand’s own troops were fighting with the British in Europe. “Yip, we know we’re a kindly people,” a mechanic who had come to rescue us from a car breakdown told Jean with disarming frankness. “That’s because there’s still so few of us in a free and beautiful land.” The low population density of that land—less than three-and-a-half million people in a pair of islands a bit larger than the Great Britain from which the ancestors of almost everybody not a Maori had come—has something to do with its remoteness from the West; the consideration its people give to strangers may also be a consequence of their knowledge that loneliness is bonded to their good luck.

Loneliness has far more than an alliterative connection with love as well as luck. Loneliness—that response to a separation either real or portended—is what we feel most strongly during the first and painful stirrings of adolescent love; it is what we would assuage in marriage. But the luckier and longer the marriage, the greater the awareness of the inevitable separation. On the morning of our last day in New Zealand, I was having thoughts—if feelings can be called thoughts—of this kind. We

had checked out of our hotel in Queenstown, a resort on the South Island nestled between the mountains and a lake. While waiting for the local flight that would take us to the international airport at Christchurch, we took a stroll in Queenstown Gardens, where the late roses were still in full bloom; at home, our buds would just be opening. That last day was also the anniversary day of our wedding. Just before the ceremony, the minister, who disapproved of wartime marriages, said he supposed his advice that we postpone ours had come too late to do any good. During the ritual itself, his words and our responses echoed in the vast emptiness of a vaulted auditorium: only members of our immediate families were in attendance. We were still standing at the altar, for I had just finished kissing the bride, when a girl of six or seven—much as all Italians do in their cathedrals, this American child was taking a shortcut home through the church—looked at the sudden paleness on my face and asked me if I wanted a glass of water. But the expectations and anxieties of a previously chaste couple on their wedding day, as well as the gratified release that follows, are so extraordinary that they provide few if any of the later associations so necessary to the reverberations of memory; it was Christmas at Mammoth Cave that I was now remembering, as if that idyll had been merely a prelude, a foreshadowing of what was yet to come. The association was a quick and simple one: having crossed through the gardens, we were standing on the lake shore, uncertain of where to go next. We sat on a rock. I grasped Jean’s hand, we looked into each other’s eyes, and for a moment we were sitting before the hearth in the alcove of a friendly old hotel, pretending to be engrossed in checkers while waiting for the taxi we didn’t want to come. Is it sentimental to acknowledge that one’s own marriage, whatever its problems, has been the idyll, all along? I don’t think so, given the anguish that idylls bring. Jean,

while not privy to the particular associations that had taken her with me so far back in time, still knew the reason for my sudden grief.

Mammoth Cave Hotel, I’ve heard, was long ago replaced by a brick motel with all the modern conveniences:

it has vanished from Earth, along with our innocence. About that innocence, I’m of two minds, knowing that innocence is relative to its time and often is the result of moral blindness, while also believing that the trust of young lovers in each other’s integrity—despite (or because of) the vagaries, the hypocrisies, and the growing problems of the world beyond them—is essential to whatever happiness they conceivably will find. “I am older, hence I am younger” is a paradox that allows us some defiance against a relentless forward chronology; still, the children who are our elders have a vulnerable innocence of their own that time itself will undo. Aphorisms cling to us like barnacles as we age.

On our way home, having crossed the International Date Line before reaching our stopover in Tahiti, Jean and I were able to celebrate our fiftieth anniversary for a second consecutive day. This may not have been a logical paradox, but it was an unexpected delight to toast each other with champagne from a hotel balcony that evening while watching the volcanic mass of a neighboring island turn into a scattering of mysterious lights across the darkening tropical sea. ●

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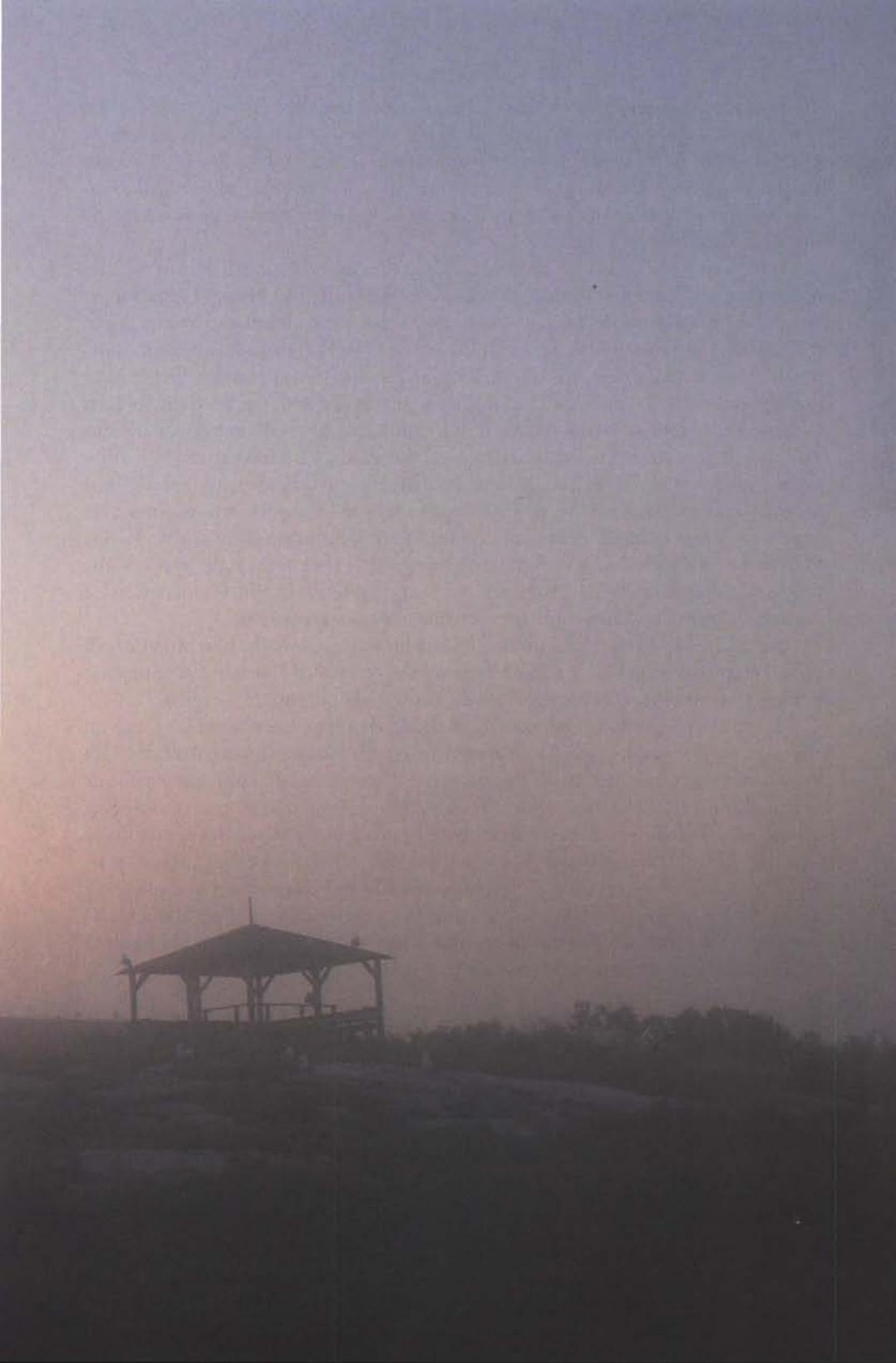
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On the Water

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At the Shoals Marine Lab, students get their hands wet.

NO MORE THAN 2 SHOWERS A WEEK,”

declares a posting on the main bulletin board in Appledore Island’s Kiggins Commons. “MILITARY STYLE SHOWERS ONLY.” Hand-lettered signs above the sinks remind users not to leave the faucet running. And anything that doesn’t require fresh water—fire-hoses, toilets—makes use of seawater instead.

Such are the realities of life at the Shoals Marine Laboratory, a ninety-five-acre island research station six ocean miles from Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Here, the only fresh-water sources for 100 residents are a twenty-foot well sunk in granite and a reverse-osmosis desalinator that maxes out at 8,000 gallons. “You get used to it,” says Michelle Armsby ’04.

Cornell at sea: The marine lab on Appledore Island, founded by the University of New Hampshire in 1928, has hosted Big Red undergrads since 1966. Marine biology is the main draw, but daytrippers, kayakers, and birdwatchers also make the ferry trip. A radar tower built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (left) now does duty as an atmospheric research station.

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Fish head: The lab's new director, marine biologist William Bemis (above), will assume his post in June. "It's much easier to show students something than to talk to them about it," he says.

Among the local residents on the island (below): a tidepool collection of common whelks, a harbor seal, and a pair of herring gulls.



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The former biology major should know. She's spent the last three summers at SML, first as a student, then as a researcher, and finally on staff as assistant island coordinator, a job that started in April and ended in October. Besides not getting a decent shower in six months, Armsby has also gotten used to carrying a walkie-talkie whenever she's on duty, waking to a pre-dawn cacophony of sea gulls, and realizing that the tides, not the clock, set her off-island hours.

Appledore is one of a chain of nine islands in the Gulf of Maine that form the Isles of Shoals. Cornellians first came to the island in 1966 with plant biologist John Kingsbury, who wanted his students not only to read about their subject, but to experience it first-hand. The Woods Hole Research Center on Cape Cod had already begun shifting its focus toward primary research, limiting the opportunities available for mere undergraduates. By 1973, Cornell had formed a partnership with the University of New Hampshire to establish its own marine field research station—with undergraduate education at its core. Over the last three decades, the seasonal lab has expanded to offer experiential learning for high school and graduate students, families, and professional scientists. Every summer, close to 3,000 visitors take the forty-five-minute boat ride from Portsmouth to attend classes, conduct field studies, band birds, and explore marine life. Few come for less than a weekend, and many stay for as long as eight weeks. At the height of the season this past summer, residents had to eat in shifts—there weren't enough chairs in the dining room for everyone to sit down together.

Incoming SML director William Bemis '76, who will take over the post from Cornell evolutionary biology professor James Morin in June, first visited Shoals in 1985 as a guest lecturer on marine vertebrates. He recalls the passage to Appledore as "magical."

"It's an interesting thing that these bleak and foreboding islands could have such an appeal," says Bemis, now a professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. "It's that six miles of water that makes them special." The remote lab is also notable for its lack of distractions: "I love the feeling of being removed from the day-to-day and being able to focus on things I'm passionate about." For Bemis, who studies comparative anatomy of basal actinopterygian fishes—ancient species that persist today as gars, sturgeons, and lungfish—that includes the emphasis on hands-on training of undergraduates. "It's much easier to show students something than to talk to them about it," he says. "When students see your curiosity and excitement and uncertainty, they begin to get a sense of how the real world works when you're doing science."

Life at Shoals is a little like being at a summer camp for grown-ups—with homework. Three dorms accommodate twenty program participants each in sparsely furnished double rooms. Staffers get single rooms in Bartels Hall, formerly the barracks for Coast Guard observers stationed here during World War II to watch for enemy submarines. All but the deepest sleepers rise at dawn to the clanging of the nearby White Island lighthouse and the drone of lobster boats setting their traps offshore. The cafeteria boasts a 270-degree view of the ocean and a minke whale skeleton hanging from the vaulted ceiling; it also doubles as the island's largest lecture hall. After meals, head chef Chris Jordan tosses scraps off the back porch to Frank and

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Francine, a pair of gulls who return to the island each year. “I thought gulls would eat anything,” he says, “but these birds are picky. They’ve gotten arrogant.”

Over the centuries, the Isles of Shoals have been variously visited and inhabited by Norse sailors, the pirate Blackbeard, a Unitarian-Universalist resort hotel, and American Impressionist Childe Hassam, who created close to 400 paintings inspired by his stays here. Maine claims the five northernmost islands in the archipelago—Duck, Appledore, Smuttynose, Malaga, and Cedar—while Star, Lunging, White, and Seaveys belong to New Hampshire. By the mid-1600s, the area was well known for the abundant schools (shoals) of cod and herring that supported a fishing community of some 600 residents until the Revolutionary War, when residents were evacuated to the mainland.

Appledore is the largest of the islands, but it’s still little more than a rocky speck; it takes about an hour to walk its three-mile coastline. Throughout the nineteenth century, the rugged island was a popular resort destination for literary and artistic lumi-

Sea and sky: The stark allure of the Isles of Shoals drew explorer John Smith, who stopped here in 1614. “Of all the four parts of the world that I have yet seene not inhabited,” he wrote, “could I have but means to transport a colonie, I would rather live here.” Smith received the archipelago as payment for his services to the crown, but he never returned.

Students in a marine environmental science program comb the coastline (below) while staffer Michelle Armsby (left) inspects an intertidal pool.

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narries. Harriet Beecher Stowe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and President Franklin Pierce vacationed at the Appledore Hotel, where poet and naturalist Celia Thaxter served as hostess. Most buildings from that era have since vanished, leaving only poison-ivy-covered foundations, but a replica of Thaxter's cutting garden—inspiration for her 1894 memoir *An Island Garden*—now draws daytrippers from Portsmouth and Kittery, Maine. This year, Wednesday afternoon tours of the fifteen-by-fifty-foot plot brought close to 400 guests to the island between June and August, generating enough income to support several student scholarships.

Undergraduates from schools across the country earn two credits for a week-long course at Shoals, and up to sixteen credits for a full summer, choosing from more than twenty courses covering such subjects as marine symbiosis; seaweeds, plankton, and seagrass; oceanography; and climates and ecosystems. “One day of class here equals one week at Cornell,” says Armsby, who wrote a senior thesis on cannibalism and intraguild predation of amphipods (small shrimp-like creatures) based on her fieldwork in subtidal pools. “You start at eight or eight-thirty in the morning and go till well after dinner, with two to three lectures, two or three labs, and field time all in one day.” Staff at the resort on Star Island, a five-minute boat ride from Appledore, call their studious neighbors “Appledorks,” a moniker that barely gets a rise out of the students. “The last thing you want to do at the end of the day is go party,” says Armsby. “Especially since you usually have a test the next morning.”

Not all who come to Shoals look to the sea. Appledore has become a popular destination for birders. Close to 125 species of songbirds stop here as they migrate each fall and spring, and for the past thirty years, a team of amateur birders and academic ornithologists has operated a study area at the eastern end of the island. A seventy-foot military radar tower, meanwhile, has been used for a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration study that tracks New England's air quality. The island also hosts three-day adult education courses in nature photography, water-

color painting, and sea kayaking, while a program called Kids Ahoy! introduces whole families to marine biology.

Facilities form a study in contrasts. Wireless internet access makes e-mail and online research a breeze, but cell phone service is intermittent, so SML staff rely instead on crackling radio phones to talk to the mainland. Bemis is wary of getting any more connected to civilization. “We have to be careful not to Web-ify,” he says. “It's important for research, but we still want to have that immersed-in-nature component.”

On Wednesdays—grocery day—classes end at high tide so students can help unload food from the *Kingsbury*, a forty-seven-foot research vessel that doubles as a shuttle. Only the maintenance staff carry door keys—and most doors don't have locks anyway. A greater concern is fires: island policy prohibits indoor smoking, fire hoses adorn the wood-frame buildings, and island manager Ross Hansen keeps a close eye on the wind direction before he authorizes a bonfire. Anything that breaks—from the

Water, water everywhere: The R/V John B. Heiser (above), one of the lab's two research vessels, puts to sea. For Shoals students and researchers, the mainland is a forty-five-minute boat ride away, but e-mail and Web access keep them connected. Visitors tend to stick to walking paths on the rugged island (below); poison ivy and boulders litter the landscape.

diesel generator to the leak-prone seawater tables used to observe collected specimens—gets fixed, since replacements have to be ferried in from the mainland. The compound microscopes are hand-me-downs from the Ithaca campus and have



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been in service for decades. “It is amazing how rustic we are,” says Armsby. “But you learn so much. I think it's because of being immersed. You're out in the field picking up the organism you just talked about in lecture.”

Bemis agrees, noting that the habits of mind that this barren island cultivates can persist for a lifetime. “Once you start observing, you discover new things you want to observe,” he says. “The curiosity and passion you bring to studying that seawater table does carry over to Wall Street. It's one of the biggest draws at Shoals—you're going to constantly experience something worth looking at.” ●

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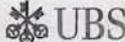
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The Choice is Yours

Vote in Cornell's 126th Annual Alumni Trustee Elections

By Martha Coultrap '71

In 1878, Cornell became one of the first universities to hold popular elections for its alumni-elected trustees. To vote in the early years, all alumni had to assemble in Ithaca on a specific day, but now the election period lasts nearly two months, from early February until April 1, and can be completed by mail. Even today, few of Cornell's peers are fortunate enough to have full voting members in their governing bodies who have been directly elected by their alumni. Two of the University's eight alumni-elected trustees, Karen Rupert Keating '76 and Celia Rodee '81, are finishing up their terms; the upcoming election gives you the chance to choose their replacements.

The Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations, chaired by John Quinones '87 and comprising twenty-three alumni selected from a variety of constituencies, met throughout the fall to review dozens of nominations. Candidates were selected based upon contributions to and leadership in alumni activities, professional experience, accomplishments in their communities, and other attributes that would contribute to the Board's geographic, age, gender, and ethnic diversity. The following four alumni were endorsed as candidates for the 2005 Alumni Trustee



Shanghai nights: President Jeffrey Lehman meets with Scott Fong, MBA '94, at a November reception organized by the Cornell Club of Shanghai.

election: Jeffrey Berg '79 (Goldens Bridge, New York), Abe Tomas Hughes '84 (Highland Park, Illinois), Jill Lerner '76 (New York, New York), and Dale Rosenthal '78 (Bethesda, Maryland). Two of these four alumni will be elected to serve four-year terms from July 2005 to June 2009.

In accordance with prior practice, the nominees have provided answers to questions posed by the Board of

Trustees' Alumni Affairs Steering Committee. Questions and statements will appear on ballots sent to all alumni; pictures and statements are also online at www.alumni.cornell.edu. Classes who graduated between 1989 and 2004 are able to vote online this year.

Alumni-elected trustees provide a strong, clear voice on behalf of all
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Calendar of Events

January 15 - March 15

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New York/Ontario

CC/Greater Capital District, Jan. 15—Men's hockey at RPI's Houston Field House. Contact Bob Lynk, thelynks@midtel.net, 518/439-3948.

CWC/Cortland County, Jan. 18—Travels along the Amazon with Joan Siedenburg, at the home of Chris Place. Contact Laura Fouts, 607/753-0532.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Jan. 19—Alumni book club at Barnes & Noble, Pittsford. Contact Kristen Hallagan, 585/242-0199.

CAA/Central New York and CWC/Syracuse, Jan. 21—7th Annual Far Above Cayuga's Vineyards benefit wine tasting and silent auction at Wyndham Hotel Syracuse. Proceeds support Ruth L. Dales '37 Scholarship endowment. Contact Jim Miller, jgm27@cornell.edu, 315/422-4818.

CAA/Ithaca, Jan. 22—Sports dinner in the Kaplan Family Room in Newman Arena. Watch men's basketball warm up before their game against Columbia. Contact Fred Antil, 607/257-7164.

CWC/Syracuse, Feb. 7—Pot luck dinner and book club discussion of Kafka's *The Trial* at Manlius Public Library, Manlius Village Center. Contact Kate McMahon, AfriKate@msn.com, 315/492-2378.

CAA/Central New York, Feb. 12—Tour of Solvay Paperboard. Contact Jim Miller, jgm27@cornell.edu, 315/422-4818.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, Feb. 12—Family pottery painting at Crafter's in the South Hills Mall. Contact Laurie Husted, lhusted@citilink.net, 845/758-3459.

CC/Genesee-Orleans, Feb. 12—Pizza party for Cornell applicants and families at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County, Batavia. Contact Julie Tette, 585/735-9070.

CC/Greater Capital District, Mar. 2—CALs Centennial Celebration with a faculty panel. Contact Howard Kibrick, hkibrick@hudsonriverbank.com, 518/482-8991.

CAA/Ithaca, Mar. 3—Beer tasting and brewery tour with brewmaster Jeff Conuel at the Ithaca Beer Co. Contact Bill Noon, 607/272-5662.

CC/Greater Buffalo, Mar. 10—University of Buffalo Distinguished Speaker Series with former Attorney General Janet Reno '60 and political commentator Ann Coulter '84. Contact Tim Kane, Timothy_Kane@ml.com, 716/635-4360.

CWC/Syracuse, Mar. 14—Nancy Clancy, owner of the Body Works Massage in North Syracuse, on the

benefits of massage. Pot luck dinner at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Liverpool. Contact Grace Clancy, Gmm4521@aol.com, 315/458-5132.

CWC/Cortland County, Mar. 15—Quilts and quilting with Carole Brown. Contact Louise Whittleton, 607/753-7219.

Metro/New York

CC/Northern New Jersey, Jan. 26—Dinner and seminar based on book *Smart Couples Finish Rich*. Contact Bob Rossi, robert.rossi@morganstanley.com, 201/848-7501.

CAA/Westchester, Feb. 5—Ski day at Sundown Ski area in northern Connecticut, near Litchfield. Contact Dan Arnow, dan_arnow@yahoo.com, or Laura Fratt, LDF8@cornell.edu.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Feb. 6—Bowling and pizza party at Plaza Lanes in Madison. Contact Janet Rubin, jarubin@comcast.net, 973/564-6018.

CAA/Westchester, Feb. 11—Second Friday lunch club at Ciao!, Eastchester. Contact John Murray, 914/478-5842, or Marion Eskay, 914/472-2081.

CAA/Princeton, Feb. 11—Men's hockey vs. Princeton; pre-game party at a Princeton bar. Contact Pam Supinski, EPLM@aol.com, 609/799-6384.

CC/Monmouth/Ocean Counties, Feb. 11—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Rich Lau, 201/433-7076.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Feb. 11—Men's hockey vs. Princeton. Contact Wil Andersen, wha2@cornell.edu, 908/642-4682.

CC/Fairfield County, Feb. 12—Men's hockey vs. Yale. Contact Elizabeth Mroz-Smith, ella_mroz@yahoo.com, 203/978-0888.

CAA/Princeton, Feb. 12—Annual Pan Asian New Year Banquet in NYC, sponsored by the Cornell Asian Alumni Association. Contact Mary Chan, mchan9@comcast.net, 609/716-1319.

CAA/Westchester, Feb. 12—Men's hockey vs. Yale; pre-game drinks and snacks at Bennigan's in Milford. Contact Phil Guerri, pjg17@cornell.edu, 914/245-6270.

CAA/Princeton, Mar. 4—Jazz night at the Peddie School Mount-Burke Theatre: pre-show chat with artists Camargo Mariano and Romero Lubambo. Contact Susan Todes Perl, stperl@comcast.net; 609/275-4774.

CAA/Westchester, Mar. 4—Wine and cheese mix-and-mingle at the staff annex of the Cornell Medical

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CAA/Westchester, Mar. 11—Second Friday lunch club at Ciao!, Eastchester. Contact John Murray, 914/478-5842, or Marion Eskay, 914/472-2081.

Northeast

CC/Greater Hartford, Jan. 22—Winter family fun fest at Kid City children's museum in Middletown. Contact Amy Fairchild, amyfairchild@comcast.net, 860/569-1464.

CC/Cape Cod, Feb. 9—Luncheon at Thirwood Place, South Yarmouth, with Tom and Randie Karh: "Coast-to-Coast on a Tandem Bike." Contact Judith Carr, judith_carr@netzero.com.

CC/Greater Hartford, Feb. 12—Men's hockey vs. Yale; post-game get-together at Anna Liffey's, New Haven. Harry Woodward, harrywoodward@peoplepc.com, 203/284-1257.

CC/Cape Cod, Mar. 2—Board meeting at Thirwood Place. Contact Judith Carr, judith_carr@netzero.com.

Mid-Atlantic

CC/Lancaster, Jan. 15—Prospective student brunch at Yorktowne Hotel, York. Contact Alexandra Thomas, alexsf@aol.com, 717/764-4336.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Feb. 11—Men's hockey and basketball vs. Princeton. Contact Brian Ruhl, bjr2@cornell.edu, 215/884-6922.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Feb. 12—Men's basketball vs. Penn. Contact Brian Ruhl, bjr2@cornell.edu, 215/884-6922.

CC/Delaware, Feb. 18—*Bus Stop* at West Chester University Theater; pre-show dessert and coffee at the Werner's. Contact Meg Tallman, mev22@cornell.edu, 302/836-6254.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Mar. 13—Brunch and Salvador Dali at the Philadelphia Museum. Contact Meredith Nissen, mwn4@cornell.edu.

Midwest

CC/Minnesota, Jan. 18—Reading group at Amore Coffee, St. Paul: *Gulag: A History* by Anne Applebaum. Contact Judy Morgan, 651/688-6113.

CC/Michigan, Jan. 20—Board meeting/bar night at Bailey's Pub 'N' Grille, Dearborn. Contact Erick Lavoie, elavoie@ford.com, 313/390-5446.

CC/Wisconsin, Feb. 5—Mid-winter "Progressive Dinner," a round-robin evening with the entire group gathering in one home for hors d'oeuvres, then dividing into small groups for dinner at several homes and reassembling for dessert. Proceeds fund the CC/Wisconsin Scholarships. Contact John Murphy, 262/786-7424.

CC/West Michigan, Feb. 5—Second annual winter potluck. Contact Rachel Mraz, 616/451-4578.

CC/Mid-America, Feb. 12—Kansas City Outlaws hockey at Kemper Arena, Kansas City. Contact John Shelton, 913/649-6015.

CC/Michigan, Feb. 13—Board meeting/Chinese New Year celebration at the Middle Kingdom in Ann Arbor. Contact David Kwan, sailor@ameritech.net, 734/662-4880.

CC/Minnesota, Feb. 15—Reading group at Amore Coffee, St. Paul: *The Same and Not the Same* by Roald Hoffman. Contact Judy Morgan, 651/688-6113.

CC/Southwestern Ohio, Feb. 19—Alumni lunch at the Golden Lamb Restaurant, Lebanon. Contact Michelle Vaeth, 513/321-7783.

CC/Minnesota, Feb. 23—World issues dialogue forum at the Ridgedale Library, Minnetonka. Contact Geoffrey Ferster, geoffrey@gferster.com, 952/934-6764.

CC/Michigan, Mar. 12—Board meeting/wine tasting. Contact Erick Lavoie, elavoie@ford.com, 313/390-5446.

CC/Minnesota, Mar. 14—Club Ezra, a dinner/brunch club established to welcome Cornellians to the Twin Cities. Contact Mariah Michalovic, mkm9_cornell@hotmail.com, 612/310-5262.

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

Southeast

CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, Jan. 19—CAAAN volunteers "Thank You" reception. Contact Carolina Maharbi, cmaharbi@hotmail.com, 305/815-8363.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Jan. 27—Happy hour at Aromas Cigar and Wine Bar. Contact Penny Crispell, pcc12@cornell.edu, 904/641-3426.

CAA/Atlanta, Jan. 28—Men's hockey vs. Clarkson. Contact Jeannine Novak, j9novak@hotmail.com.

CAA/Charlotte, Jan. 29—Bowling at Park Lanes. Contact Christine Goodell, ceramjobs@aol.com, 803/831-6001.

CC/Gold Coast, Feb. 3—Young alumni networking event. Contact Chase Twomey, crt6@cornell.edu, 954/474-0794.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Feb. 6—Monthly luncheon. Contact Ronald Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

CAA/Blue Ridge Mountains, Feb. 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Patrick Stover on "Nutrition and Health: Is it all in the Genes?" Contact Lorraine DeJong, lorraine.dejong@furman.edu, 864/322-8692.

CAA/Charlotte, Feb. 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Patrick Stover on "Nutrition and Health: Is it all in the Genes?" Contact Christine Goodell, ceramjobs@aol.com, 803/831-6001.

CC/Eastern Florida, Feb. 10—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Patrick Stover on "Nutrition and Health: Is it all in the Genes?" Contact Richard Marks, rhm22@cornell.edu, 561/742-2535.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Feb. 10—Thursday lunch club at Audubon Country Club, Naples. Contact Mary LeDuc, 239/649-3110.

CC/Greater Miami and the Florida Keys, Feb. 24—Sushi making at Sushi Maki in Palmetto Bay. Contact cumiamikeys@hotmail.com.

CAA/Charlotte, Feb. 24—Informal wine tasting at the Wine Vault, owned by Pam Furr and her husband. Contact Christine Goodell, ceramjobs@aol.com, 803/831-6001.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Feb. 27—Annual polo tailgate picnic at the Sarasota Polo Grounds. Contact Bob Cutler, 941/907-0234.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, Mar. 3—Monthly luncheon. Contact Ronald Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

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alumni in the ongoing governance of the University. During the past several years, trustees have hired the Cornell president, made tenure decisions, set tuition, counseled and advised President Lehman on the results of his Call to Engagement, and interacted directly with alumni and students through town-hall meetings, mentor programs, and seminars. They've also worked to improve campus life (through the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life) and monitored how your gifts to Cornell are utilized through audits and evaluations of development efforts. The current trustees are Mort Bishop '74 (Portland, Oregon), Martha Coultrap '71 (New York, New York), Cheryl Francis '76 (Burr Ridge, Illinois), Bob Harrison '76 (New York,

New York), Bob Huret '65 (San Francisco, California), Karen Rupert Keating '76 (New York, New York), Marcus Loo '77, MD '81 (Scarsdale, New York), and Celia Rodee '81 (Glen Ellyn, Illinois).

The issues facing Cornell are complex and varied; a strong board is a must for effective leadership and support for the administration. It's important for the alumni-elected trustees to be selected by a broad spectrum of alumni, to enhance their mandate. This is a critical time for higher education in the United States, with continuing limitations on state and federal support. Please plan to vote when you receive your ballot in early February.

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CAA/Atlanta, Mar. 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Alex Susskind on customer service and consumer frustration and rage. Contact Jeannine Novak, j9novak@hotmail.com, 404/875-8823.

CAA/Southwest Florida, Mar. 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Alex Susskind on customer service and consumer frustration and rage. Contact Dave Hendrix, 239/596-9766.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Mar. 10—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Alex Susskind on customer service and consumer frustration and rage. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, 941/925-8441.

Southwest/Mountain

CAA/North Texas, Feb. 10—Private tour of "Splendors of China's Forbidden City: The Glorious Reign of Emperor Qianlong" at Dallas Museum of Art. Contact Dave Albright, dwa3@cornell.edu.

CAA/Greater Houston, Feb. 26—CAAGH Community Service with the Friends of Teach For America. Contact Jonas Chartock, jonas.chartock@teachforamerica.org.

CAA/North Texas, Mar. 5—Day hike. Contact Amy Hunt, ahunt@fortworthzoo.org.

CC/Austin, Mar. 12—Annual ski retreat at Powder Mountain, Eden, Utah. Lodging \$200 per person. Contact Cathy Cocco, ccocco@us.ibm.com, 512/838-0659.

Western

CC/Los Angeles, Jan. 15—Cornell Glee Club at St. Paul's Cathedral in Westwood. Contact Peter Seem, prs5@cornell.edu.

CC/Southern Arizona, Jan. 20—Happy hour. Contact Jeffrey Manning, jeffreymanning@aol.com, 520/546-9427.

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

31 **Ethel Bache Clark** (Mrs. Ethel S., 1912 Marsh Rd., Apt. 235, Wilmington, DE 19810-3956), our first vice president and perennial Women's Reunion Chair (and idea generator for favors and special reunion effects) sends us the familiar bad news—"I tire more quickly"—but adds a typical Ethel, "So what else is new?" She continues: "I still navigate without a scooter, walker, or wheelchair. I live in a retirement home and keep busy as chairman of the Dining Room and Food Committee, vice chair of Crafts, and most recently in a knitting and crocheting group. My six children are well and active, so I consider myself blessed." As would all of us similarly situated. Carry on! (Ethel's work as chairman of the Food Committee reminds me of what clinched my decision in 1993 to move into my present retirement community. I read a report of a meeting of their Resident's Council at which most of the time was devoted to discussing whether mashed potatoes were served too often or not often enough. That did it! If mashed potatoes was the only important issue for the deliberation of their council, that was the place for me!)

We have some sad news from **Jerry Finch**, PhD '36 (Dr. Jeremiah S.), whose new address is A/L Wing #9, 3110 Monroe Village, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831; tel., (732) 521-6709. The "A/L" indicates "Assisted Living" in retirement community-speak. In this case Jerry's move from Independent Living in the same establishment was evidently occasioned by his failing eyesight. He cannot read now, but if you write to him—which he would like—a faithful friend will read his mail to him. He also can receive phone calls. Best to try him between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Emily Gorman (Col. Emily C., College Harbor, 4650 54th Ave. S., Apt. 528, St. Petersburg, FL 33711-4643), our WAC "bird colonel" who should have had stars, and lobbied successfully after WWII to break the "glass ceiling" for those woman soldiers and sailors who followed her, dutifully and thoughtfully filled out the Class News form. "*Family Events*: In October we will observe the 100th birthday of my sister-in-law and the mother of my niece **Nancy Gorman '53**. *What I've been doing recently*: Dodging hurricanes! To date (Sept. 17), have had to evacuate only once and have sustained no damage. *My most pressing problem today*: The possibility of more hurricanes and the drawbacks of old age. I'm tempted to move back to my hometown of Pulaski, NY. *The world's most pressing problem today*: Terrorism! *Solution to the above*: The civilized world must work to combat terrorism wherever it is fostered. *Favorite memory of Cornell*: Friends. From freshman year, 1928, I mention two

of them: **Helen Nuffort** Saunders, and **Alice Schade** Webster, whose deaths leave a big empty space in my heart."

In spite of aching, arthritic knees, your correspondent still gets around a bit. On a recent weekend, I drove from the Cape to my son's in Lexington (Dr. **William M. Jr. '65**) and we went to the Harvard game (good game; wrong result—too much Harvard QB). My other son, **Reeve D. "Ting" '67**, is currently in India on a massive sociological survey job, embracing that whole diverse subcontinent country. One grandson is in Denmark for a foreign study term. One granddaughter, after two children and 14 years out of academe, has just started law school, and her cousin **Michelle Vanneman '89** has just been promoted for her good work on illegal guns in the legal arm of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. I, too, feel blessed. ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

32 The copy I submitted for the Nov/Dec issue stated my intention to resign my position as Class Correspondent because I had been writing the column for 39 years and have discovered that my contemporaries no longer provide me with news. It was a painful blow to my ego that this announcement did not bring on waves of protest from any of the 50 United States—with two exceptions. **Walter Deming** expressed regret over the elimination of this not particularly significant fixture in his life, and Class President **Whitey Mullestein** wrote me a letter explaining that I had an obligation to fulfill and that my agreement to take over from **Dick Sampson** is a life sentence.

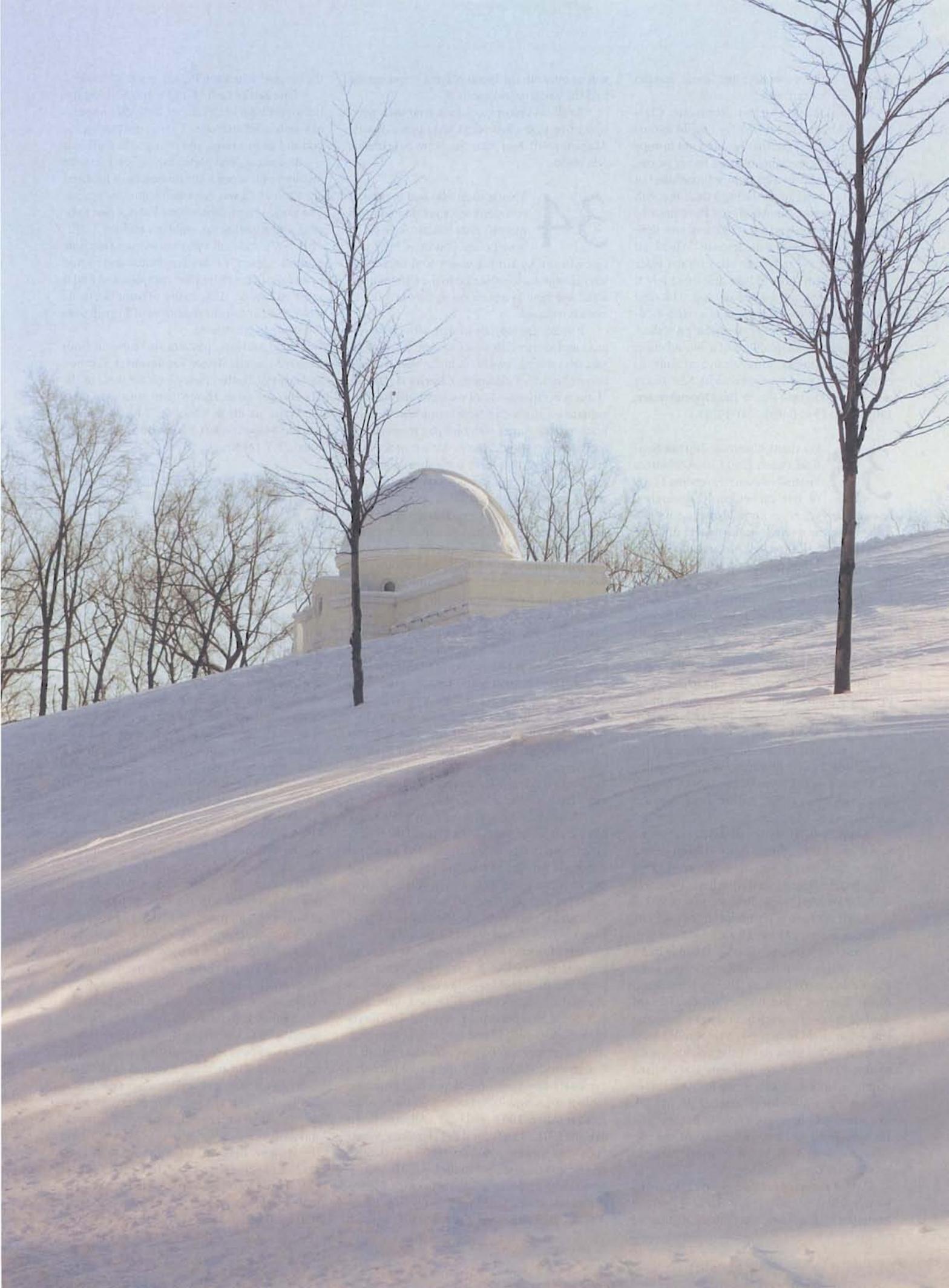
The letter from Whitey carried a surprise sentence: "I beg you on bended knee to reconsider a decision made in haste." That is a most uncharacteristic Mullestein quote. Usually he doesn't beg; he issues orders. Some of you will recall that Whitey was the little fellow who sat in the stern of the racing shell and extracted the last ounce of energy and effort from eight oarsmen, each of whom were about double his size.

Our column has not yet achieved seniority. An occasional bit of news from an earlier class shows up at the head of the Class Notes. There was a column written by the late **Francis H. Schaefer Jr. '29** that appeared in the Mar/Apr '04 issue. Frank was 98 when he wrote the piece urging attendance at a 75th Reunion. And a few years ago the late Maj. Gen. **William B. Keese**, Ret. wrote me: "I can remember when my father's Class of '98 was the first Class Notes section—it



Igloo: Far above North Campus, Fuertes Observatory maintains a lonely winter vigil.

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won't be long before we have that 'honor' and I'm not looking forward to it."

I called Adele Durham Robinette, Class Notes Editor, to find out whether I might resume labors, and she agreed that I could send in copy if and when news came in either to her or me. This will probably be a hit or miss procedure, but it saves me the agony of facing a deadline with no news to report. Somebody out there must be doing something—even if it's getting new dentures. My own story is a specimen of "What I did last summer." We moved to our summer place on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie about July 1. On July 2 I fell and busted my hip. The next three or four weeks were spent in a rehab facility, followed by a summer of pushing a walker. After my good wife spent lots of time and effort getting the summer house clean and ready to receive us, we slept there one night. See? You're never too old to have fun. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pky., Buffalo, NY 14209.

33 We thank classmate **Norma Kenfield Pieters** (Sun City, AZ; Norma Pieters@aol.com) for sending a copy of her meticulously researched book, *The Pieters in Korea*. Norma says she delighted in the research and writing of this tribute to her father-in-law Rev. Alexander A. Pieters, his family, and their missionary work in Korea in the early 20th century. Rev. Pieters, a Russian-born Orthodox Jew who converted to Christianity in the late 19th century, helped spread literacy throughout North and South Korea during his nearly 50 years of religious work. His many contributions include Bible translations, editing of a Korean dictionary, funding for tuberculosis hospitals, and contributions to construction projects in leper villages. He retired in 1941 and moved to the US. Norma is the wife of the late Richard S. Pieters, who was the son of Alexander and his second wife Eva, a missionary doctor. According to a young Korean seminary student Norma spoke with in the 1990s, "the name of Pieters was known over all of Korea."

Carol Stilwell Himes '67 asked that we let you know that her father **Andy Stilwell** passed away in April 2004 in Naples, FL. She writes, "One of his happiest memories during his last year was that of attending his 70th Reunion in June 2003."

Lastly, we have a "postscript" from your former class secretary **Henry Horn**:

"Just one last word! The Horn family had a ball on October 9 at the Harvard stadium just a few blocks from our house. There was a reunion of the Harvard Band, and a Cornell/Harvard football game—in which both teams were excellent—that could have gone either way. We were all seated in the front row at the goal line with a total of four Cornellians and eight Harvardians (family members), each rooting for their side—plus my wife **Catherine (Stainken) '36, MS '39**, in a wheelchair having the time of her life! The Harvard Band had been a big part of her life. Once, we even hid the big drum in our house to save it from Brown's stealing it!

"What memories of Cornell and Harvard all bunched into one afternoon. Harvard won the game, but Cornell's line was fantastic. I guess we

will go out with the bands playing—and having told the whole world about it!"

To all '33 classmates: share your own news by writing to ♦ Class of '33, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

34 Thanks to all who sent in news. If you don't see your name in this month's class column, it won't be long before you do. Check this space in the upcoming issues, and encourage your classmates to subscribe to the alumni magazine and send in a personal update as well. All news is welcome.

It seems appropriate to start with class president and former class correspondent **Bill Robertson**, who shared news of his life, as well as a long remembrance of classmate **Charles H. Day Jr.** "Four generations—17 of us, including six Cornellians—gathered in New Hampshire to celebrate my wife Anne's 90th birthday. It was a lively and happy occasion. As far as our recent activities are concerned, they have been shrinking away somewhat. Neither of us has good eyesight, so we sold our automobiles. That is quite a jolt to recover from. We do keep exercising on the various machines in the gym. I read quite a bit—big print only—and can still balance my checkbook!"

Bill continues: "Shortly before our 70th Reunion, the Class of '34 lost one of its fine members—a leader among us for years. Charles Day ('Charlie' to his classmates) passed away in May 2004. Charlie served as president of our class for ten years. He and his fraternity brother **Sandy Ketchum** put on great reunions for the men's class—a great team! Charlie graduated from the Engineering college and went into industry, mainly connected with can production, with such prominent firms as Sherwin Williams, Continental Can, and Miller Brewing Co. About 25 years ago, Charlie and his family located to Raleigh, NC, where he purchased and ran a retail hardware business.

"Active throughout his college years, Charlie was a member of Theta Delta Chi and the Sphinx Head Society. He was a steady and generous donor to Cornell, and was planning to return for our 70th, but time ran out on his plans. Charlie leaves his wife Jaye, five children, 12 grandchildren, and ten great-grands. We have lost a great friend of Cornell and of our Class of '34!"

Art Hawkins sent in a long note from his home in Hugo, MN: "It was a pleasant surprise when Bill Robertson called to encourage me to attend the 70th, but at age 91 I wasn't quite up to it. I would have particularly enjoyed the Liberty Hyde Bailey weekend and the Natural Resources Alumni gathering at Fernow Hall. I started out in Forestry in 1931, but when the school moved to Syracuse I stayed behind and took all the outdoor biology courses available under great teachers like **Arthur Allen 1907, PhD '11, Albert Hazen Wright 1904, PhD '08**, and Bill Hamilton. Week-ends were spent working on the New York State grouse survey, described in the book *Voices from Connecticut Hill* (Cornell U. Press 1994). My MS degree was under Aldo Leopold at U. of Wisconsin, and since retirement I've been quite active in

the Leopold Education Project, now nationwide."

Tena Talsky Lack (Kings Point, NY) lost her husband Philip in December 2003 after 65 years of a wonderful marriage. "I have been playing less golf and more bridge, and trying to face life as it is with courage and participation." Her favorite memory of Cornell is the innocence of life from age 17 to 21. "I was naive and happy to be alive. The world was my oyster. Now I'm just glad to be alive and to enjoy my children and their children." We'll end with a short note from **Gertrude Murray Squier**: "I've sold my house and moved to an easy-living retirement complex, and find it most enjoyable." Like many of you, Gertrude wrote that her favorite memories of Cornell were too many to enumerate.

Short and long updates also came in from **Richard Rozelle, Irene Vandeventer Skinner, and George Tretter**. Please look for these in the March/April issue. Haven't sent your own news in? Write us at: ♦ Class of '34, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

35 When you read this column, you will be looking forward to winter and more winter, and I hope you all received your flu shots. **Viola Henry Miller-Mullane** and I will be looking forward to our 70th Reunion to be held June 9-12 at Statler Hall on the Cornell Campus. You should have received the kick-off announcement and we hope that you have responded that you will try to attend.

Emily Ockenfels Thomas of 506 Moss Creek Dr., Bloomington, IN 47401, reports having great-granddaughter twins in 2000 and another great-granddaughter in 2002. She has celebrated her 90th birthday and, while she has restricted her travels to nearby locations, she continues volunteer work with the American Red Cross, her church, and the thriving resale shop of her church, and attends a fitness class three times a week. It is good to hear from you, Emily.

Esther Major Batchelder of 5020 John Tyler Hwy., Williamsburg, VA 23185, writes that she is hoping to attend our 70th Reunion this June. Her recent travels included attending two grandchildren's weddings, one in London, England, and one in Columbus, OH, as well as visiting her son in California and friends in Maine. Her volunteer work included mentoring a fifth grade student and mending clothing as needed in the community. In addition to her son, she has a daughter, seven grandchildren, and three great-grands. We will be happy to welcome you in June, Esther.

Reuben L. Kershaw of 25686 Morales, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, plays duplicate bridge twice a week and is accumulating master points. He is enrolled in an exercise course, as well as in memory training and current events courses at the local college. His wife Norma continues to be very active with her archaeological interests and affiliations.

Henry S. Berkan, MD '39, and his wife of 61 years, Ernestine, live at 26910 Grand Central Pky., Floral Park, NY 11005. Henry has been retired five years and is planning to celebrate his 90th birthday next year. The Berkans have three

daughters, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. They have traveled all over the world, mostly on cruises. He was an active tennis and golf player until three years ago, but continues his hobbies of piano, painting, and bridge. How about celebrating your 90th at our 70th, Henry?

Ruth C. Tachna has a new address at 5400 Eagles Point Circle, Apt. 106, Sarasota, FL 43231. Her husband Paul Bauman is deceased and she is enjoying their two children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She has traveled the world over and is now "content to stay put." She is a retired attorney, is active in the Sarasota County Commission on the Status of Women, and attends the activities of the local Cornell Club.

It should not be news to you that I welcome hearing from you at any time. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830; e-mail, davada35@aol.com; tel., (203) 869-8387.

36 I received a nice letter from **George Rankin** (395 Chambers Rd., Cavendish, VT), written by his wife since he is battling macular degeneration. Good to hear from you, George, but sorry for the bad news. He was a fine right tackle on our football team, and sends about as concise an account of his life after college as one can put together. "I went back to Cornell for graduate work from '39-41 and assisted Allie Wolff in football and boxing. Spent '41-45 as a Naval Reserve officer, then worked in consulting architecture and engineering firms until retirement to an old farm in Vermont. We're married 60 years and have three children and six great-grandchildren." I also have a note from **Evelyn Goetcheus** Beiderbecke (233 Cottage Pl., Charlotte, NC 28207), giving us the sad news that **Elizabeth "Fessie" Fessenden** Washburn has passed away. They both lived in Sage their freshman year and had kept in touch ever since. She says that Fessie had a scooter called Ezra, and also a parrot that had been with her for 45 years! Fessie had a remarkable life, which she had told us about only recently, one that anyone could be proud of.

As probably most of you do, I read the columns for the classes that immediately precede and follow us, but in case you missed it I found this in a recent '38 column about **Phil Burnham**. As some of you may remember, Phil was originally in our class, but graduated in '38. "Phil seems to be in good shape and sent an account of the severe wound he received in the Battle of the Bulge, necessitating the amputation of one of his legs." **William Bebbington**, PhD '40 (Brandon Wilde, Apt. 2307, 4275 Owens Rd., Evans, GA 30809) tells us, "At my age, little happens. In good health, however." And this from **Donald Keeler** (535 Pauma Valley Ct., Melbourne, FL 32940): "Married to second wife. No children. Spend most of the time in the doctor's office, but holding my own. I'll be in touch with you further as soon as I can figure what I've been doing the last 67 years." We seem to be getting some very short and concise notes lately. **Gilbert Perlow**, MA '37 (4919 Northcott Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515) says he's "engaged in doing nothing; unhappy about it, but nothing is likely to change."

Last May I received a great e-mail from **Ken Stofer '43**, BA '48, about his brother **Jeff Stofer**, but haven't had space for it until now. "On my first visit to Cornell, my brother had me stay at Sigma Nu, then sent me home with a crew cut. It didn't make a hit with my English teacher, as I had a part in our annual high school play! Your re-cap of the heart of that mid-'30s football team brings back vivid memories. Jeff had a great athletic career while doing above-average work in the School of Architecture. In each of his varsity years he 'lettered' in football, basketball, and lacrosse, and was outstanding in lacrosse. This was an unusual record. During the late '80s before Jeff passed away, I tried to convince the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame that they should recognize him, and contacted via personal letter many of Jeff's team requesting their support for his nomination.

'Last year I gave myself a new bassoon for my birthday.'

J. T. FISH '38

"Their playing years were in the twilight of the career of the great Gil Dobie, who had reached the heights with his successful Cornell teams of the early '20s. Not so in '34, '35, and '36. Those teams were passed up by evolving changes in the game. Jeff excelled in punting and passing and was a hard runner, which quickly caught Dobie's eye. He was a devastating left-handed passer, but Dobie could not envision the possibilities and he was used precious little. Perhaps those weak years swayed the H.O.F. enshrinement committee, but he never was enshrined. He certainly excelled in other areas of his life, too: father of Chicago's well known Judy Block (expert at charity fundraisers) and sons **Kermit 'Chip' Stofer '66**, ME '67, **Gordon Stofer Jr. '69**, and **Boyd Stofer '71**, who were top achievers in the School of Mechanical Engineering and all Harvard MBAs. Two are now venture capitalists, and Boyd is a successful commercial developer. When I returned from WWII Jeff was in the process of establishing his manufacturer's sales representative agency. I returned to Ithaca for a graduate degree and then joined him until he retired in '79 and I sold the business six years later." Thank you so much, Ken. It confirms what a first-class fellow your brother was. Those who knew him will always remember him for his constant good humor.

Fred Illston (7852 Skylake Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76179) and his wife celebrated 66 years of marriage before she passed away last year. Fred is retired from the real estate business, but still active in the Coast Guard Reserve. He has 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He says he still has fond memories of Cornell. Don't we all, Fred. After 63 years, **Philip Goodheim** retired from his South Florida law practice and has moved to 3375 34th St., Apt. 338, Boulder, CO 80301, to be closer to his son. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@SBCGlobal.net.

38 We have lots of news to report, having received many updates from the most recent News and Dues mailing. More will follow in future issues. First, a long and informative note from **Marshall "Marsh" Hoke** (Elkins, NH): "We're still here and OK for our age, I think. We took along a sandwich to eat lunch with **Coley Asinof** recently. Coley seemed to be recuperating nicely from recent illness. Other neighbors advise he has continued to get better. **Dave** and **Betty Crawford**, with **Fred Smith**, visited us for three days preceding Labor Day. Fred's wife 'Pfeif' had passed away from cancer earlier that summer. **Bob Bodholdt** reports all well for him in Reno. I speak with Mrs. **Fred Huntington** on the telephone once a month or so—also with **Spen Kellogg** and **Stewart Waring**, both '37. We have put

our home of 33 years up for sale to move to a condo nearby, where services make life easier. Our children still own 52 acres abutting the deep water lake. They say we may come swimming any time and gather firewood from their small tree farm.

"As the years pass, my appreciation of the breadth of my Cornell education increases. I've always been an active outdoor person, but now find that my physical stamina, knees, and failing balance make me give up many outdoor excitements. However, the mental education and stimulus of education makes a more inactive life acceptable. I have a keen, continuing interest in current events, have fun writing down some thoughts about the 20th century as I saw it, and spar intellectually with my children and grandchildren. They come visiting quite often to keep us up to date on how they look and enjoy their lives."

Richard Goodwin (Silver Spring, MD) has also moved recently: "We thought appropriate at our advanced ages to move to a continuing care community (Riderwood Village, an Erickson community) in case of future possible need, and to make more time available for activities we like." **Julie Robb Newman** (Indianapolis, IN) and her husband moved to an assisted living facility in Indianapolis to be closer to daughter **Ann '66**. "We do miss our many Cornell friends in central Florida. We are enjoying the fall colors and looking forward (?) to being in snow again!"

James McKay (Chevy Chase, MD) continues to handle adoption and children's neglect cases, as well as veterans' cases on a pro bono basis. "I saw **Jim Kruse '69**, **Bill Kruse's** son, this summer in New Hampshire. He is teaching school in Concord, NH. I again have been in touch with **Phil Burnham '36** of Villanova, PA. He sent me information about his Battle of the Bulge experience, where he lost a leg."

Several classmates sent news along with reports on last year's Florida hurricanes. From

Thomas Rich: "Hurricane Charley almost ruined my golf course in Port Charlotte, FL. The clubhouse and maintenance barn are still not fixed—a trailer now for the clubhouse. We are well, some small problems. Still play golf at 88-1/2. Now own all or part of six courses. Hope to see all in '08." **Mary Kelly Northrup** (North Palm Beach, FL): "Threatened by *two* hurricanes—came through OK. Building fine!" And **J. T. Fish:** "We don't travel much anymore except for brief sorties to dodge an occasional hurricane. Last year I gave myself a new bassoon for my birthday. I play it in local community bands and orchestras." Send news to: ♦ Class of '38, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

39 Reunion in June was the high point of the summer, and everything went downhill after that. The weather was cold and rainy—49 days of rain in a row! Worse than the Bible story! But as I write this in October, the students are back—as is the sun—and we are drying out.

I have a mix of before and after Reunion news. This time, **Virginia Hoyt Hammond** is a correspondent's dream. She takes the time to write fully about her life in her old farmhouse in Brunswick, ME, and the changes in her life these days, for which I am very grateful. Her youngest daughter and son-in-law have moved in to help her with the care of her husband Edmond, in preference to a nursing home; she says it's a much better arrangement. They sold their island home. "We had a marvelous family time there when all the kids came for one last island fling." One granddaughter is studying for an MA at Durham U. in England, and another is at Clarkson in Potsdam, busily broadcasting the daily news and varsity hockey, as well as majoring in chemical engineering. She interned this summer at the Argonne National Laboratory-West, researching hydrogen production for a future hydrogen fuel economy. Now that we have another oil crisis, it's good to know new sources of energy are really being pursued.

Virginia Bennett Wells wrote to request an address for **Jane Watt Lambertson**, and after some research I had to report Jane's passing a number of years ago. If any of you want to contact old friends, now is the time to do it. Don't put it off any longer.

On June 1, **Louise Goddard Dart** passed away. For many years, she owned and operated a small greenhouse and gardening business. Later, she returned to college to study education and had a second career as an elementary school teacher. Her favorite hobby was the creation and display of bonsai trees, which I was fortunate enough to see. She was very gifted. We send our sympathy to her children and grandchildren.

Those of you who have attended at least one reunion will remember the fun we always had gathered around the piano with **Bill Webster '42** playing all the oldies and traditional Cornell songs. **Elizabeth "Luxie" (Luxford)** reports that they have continued at home the monthly sing-alongs started by them and **Bill Lynch** at Cornell so long ago. "Fifty to 70 people show up for dinner and a songfest," a marvelous tradition to keep up. Yes,

Bill played at reunion in June with the same great flair, though the singers petered out, alas.

Another couple enjoying a retirement community near Lansdale, PA, is **Elfreda Plaisted Lilly** and her husband **Jim '37**, Cornell engineer and G.E. Space Man. Her favorite activity is leading a current events group. She loves the research necessary and says, "We handle the world with great expertise." Their meetings these days must be provocative, indeed. She also writes funny stories with which she entertains the nursing area patients. Great letter, Elfreda!

The Goodmans are plugging along, and I mean plugging. As I tell everyone, the Golden Age means Age for us and Gold for the doctors! Hope 2005 will be kind to you all. ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

George "Doc" Abraham and his wife **Katy (Mehlenbacher) '43** (Naples, NY) have been a gardening team for 53 years. They broadcast a radio program and wrote a syndicated column that ran in 40 newspapers. The gardening and horticulture program that they spearheaded for students at the Naples Central School was awarded the Mantis Award for 2004 by the National Garden Association as an outstanding example of gardening and community service.

Bob Boochever, JD '41 (Pasadena, CA) is still serving as a senior judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He enjoys hiking and an occasional game of golf. **Robert L. Brown** (Lehigh Acres, FL) is in the process of publishing a book, "Bob's Crossing, Christ & Cornell," in honor of his deceased wife Bess and the Bess Brown Center for married students.

Also in Florida, **Raymond Simmons** lives with his wife of 52 years, Jean, in Miami. Now that he is retired from the practice of medicine and thankful that he is doing OK, he can spend more time at home. **Nelson Edgerton** and his wife Gretchen moved to Boca Raton, FL, from Smith Mountain Lake, VA, where they had lived for 21 years. They now live close to their children and grandchildren in a condo overlooking the ocean. **Lincoln White**, BS Ag '52, enjoys his retirement in Florida and is active in a variety of senior activities.

Lee Frair and his wife Jessie live in Portville, NY. After graduation, Lee taught in the Portville school, and during WWII served as an officer and participated in the Normandy landing at Omaha Beach. After the war he returned to his hometown, worked as a school administrator, and was elected to the county legislature. **Ned Weissberg**, PhD '42, and his wife of 57 years live in Verona, NJ. He retired after spending 38 years with the brokerage firm of Smith Barney.

William Chandler and his wife Jeane (Annapolis, MD) play tennis and enjoy their five children, 17 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. His daughter, her Spanish husband, and their children live near them in the Annapolis area. Good to hear from you, Bill. **Joseph Steele's** wife **Martha (Pound) '41** is sorry to report that Joe is in the last stages of Alzheimer's Disease at a nursing home in Haverford, PA. **Byron Bookhout**, MS Ag '40 (Dover, DE) is in

good health and enjoys living in the Westminster Village Retirement Community. He participates in community activities and has earned medals in the Delaware Senior Olympics Program. Congratulations! ♦ **Phil Twitcheil**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitcheil@comcast.net.

40 **Mary Savage Kyle** reports from Laconia, NH, that her family of three sons is healthy and busy. She sees them occasionally. Laconia is not far from where I live, and I hope to see her some day. **Edna Isaacs Lowe** lives in New York City. She is retired after working as a NYC schoolteacher for 30 years. She is a proud cancer survivor three times over—in 1966, 1988, and 1990. She has three dynamic physician sons and six wonderful grandchildren and recently celebrated her 61st wedding anniversary with them.

I heard from **John Thatcher**, who reports running two life insurance companies as his life's work. He has also been actively involved in music all his life. After four years in the Glee Club at Cornell, he continued singing for 63 years as church choir soloist and as an entertainer. Since 1959 he has been using his tenor voice to advantage in nursing home shows. Currently, he and his talented pianist, an old pro also close to 87 years old, are busy as beavers. They do the old songs for nursing and retirement home folks, including songs from the Gay Nineties up through the Thirties, with plenty of sing-alongs for the oldsters. They frequently do three shows a week, recently bringing their total to 81 for all of last year. John says, "God's been good to let me retain a deep tenor voice. It's fun and it's keeping me young."

Robert Storandt writes that when he retired as Cornell Director of Undergraduate Admissions, his friends and colleagues contributed to the establishment of the Robert W. Storandt Cornell Tradition Fellowship. It is still going strong, so in a sense, the Class of '40 has two Tradition fellowships operative.

Clarence Padgham, living in Sun City Center, FL, is retired. He is caregiver to his wife **Rose (Brodbeck) '39**, as her bad knee joint confines her to a wheelchair 99 percent of the time. He manages to play golf occasionally. They became very proud great-grandparents in July '03. Clarence adds, "Probably later than most of the Class of '40, but we are just as proud." **Henry Rose** lives in Bay Head, NJ, and is still making steel warship models. Seven have already been donated to the US Naval Academy Museum, with four more on the way. Fourteen have gone to the Intrepid Air-Sea-Space Museum in NYC. Many in Henry's family are Cornellians, including his father **Willis '10** and his brother **Gilbert '38**, plus a son and a daughter, a son-in-law, and two granddaughters, one presently at Cornell.

I'm sorry to report the death of **Ralph Story Lash** in Sept '03 in Sarasota, FL. He leaves his wife June. **Margaret "Tammie" Tammen Perry** moved 12 miles south, from Glenwood, FL, to the John Knox Village lifecare community in Orange City, FL. She likes it very much—lots of activities, great food, and very nice people, including a few long-time friends. Tammie's brother, **John Tammen**

'39, died in early 2003 after several years of failing health. His widow Jane will move into a Kendal community in Granville, OH, soon. His children John Jr. and **Susan Tammen Bryant** '76 both live in California with their children.

Betty Bishop Williams has a new address in Indianapolis, IN. She has just completed 15 years as a volunteer counselor for small businesses. She adds, "I will continue as long as possible." She is living in a retirement community and met three Cornellians almost immediately. She has enjoyed being a great-grandparent for over a year now. ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

41 **Jack Weikart** leads off with a happy message: "I have little to report except that I am more involved in activities at Cokesbury Village, a retirement community. I eat, sleep, and spend time with Peg, and grow older each day. I seem awfully busy. When did I have time to work? I have not visited our campus since 2001. I'm tempted, but busy, busy, busy. Greetings and good health to all." **Frank Warner**, LLB '48, is still "marking time" in total and somewhat boring retirement. He reads when his eyes permit. He is perplexed as to which Yale man will be elected, but feels that "the one who knows 'Prufrock' can't be all bad."

Robert Tallman, BArch '46, is recovering from a bout with endocarditis. He plans to get back on the golf course. **Joe Ferris**, DVM '41, has been retired for 15 years. His wife died in November 2003 after 62 years of marriage. **Henry Heimlich**, MD '43, is doing AIDS research at the Heimlich Inst. in Cincinnati. He and his wife Jane are both well. Henry was scheduled to speak at Cornell in October '04 on using the Heimlich maneuver to save drowning victims—it clears water out of their lungs. It also can stop asthma attacks. "Regards to all."

James Wittman, PhD '51, had a severe stroke and is in a nursing home. He can't walk, but his mind is clear, as well as his memory. Write him at 350 Rogers Cove Rd., Waynesville, NC 28785. **Dick Lee** writes, "Go to www.dickleemusic.com to hear my music." After 25 years of living in the US Virgin Islands, **Robert Zouck** has moved back to Piney Point, MD 20674 (P.O. Box 185). His wife Annie died after 52 wonderful years. He welcomes old friends.

Daniel Carrara, BS '62, dropped out of Cornell in 1940 and joined the Navy. He stayed in 21 years, at sea most of the time. After his retirement he was required to spend one semester at Cornell to get his degree. "I was older than most of my professors!" Daniel says he loves Cornell and goes to all the reunions in Leesburg, FL. For a copy of his resume, write him at 127 Horseshoe Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. ♦ **Ralph Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. 408, Richmond, VA 23225-5233.

Betty Dicker Kaplan (Highland Park, IL) says she and husband Chester have just become great-grandparents for the first time. Baby Daryn Adina Kaplan lives in Evanston, IL, which is about 15 minutes away. They are anticipating the

wedding of granddaughter Elizabeth to Michael Cohen of Dallas, TX. Betty says their move from Florida was a smart thing, for they are now surrounded by family. Chester is not well so they appreciate the proximity. Betty says she reads the *Alumni News* from cover to cover and relives her college years. She doesn't expect to visit the campus again, but appreciates her time there.

Audrey Bernichon Glacken (Boynton Beach, FL) is a retired educator. She and husband Joseph have been active in local volunteer work for charities. They are enjoying a quiet retired life with golf, friends, and grandchildren, plus two greats. They are grateful for good health and happiness. **Elsbeth Hartman** Button (Brooksville, FL) feels she and husband Thomas are very lucky. Tom is almost 92 and plays golf twice a week while she is playing bridge. They were expecting to sail on the *Rotterdam* on June 6 for a 34-day trip to Amsterdam and back to New York, visiting ports in Norway, Ireland, Scotland, and many other countries. She really loves the *Alumni News*, although the news has not been all good since our last reunion.

Rhoda Dunham Webster (Naples, FL) has spent over 17 years at Bentley Village, a lifecare community near Naples. Increasing problems with sight, hearing, and balance have narrowed her horizons. She does enjoy the company of interesting and unusual residents. Their four children, five grands, two great-grands, and their families are scattered from Boston to Berkeley. Weddings, reunions, and e-mail keep the family connected. Rhoda is sorry to have lost track of some classmates. **Mary Louise Garmong**

Overman and husband Joseph have been in Las Vegas, NV, for five years. The sunny days are great, but the heat is too much for about four or five months. They miss trees and green grass! "This is the desert with hundreds of houses!"

Elaine Ely Harrington (Cooperstown, NY) feels she is fortunate to be in good health, able to maintain her own house, and be active in the Cooperstown United Methodist Church, which celebrated its centennial in May 2004. She participates in the Milford Senior Citizens Club and enjoys day trips. Presently she has 15 great-grandchildren and is enjoying the families of their four sons. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

42 "Devastated" and "Our Worst Fears Have Come True" were headlines in the *St. Petersburg Times*, the *Tampa Tribune*, and other Florida papers regarding the effects of Hurricane Charley that **Ken Hubbard** (Ft. Myers) sent me. I was interested because I lived there for six years and so many of you reside there now. It missed Ken's home by a few miles. He almost rode it out, but soon had no lights, water, or air-conditioning, so retreated to his daughter's home in Tampa. When they returned, they found all his fruit trees uprooted and resting on the ground. He lost half the roof on his house, but no further damage. Ken vowed to plant a whole new orchard. Then along came Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, but no further news from him. To all our

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Florida classmates, let us know your experiences.

It's a small world department must include my running into a woman named Lucile Summerlin at a seminar my financial consultant son was holding in Tacoma, WA. When she mentioned she had been born in Ithaca, I said I had gone to Cornell. She told me her father had graduated from Cornell, last name **Haslett**. When I said "**Harold**," she gasped, "Yes." I found him in the Cornellian, Class of 1941, BS Ag '43. Sadly, he passed away a few years ago on his farm in Greene, NY, where he had lived since returning from the war. I was amazed at such a chance find so far from Ithaca.

In cruise news, Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy enjoyed a fine one with the American Cruise Line down the eastern shore to Newport, Martha's Vineyard, Fall River, and Block Island, to name some of the stops. We all appreciated her attractive class letter, as well as receiving *The Trial* by Franz Kafka as a gift. **Ignatius Lacombe** (Plattsburgh) comments: "I read the book and was not overly impressed until one of our sons mentioned that Kafka was one of his favorite authors. Upon hearing this, I recalled the remark of an elderly Englishman who lived in our village, that 'a book worth reading once was worth reading twice.' I did this, but still do not think that *The Trial* is one of the most important novels of the twentieth century or that 'Kafka (is) one of the greatest writers of our century.'" Ig would be most interested in reactions from the rest of you, and he hopes **Liz** sends another book next year.

Helen and **Lynn Timmerman** (Boynton Beach, FL) left Florida and were aboard the Holland American MS *Rotterdam* when it was hit by Hurricane Karl as they neared Halifax, NS. Four engines failed and the stabilizers were lost. The ship (237m long) tilted sharply from side to side 900K east of Newfoundland. He was sure they would be the next *Poseidon*. They were reduced to lying on their cabin floor for 3 1/2 hours as stuff flew around the cabin, including the TV. Although much damage was done, he and Helen arrived safely in NYC.

Also on a Holland American ship, **Eleanor Bloomfield Scholl '44** (Delray Beach, FL) and I had a great time on a Mediterranean cruise as members of Club 44's seventeenth tour. Along with 50 others, we visited the many fortresses on six islands and enjoyed great food, excellent shows, parties, and a games program that kept us all busy. Fortunately, our MS *Noordam*, although ready for retirement, experienced almost perfect weather. **Dubois "Jenks" Jenkins '43**, DVM '43, and his wife were also on board. I herewith nominate Jenks for our "most medically perfected" grad. He has had three hips and two knees replaced, one heart bypass, two cataract operations, a metal screw in one ankle, and two lasik operations. I may have left some out! He gets around fine, going on all the tours and enjoying every minute. Can anyone beat his claim?

Don't forget to send news, pictures, etc., for our class website, <http://classof42.alumni.cornell.edu>, and also for this column. It is short because there was a dearth of news—your updates from the most recent News and Dues mailing will be arriving soon. Write or e-mail.

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43 On a gorgeous October weekend in Ithaca, we attended—and participated in—a beautiful and meaningful service in memory of the late **Roy Unger**. Among the poignant moments were son Steve's reading of a letter of Roy's from Okinawa. Like many '43 artillery officers—**Jack Slater**, **Dave Mertz**, to name two—Roy was assigned the dangerous mission of forward observer. He wrote that his faith in God and his recitation of the 23rd Psalm led him confidently to accept his fate, whatever it be, as he crept through his own valley of the shadow of death. Amen to that. The Men's Glee Club lent the proper note to the afternoon with their serene and lovely "Evening Song." I never heard it sung better.

Alert reader **Barbara Johnson** Gottling '54 sent us an article from the *Cincinnati Post* on classmate **Bill Hopple**, MA '50. It reads, in part: "Bill Hopple recently stepped aside as director of Summerbridge Cincinnati. At 82, he thought it was time. One of Summerbridge's goals is to plunge inner city fifth, sixth, and seventh graders into a souped-up academic environment over three summers, the idea being to get them into a college state of mind and, beyond that, give them a shot at the American dream." The article describes Bill as having "an earnest, almost Jimmy Stewart quality—tall, lean, dapper, with a partiality to bowties." The setting for Summerbridge is Cincinnati Country Day School, whose mission was and is to prepare the sons of Cincinnati's most prominent families for the Eastern boarding schools—Choate, Andover, Exeter, et al. "Bill's legacy is wrapped up in Summerbridge and Cincinnati Country Day. He entered the first grade there in 1929. In 1946, after a stretch with the Navy [Hey there, *Post* writer, how about he managed the Big Red crew and then an LCT on D-Day] and joined the Cincinnati Country Day faculty, teaching math and geography to students in grades 5 through 8. He remained at CCDS 50 years, most recently as director of planned giving. Says Bill, 'It's been a whiz-bang success.'"

Mildred Cudmore Rafaj (New York, NY) writes that she's been married to Paul (Columbia alum) for 41 years; no children. She's been retired for almost ten years. **Alice Chamberlin** Meeker lives in Delhi, NY, near her daughter. Her second husband Robert died in December 2002. **Don B. Davidson** (Rome, NY) died on July 27, 2002. He and Norah had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on the Christmas Eve prior to his death. Norah now resides in the Syracuse Home in Baldwinsville, NY, having moved there after suffering a stroke a few months after Don's death.

Having lived in Reno, NV, for 33 years, **Louise Schall** Faryna Van Ardsdale has moved in with her daughter Dr. Ellen Faryna in Santa Rosa, CA. "I have twelve Faryna grandchildren and two great-grands. Five grandchildren are in college—three of son **Walter Faryna '70** and two of son Henry Faryna Jr." Louise's second husband **William Van Arsdale '36** died in February 2001. Jane Congleton **Hughes** writes that **Robert** died

in December 2003. "He was sorry to miss the 60th Reunion, but Parkinson's disease had slowed him down. He had many happy memories of his time on the Hill, and a highly successful career thanks to his Cornell Engineering training."

James Mayer (Colorado Springs, CO) sent us a list of daughters (two) and granddaughters (five) and (except for the 10-year-old) what college each attended (Stanford, Harvard, Colorado U.; some Phi Beta Kappa). From **Paul Gallagher** (Christiansburg, VA): "While vacationing in Florida, I visited **Bill Dunn**, my old roommate from South Baker days, and wife Laura. Both seemed well and happy." This news from **Robert Fritz**: "I had a serious accident as a result of hurricane Isobel, which struck New Bern, NC, our past address. I am recovering and can now walk with a cane. Anne and I are moving to West Linn, OR, to be near our eldest daughter."

Former Big Red and pro griddler now semi-pro historian **Ken Stofer** (Fort Myers, FL): "We sold our home in Rocky River, OH, and headed south to spend our 17th seven-month winter [Come back north, Ken; our winters are only five months] at the Forest Country Club in Fort Myers. We returned last May to a new, smaller, summer home nearer our Lakewood Country Club in Westlake, OH. They awarded me a life membership and I am up to playing golf twice a week. I was recently appointed Historian for the Northern Ohio Golf Assoc. We've been members at the Forest Country Club for almost 20 years, and I'm now completing a Forest Club History."

Fleur and **Curt Strand** (Snowmass Village, CO) sold their New York City apartment to spend more time in Colorado and on their farm east of Saratoga on the NY/VT line. Curt writes: "This has been a winter [2003, dear reader] of super skiing conditions, and I'm busy with a few pro bono activities, as well as seminars and music with which Aspen is blessed." Curt was looking forward to another lecture to the grad students in International Development at the Hotel school, and a trip with Fleur to China last April.

That other irascible **Harris, Charles** (Island Heights, NJ), no relation, writes: "Wouldn't it be ironic, Miller, if we were the last two left, and you had to fill your column with only my activities?"

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44 **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten** earned another feather in their caps for Club '44's grand Rome to Barcelona cruise Sept. 23-Oct. 4. Art compiled bios complete with individual flight plans, and Dotty arranged for table seatings and cocktail party rooms. Together on board they organized games (each traveler was assigned to run one game) and awarded the prizes they'd lugged in a big bag.

Of the 53 expected, 48 very well-fed classmates and friends enjoyed the journey in comfortable cabins. Six land tours (Dubrovnik, Croatia; Corfu, Greece; Valetta, Malta; Palermo, Sicily; Mahon, Minorca (Balearic Islands, Spain); and St. Tropez, France) were very well guided and most interesting. Some of us went early to explore Rome and stayed over to see sights in Barcelona.

Sad to report, **Barbara Gans** Gallant, an inveterate Club '44 traveler, failed to awaken one morning. In her memory, the group donated \$1,000 to the class scholarship fund. Art compiled a eulogy booklet with photos and cards, which he and Doty presented to the family at memorial services in Mamaroneck on October 10. Charles and **Kay Snell** Sigety also attended.

Instead of my listing the names of the voyagers, many will be mentioned as winners in the 11 contests. Cartoon captioning: tie—**William Brown** and **Edith DeGolyer** (wife of **Calvin**); Bridge: **Arlyn Taub** Shockman '49 and **Norine Noll** (guest); Putt-Putt: **Henry Bates** and **Robert S. Miller** (Hank also had a hole-in-one); 9-Holes (Open book research): **William Brown**; Shuffleboard: **Susan Helmick** (**Janice Taylor** Scott's daughter) and **June Lonergan** (guest); Poker: (Straight Stud) **Marie Buening** Cramer; (Ripoff) **Edith DeGolyer**; Best Buy: **Sigmund Hoffman**, MFS '48, **Serena Hoffman** '47, MA '48, and **Arlyne Shockman**; Weather Prognostication: **Ted Thoren** (guest); Scavenger Hunt: **Maurice "Pete" Bellis** and **Gloria** with teammates **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell and **Bud**; Boo Boo: **Clifford Whitcomb** '43, BA '47, MBA '48. All of these wins are assigned points for Top Dawg. On this trip two tied for this coveted title—**Sir William Brown** and **Madam Edith DeGolyer**.

Now for other news. 60th anniversaries are still being reported. **Donald Middleton** and **Ann** celebrated in October 2003 with a six-day barge trip through Burgundy, France. It was a "deluxe barge with a wonderful crew for 60 percent off the regular fare for each of us." **Ann** says that if your anniversary year is divisible by five the same discount applies. If interested, contact **French Country Waterways** in **Duxbury, MA**. **Burl** and **Frances Ward Kimple** had a big party in **Santa Rosa, CA**, with their seven married children and 14 grands. **Arnold Seefeldt** and **Nelle Judson** '45 were married in **Sage Chapel** February 5, 1944. They claim four children and 11 grands "scattered all over the place." **Anthony Prasil** and **Georgiana** (Ithaca College '43) celebrated their 60th in **July** in **Rochester, NY**.

Reunion comments are drifting in—to date, five accolades and five excuses.

Renee Wolf Steinberg wrote to the Kestens, "You ran a super reunion!" She hadn't seen Cornell since 1993, when her granddaughter graduated. She enjoyed the changes and the nostalgia, especially the view from the Statler (same as from Sage dorm). **Pearne Billings** and wife enjoyed the activities and the people. "A big hug to Art and Doty. God loves you both and so do I." **Peter Tolins**, MD '47, really enjoyed our 60th, thanks to the Kestens and all their hard work. They missed the group picture, so want to buy one. **Arnold Tofias** enjoyed reunion. "Liked living in the Straight." Grandson **Jeremy Phillips** heads for Cornell in '06. **Frederick Allen** had a great time at the 60th and continued with good times at **Allen's Ranch** in the **Catskills**. 28 family members gathered for a cousins reunion **July 4th** weekend. "Ballgames, barbecues, fireworks, and good fun was had by all."

Milton Stolaroff called missing reunion "a tremendous disappointment." They had too

many problems with the tearing up and rebuilding of a portion of their house in **Los Angeles**. Now what to do with 50 years of treasures as they sell the house and move permanently to **Hawaii**. **George** and **Jean Zenner Kaelber** had a grandson graduating from the **U. of Colorado** at our reunion time. They looked forward to reading details of the fun they missed. **Joyce Cook** Wilson says, "Rah, rah for the Kestens." She is much involved in politics, art, and theater in **Wayland, MA**. She ran a very successful auction to benefit the local theatre group the weekend of our 60th. "In retrospect, reunion would have been much less strenuous." They enjoy nine grandchildren and their respective parents. **Jean Abbott** Ault was so sorry to miss reunion. She has had a difficult year after losing her youngest daughter last January. But her other four children live only an hour away and she reports a great-granddaughter born in **April**. **James Purdy** was very sorry not to be able to attend because of lung surgery. He enjoyed the reports of the doings. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, **Sterling, VA 20165**.

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It's 2005 already and our 60th Reunion, June 9-12, is thundering down upon us; mark your calendars! Your officers and committee have been hard at work and have already lined up our headquarters, **Hurlburt House**, the superb place where we convened previously, but which has since been totally rejuvenated. **Maxine Katz** Morse (**Rye, NH**), **Tod Knowles**, MBA '49 (**Annapolis, MD**), **Gloria Urban** (**Maspeth, NY**), and **Stan** and **Jean Knight Johnson** '47 (**Mantoloking, NJ**) joined **Maralyn Winsor** Fleming in **Ithaca** for reunion planning workshops on **September 10-11**. The sessions were informative and helpful. Watch for the first reunion mailing! There will be some new features this year, such as an **Early Bird Special** on **Thursday** afternoon, **June 9**, following luncheon at **Hurlburt House**. This will be a reunion that you will want to attend. Final plans will be included in your registration package in **March**.

Henrietta Burgott Gehshan (**Southampton, PA**) held her own mini-reunion at a 50th birthday party for her daughter **Michele** "Shelly" **Gehshan** '76 (**Bethesda, MD**). Also attending was Shelly's sister **Virginia Gehshan** '74 (**Philadelphia**). Shelly writes in **D.C.** on public policy affecting women and children and recently received an award for a fiction story that was published in *Emery's Journal*. One of Hank's grandsons is attending **Tufts** and another is a recent **Penn** graduate. She says that, despite her fervent and sincere salesmanship, she has not been able to persuade any of her grandkids "to opt for the best education possible." **William Packard** (**Fair Lawn, NJ**) reports that his grandson, a recent **Rutgers** graduate, has a scholarship to **Tufts**; maybe he will meet Hank's grandson, **Alex Marquese**. **Bill** gets in a bit of tennis, but is a full-time caregiver for his wife **Sarah**, who is home with heart problems. As many of us know, it's something we gladly do, but is not easy. The joys of old age are not so joyful; come to reunion while you still can! **Ralph '44** and **Nelle Judson Seefeldt** (**Glens Falls,**

NY) have one daughter and her girls with them, which is good for **Nelle**, who says she is working hard at regaining her health and mobility. Other children are spread all over: **Tokyo, India, California**. They are keeping their fingers crossed that they will be able to attend reunion.

Our aforementioned classmate **Maralyn Winsor Fleming** produced a **Cornell** son and daughter, **Douglas Pritchard** '71, a pilot, and **Katharine Pritchard** Funk, MBA '80, who is with **Corning**. **Maralyn** and **Wayne** enjoy **Cornell** football and manage to sneak some **CAU** trips in between his **Cayuga Heights** administrative work and her hard efforts for the **Plantations**.

Dr. Marvin Moser (**Scarsdale, NY**) is still working away as a clinical professor at **NYU Med**; he is also editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Clinical Hypertension* and has just published two more scholarly medical books. We wonder how his blood pressure is. Another busy body is **Lucy Tarshes** Broido (**Haverford, PA**), who is still collecting and writing about original vintage posters; her collection of hundreds is now on display at a gallery in **Chestnut Hill**. She and husband **Arnold** recently moved from **Bryn Mawr** to a retirement community, although she says they are far from being retired, what with traveling to **England, Ireland, France, Portugal**, and other exotic places like **Nashville** and **California**. Their three sons and three grandchildren keep them hopping, and if graduations don't interfere they hope to be at reunion. On the other hand, **Richard Weishaar**, MD '52 (**Machiponga, VA**)

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winters in Key Biscayne, FL, and travels to the Southwest once or twice a year. He says he will positively not be at reunion because his "sentiments about present-day Cornell are perfectly clear." I think Bud is just being curmudgeonly, because he still thinks enough of us to keep in touch and send in his news form.

'We could not live without e-mail.'

ANNE HODGKINS RANSOM '46

We were sorry to hear that **George Ire**y (Ocala, FL) has had to quit his beloved US stamp collecting because of glaucoma. A couple of years ago he exhibited in New York City and was pleased with the results. George says his wife Millie is now his designated driver. **Ruth Bussell** McLay (Holmdel, NJ) is still volunteering at the Monmouth Museum after 35 years of it. Spoofie and John took a Cornell cruise on the Belgian and Dutch waterways a year and a half ago and are still talking about it. They drove to Broken Arrow, OK, to visit their daughter and family; their son is in Slidell, LA, where they planned to go after a New Orleans Elderhostel. They have grandkids in Houston and Atlanta and have spent time in Mexico and cruising from San Diego to Acapulco. What energy!

Our website is now in the capable hands of retired IBM VP of Engineering **Jerrier Haddad** (Briarcliff Manor, NY), who kindly agreed to take on the task of fixing some of the feeble efforts I had put in. You can visit it at <http://classof45.alumni.cornell.edu>. We have had a few problems with changing personnel in Ithaca's tech department, but are still working on it. After Jerry gets rolling, it will be the best. Lucky for us that he is backing off his engineering work a little and will have a few more minutes to spare. He had his cataracts fixed last March and was down to one IEEE committee, now ended. He no longer serves on any university boards and has said good-bye to Cornell's Engineering Advisory Council. Their loss is our gain! Jerry can now enjoy a little more family time and, of course, he and Carol will take their usual summers in Tupper Lake, NY. In addition to being one of the smartest EEs around, he is, and always has been, a good friend, loyal Cornellian, and just a plain good guy. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnet.com.

46 Thanks again for your news. Please continue to send updates (you can even mail to me directly—see below). This ends last year's news. You should have received a new Dues/News letter at the end of last year.

Doing volunteer work: **Eloise Shapero** (NYC) is helping at the PBS station WNET and the School of American Ballet. **Jeanette Snyder** Brown, MS '48 (Menlo Park, CA) is volunteer editor at Global Ecology, a department of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, located on the

Stanford U. campus. She also volunteers in the Yes Reading Program designed to help Spanish-speaking elementary students learn to read English.

Ruth Rothschild Mayleas (NYC) is executive producer of "Women in Theatre," an interview program on City University Television. You can see it on Channel 75, Time Warner Cable in

New York. They interview prominent women in American theater (directors, performers, playwrights, and producers). **Nancy Mynott** Davis (Bloomfield, CT) has been writing and taking photos for the *Bloomfield Journal*. She and Dick have four children and five grandchildren. "We both oppose the war in Iraq. We attended CAU in 2002 and 2003, taking history and writing courses. What a memorable time!" Congrats to **Ralph Janis '66**, who recently visited Arnold and **Margaret Monteith** Edelman in Manhattan.

News of grandchildren: **Ruth Whitney** Weick (Highlands Ranch, CO) writes, "We moved to Colorado in 2001 and love it here. The weather is diverse, often 60 in the afternoon and very dry. Our Eastern families visit for skiing and we get together in the Adirondacks in the summer. Our granddaughter **Heather Petersen '02**, MAT '03, is in South Africa with the Peace Corps and loves it." **Anne Hodgkins Ransom** (Mentone, AL) wrote, "I have 16 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and nine great-grands (three live in Bangkok, Thailand, with missionary parents). We could not live without e-mail." (Sounds as if she has the most great-grands of all of us. Let me know if you have more.)

Nancy Hubbard Perryman, BS HE '45 (Webster, NY) wrote, "Firth '43 and I feel blessed to be 77 and 82 and in good health." **Barbara Simpson** Robertson '46, MD '49 (Seattle, WA), wrote, "Dr. Bill and all family intact and in good health. Love the status quo." **Kathleen Smith** Mancini (Palm Coast, FL) extended an invitation to visit. "I'm still enjoying real estate (northwest Florida, Flagler County). We've grown dynamically."

I'll finish with our old faithful writers—**Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks (State College, PA) lives in Romulus, NY from June-Oct. She had a great visit with Bob and **Meg Geiling** Grashof in Florida last year. **Louise Greene** Richards, PhD '65 (Ithaca, NY) penned, "Enjoy the campus mainly from a distance, since daytime parking is so difficult. I see **Carol Usher** Franklin and **Hazel Brill** Brampton often. It was a thrill to attend President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**'s inauguration." **Seaward** "Sandy" '45, BS '47, PhD '55, and **Mavis Gilette Sand** (East Aurora, NY): "We are members of the Perpetual Reunioners and expect to go back to Ithaca every June." **Jack** and **Charlotte Cooper Gill** (Hurley, NY) wrote, "We continue to farm with the help of grandson **John Jr. '03**. We did get to Florida for a change of scenery last February." Larry and **Sylvia Mayer** Helbert Paul (Williamsville in the summer;

Nobleton, FL, in the winter) wrote, "I try to keep up to date as a registered dietician. I've been working with a group called Eat Well, Play Hard, the focus of which is directed toward childhood obesity. In the community I also present programs such as 'Nutrition for Seniors,' 'Keeping our Minds Strong as We Age,' 'Heart-healthy Cooking,' and 'Weight Control.'" (I hope you keep on your running regime, so '46 can keep the title of Best Over 60 at our 2006 Reunion—we're counting on you.) ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

Jules Gagnon (W. Babylon, NY; joagann@earthlink.net) had lots of news since his last report. He retired from engineering in 1990 to become outreach coordinator for two local Roman Catholic churches. In late 1991, he married the former Antoinette Wild. It has been an extremely happy union for both after each had lost first spouses. In 1994, he was made a deacon of the church. Jules is very pleased that his granddaughter **Mary Catherine Slome '07** has transferred to Cornell as a sophomore. That seems to follow a family tradition. Jules transferred, as a Marine, to Cornell in July 1943. He frequently sees **Bill Best**, a fellow parishioner, and another Marine transfer to Cornell. Jules is strongly considering making our 60th Reunion, with or without Bill. He hopes that other TKEs will be there.

When last heard from, **Owen** and **Claire Birnbaum** (Boca Raton, FL; owenclaire@aol.com) had recently retired and spent summers globe-trotting to avoid Florida's beastly heat. Now they have moved their summer headquarters to Boone, NC. They leave most of the travel to son **Drew, MBA '84**, who patrols Asia, Africa, and Australia for IBM. Their daughter Jane does incidental travel as a journalist with the AFL-CIO in Washington, DC. Owen and Claire see **Stan** and **Louise Bender** (Delray Beach, FL; stanbender@adelphia.net), sometimes socially and sometimes at bridge tournaments. It's many miles, years, and master points since Owen and Stan were freshmen living at 505 Wyckoff Road.

My editor at *Cornell Alumni Magazine* kindly extended my October 15 deadline for this column. How do I repay her? By writing about myself. My wife gave me a wonderful surprise 80th birthday party. Everyone expected Lois would do the event up brown. But she did it up red, white, and blue. She had banners, buttons, and straw hats pitching "Paul for President" at our association clubhouse. We had splendid decor, delectable food catered by our favorite Chinese restaurant, and the Bay Area's favorite pianist/singer plus group singing. I even had a captive audience for some of my song parodies. During my short career as a politician, I went so far as to mollify some U. of P. attendees by altering some words in "The Song of Colleges." That was the last straw. Later in the evening, I withdrew my candidacy and threw my support to one of the top two contenders. I look forward to my next BIG event, our 60th in '06.

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31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, PBL22@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

47 Congratulations to **Helen Hallas** Fazio for being recognized by the American Diabetes Association for her work with America's Walk for Diabetes and other fundraising activities in Harrison, NY. Helen's work with the ADA seems a natural outgrowth of her education, which began with Cornell's School of Nursing and continued at Columbia U. for a master's, at Yale for certification in industrial nursing, and at the U. of the State of New York for certificates for teaching and nursing.

Speaking of education, some of our classmates are still very involved with students and teaching. **Israel "Jay" Milner** (imilner@comcast.net) is teaching science at Temple U., "in an attempt to keep the old gray matter from getting gray." **Irwin Gonshak** (igonshak@aol.com) continues to work on two radio shows, "Teacher as Historian" and "Everything Goes? Literary Readings" with the New York City Dept. of Education.

Others are exercising their bodies as well as their minds. **Margaret Chauvin** Rinehart took a memory seminar and does Tai Chi and aerobics in Costa Mesa, CA. In Charleston, SC, **Ursula Holahan** (urshol@webtv.net) has given up her tennis game, but is taking fitness classes. **Walter Cohan** (walcoho@bellsouth.net) and **Charles Cox** (crobertcox@aol.com) are both playing tennis in Vero Beach, FL, and **Joan Weisberg** Schulman says she is playing tennis "cheerfully if not well" in Santa Rosa, CA. **Patrick O'Sullivan** will have had his second knee replacement by the time you read this, allowing him to be back in circulation in Silver Spring, MD.

Many other classmates are active volunteers in their communities. **Jack Levene** works with Hospice of Palm Beach County. **Barbara Kenrick** Miller, MS '54 (bmiller9@cs.com) serves on the advisory board of the Pima Council on Aging in Arizona. **William** and **Barbara Eberle** write from Salem, NY. William is working with a group to restore a local courthouse built in 1869. **Pete Schwarz** (pschwarz@rochester.rr.com) is working on a Rotary project to restore an old farmhouse outside Rochester on what used to be the largest dairy farm in the state. **Marvin Wedeen** (wedeenm@aol.com) in Sewickley, PA, encourages multi-municipality resource sharing and regional planning and also volunteers as a management consultant to nonprofit organizations.

I'm sorry to say that another Rochester classmate died this fall, **Ruth Cohn** Maltinsky. Pete Schwarz and **Elaine (Drobner), Ann Trimby** Englehardt (who knew Ruth from both high school and Cornell), and I had the opportunity to extend the class's condolences to her family.

By the time you read this, it will be 2005. Here's to a happy and healthy New Year for all the Class of '47 and our families! Drop me a line, and let me know what you're up to. This column was again created by my daughter **Beth Anderson '80**. I am so lucky. ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 **Dick Brown**, Rockville Centre, NY: "Retired. Ten grandchildren. My pocket was picked in Madrid on the way to a bullfight. Used wife's credit card. Dented rented car due to narrow streets and distraction. Toledo and Cordoba most worthwhile. In August '03 went to Santa Fe and Pueblos in Four Corners (no dents in car). In fall went to Copenhagen, Berlin, and Prague and had Thanksgiving dinner at daughter's home in Kleinbreitenbronn, Bavaria. Met a distant Bavarian cousin my age, who we talked with via translators. Again, no damage to rental car." **Constantine "Custer" Rockas**, Winchester, MA: "Taking life easy. Collect and sell US postage stamps to collectors. Go to health club every day. World is full of problems. Leaders don't know how to solve them. If you want a long life, keep breathing."

Charlie Elbert, Clifton, NJ: "Busy with home maintenance and family trust management. Would rather be traveling to some exotic place. Enjoyed 55th Reunion very much! Most pressing problem is choosing olive or lemon for our Vodka martinis. Let wife choose. We must do much more to carry terror to the terrorists and cut off their funding. I was very surprised to learn of the successful efforts of German Intelligence to thwart Hitler's plans during WWII by contacting the British." **Joyce Goldstein** Kahn, Palm Beach, FL: "Charity, bridge, golf, reading, literature classes, jewelry making. Grandson junior at Brandeis. Busy trying to help daughter (Cornell Graduate School graduate with MS)."

Sydney Law, Ormond Beach, FL: "Trying to survive! We live in a single-wide mobile home. After hours I market Dr. Barry Sears ZONE products." **Edgar DeGasper**, Buffalo, NY: "Had filter installed in a major artery and doctor said I'm good for another 50,000 miles—and you thought filters were installed only in automobiles. Days are too short and too close together. Need 36-hour days, nine-day weeks, and 450-day years. Time flies when you're having fun. Between December and May Day we are at Indian Shores, FL. Phone us at (727) 593-7993 and stop by for a drink, dinner, or something creative."

Sally McGowan Rice, Wolfsboro, NH: "Keeping old carcass alive and moving by working out at gym three days a week and walking, walking, walking. Enjoyed the reunion and meeting old friends and family. Most pressing problem today is PEACE. Recently learned, 'Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves, for we shall never cease to be amused.' Meaning of life is to not waste the time we have left trying to figure that out." **Richard Fletcher**, Ithaca, NY: "Creative writing—'If it's pork barrel spending to which you object, a Kosher Congress we must elect.'" **Tom Trafzer**, El Dorado Hills, CA: "Golfing, genealogy, Honey Do's. Finding new enjoyable restaurants. **Jane (Bird) '50** and I are halfway through the process of granddaughters getting married. Have failed to convince all previously eligible grandchildren of the benefits of attending Cornell. But with the third from last in line, we may have succeeded. Visited the campus last June and missed reading the partially obscured sign of parking restrictions at registered spaces at Johnson Hall. If I return next year and accumulate another violation I will

forfeit probation. Pressing problem—taxes. Solution—anarchy. Gently does it."

Jim Bostwick, Lakewood, CA: "Manufacturers representative and line integrator for packaging machinery. Golf, tennis, having more fun. Mary, my wife of 53 years, passed away on July 11, '01. That hurt. Visited all six children and eleven grandkids, plus one great-grandchild, last year from California to Oregon to Georgia. Found snow in Oregon and Georgia. Went home to sunny Southern California. God put me here to accomplish certain things. Right now I'm so far behind I'll never die. Today's problem: hate and greed. Solution: love and understanding. People will smile back if you smile first." **Leon Hammer**, MD '52, Gainesville, FL: "Chairman of the Board of the Faculty of Dragon River College of Oriental Medicine. Writing. Published two books in 1990 and 2001. Too late for solution to world's problems. Humans are myopic, lack foresight, need cosmic glasses. Every day I hear something new. I'm engaged in 35 major projects and 1,000 minor projects. It is the shameful heritage of our generation to watch the beautiful wild places of the US disappear before our eyes."

Peter Harriott, Ithaca, NY: "Officially retired, but working with **Julian Smith '41** on the seventh edition of our textbook, *Unit Operations of Chemical Engineering*. After hours spent in choral singing, Scrabble, and Cayuga Trails Club." **Barbara Rapp** Hamilton, New Milford, NJ: "Just wanted to say thank you to all who made our 55th Reunion so great. We enjoyed every minute." ♦ **Robert W. Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel. and fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 This will be a quick one and, as usual, disjointed. The deadline dropped on us between a trip to campus for the Cornell Council meeting and something called "the election," for which we did our last year of polling. Thirty-two years was more than enough, but we could not resist this one. The only comment that seemed on target came from a network talking head: "... The race is as hot and tight as a too-small bathing suit on a too-long car ride back from the beach."

The news needs better sorting than we have done. It dates back to pre-Reunion and reflects an aging class. However, Ithaca was in full fall color and the Council program was very alive and informative. The new "moving-toward-completion" West Campus was a wonderful surprise. However, we still miss the "Temp Dorms," which proved to have a life far beyond "temp." Former President E. E. Day must be smiling, as he once said: "All we need to be great is libes, labs, dorms, and a winning football team!" We are on our way. In the last Princeton Review rankings, Cornell ranked number four for "great campus food" and ninth for our "great college library."

There were '49ers everywhere on campus at Council to honor our late **Dick Brown** with the dedication of the Brown Amphitheater in the magnificent new Beck Center of the Hotel school. We shared a banquet table with the **Gilberts, Ruperts**, and **Alperns** in Barton Hall as the Athletic Fund Drive ("Cornell Victorious") came to

a successful end. Other Council attendees were **Bob Dean**, **Sev Joyce**, **Max Kraus**, **Tony Tappin**, and **Art Wolcott**.

Our classmate, the late **Jack Jaso**, is being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for his football abilities, and joins our captain, **Joe Quinn**. Both were more than athletes. They were members of the "Secret Eleven," who gave time and care to the town kids. Seen at the Hall of Fame banquet were: Jack's wife **Miriam (McCloskey) '50** and son **Rich '77**, who stole the show with his remarks about his dad; **Bob Dean**, also a Hall of Fame member, and wife **Maxine**; **Bill Eldred**, JD '53, and wife **Margaret (Saecker) '50**; and **Jack and Inger Molmen Gilbert**.

News can come out of nowhere . . . plo . . . and there it is! Excuse the expression. From the *Ithaca Journal*, we learned that the son of classmates **Dave** and **Joan Dickey Hardie**, Lansing, NY, has received a grant through the US Dept. of Agriculture to complete a new project that will process manure to produce electricity at Hardie Farms. Young Hardie said: "We produce

Classmates still active in gainful employment are **Richard Silver**, MD '53, at New York Presbyterian Hospital. His participation in trials for chronic myeloid leukemia has led successfully to the new drug Gleevec, made by Novartis. **Jerry Krovetz**, Highland Beach, FL, practices pediatric cardiology, but has cut back to three days a week. He finds it to be fascinating work, as his patient load is extremely varied. He and wife **Judi** have 15 grandchildren.

Lawrence Greenapple, JD '52, now of Pittsfield, MA, acts as a mediator for commercial disputes. He practices law on a reduced basis. He and wife **Emily** are adjusting to life outside New York City and have met some Cornellians in their new area. **John Griswold**, Woodsville, NH, is a semi-retired business specialist analyst. In his leisure time he plays the bass sax, learning the idiosyncrasies of a 1920 Beucher bass sax. He says he is trying to get good enough to emulate the great **Adrian Rollini**. His most pressing problem is too many birthdays and he's solving that by hoping for many more!

with the Maine School Garden Network. **Pat Haller Harbach**, Melbourne, FL, plays a bass flute in the 36-member Space Coast Flute Orchestra and is their publicist. She is also a member of a storytellers group and is helping to organize support for a new ballet company.

Gertrude "Trude" Kanaley Yaxis, Scottsville, NY, works at church activities and enjoys gardening, exercising, and spending time with three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Trude says, "Life has been good to us and we are thankful for a very rewarding life." She is recuperating from spinal stenosis that had impaired her walking. She is now improving. **Ed Kinne**, MS '55, Pittsburgh, PA, is participating in the Lifelong Learning Academy at Carnegie Mellon U. He says there are three stages of a man's life: he believes in Santa Claus; he doesn't believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus. He has discovered that there is a lot of very good inexpensive wine on the market from around the world. Further discovery is that Cornell has found that hot chocolate is really good for you—right on a par with red wine!

Pete Smith, Bonita Springs, FL, does some volunteer work, spends time with "honeydews" supplied by wife **Gayl**, works out at the local fitness center, and is back at golf after a year of rehab following two shoulder operations. **Hazel Hallock Herr**, Lafayette, CA, acts as finance officer for the Community Music School in San Francisco, a nonprofit music school that offers quality music lessons on a sliding scale.

It is always sad to report the deaths of our classmates, but we know you want to be informed. **Aileen Enright Moore's** son **Michael '76** wrote to say that his mom died last June. Aileen's husband is **Harry Jr. '49** of Hemet, CA. We send our condolences to the family.

You will be receiving information about reunion registration soon. Place the dates June 9-12, 2005 on your calendar. Plan to join classmates at the Cornell Club in New York City on January 22, 2005 for our annual class dinner at 7:30 PM. Cash bar begins at 6:30 PM. Send a check, payable to the Cornell Club, for \$60 each to 6 East 44th Street, New York, NY 10017, to the attention of **Danielle Salera**. Indicate your preference for an entrée of salmon, filet mignon, or vegetarian dish on the check in the subject item. ♦ **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz**, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, rdk12@cornell.edu; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

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three things here: milk, McDonald's hamburgers, and manure. The first two we get paid for; the third is a pain in the neck." We found this power source most interesting. The manure goes in this airtight concrete box on the same day it is produced. One gallon in one end, one gallon out the other. And the process is practically odorless. There has been "power to the people," etc., but now there's cow-power!

Obtuse Observations. From **Lou Durante**: "If two Ivy Leaguers are joined in wedlock, is it correct to call them 'clinging vines'?" (Things must be quiet in Westfield, NJ.) From **W. Somerset Maugham**: "Old age has its pleasures which, though different, are not less than the pleasures of youth." If any of this passes Ye Editor, we will try harder next time. Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; e-mail, rjk27@cornell.edu.

50 We continue to hear from happily married couples who have celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss. **Jim**, Ed D '68, and **Gretta Preston**, Hector, NY, had an open house for 200 given by their children **Cynthia Preston Hagin '79** and sisters **Joan** and **Barbara**. Their life on Seneca Lake at Peach Orchard Point is wonderful. I (Midge) was happy to be a part of the 50th anniversary party for **Ray** and **Marge Maddy Croop** last September in Cincinnati, OH. Also in attendance were **Bill '49** and **Jean Miller Weber** of Rochester, NY.

Ann Ellis Reynolds, M Ed '53, Quechee, VT, is a consulting psychologist with the Vermont and New Hampshire Riverdell School Interstate District and the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center. **Helen Cudworth Metzinger**, Endicott, NY, is a self-employed technical editor. After hours she serves as public relations and advertising director for the Phelps Mansion Foundation to preserve that historic landmark in Binghamton, NY.

Others in our class are enjoying retirement and contributing quality time in their neighborhoods. **Dorothy Bauer Deering-Szasz**, MS '70, Anaheim, CA, is a telephone counselor with the Crystal Cathedral crisis hotline known as New Hope. **Richard Strangeway**, MAT '67, Gramhamsville, NY, acts as treasurer for his local agricultural fair and as FFA judge in Pennsylvania. He and his wife **Audrey** have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. **Bernard Roth**, Dartmouth, MA, consults pro bono for local charities through the Executive Service Corps and serves on the investment committee for the New Bedford Foundation.

Norman Jennings, MS '51, Leesburg, FL, is a hospital volunteer and has been settling into his Florida environment. The hope is that our classmates in Florida have survived all the fall hurricanes. **Dan Chabot**, Palm City, FL, wrote that they survived the storms but observed a great deal of damage around them. **Jerry "Jay," MS '56**, and **Anne Schnee Johnson**, Orono, ME, serve locally near the U. of Maine. Jay is president of the Orono Trust Fund and Anne works

51 **Bill Shewman**, Mission Viejo, CA, describes a February cruise to Australia and New Zealand: "Beautiful countries and great people." **Dorothy Krieger Trau**, Springfield, MO, has loved tutoring third graders in math two mornings a week for three years at the school her children went to. Son **Frank** is moving his family to St. Louis, where he works for Mercy Health Plans from Wausau, WI. She hopes to see her granddaughters more often. "I have a Havanese puppy, Ricky, which is an added reason to visit Grandma!"

For the fourth year in a row, **Jim** and **Rita O'Brien**, Riverton, NJ, have had a duck set up

housing in their living room window box. Jim reports nine eggs over six weeks; all hatched, seven survived, and 30 are feeding on their patio. The news gets out. Jim and his co-author are working on the 6th edition of his 1965 book, *CPM in Construction Management*, for McGraw-Hill. Jim also reports that BME **John D. Orr**, Newtown, PA, late a widower, married in March 2004.

Sandy Beach writes from Lantana, CA, about the christening of the **Thomas J. Kelly** Memorial Shell donated by Tom's fraternity (Sigma Nu), family, friends, and Northport-Grumman. **Stu Campbell**, **Dick Kaley**, BS Ag '55, **Buzz DeCordova**, JD '56, and Sandy attended, as well as the current first boat 150-pound crew members and coach. Joan Kelly and their two children were also there.

Mary Perrine Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT, is enjoying a sudden spurt of interest in early music. She is involved in groups playing everything from Sephardic songs to Baroque cantatas. Classmates are cordially invited to come listen—or ski. **William** and **Jodie Arnold** completed their move to a winter home at Coronado, CA, while retaining a summer home on Lake Michigan (Macatawa, MI). William continues to participate in National Academy studies of characterization and disposal of radioactive waste.

Charlotte Williams Conable is adapting to a new life in a Sarasota, NY, retirement community. She and **Barber '43**, BA '42, JD '48, moved there in March 2003 before his death in November. **Larry Smith** says he's close to retirement from his architectural practice in Northport, NY. He enjoyed a Cornell trip to Greece last fall and is looking forward to more travel in the future. Son **Mark '87** is an extremely busy reconstructive plastic surgeon at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan, and daughter **Tami '89** is an MD in the pharmaceutical field and mother of Lucy, 6, and Jack, 4, in Manhattan. Sadly, he reports attending a memorial service for **Cynthia Smith Ayers '52**, wife of **Jon '50** in April.

Robert and **Jane Johnson McCombs '47**, Lehigh, PA, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary and eight grandchildren—one graduated from college, four in college, and three to go! Robert was director of the Carbon County Soil Conservation District for 25 years and a member (and past president) of Rotary for 33 years. **Jack** and **Betty Meng Howell** write from Tonawanda, NY, that they helped celebrate four 50th wedding anniversaries in 2002. Betty had been a bridesmaid at two of the four. They had a family reunion at a cottage on the Canadian shore of Lake Erie. The Howells attended three Elderhostels in 2002: flora and fauna in the Florida Keys, bird migration at Hawk Ridge near Duluth, MN, and Mackinac Island, MI, history. The highlight in 2003 was a World War I Elderhostel to Belgium and France with Gil and **Joyce Graham Jordan '49**. Joyce and Betty's dads had served on the Western Front. Reading WWI letters and diaries before going made the trip all the more meaningful. Last year found them at an Elderhostel in Southern Illinois with **Russ** and **Carol Schuh**.

April 16 was the inauguration of the **Jack R. Vinson** Lectureship in the U. of Delaware's Dept.

of Mechanical Engineering. Jack joined the UD faculty in 1964 and taught the first composites course in the nation in 1969. In 1974 he became the founding director of the University Center for Composite Materials. Quoting the announcement, "For the past four decades, Dr. Vinson has been a dedicated teacher in structural mechanics and composite materials, an author or co-author of seven popular textbooks, a highly active contributor to several professional societies, and an inspiring mentor to graduate and undergraduate studies." **Frederick P. B. Thornton**, Drexel Hill, PA, was honored by Haverford School's Athletic Hall of Fame in February 2004. He and Olga were blessed with a 12th grandchild in January. The eldest is 16. Between family and running two 501(c)3 corporations, John is busy. Olga has her own business, so he's a househusband, too.

The Darby Creek Valley Association has over 250 volunteers cleaning up and monitoring pollution in a 75-square-mile watershed impacted by over 500,000 people in 31 municipalities. Darby Creek is now a Class A1 stream stocked by the state with about 10,000 trout. **John Furth '50** is the First Vice President. **John B. Henry**, Skaneateles, NY, has several reasons to celebrate: 50 years of marriage to wife Georgette this June; birth of a tenth grandchild; and winning the 2002 Education Award from the International Federation of Clinical and Laboratory Medicine.

We've lost touch with some of our classmates and hope that readers of this column can help us find a current address for **Eugene R. Braun**, **Richard N. Brown**, **Joan Goedert Burkhardt**, **Chester V. E. Calbick**, and Dr. **William H. Caranza** (for a fourth try). **Barry Nolin's** Class of '51 Web page is <http://classof51.alumni.cornell.edu>. Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond@ee.net.

52 Alas, you didn't get your News and Dues notices until late September, which means that as I sit to write this column on October 14, I haven't received your most recent updates. I do, however, have six postcards from the old batch, and look forward to getting your latest news in my mailbox soon.

Nancy Wilson McCrohon, Washington, DC, wrote from Michigan's Upper Peninsula that only when the weather got colder and the hunters appeared would she and husband Max, a native Aussie and the only Democratic editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, return to D.C. Now, back in Washington, she writes, "We love D.C. as well as the U.P.—for vastly different reasons." **William Hoffman**, N. Miami, FL, writes that he does not believe in retirement. He is working full-time as an anesthesiologist. "Still enjoy my work. In *Timeline*, Michael Crichton states, 'Boredom will be the disease of the 21st century.' I do not have that problem thanks to a Cornell education." I suspect many of us will echo that. **Jerram Brown**, MA '54, East Berne, NY, says he's still alive, is retired, and has been married for 50 years. He has three children and eight grandchildren.

Earl Pollak, North Canton, OH, writes: "On August 24, 2003, I received the Purple Heart

Medal from the Dept. of the Army for injuries sustained in combat during the Korean War. The medal was presented to me at a ceremony at the Canton Post 44 of the American Legion by my Congressman, Ralph Regula. The reason it took 50 years to get the medal to me is a long story—basically a case of military inefficiency and 'red tape.'" The ceremony was attended by more than 50 people, mostly family and friends, and was featured in both the *Canton Repository* and *Massillon Independent*. **Judith Kredel** Brown, Rochester, MI, is still working. She teaches at Oakland U. "I seem to be the oldest member of the faculty," Judy writes. "I'm also still swimming just about every day. The university has a fabulous pool." **Elaine Rose** Ruderman sold her St Paul, MN, condo in July. "I said 'good-bye' to Lake Wobegon and 'hello' to the Pacific Ocean." She would like to hear from Cornellians living in/visiting San Diego. The big move was made after "doing the grand tour of Sicily with Elderhostel and my traveling partner, John Holzheimer."

My thanks to **Alan Sokolski**, Silver Spring, MD, who recently sent e-mail. "My wife, **Carol (Stitt) '54**, who's been teaching Shakespeare for a decade, and I recently returned from a highly enjoyable trip throughout Ireland, and to Stratford and the Lake District in England. Now I have returned to my fascinating three-day-a-week job as a redactor of 25-year-old White House national security files that are destined for public release at the Carter Library." Sounds to me like an editor's dream job, Alan.

Short on news, I e-mailed the Class of '52 co-presidents. **Jan Hoffman McCulloch**, Ashford, CT, reported that she and **Ed '51** had lunch with **Nancy Taylor** Brown and her husband Gil, who live in Clayville, RI, about an hour away from them. Jan, a gardener, reports that the Browns' gardens are spectacular. After lunch, they visited the Clayville Historical Museum. A follow-up e-mail to Nancy brought only the sad news that **Emily Egan** Baptiste, Pittsfield, MA, had just died. Emily was at Cornell our freshman year, but Nancy and she became good friends after college. Emily graduated from the U. of Toronto and became an occupational therapist. It is sad that we lose track of those we knew and cared about who did not graduate. I, for one, would like to know the whereabouts of **Jean Staples** Griswold.

Tom Foulkes, Keuka Park, NY, e-mailed that he and Anne were on a trip in Nova Scotia. He went on to say that they go to Vermont in the winter for skiing and snowshoeing. They had a mini-reunion with **Bill Hodges**, **Gordon Williams**, **David Higgins**, **George Roslund**, and their wives in southern Virginia in May. It was a between-reunions catch-up. Tom closed, "All are well and looking forward to our 55th! We hope many classmates come back in 2007 and we can break another reunion record!"

Then I broadened the circle. "Scratch an aging *Sun* columnist, and you get more than you wanted!" wrote **Phil Fleming**, who had been a newsless class correspondent himself, and thus sympathized. He reported on tennis: "**Mike Scott** (with a troublesome back) and I (with a bionic hip) are still navigating the Hains Point tennis courts with two other senior D.C. lawyers. We

sometimes carry the day against our younger opponents." Traveling classmates **Ed** and **Joan Ruby Hanpeter '51** were due to visit the Flemings' house on Chesapeake Bay. Among many scheduled activities were taking in the best crab cakes in Maryland at Stoney's and napping. The Fleming family comprises one married son, two married daughters, and three granddaughters, all like our grandchildren, 6 and under, and all, as in our family, within driving distance and actively engaged in good stuff. Phil had just chaired a successful pastoral nominating committee for his church in Georgetown. He spends some time providing pro bono mediation services for the US District Court, and serving as an arbitrator in AAA energy cases. Grace is a deacon at their church and an active grandmother. They divide their time between a D.C. apartment two blocks from the subway, and the Bay house, having downsized four years ago when he retired from law practice. Phil closed, "Favorite memory: As we filled boxes headed for storage after 38 years of filling the house we raised our kids in, a friend reminded us what the true definition of storage is—"Decisions deferred." A wise man."

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ALAN SOKOLSKI '52

As Phil had searched for a Presbyterian minister, **Joan Nesmith Tillotson, MD '56**, had been part of a search committee for an Episcopal bishop in Fargo, ND, so I picked up the phone. Joan, who retired as campus MD at North Dakota State in 1998, has four sons and six grandchildren in the Twin Cities. She has long been involved in the resettlement of Sudanese refugees through the Episcopal Migration Ministry. Lately, she has been even more involved. Joan says, "Most problems arise with the younger generation. The parents are so happy to be here, but the kids pick up bad habits as soon as they hit junior high and high school." Fargo's 600-700 Sudanese are mostly Dinka, described by Joan as "very tall, slender, handsome, and hard working."

I'd been thinking about **Ted** and **Trudy Krueger Winsberg**, Boynton Beach, FL, who, with me, were part of the kitchen crew at Clara Dickson our freshman and sophomore years. Trudy was on my small, but great, corridor in Balch our junior year. After graduation she and Ted went to Florida and became successful pepper farmers. Curious, I "Googled" them, and learned that in 1999, as development was turning farmland into suburbia at premium prices, they sold part of their farm at a greatly reduced price with the condition it would be used to create additional wetlands and habitat, adding 170 acres to an existing wetland. They had ceded another part of the farm to affordable housing, and had actively supported research into organic systems of farming.

There were terrible hurricanes earlier in the fall, and an increasing number of you live in the areas that were hit hard. If you have sent in your news already, I thank you. If you haven't, please write or e-mail, and let us all know how you came through it. ♦ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 Some said '53 had used up most of its luck for the day when only the merest hint of sprinkle fell on the Homecoming football game. Cornell led powerful Colgate for most of the game, but did not prevail. But those present were blessed with the pleasure of the company of old friends and the hospitality of **Chuck '51** and **Carol Winter Mund '52**. They invited the classes of 1950 through '55 to their lakeside home for post-game analysis and refreshments. Gracious dining followed at the Ithaca Country Club. If having a pianist aids the party, having two like **Dave Dingle '50** and **Tom Foulkes '52** is double good. There was singing, from "Seven Old Ladies" to the Alma Mater, just like the good old days on the Hill. Strike up a song for **Paul**

trip to see **Will '52** and Catherine **White** in Arcadia, but the storm swerved inland and "we were in the eye for a very nervous six hours. We did fine; the Whites had major damage to their trees and cars but not their home." **Swede Tornberg** postponed a planned September migration to Longboat Key ("spared"). St. Thomas, VI, was soaked, but the high winds passed it by, so **Dick Kirwan** considers himself twice lucky. He was in Atlanta, GA, during the storms for open-heart surgery. It came out fine.

"Seeing the Taj Mahal at dawn was almost equal to seeing four tigers in the wild and identifying over 180 species of birds" on the two-week Indian trek **Dick** and **Peg Jones Halberstadt '56** took last spring. They checked out New Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, and several national parks. **Burt Fine** (NYC) has a travel writer wife, Brenda. "I'm a sufficiently accomplished photographer to accompany her for illustrating her work," says he. "When not traveling, I still practice law on Madison Ave." Old Hotelie and certified executive chef **John Ditchcos** (Woodstock, VT), who, along the way, put in quality time on the Waldorf-Astoria staff, has been far from Park Avenue since. Directing conferences and conventions in Vermont suits him fine. Among his credits, he's a 20-year member of Les Amies D'Escoffier Honor Society.

Joan Kanel Slomanson (NYC), whom you may recall as the *Daily Sun* freshperson who unleashed a refreshing spring '50 furor by revealing that coeds were being required to pose au naturelle for posture photos, has two books in the works, one about Schrafft's (researched and written at the request of the founder's great-grandson), and the other on a subject "I'd rather not talk about yet." She's also been ghostwriting a lecture to be delivered at a university. She isn't telling which, but it's not Mater. **Helen Teschner** Greene (Great Neck, NY) allowed her grandson to go to Colgate, but she can be forgiven on the grounds that he's a third-generation Colgatian. Besides bridge and golf, she's indulging in exercise and Pilates these winter days in Palm Springs, CA.

Pat Gunderson Stocker forwarded some spectacular photos (from **Jane Little Hardy**) of the lush vegetation shown in the 1953 containers at the Plantations last summer. The containers will have this summer off during renovations of the Lewis Building, but, says Pat, "when they return in 2006, they will be bigger and better and then there will also be a permanent plaque with recognition of the Class of '53 in the entry courtyard where our containers will welcome visitors." **Bob Mann**, BArch '57, looked in on the Plantations at Homecoming to see what he could learn there. He has volunteered to take an active part in the development of botanic gardens back home in Williamsburg, VA.

Copies of the *Cornell Daily Sun* for the school year 1952-53 will be online this month, we're told. So, read all about the lurking contract eating plan that, some said, would destroy the fraternity system. Look back from the 21st century on your views of Sen. McCarthy, Gen. MacArthur, and the Rosenbergs—and compare. See what Pogo was up to. Check out <http://cdsun.library.cornell.edu/>. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

Blanchard '52, impresario, who arranged the club night, block seating far above the 40-yard line, and tickets for a pregame tailgate, where many met Class of '53 Tradition Fellow **Isabel Huacuja '05** (Laredo, TX).

Earlier in the season, **Bill Whelan**, **Todd Kolb**, **Jack McCarthy**, **Vinnie Giarrusso**, and **Bob Dilatush** marched near the head of the line as platoons of vintage Big Redders paraded into the Crescent to welcome new coach **Jim Knowles '87** and his retooled Redmen at Schoellkopf Sellout II, the home opener. Members of the re-uning 1948-52 teams led the way. Hopes were as high as the vees of geese above. The team did not disappoint. It was a lovely fall day to nail Yale (done, 19-7) and kick off a new football era. Many came from afar, like Sue and **Gerry Grady**, who left beat-up trees at their Ponte Verda Beach, FL, digs, which had been visited by the hurricanes of September.

A somewhat random sampling reveals: Florida's ill winds missed the Naples condo of **Stu Warshauer**, MBA '54, but his Captiva timeshare took a bad hit. Stu and spouse **Gladys (Carson) '54** were home in Cincinnati in September, but headed south a week after Jeanne roared through. Ira and **Barb Mestel** Schaeffer (West Palm Beach) ducked Frances in their daughter's laundry room. They lost all power for several days and were not able to return home until a fallen tree that blocked the daughter's driveway was removed. **Alan Quinby** tried to dodge Charley's sweep through Sarasota with a

54 It is that time of year when most of the snowbirds are secure in their warm southern nests while the rest of us are hoping the snow will stay white just one more day. **Dan Schwartz** is still in private practice as a forensic psychiatrist, but for the past ten years has flown down to Florida with the rest of the flock. Dan's tenth grandchild was born recently, taking the name of Yehudah Aryeh. Dan said he now understands why his grandparents had so much trouble remembering the names of all their grandchildren. **George Gibson** is a Utah resident and enjoys winter. In summer George is off for distant lands via his motor home. **George Keep**, in his fourth year of retirement from dentistry, plays golf when the sun shines and still skis when it snows in Syracuse. He and Diane take Caribbean cruises to ward off the blahs, but haven't moved south . . . yet. **Mason and Pat Jerome Colby**, on the other hand, have purchased a condo at Carlton Lakes in North Naples and plan to take up residence November through April.

Raine and **Bailey Smith** still reside in Exuma and probably enjoy more small-boat sailing than the rest of us, given their watery location. Valrico, FL, resident **Patricia Benton** Bowker's nursing background, which started at Cornell, launched her into childbirth preparation at nearby Brandon Hospital. Nowadays, after 15 years in the field, she runs into her "babies" all over town. **Betty Brown** Murray sends a long-overdue note to bring us up-to-date. Betty worked for 44 years in the field of child nutrition, retiring three years ago. Widowed for the past 19 years, she says she is fairly self-sufficient, but home repairs and freeway navigation are getting to be a challenge. Ahem. I am beginning to schedule weekly appointments with my eye doctor. Got a fun note from **Marge Stock** enumerating the many expectations we had of retirement. The books we would read, the recipes we would try, the travels we would savor, and the 50 years of paper mess we would sort through. But in the middle of all that, offers that you can't refuse such as being a trustee on the Humane Society board walk in the door. Now where did all that leisure time go? Bored we are not.

June Green Wood and husband Ben both retired ten years ago. June had been a school reading specialist. Now they enjoy the pleasures afforded by having grown children and grandchildren nearby, travel, hiking, skiing, favorite projects, reading, and good friends. They love being free to explore life at a new level. **Idwal Wyn Hughes** is still serving as a senator in the Bermuda legislature, but with enough down time to visit his far-flung family in Brighton, England, and Charlotte, NC. **Frank Hummel** is still competing in Virginia's Senior Games in both tennis and swimming. Frank published his first book this past fall, *A Soldier in God's Army*. Sy and **Elinor Yavelow** Yuter were at reunion, but I didn't get a chance to discuss the book she is writing, "Around the World in a Wheelchair." Sy is adding a section to be entitled, "Pushing Elinor Around the World." Elinor's goal is to assure people they can travel the globe and even to the top of the Great Wall (with the help of a couple of Chinese gentlemen who volunteered their services).

Founding chief of pathology at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Santa Clara, CA, **Seth Haber** of Palo Alto retired in 1985 after 35 years of service. Seth was also clinical professor of pathology at Stanford U. School of Medicine. In his long, distinguished career in the field of pathology Seth wrote continuously for publication, was founding president of PATHCO, served on the board of directors for the Permanente Medical Group of Northern California, and much, much more. Seth also served as volunteer senior consultant pathologist for the San Francisco Zoo for several years, which, of course, caught my zoological eye. **Roger D. Smith** is a working emeritus professor at the U. of Cincinnati Medical School, also in the field of pathology. Roger and his wife Margaret visit their offspring and grands in the San Francisco Bay Area and Denver.

If you haven't checked out our website, do so. **Jan Jakes** Kunz has added new information and new features. If you click on "Contacting Classmates" you will find a list of e-mail addresses. We will keep adding to and updating the list as needed. There are some great tools we can use for keeping the spirit of our 50th going on to our 55th.

Remember to mark Saturday, January 22, 2005, on your calendars for our class gathering in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) in New York City. Look for more information from the university in January. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. Alumni Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>. Class news online, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>.

55 **Leonard Kasten's** son Larry, who's married to a Cornellian, has become a partner in a Phoenix law firm, so the senior Kastens have moved west "to get to know our grandson Joshua, now 3." A powerful motivation, as most grandparents would agree. Len also writes feature magazine articles. **Mike** and **Ilona Sena**, longtime New Yorkers, are retiring to Asheville, NC, and have sent out the word that "all Cornell '55ers are welcome!" **Jana Mason**, Urbana, IL, enjoys life as an artist and architect, has designed a new house for her family, and keeps them healthy with fruits and vegetables grown in her garden. Gardening also keeps **Roberta Bellis** Lang busy—when she's not traveling with Elderhostel. **Marjorie Dretel** Loory's children surprised her with a visit to celebrate her 70th birthday. Marj, who lives in Washington, DC, received an award from the Cornell Club there for producing the best club program of the year, a visit to the Turkish Embassy. The ambassador spoke to the group and explained his country's position on allowing US troops to be launched from Turkey.

Here's some news from the Maryland contingent. **Carmen Longo** Jackson, MS '61, taught AP Biology at the Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac and retired in 2001, giving her and Don more time to enjoy their grandchildren. **Pete** and **Margie** **Bowell** have relocated from

Potomac to Williamsburg, VA. And **David Berler**, MD '58, who lives in Chevy Chase, is still practicing ophthalmology. **Martin Korn**, MD '58, and his wife **Phyllis (Shames)** '57 spend about half the year in Schroon Lake, NY, where they ski and snowshoe. Marty is completing the statistical analysis of a 20-year follow-up study on patients who had his modified operation for knee degenerative arthritis ("It's looking good!"), and Phyllis is winding down her fundraising activities.

Both **Phil Alkon**, PhD '74, and his wife Sally work at New Mexico State U.; Phil continues his teaching and research work in wildlife sciences. The Alkons traveled to Spain last spring to celebrate Passover with family members who live in Israel. Phil's philosophy is, "At this stage of our lives, age is only a number." **Joe Silverman** is still practicing psychiatry, and **Renee Miller** Mayer is still practicing law, "but taking more time off for visits with children and grandchildren, long weekends at our vacation home, and trips to California and London." **Marlene Medjuck** Green, expecting her 16th grandchild (total of 19, including her husband's), admits that they're "not doing much to promote Zero Population Growth." New to golf, Marcy hopes that she can bypass "the 40 years of frustration that might have come if I had taken up the sport at 30."

Frances Williams Scott writes from Austin, TX, that her book on Charles Sanders Pierce's system of science has been accepted for publication. "Now comes the arduous task of editing," she adds, "but the editor and I are down to the last two chapters." **Dave Schmidt** is very active in community affairs (Town Board of Assessment Review, Winnakee Land Trust Board of Directors, town historical society, church choir, and Rotary, among others). In October, he attended another reunion with his fellow Cayuga's Waiters at the Bar Harbor Club in Vermont. The Schmidts also were given a trip to Sweden and Spain, compliments of Volvo, when they signed for their new V70 wagon.

REUNION 2005 is not that far away! Keep your eye on our class website (<http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>), where **Janet Scanlan** Lawrence will soon be posting the names of classmates who plan to attend our 50th Reunion, June 9-12, 2005. Remember, your old friends expect to see you there! For example, **Norm Nedde** wants to know, "Has **Bill Wiley** signed up yet?" And **Julie Scott** Maser writes, "I just want to announce publicly that if my former roommate **Margaret Alice Doorty** Kerr Richenburg signs up for reunion, I'll be there, too!" Janet Lawrence's address is 229 Marlton Road, Pilesgrove, NJ 08098-2725; tel., (856) 769-3497; fax, (856) 769-8494. Or you can e-mail Jan at louisdixneuf@aol.com.

Can you volunteer to help contact old friends, fraternity or sorority members, or sports or activities colleagues, and encourage them to come to reunion? If so, please call **Joan Weisberg** Belden at (919) 542-5713; or e-mail, rsbelden@worldnet.att.net. Many thanks to **Pete Huntington**, **Joan Mischka** Doerr, **Marcus Reidenberg**, **George** and **Ann Wiggins Riordan**, **Stephen Adelson**, **Frank Hano**, **Kelly Marx**, and **Alice Heft** Brinkman, who recently sent in their class dues, and we extend our condolences to the family of

the Rev. **George Kyle**, whose wife notified us of his death in December. ♦ **Nancy Savage Petrie**, nancypetrie@juno.com; tel., (631) 329-6430.

56 I am writing this column after attending a wonderful Homecoming Weekend in Ithaca. The attraction for Gail and me was the dinner for the Frank H.T. Rhodes Award recipients. My friend **Curt Reis** was there to accept the award on behalf of his father and mother, **L. Sanford and Josephine Mills Reis** of the Class of '29. Among other honorees were our other good friends **Mac and Carol Britton MacCorkle** of the Class of '64. It was one of the nicest Statler functions we have ever attended and it made you proud to see these people who have given so much to Cornell. Curt was a previous winner of this award. After a tough loss to Colgate on Saturday, we had an enjoyable dinner with Curt and Pamela and son Kyle and his family. It was also nice talking to three impressive presidents of Cornell, including our new leader, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, and his wife, Kathy Okun.

Now, on to the news. **Arthur Penn** of New York City is still seething over the fiasco of the Rhodes Professorships. He wants to call us "the Fools of '56." He dared me to print this and I accept the challenge. Although I agree with his point of view, it is only fair to say that the university has gone to great lengths to ensure that in the future the review process will be one that should provide us with worthy professorships. Better late than never. **Virginia Seelig Lenz** (Forest, VA) loved her CAU trip to Mexico with Prof. John Henderson last January. **Barbara Allen Grambow** tells us that her oldest grandson, James, is a freshman at Georgetown, and his brother Michael is a high school junior in Raleigh, NC. They are children of **John '79** and **Debbie Grambow Kotecki '79**. She just moved to Loveland, OH, to be close to her other children.

Phyllis Bosworth and I received a nice letter from **Martin Wohl**. He spent last summer building foundations and basements of Habitat for Humanity houses in St. Louis and erected 20 two-story houses in eight days in July. What a job! He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in Science and Engineering" and enjoyed his latest trip along the Lewis and Clark Trail. **Gideon Panter, MD '60**, is still in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology at the Weill Cornell Medical College and still delivering babies "with great enjoyment." His 5-year-old child, the last of seven, has just started kindergarten. He is a single parent with five children still living at home. God bless him.

Syrell Rogovin Leahy (Fort Lee, NJ) is a great mystery writer, as a lot of us know. She just aired her first mystery, "The Good Friday Murder," starring Patty Duke, on the Hallmark Channel. Her next book, due out in early 2005, is called "Murder in Alphabet City." She sees **Tom and Marilyn Way Merryweather '57** in Tucson. Speaking of Tom, I am happy to report that after some cardiac surgery, he is fit and raring to go! I saw **Dan and Linda Silverberg** in NYC recently. They hosted a party for a friend of theirs who had moved to the city. **Ernie Stern** and I enjoyed our time with them very much.

Finally, my Martha's Vineyard buddy **Leo Convery** is partially retired, but still involved with inns and real estate. He does a great deal of volunteer work with Rotary Int'l and just spent 16 days in Japan on a Rotary convention trip. He and his wife Alison spent part of the winter in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and would like any friends nearby to look him up. See you next issue. ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., #2A, New York, NY 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

57 After 36 years of living in the Washington suburbs I decided a change of scenery and lifestyle might be an interesting adventure. So last September I moved to Sun City/Hilton Head and bought my first house. I'm looking forward to a slower pace (no Beltway traffic!), sunny skies (the snowboots are packed away), and improving my golf game (so I can keep up with **Marj Nelson Smart** at our 50th). Speaking of 50ths, **Warren '55** and **Phyllis Whithed Spielmann** will be on the Hill next June for Champ's reunion. Phyl says that she's volunteering for Food Finders, a nonprofit that collects food from markets, delis, etc., in the L.A. area and delivers it to homeless shelters, senior centers, and the like. Her group collected 7 million pounds of food last year that would otherwise have been thrown away. She also serves on the board of Precious Lamb Preschool, which cares for children of families in crisis. Last fall Phyl and Warren were in Galveston just before Ivan hit, and then in Richmond, VA, where Phyl attended the 216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA as a commissioner. The Spielmanns live in Long Beach, CA, and Phyl still keeps in touch with **Carolyn McKnight Oldham**.

Another West Coaster in the L.A. area, **Carol Gehrke** Townsend sends word via e-mail that she loves being retired, "except I never know what day it is when I wake up. Had a grand trip on the Russian waterway between St. Petersburg and Moscow. Great weather until smoggy Moscow, which is worse than L.A. Then went to Vermont to see my only two grandchildren. Leaves were lovely even though not at their peak."

Final reminder that if you are planning to be in the NYC area January 22, your class officers will be meeting that weekend. As usual, the area classmates get together for dinner, so get in touch with me if you need more details. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCRauss@aol.com.

Kudos to **Phil McIndoo**, mostly retired but recently appointed vice chair of the board of Inform Inc., a company dedicated to finding non-polluting ways of doing business, "prevention rather than remediation." One area of recent research involves the mercury levels in fluorescent lamps, encouraging business and government to purchase lamps with the lowest mercury content in order to lower the mercury levels in landfills. This will enable our children, grandchildren, and beyond not to develop problem nervous, renal, and respiratory systems. Also to **Don MacKay**, involved in numerous volunteer projects, primarily church and YMCA

(somebody should write a song). He claims that working with volunteers can be taxing, and is practicing saying "No" in front of a mirror. Grandchildren output is five and holding.

Jim Broadhead serves on two outside boards and one of the nonprofit variety, and attended the Presidential Councillors meeting in September with **Bob Staley, MBA '59**, **Paul Tregurtha**, and **Steve Weiss**. Jim's daughter will graduate from the Johnson School this spring. **Duane Dann** has cut back somewhat, but still puts in considerable time as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Moravia, NY. **Don Fellner** is staying healthy by lifting weights, running on the treadmill, and playing golf three times a week on Hilton Head Island. **George Rocklein, MBA '59**, reports a bumper crop of three grandchildren born in 2004, one to the wife of **George Jr. '87**.

Fourth grandchild (and 44th wedding anniversary) for **Mike Stone**, whose present "day job" is listed as "retired." **Sam Bookbinder**, former restaurateur, is now in the real estate business with Weichert Realtors in Philadelphia, and reports that his granddaughter started last fall at Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, Sam's alma mater when all prep schools were single gender. **Dave Biddle** sends along the news that his wife Dinny is recovering nicely from a stroke. Due to Dave's talent as a houseboy and some terrific "clot buster" medication, the recovery is in the "remarkable" category.

Carl Schwarz couldn't make it (wedding in France), but the rest of the remaining '57 crew got together in September at Bob Staley's farm in Michigan. Carl reports that his active days at McDermott Will & Emery are numbered due to mandatory retirement age, but he will stay around for a year or so to bother the partners as "Counsel."

Late last summer, **Bob and Linda Watts** went to Montana to visit Linda's sister and brother-in-law, fitting in three hikes, one to a large ski area known cleverly as Big Mountain, another along the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park, and a third in Idaho's Bitterroot Mountains on a part of the Lewis and Clark Trail. He dined one evening with former roommate **Jack Brewer**, whom he had not seen since his San Diego Navy days. Jack lives in Polson, MT, but shepherds over automobile agencies in Denver and San Diego. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 We have a new supply of current news! Please keep sending more to us. **Charles Rosak's** daughter **Tatiana** graduated from Cornell in '93, MBA '98, and is now VP of marketing for YOOX and living in Italy. Charles and wife Ellen are planning to participate in the Classic Adelaide Car Race in Australia and then drive his '54 car for a month "down under"! **John Buchleitner** has retired from Westinghouse, and he and his wife recently completed a bicycle ride from Nogales, Mexico, to Canada via Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park. They visited the Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Salt Lake, Antelope Canyon, the Tetons, Jackson Hole, and Glacier. What a

trip! **Barb Streicher** Magid is enjoying her husband's retirement and her four months of vacation each year by traveling. They have visited Hungary, Serbia, and Romania with **Harry and Irene Lazarus Soskin** on a river cruise. This year they are planning to visit Vietnam with **Robbie Fishman**, and next summer they plan on heading to Africa for a safari. Barbara is still teaching and has no immediate plans to retire. Their youngest grandson (Class of '21?) started kindergarten this year. His parents are Cornell '87.

Glenn and Maddi McAdams Dallas have a new address in Sarasota, FL. As of the end of September, they had not suffered any hurricane damage. So many of our classmates now live in Florida, I hope they have fared as well. The Dallasses will spend summers in Delaware and winters in Florida. They went to Russia in July with Bud and **Judith Welling Baker**. **Cindy Rogers** Heinbach lost her husband unexpectedly in June and has been visiting kids and grandkids all summer while escaping the Florida hurricane season. She, too, was fortunate and just had a few trees down and the loss of power. She and her husband have a blended family of seven children, and grandchild number 19 was just born in September. **Bradley Corbitt** is still a sail charter captain on Cayuga Lake. He lives in Marathon, FL, and he, too, had no hurricane damage.

Marilyn Winters Boger, another cyclist, bicycled across the US last year. She went from San Diego to St. Augustine. Companions were 28 women bike riders, most over 50 years old, some single, many married, and from many different states. A few came with a friend, but most became friends during the two months together. In all, they raised over \$25,000 for various charities. During the summer she stripped and repaired a 50-year-old canoe with the help of friends and family and a professional restorer who took it back to canvas it, re-cane the seats, make new floorboards, paint it yellow, and store it for the winter. Other activities include progress on a dollhouse she's building, quilting, square dancing, and some holiday gift-wrapping for the Red Cross. **Pat Thompson** Herr's husband is still working one day a week in vet dental surgery. She is busy with quilting and a new textile museum opening in Lancaster, PA. She is also lecturing and doing more antique shows in Pennsylvania and New England.

Jack Wade, JD '61, reports that 18 Sherwoods attended the group's sixth reunion last year at Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire, basically formed of the Class of '58. Seven of the eight living original Sherwoods attended: **Peter Bloom**, **Art Brooks**, **Karl Deppe**, **Bill Hazzard**, MD '62, **Doug Lee**, **Lea Minnerly** '57, MArch '61, and Jack. The weeklong reunion culminated with a 75-minute performance before a packed house at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro. All proceeds went to the Village Players. ♦ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com.

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The very first Class of 1959 Scholarship has been awarded to **Lynne Feeley** '06. Lynne, from Syracuse, NY, is a junior English

major. Creative writing is one of her primary interests and she has published articles in *Plug* and *Rainy Day*, both Cornell undergraduate literary magazines. She is a member of the editing board of *Plug*, and is also on the track team, where the pole vault is her specialty. In addition to having been on the Dean's List—she finished her freshman year with a 4.0 GPA—Lynn has worked at Temple of Zeus, a café in Goldwin Smith Hall, and volunteered for Into the Streets and at Bellevue Manor, an assisted-living community. Our scholarship fund has more than \$58,000, and it is hoped that '59ers will continue to build the endowment with their gifts.

During this past August and September, as four hurricanes battered Florida and neighboring states, the thoughts of those of us who live in northern climes often turned with concern to friends and classmates in the southeast. Let us know how you fared! **Jim Glenn**, a realtor who lives in DeBary, northeast of Orlando, e-mailed **Ron Demer** as Hurricane Ivan was churning in the Gulf. Although Jim and his wife Gwen were in the eye of both Charley and Frances, their home remained intact. But there was tree debris everywhere, and they lost two 120-foot-tall pine trees and about ten smaller oaks. "I am sore from chain-sawing," commented Jim, who added, "You can't imagine what a difference electricity and hot water make in life until you don't have any . . . for days!"

On September 22 in Federal District Court in Washington, DC, opening arguments began before Judge **Gladys Kessler** in the tobacco industry RICO case. In the non-jury trial, the federal government is seeking \$280 billion from the defendants for committing fraud in denying the health risks of smoking while they knew it was harmful. The trial was expected to last at least six months, and the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has already agreed to hear an appeal of Gladys's decision.

'I am sore from chain-sawing.'

JIM GLENN '59

Last June, **Robert Dann** of Amherst, MA, retired from his full-time practice in radiology, nuclear medicine, and nuclear cardiology at Baystate Medical Center. He now works half-time with a group in Greenfield, MA. His wife Nancy also retired from full-time work as a chaplain for oncology patients at Baystate. He writes: "We are trying to plan for retirement—suggestions?" **Jim Grunzweig**, Chagrin Falls, OH, is enjoying the leisure of retirement life, traveling and visiting children and grandchildren. The latter now total seven, including six boys and one girl.

Sallie Whitesell Phillips, who writes about her fellow Hotelies for the Cornell Hotel Society, sent me information about **Sam Cooke** of Honolulu, HI. Sam was a senior vice president at Morgan Stanley until retiring in 2002. He is active in a number of civic organizations, including the National Tropical Botanical Garden, the

Conservation Fund of America, and the Hawaii Community Foundation. He is president of the Cooke Foundation, which distributes \$1 million a year to support culture, the arts, and the environment, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Over the years he has received many awards for his achievements and leadership, including the Alexander Calder Conservation Award (1995) and the Award of Excellence in Conservation (2002); in 1999 he was named Outstanding Philanthropist of Hawaii and received the Outstanding Living Treasure Award from Hongpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

At Cornell, **John Imre** of Seattle, WA, completed a BEE. Afterwards, he got a BA and MA in English literature and an MA in organizational consulting. He consults and teaches for local colleges and universities. **Marita Frediani** Herbold of Bethpage, NY, is teaching accounting at SUNY College in Old Westbury. **Jim Chamberlain** of Venice, FL, writes that his daughter Susanne received an MS Ed from Rivier College in Nashua, NH. Last spring, **Rolf Barth** of Columbus, OH, a professor in the Dept. of Pathology at Ohio State U., was awarded a new four-year National Institutes of Health research grant on the treatment of brain tumors using an experimental type of radiation therapy. He and his wife Christine, who is a realtor, have four children and four young grandchildren.

Bourke Larkin Kennedy, Skaneateles, NY, long active in working for peace in the US and abroad, continues to go to Hebron in the occupied West Bank each fall for three months. During the summer she hosts visitors at Kenlark Center Bed & Breakfast, in her 150-year-old Victorian mansion in the center of the historic Fingers Lakes village. In 2003, together with two friends, Bourke began Loose Ends Ltd., a theatre company that presents underperformed, original, or thought-provoking theatre pieces. A social justice

outreach of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Auburn, NY, the theatre received two awards last season from the Theatre Association of New York State, including the Meritorious Ensemble Award for *Comedy of Errors*. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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Reunion materials are on the way, so be sure to sign up for the Class of 1960's 45th on June 9-12. The jam-packed four-day

program will include a reception in the Johnson Museum, a clambake and barbecue, forums with Cornell professors, panels by classmates, tours of the Plantations, and the ever-challenging Reunion Run. Housing is in the air-conditioned Townhouses (Risley will be closed for renovations), and you can arrange to share your

From Director to Inspector

J. BRIAN MCKEE '61

When an armed robber held up the Cornell Dairy Bar in the late 1950s, J. Brian McKee helped save the day. "It was late at night. We saw him running on the road, and he still had the money bag," recalls McKee, then a student deputy with campus safety. "We had a very good arrest, and I said, 'This is what I want to do for the rest of my life.'"

After a twenty-four-year career with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which culminated with a four-year stint as the unit's director, McKee retired to his Adirondack hometown of Malone, New York.

But he wasn't ready to take it easy, so in 1991 he started McKee and Associates Inc., now a forty-two-member detective agency. Composed of retired local, state, and federal law enforcement officers, the group provides investigative services to business owners. In the past thirteen years, they've cracked



employee theft, insurance fraud, and arson cases. McKee says real-life sleuthing isn't as glamorous as in the movies, but it is more fulfilling. "The most rewarding thing," he says, "is helping people who have a need, but can't do it themselves."

— Carolyn Bonilha '06

other Grew children are **Annette '02**, **Caroline '03**, and **Nick '05**.

I caught up with **Barbara Anderson** Everett on Cape Cod, where she spent much of the summer in South Yarmouth overseeing renovations to the home her parents had lived in during their retirement years. Barbara is back in Silver Spring, MD, after several years in Mendocino, CA, but keeps up a full schedule of travel between the East Coast and California, where two of her children live, as well as Hawaii, where she and John spend vacation time annually at their time-share. John's work as a petroleum geologist also takes the Everetts overseas frequently.

Paula Friedman recently moved from the San Francisco Bay Area, where she had lived for more than 30 years, to Parkdale, OR, and a log house she describes as having "a loft, two-story windows, and 1.5 acres of land between Hood River, on the Columbia River Gorge, and Mount Hood. There are horses in the pasture of the house to the west, cows in the pasture of the farm to the east, views of Mount Hood to the south, and great neighbors. I'm enjoying the beauty and peace here immensely." It is just 60 miles from Portland, so she has ready access to the restaurants and bookstores she enjoys. Paula continues her work as a freelance editor for academic and trade presses, and also writes fiction and poetry that is published in literary magazines.

J. Gollan "Gollie" **Root** writes from Holyoke, MA, "I'm starting to think about retiring. Meanwhile I've been to Japan, Mexico, and Switzerland for fun, and El Salvador for work." Another non-retiree is **Dick Ewing** of Chevy Chase, MD, still hard at work as an attorney for the US Dept. of Justice in Washington.

Classmates sent me the sad news of the death of **Steven Geffen** of Armonk on October 2. Retired after more than 30 years as an attorney for IBM, Steve had become a community leader, serving for many years as president of the Friends of the North Castle Library, president of the Whiporwill Association, and chairman of the Armonk Art Show. Among Steve's survivors are his wife Susan, three children, and eight grandchildren. ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Road, Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Chairman of the Cornell Board of Trustees **Peter Meinig** hosted a conference in September that brought together faculty from the Ithaca and Weill Cornell Medical College campuses to discuss research under way and to explore ways to collaborate. It was reported that Peter is making seed-grant funds available to faculty members from the two campuses who develop joint grant proposals.

Andy Thomas gave a "One Hundred and Ten Year Recital" at Juilliard in NYC in October to celebrate his 65th birthday, his 35th year as a teacher at Juilliard, and his 10th year as a director (i.e., 110 years). Having spent more than half his life at Juilliard, Andy viewed his recital as "an opportunity for me to reflect on those years, what I have learned, and the amazing people I have known." His purpose was also to show his range as a composer and

two-bedroom suite with friends or family members. More details can be found on the class website, <http://classof60.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Julie Gentle Jackson became a first-time grandmother twice over when her daughter Gillian gave birth to twin daughters in August. She describes herself as "over the moon" about it. That happy event was followed by the New Year's Eve wedding of her son Timothy to Julie Brower in Nyack; her other son, Toby, is also married and lives in San Francisco. Julie, who's been living in Piermont, NY, for many years, says that, with all her children married and settled down, "Now I'm ready for Act III: The Reinvention." She has already closed her copywriting and graphic design business and begun selling out-of-print and rare books on the Internet, while also working as a mentor for students with learning disabilities at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill. Julie has now started househunting in Trumansburg, planning to relocate sometime this spring, and is considering various professional possibilities. She says, "I don't know what I'll be doing there, but for sure it will be something." Keep us posted, Julie.

I saw **Tom Dandridge**, MBA '62, in September during what has become his annual two-week

pilgrimage from his home in Rockwood, MI, to a rental house near the ocean in Wellfleet on Cape Cod. Tom reports that he and his wife Lynn spent much of June in England, where they attended the wedding of Lori Bidwell, daughter of **Dan** and **Jan Powell Bidwell '61** of Grand Rapids. The wedding was in a thousand-year-old church in Moulton, and the wedding reception was held at Cheveley Stud Farm in Newmarket, a horse farm used by the British royal family. The bride is a veterinarian who specializes in large-animal anesthesiology, and the groom, David Mullineaux, recently received a PhD in statistics from Cambridge U.

During a trip to Costa Rica in February 2004, the Dandridges visited Rosamond and **Nat Grew**, DVM '63, at their coffee plantation near the capital city, San José. Tom says the Grews' house, which was designed by Rosamond, is in a wonderful location overlooking the city in the valley below, and Nat continues to raise, and compete on, polo ponies, and to "participate in long-distance running and other sports designed for a much younger generation," according to Tom. **Nat Grew Jr. '94** is the father of the Grews' first grandchild, and, like his father, participates in demanding sports like triathlons, adventure

the kinds of music that he has been interested in. At Cornell, Andy studied under Karel Husa. During his career, Andy has performed, taught, and/or conducted in China and Korea, and his works have been available on CD.

Janet Ballantyne, PhD '76, has kept busy with an international consulting practice since her retirement from the US Agency for International Development two years ago. Among the "hot spots" she's been to in the past year are Baghdad, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, and Pakistan. **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder is running the Medicare operations for Coventry Health Care in parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. She might prove to be a valuable resource, as most of us will certainly have qualified for Medicare long before our next reunion (June 8-11, 2006).

Adelle Case Picking and her husband **Skip '60**, MBA '62, have been helping their married kids move into new homes in Wellesley, MA, Minneapolis, and Steamboat Springs. They had some fun picking up antique furniture at auctions along the way. In October, the Pickings attended the Personal Enterprise celebrations at Cornell. **Fran Shapiro** Ivker damaged her knee while playing basketball last summer, but it is well enough now for her to resume skiing and Cajun dancing. According to Fran, her ob/gyn practice style and objectives differ from those of "corporate medicine" and, as a result, she plans to stop practicing this spring.

Stephen Tipton retired from teaching English at Brookline (MA) High School a few years ago. He reported that he has primary progressive aphasia and has begun "losing names and words." He wants everyone to know that most other parts of his mind are still fine, however. Stephen's wife Sarah is a social worker in Natick, MA. **Robert Gambino** spent 34 years teaching vocational agriculture in Connecticut, and then worked a few more years in the New York State Extension Service. Currently, Robert is serving out his two-year term as the elected mayor of New Milford, CT.

Jeannie (Springer) '63 and **Walt Cottrell**, MBA '63, are delighted to be in their new retirement home overlooking Cayuga Lake. Sounds like a perfect retirement: the summers are spectacular, and they enjoy the winters as well. Lois and **Arthur Kroll** took a break from both their regular work and their charitable work to visit New Zealand. During a two-week stay, they were awed by their experiences and the beautiful sights (including traveling throughout the islands by boat). **Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64, is thrilled with his role as a Cornell father. Daughter **Alexandra '06** was elected student government representative. She is also special events coordinator for the Cornell Football Association, which, as we all know, is a group dear to Frank's heart.

David Kessler, your correspondent, has been on a consulting assignment recently in Lima, Peru. As a visiting scholar at New York U.'s Center for Transportation Management, I was invited to provide technical advice to a new transportation authority that is designing and constructing a large-scale bus rapid transit system to alleviate choking traffic congestion. Apart from knowing the staff at the transportation authority, I found a new friend in Lima: **Felix Anicama-Cabrera**, MA

'66, Chief of Internal Control for Etecen, the electric energy company. As the head of the Cornell Alumni Association in Peru, Felix was very gracious to me. If any of you are headed for Cuzco via Lima, let me know if you wish to contact Felix.

The annual class dinner in New York City will take place this month on Friday, January 21, during what is known as CACO (Cornell Association of Class Officers) Mid-Winter Meeting. Since most of our '61 officers, reunion chairpersons, and class council members are in town for meetings, the dinner has become an annual tradition. All class members are cordially invited to join the officers and council members at the dinner. At press time, we did not have the name of the restaurant (it will be in midtown Manhattan) or the cost (usually modest), but if any of you who are in the area would like to attend, you can e-mail me for the details. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu.

62 Happy New Year! Please start it off right by sending some news to share with your classmates! Several classmates check in from Florida: **Beth Newell Spicka** (enspicka@sprynet.com) reports that she and **Warren '61** felt most fortunate to go "unscathed by the amazing number of hurricanes that devastated so many folks—almost feel too lucky." Naples was south of any hits on the west coast. The Spickas generally spend the fall on the Cape, "since the weather is moderate and the crowds gone. Our family comes for Thanksgiving, and after we clean up the gravy and dog hairs, we head south. There will be one more small person in residence this Thanksgiving—our seventh grandchild, Natalie Jane, born July 5. There are now 15 of us and the living quarters grow cozier every year!" Warren enjoyed a trip to Pebble Beach and environs to meet the Phi Gam gang for four days of "golf, tall tales, and great camaraderie. Hard to believe that they've been friends since 1957."

From **Laszlo Szerenyi** (lszereny@tampabay.rr.com): "My last trip to Cornell was last year's summer adult education wine class. I had—what else?—a great time. Since I'm semi-retired I have more time for travel, besides being a partner of a venture capital partnership. This has been a very interesting year. We celebrated a series of 'decade birthdays' with a family trip to Hungary, our place of birth. My dad, who was a librarian at the Cornell Engineering Library till 1964, is 90 this year and in great health. My youngest brother Miklos is 60, his wife is 50, and my older son Laszlo is 40. We had a wonderful time, spending three weeks in the country. Younger son Paul is 39 this year. Business travels also take me from Budapest, Zurich, and Moscow in Europe to Singapore in the Far East. When home, I'm enjoying life in St. Petersburg, FL. This year, though, we had more excitement than usual with hurricanes Charley and Frances, and are not really looking forward to Ivan (hope not the Terrible!) either. As I said, quite a year. Still, living on the water is great." Laszlo graduated in Engineering with the Class of '65.

Further up the coast, **Maritza** and **Thomas Zeisel** (zeiselmt@msn.com) are in Charleston, SC, where she is the county's fair housing coordinator,

working out of the offices of the Trident Urban League. Their son Carlos is a PhD candidate in sociology at the U. of Illinois. The Continuing Reunion Club group drew Judy and **David Hill** to Ithaca last June, along with **Bill Wallace** and Bill and **Emmy Spieske** Dufur. They then went on to Ireland with Cornell Alumni Tours. David works three days a week on solid state research in the physics dept. at Rutgers. Their son **Doug '99** works in Linden, NJ, for Infineum, from which David retired in 1999. Their daughter Aimee also lives near the Hills' home in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Also working part-time is **Pete Johnson**, who is corporate secretary and senior technical officer at O'Brien & Gere in Blue Bell, PA. Pete is active as an emeritus director (can any of us be considered emeritus so soon?) for the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association. He recently completed a three-year project as contractor and chief carpenter for renovation and addition of 1,500 square feet to their summer home on Lake George. Pete and Diane have two grandsons. **Victor Rubino**, LLB '65 (vrubino@pli.edu) reports: "My son is going to college this year and I have, after 25 years of commuting, moved to Manhattan from the suburbs. Am loving every minute." "Still teaching at the Army War College," writes **Don Boose** (boosed@pa.net). His next book, *US Army Forces in the Korean War*, is scheduled for publication in April. Don and Lil often see **Betsy Lockhart Wood '84**, who, with her husband Jeff, owns "two wonderful bookstores in Carlisle and Gettysburg."

By now, you've probably finished reading Kafka's *The Trial* and have participated in the discussion on our class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu>. If not, join in! The edition of the novel that you received is the one sent to all incoming freshmen as part of the fourth annual New Student Reading Project. It's a new translation of this classic work. Volunteer moderators are needed and welcome!

When you prepare to send along some news, please note our new address below. After 27 years in the same home in Oregon, we've moved to the Seattle area to be closer to five grandchildren and their parents and to better sailing waters for **Bob '59**. As I write, this house is so full of moving boxes it was a challenge to find the computer. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the boxes will have vanished. ♦ **Jan McClayton Crites**, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Our class president, **Ed Butler**, MS '65, has finished rounding out our class leadership list. Vice Presidents are **Marcy Bergren** Pine and **Bill Wycoff**; Secretary, **Marjorie Walker** Sayer; Treasurer, **Zack Fluhr**; Reunion Chair, **Marijane Beattie** Watson; Webmaster, **Paula Trested** Laholt Oeste; Class Council Members, **Carol Bagdasarian** Aslanian, **Carol Westenhoefer** Anderson, **Donna Forsman**, **Marty Lustig**, **Pat Kelly** Poggi, and **Gwen Sibson** Porcaro; and Class "Consultants," **Dick Lynham** and **Nancy Cooke** McAfee. Thanks to all of you.

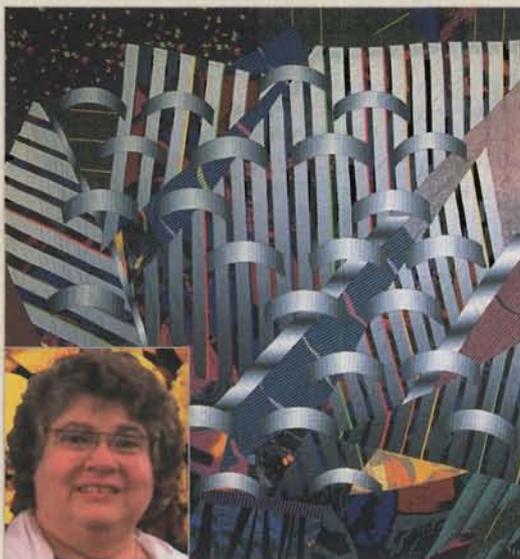
One of our class council members, **Marty Lustig**, wrote about a bike accident he had in September. He was in a bike race to raise money

Pieced Paintings

MIRIAM NATHAN-ROBERTS '64

The quilts of Miriam Nathan-Roberts look more like Picasso's paintings than Grandma's patchwork, yet her modern take on the art ties her to the past. "When I'm working on the pieces," she says, "I feel the connection to women who have worked and needed to express themselves through textiles through the ages." In 2003, PBS named the former textiles and design major one of the world's thirty best quilters. Getting there has been a lifelong pursuit. "Textiles have been my passion since I was twelve," she says.

Using hand-painted and dyed fabrics, Nathan-Roberts has sewn forty avant-garde quilts that range from a design inspired by a broken wrist to an optical illusion masterpiece, honored in



1999 as one of the century's 100 best by the International Quilt Festival. "I build it as if I'm working on a canvas," she says, "except my paints happen to be textiles."

— Sarah Brubaker '06

for juvenile diabetes research, when his bike hit some gravel as he progressed down a steep hill. At 45 mph, he ran into a steel post, his bike folded in half, and he broke his leg in a few places. He's on the road to recovery and hoping he can run the Reunion Race in 2008! **Bob Freeman** is still busy at the Buena Vista Cafe in Sausalito, CA. He invites classmates to stop by for the "world's best Irish coffee!"

Probably the classmate working for the most interesting company is **Richard Lohr**. He is president of International Chimney Corporation, president of Continental Clay Co., and VP of Karrena Int'l. International Chimney's relocation of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse won it the OPAL award for Project of the Year from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Richard's son Ted is a Williams College grad who lives in Oregon with his wife and three children. He has a rep business dealing with all types of sports equipment. Son Brad is a Connecticut College graduate and lives in Buffalo with his wife and two children. His company is one of the largest distributors of collectors' cards relative to football, hockey, etc. Richard's family has a keen interest in sailing and snowboarding.

Ned and Suzanne "Suzie" Young Allen live in Orlando, FL, and Cashiers, NC. Last September they experienced the tragedy of losing their 18-month-old grandson as the result of a drowning accident. Suzie and Ned have since become

heavily involved in the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Suzie serves on the national Board of Directors, and Ned serves as chairman of the National Advisory Council. Together they chair the national Major Donor Initiative, which involves a lot of traveling. For those who might want to contact the Allens, their e-mails are: nedallen@wish.org and salen@wish.org. **Marion Travalini** Rodd lives in Ventura, CA. Daughter **Allison '92** is marketing manager for Warner Brothers home video and has one son. Daughter Amy (Colgate '94) is a fourth-year medical student in Philadelphia.

Jim and Carolyn McArdle write from Cos Cob, CT, that they enjoyed seeing several of their friends and spouses at our 40th Reunion and hope to get together with them at Homecoming this fall. **Bill and Frankie Campbell Tutt's** son Ben was married on April 24, 2004 in the Caribbean. **Dick Bradley** was among the Cornell alumni attending. Ben is general manager of the Martineau Bay Resort and Spa. The event included a week's worth of activities including snorkeling, scuba diving, golf, kayaking, and visits to Vieques. **Joe Brennan** and his partner Elaine Burns spent ten days in Costa Rica earlier this year. They are looking forward to a '63 mini-reunion at **Whip Gunn's** homestead in Texas in October. It should include **Norman "Punch" Smith, Blair Crum**, and possibly **Dave Costine** and **Charlie DeRose**.

Robert, ME '66, and **Linda Eakin Rakowski '64** are in Athens, OH, where Bob has been the

Chair of Biological Sciences at Ohio U. for three years. They like returning to an academic lifestyle after years of medical schools. **Stephanie Tress dePue** retired after last year's reunion. She then spent several weeks in Milan and Florence. Now her schedule is Wilmington, NC, in July and Nice, France, in August. She mentioned that **Anne Skeels Kupersmith** took an Alaskan cruise. San Francisco residents **Art Resnikoff** and wife Mary Ann had their first grandchild. She lives with her family in San Francisco as well. Art left the company he was with for the past nine years and is now in business for himself, doing the same thing—leadership development and pre-hire assessment for both small and large companies. **Joe '62** and **Carolyn Gottlieb Meyer's** youngest daughter Liz was married in September in Margate, NJ.

Nancy Frazier Kopcha is recently divorced and lives in Colonie, NY. From Chestnut Hill, MA, **Stuart Gould** writes that his son Jason is a pediatric dental resident in his third year at Tufts. **Anita Bishansky Burch** retired from the New York City Dept. of Education in July 2003 after an association of 40 years. She is currently enjoying the leisure that retirement allows, as well as her two grandchildren. Joan and **Whinfield Melville, ME '68**, are in Pittsford, NY. Whinfield moved to Vauteon Corp. as a senior project manager in their embedded group. He is learning about current electronics. He is also involved with Boy Scouts with his 16-year-old son Jeffrey. A grandchild was born to each of his daughters, **Jane Melville Ford '96** and **Amy Melville Stipe '95**, in 2003.

Please note our new address and e-mail. ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@msn.com.

64 It's a lovely autumn as I write this, but destined to be the dread of winter—for us at least—as you read it. Let's begin with a few items that were bumped from our last column. **Michael and Debbie Simon Troner** had a "fabulous trip" to New Zealand and Australia last spring. Michael is a physician (medical oncology and hematology), while Debbie still makes jewelry when she isn't "busy being a grandma." The Troners live in Palmetto Bay, FL, and enjoy fishing, basketball, travel, reading, and baseball. **Alan Loss**, who lives with wife Linda in Lancaster, PA, has begun a new company with a partner: Personal Wealth Advisory LCC, a wealth coach/financial services firm. Alan is president of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Financial Planning Assn. and board member of the Lancaster County Estate Planning Council. He enjoys travel, business, and golf. **Rosemary Gates Campos** also has changed jobs, a shift from one end of the age spectrum (infancy research) to the other (aging and hospice nursing), working now for Kaiser Permanente in Walnut Creek, CA. Husband **Joe, PhD '66**, is a professor of psychology at UC Berkeley. He is president of the Int'l Society for Infant Studies. The Camposes live in Berkeley.

Doug Treado's project to help preserve baseball is nearly complete. His nonprofit company for the disabled in Ithaca, Challenge Industries Inc., is microfilming hundreds of thousands of

documents from baseball's past under a grant from the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. The project has included some incredible esoterica, such as the Yankees' ledger books from 1914-43, material relating to the "Black Sox" scandal of 1919, the Cubs' experimental lab reports on baseball psychology, contract cards covering 80 years beginning in 1902, day-to-day player statistics, and information about the Negro and Women's All-American leagues. At our alma mater, **Michael Newman**, ME '66, manages the utilities department's computer section. He also chairs the South Cayuga Lake Inter-Municipal Water Commission, enjoys sailing on the lake as a member of Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet, and travels, having spent last April in Germany and May in Dubai and Moscow.

Last July, attorney **Dick D'Amato** was elected chairman of the US-China Commission, a Congressionally appointed body that reports to Congress on the state of US-China economic and security relations. Dick, who lives in Annapolis, MD, is otherwise an avid sailor. This winter, he's cruising the Bahamas aboard a 12-meter yacht he owns in a partnership with 11 other sailors. Physician **Jerome Rubin's** hematology/oncology practice is a family affair, with his daughter as a new associate and wife **Suellen Safir '65** leading support groups. The practice even has its own softball team (with Jerry as pitcher), his two daughters joining in with partners and staff, and Suellen watching and cheering. The Rubins, who live in Carmel, CA, also play tennis together. In 2003, Jerry was named Physician of the Year by the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. He also was honored by the Hospice of the Central Coast as its founder 25 years ago.

Robert Merrill has retired twice: from more than 30 years teaching elementary and middle school, and also from 20 years military service as a Navy aviator, five on active duty. "Rod" and wife Rebecca, who live in York, PA, have three grown children. In what may be a class record for the "hobbies, interests, sports" category on your News Form, they enjoy reading, tennis, squash, badminton, skiing, guitar, banjo, Spanish, French, German, and family activities. They skied in Vermont last year and try to go to Europe each year. Since 1993 Rod has also been involved in support of justice and freedom for asylum seekers, during which he wrote a CD of original freedom songs ("Where is the Freedom") inspired by his friend and our late classmate **Harry Chapin**. His advice to classmates: "Let go!" (of having to be somewhere, do something, achieve fantastic goals, compare yourself to others, etc.). **Charles Zambito** is still active as a produce broker/distributor, buying and selling fresh fruits and vegetables in truck- and carload quantities to wholesalers in the Delaware River Valley. Chuck is president of the Philadelphia Chapter, United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Assn. At Cornell, he's active in ALS Alumni Affairs and is on the Alumni Events committee. Chuck and wife Barbara live in Thorofare, NJ, and have three grown children.

John Randall, PhD '72, manages research on radioactive waste disposal for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He and wife Catherine live in Columbia, MD, and have three grown

children. Their interests include hiking, judo, and biking. They visited Paris last May, where they got caught up in the transit strike. Bummer. Architect **Joel Cantor**, BArch '65, who designs fitness clubs, lives in San Francisco and has a grown son and daughter. He writes that his most frequent trips are to Denver and Richmond, VA, to see grandchildren. Sad news: two months after his retirement news appeared in last March's column, **Robert Powell** died after a year's fight against brain cancer.

That's all for now. Keep the news flowing—and be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 The gray of winter does not have an impact on Dr. **Leona Fass**, who writes to us from sunny Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. She recently returned from Edinburgh, where she gave a talk at the International Conference on Software Engineering. Leona discovered that one of the plenary distinguished speakers was Cornell faculty member Dr. Ken Birman, and another attendee was Dr. **Rick Adrion**, ME '67. Highlights of the trip included seeing the castle and the Royal Mile, and eating enough haggis to last a lifetime! Leona returned to speak at an AI conference in San Jose, CA, and to see virtual daughter Jamie marry in Monterey.

My husband **Stephen Rogow '63** and I spent a relaxing weekend with **Terry Kohleriter** Schwartz and Rich Mader at their summer home on Keuka Lake. Terry had a recent visit from **Larry Schwartz '64** and fiancée Beth, and **Nelson Keshen '64** and wife Talma, who were on their way to their 40th Reunion. They enjoyed looking at old Cornell photos and reminiscing. Larry is a practicing ophthalmologist in L.A., and Nelson still practices law in Miami. **Paul Friedman** celebrated his tenth anniversary as a judge on the US District Court for the District of Columbia. He still finds it challenging and stimulating each day. Paul and wife Elizabeth had lunch with **Jeffrey and Susan Haber Sussman '67** in D.C., and with **Dennis Black** and **Bruce Bernstein** in Chicago. All are well.

News comes from **Susan Blair Jenny** in France. She is enjoying running a cooking school that specializes in Provencal cuisine and Côte du Rhone wines. Husband **Herman**, a trained chef from Switzerland, is a '66 graduate of the Hotel school and is the director and chef of their Ecole Culinaire Les Tuillères. They would welcome Cornellians to their kitchen and their home in the south of France. Their grandson Schuyler Clark was born in Houston, TX, in January '03. **Rick** and **Linda Cohen Meltzer '64** celebrated son Peter's wedding in Breckenridge, CO, this past September. The ceremony took place on a mountaintop at 11,400 feet, and guests braved the morning snow to attend. Rick is still practicing internal medicine with no end in sight, though given the current climate of medicine, Rick would enjoy retiring. Leisure time is spent skiing, golfing, traveling, and seeing daughter Lori and 5-year-old granddaughter Ariel.

Mark and Ruth Chitlik Coan '67 still call Atlanta home. Younger son **Seth '00** has been working and playing in Nepal, China, India, Israel, and Burma, and they have been visiting with him. Older son Brian is finishing his plastic surgery fellowship at Duke and plans to settle in that area. Mark is still practicing vascular surgery, but on a reduced schedule that allows travel. Ruth is a principal with the Shopping Center Group and is happy to visit the unusual real estate. Recently completing 25 years at Smith Barney managing portfolios for high net worth individuals is **Jim Venetos**. He and wife Natalie still reside in Connecticut. **David A. Browne**, MD '70, and wife Joy live in Novato, CA. He enjoys working as a psychiatrist in both Novato and Mariposa, CA. David and Joy, a clinical psychologist, share an office. Their daughter Caitlin won the Harvard Book Club Award, while Jesse is an Internet whiz. Niece **Stacy Williams '04** was one of the Class of '65 scholars for 2003-04. David sees **Alan Harris**, MBA '67, around town in Novato.

Dianne Zimet Newman recently joined the Volunteer Center of Rhode Island on a one-year grant to strengthen the boards of directors of nonprofit agencies. This involves working with lay and professional leaders of the agencies to identify needs, recruit and train new board members, and increase the diversity of agency boards. **Ashok**, ME '65, and **Fay Thomas Bakhru**, MAT '66, are enjoying the life of the semi-retired, but feel busier than ever. Daughter **Romy '94**,

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husband Jose, and granddaughter Isabella live in central New Jersey, and they see them often. Son Jay just received his MBA from Wharton and is exploring Southeast Asia with friends before settling down to work for Citigroup.

Corrections Dept.: Our apologies to **Joe Ryan** and his wife of 32-plus years, Eileen, whose name we got wrong in the last column. We won't let that happen again.

Reunion is just around the corner. Plan to reunite with old and new friends and reacquaint yourself with Collegetown, the Straight, and new additions to the University. Send news to us at **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028; **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Court, West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; and **Dennis Norfleet**, 3187 State Rt. 48, Oswego, NY 13126; tel., (315) 342-0457; e-mail, dpn5@cornell.edu.

66 Send news to **Bill Blockton**, rbsfabrics@aol.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; and **John Miers**, John_Miers@nih.gov.

67 After six years spent as dean of the Kogod School of Business at American U., **Myron Roomkin** became dean and Weatherhead Professor of Management at the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western U. in Cleveland, OH. At a going-away reception for Myron and his wife Janice, I heard the president and provost of AU laud how Myron built up the business school during his tenure. **Joan Heller** Brown (Del Mar, CA; jhbrown@ucsd.edu) was appointed chair of the Dept. of Pharmacology at U. of California, San Diego, last June. She adds that son Ethan was recently married and that she now has a granddaughter, Eden. Daughter Elena is a high school senior.

"I've met many Cornell alums who have come into our restaurant, Manny Hattan's NY Delicatessen & Restaurant," reports **Nancy Keusch** Mayers (Austin, TX; wowmom53@aol.com). "If you're in Austin, come in and say hello. We're still collecting grandsons (three to date) and couldn't be happier." **Vivian Rosenberg** (Santa Monica, CA; vr_bus5@earthlink.net) writes: "As a former television news reporter, I host screenings and discussions of classic Hollywood films at the Los Angeles County Library system. I also teach cinema as well as media literacy at Santa Monica College."

"After 32 years in technical and operational positions with Time Warner, primarily in the cable division," writes **Jim Chiddix** (San Francisco, CA; jchiddix@mac.com), "I've taken a post as CEO at Open TV, based in San Francisco, and the world's largest provider of software to run cable and satellite S&T top boxes. We support a variety of interactive and time-shifting features. For Trudy and me, it's farewell to an enjoyable time in Manhattan and hello to a wonderful new city." **Jonathan Cohen** (Prior Lake, MN; cohen004@tc.umn.edu) reports, "My daughter **Ilana** is following in the family footsteps, as she

will be entering her junior year at Cornell, Arts '06. My mother, **Hermaine Kurtz** Cohen '41, died last year but did live to see Ilana's first year at Cornell. I'm a research associate at the U. of Minnesota doing drug research."

Sally Nellis Kuehl (Rochester, NY; bksk74@frontiernet.net) retired from Eastman Kodak in 1997 "after 30 good years in information systems development and production management. My husband Bob is still happily employed there after 30 years. Our daughter Elizabeth (Bucknell '02) has chosen the computer field like her parents. She works in D.C. at the nonprofit Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, where she is the one-person IT department, supporting 25 people on Macs." Sally reports attending, in Mississippi, **Namie Tanaka** Smith's daughter Stephanie's wedding. Namie was there, as was Steph's dad, **Doug Smith** '66, and her sister **Jennifer** '92."

Braving the ever-more distinctive vicissitudes of Ivy League football, Big Red variety, a pleasant tailgate featuring brisket cut to your preference, sponsored by the Cornell Clubs of Maryland, Delaware, D.C., Virginia, and, I assume, all points west, preceded the Cornell-Towson encounter Oct. 2. I saw **Les Glick**, JD '70, as well as **Jim Gutman** '68 and **Bart Reppert** '70, in addition to my traveling companions **Victor Stone** '68 and **Rick Ellis** '66. Oh, yes, the game: Big Red took a half to adjust to a rocking Towson offense. Just the opposite at Homecoming against traditional foe Colgate, where defense was superb, but offense seemed to have missed the Crispell Charter home. **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 I hope you've had a good winter. During the last few months I've had the opportunity to visit Cornell three times, and I wanted to share some personal reactions with you. We're all fortunate to have attended a great university that is becoming an increasingly amazing place. While the new buildings and physical facilities are world-class outstanding, the enthusiasm of the students and faculty and their strong feelings for the Cornell community are contagious. Each time I approach the campus, I have vivid memories of our class and the wonderful experiences we had on the Hill. If you have a chance to visit, don't wait for the next reunion!

Turning to some regular class news, it was great to see **Jay Waks**, JD '71, and his wife Harriet in Ithaca, along with their daughter **Ali** '08, a freshman in the ILR school. Their son Jon attends Harvard Medical School. Jay is a nationally recognized labor attorney in New York and has been very active in Cornell affairs, including work for the Cornell Fund, service on the Cornell Council, and chair of the Advisory Council of the Law school. Jay keeps in touch with **Jay Goldstein**, who is a dermatologist in the Boston area. He also sees Scarsdale friends **Nick** '67 and **Cheryl Katz Kaufmann**, **David** '67, ME '68, and **Jane Frommer Gentler**, and **Steven**, JD '71, and **Sharon Lawner Weinberg**, PhD '71. Jay also recently saw **Ira Shepard**, JD '71, and his wife Susan, who were visiting New York from their home in Washington, DC.

Our class president **Nancy Kulerman** Hodes was at Cornell for a meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO). Nancy has some good ideas about future class activities and you will hear more about this in the near future.

Kathy Shands and husband Joe Mulinare live in Atlanta, GA, where Nancy practices child and adolescent psychiatry and Joe is at the Centers for Disease Control working on birth defects. Their daughter Julie attends Tufts. They recently bought a house on Martha's Vineyard, and Kathy reports seeing **Jean Hinkleman** Krasnow, MAT '69, there and in Boston. **Ira Lupu** is a professor of law and associate dean for faculty development at George Washington U. Law School. His major research project involves the Faith-Based Initiative (see www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/legal for details).

Robert Wolf and wife Linda live in Pasadena, MD. They have two grandchildren, one from their son and one from their daughter. **Richard Garick** lives in Andover, MA, with his wife Ann. Their son **Josh** '04 graduated from ILR last June, and during the graduation visit, they enjoyed a great afternoon at Buttermilk Falls, leading Rich to wonder "why we ever want to be in the grown-up real world." **David Gorelick** and his wife **Naomi Feldman**, MD '77, live in Baltimore. Their son **Jonathan Gorelick-Feldman** '02 and daughter-in-law **Orley** '04 had the first grandchild in July 2003.

I am sorry to report on a note from Sharon **Odozynski** telling us of the death of her husband **John** in May 2004. John, a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, had been an attorney in Austin, TX, where his family lives.

MJ Herson has a firm called the Herson Group Ltd. that designs and produces major events. The firm handled the finale for Duke U.'s \$2.3 billion campaign, the launch of a campaign for Texas A&M U. (which event won a gold award), and inaugural events for Cornell President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77. **Bill Boles** lives in Telluride, CO, which I know firsthand is a super place. Bill and wife Genne's daughter **Kristin** '06 is an engineering student at Cornell. Bill reports that although Telluride is a great ski town, he is golfing more and skiing less.

Ken Greenberg was recently named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Suffolk U. in Boston. Ken joined Suffolk in 1978 and has chaired the history and philosophy departments since 1989. He is an award-winning filmmaker and author of numerous books, articles, etc. His film "Nat Turner: A Troublesome Property," was shown nationally on PBS. Ken and his wife **Judy (Guttman)** '69 live in Newton, MA. Judy is a professor at New England School of Law. They have three daughters. **Jim Ponsoldt** and wife Susan live in Athens, GA. Jim has been a visiting professor in France and at Cardozo Law School in New York, and he recently produced a short film called "June Bug and Hurricane" that is making the rounds of international film festivals. The film was directed by his son James, who received an MFA from Columbia after graduating from Yale.

Robert E. Cohen and his wife Carla live in Athens, PA. Robert is chief of orthopedics at Guthrie Clinic and Robert Packer Hospital. Oldest son **Gordon** '99 is a biotech analyst at Merrill

Lynch. Daughter Lauren is a PhD student at U. of Chicago, and daughter Rebecca is a teacher in New York. I look forward to hearing from you all. Please note my new address. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, Gordon_Silver@comcast.net.

69 Christine and **Raymond Randolph** have moved to British Columbia for what he calls “quality-of-life and professional reasons.”

Raymond is active in oil and gas exploration and finds abundant opportunities in Canada. The Randolphs also like the pace of life and are avid skiers. Flying their personal plane for business and pleasure, they especially enjoyed a trip to Europe, visiting Christine’s family in Germany. Another memorable trip took them to Alaska. Improvements to their 70-year-old home occupy the remainder of their time. Another ski enthusiast, **Douglas Jones**, ME ’70, retired from Dow Chemical and moved to Boyne City, MI, so he could teach the sport at Boyne Mountain. “I took early retirement from the heady atmosphere of being a university professor and moved home to Maine,” says **John Eric Anderson**. He lives in two acres of forest next to the Atlantic. John’s daughter **Rachel ’98** teaches in New Jersey, and his son Charles (Amherst ’01, Duke ’03) lives in Washington, DC.

Greg Baum, an attorney living in Oregon, writes that he saw Dr. **Chris Degnen** during a trip to Boston and that he and wife Linda are kept busy with their twin sons Ross and Cory. **Thomas Candrick**, also a lawyer, is a partner in the firm of Cammody and Torrance LLP. He tells us that his son William, 14, is applying to secondary schools in Connecticut. A new addition to the legal community, **Robert Liburdy** has started his second professional career in patent law, after conducting scientific research for 25 years. In addition, he and his wife Nora have nearly achieved their personal goal of visiting every city listed in the *New York Times* world weather table. **Margaret Peterson Mathewson** reports that she and her husband went on the first “no kids, no folks, just us” vacation of their 18-year marriage. The destination was Hawaii and Margaret says, “It was truly wonderful.” Back in Wichita, KS, her husband Duane Nordick is a representative for the Int’l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and their daughter Frankie, 14, is a budding artist. Attorney Margaret says, “Hoping I die a theatrical, if messy, death in court.”

Warren Galke lives in Columbia, MD, and is a scientist with the National Program Office of the National Children’s Study at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. **Ildiko Czomor Mitchell** was honored for 20 years as a clinical social worker. She says, “My daughter Sara has joined the ranks of do-gooders and works with troubled teens in my agency.” Ildiko’s stepdaughter Corie is a teacher of pre-schoolers at a private school in Syracuse. Ildiko also reports, “My husband continues to work multitudes of hours, but in developing his photographic talents. He has become a Nikon-anything collector.” Meanwhile, Ildiko’s interest is hiking. She is walking the Appalachian Trail southward and is past the New Hampshire Presidential Range, including Mt.

Washington. She wonders if she shouldn’t have started this 30 years ago!

As president of Dubose Assoc., **Harvey Leibin** is proud that his company has won the AIA/CT first prize for Camp Courant in Farmington, CT, and the Metal Institute first prize for Two Rivers Magnet School in Hartford, CT. On the family front, Brad, 23, graduated from Washington U. with a degree in architecture and works for Martin Rich Assoc. in NYC. Kate is a recent graduate of American U., and Kara is a student at the U. of Wisconsin. After the Leibins delivered their last child to college in Madison, they enjoyed a second vacation in northern Michigan. The first was 30 years earlier when Harvey was in graduate school! **Colin Russell** gets around. In the past year he has been to Chicago, Portland, OR, Mexico, Sand Point, ID (where he saw **Steve Lazar**), and Costa Rica, where his son Dylan is attending high school. Colin and Colleen’s elder son Trevor is in college. In Colin’s professional capacity as an architect, he received the Business of the Year and the Spirit of Marin County awards in 2003. Another award-winning architect, **Steven LaRocca**, received the Regional AIA award for Osborn Senior Residence and the PS212 Masonry Award. Steven’s two sons Jason and **Jonathan ’03** are both attending Rice U. Graduate School of Architecture. His wife Mary Ellen recently completed a master’s program in administration and special ed. Steven notes that he and Mary Ellen met at a fraternity party when she was a student at Elmira.

Eric Snyder has a new position as Director of Planning for Sussex County, NJ. His son David is in the Coast Guard, and Chris attends Stevens Inst. Eric has traveled to Mexico and Maine. **Jim Tompsett** is a veterinarian in Livonia, NY, and reports that daughter Nicole married Joseph Montesano and delivered the first

We learn from press releases that **Marilyn Gross Coors** is an assistant professor of bioethics at the U. of Colorado, and that **Bonnie Cooper Carroll**, the President of Information International Assoc., was honored in Washington, DC, as one of the nation’s leading IT professionals. *Human Ecology News* reports that **Ellen Isaacson Goldman** owns Noscaasi Ink Custom Screen Printing. We learn from the Alpha Phi newsletter that **Adrienne Jones Daniels Paris** is starting her own executive secretarial business and that her husband Peter will be chairing the theology dept. at Princeton Theological Seminary for two years before he plans to retire. In the reunion column, I erroneously reported that **Bob Potter** sold his company and retired. He did sell his company four years ago, but immediately became president of Centre County Community Foundation. Bob is busier than ever and doing very well at building the endowment funds for State College and Centre County. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031.

70 Our 35th Reunion (yes, it’s true, 35 years!) will be held June 9-12, 2005, Thursday afternoon until Sunday morning. Mark your calendar and plan to be in Ithaca for a party weekend. Both our class and Cornell have great activities scheduled. We’ll be staying at Cascadilla Hall in Collegetown. Events will be held at some of our favorite college haunts, as well as in new campus buildings. Ithaca can be glorious in the summer, so come back and take full advantage of the beauty of the campus. No prelims or curfews, and the dorm is co-ed! Reunion 2005 packets will be mailed to you in March; meanwhile, you can contact **Sandy Schorr** at Breckschorr@aol.com or me at conimae2@aol.com. See you in June!

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granddaughter, Olivia. Jim also mentions a three-week trip to Hawaii—Maui, Kauai, and Oahu—to attend a dermatology seminar. **Ted Gill**, ME ’70, writes that he is looking forward to selling his stock brokerage and retiring to spend full time golfing and traveling. **Joe Cervasio** is headquartered with Bluegreen Corp. in Boca Raton, FL, where he is vice president of organizational development, but lives in Nutley, NJ. Joe says, “Constant back and forth to New Jersey.” In 2002, he received the Marriott Vacation Club International’s Ultimate Counselor Leader Award. Joe’s wife Maria is the executive director of the Extended Day Program and on the Board of Education in Nutley, NJ. Their daughter Tina is a sports broadcaster who has appeared on MSNBC’s “Imus in the Morning” show. Daughter Corrine is NYC’s healthcare executive.

In July 2004, **Chris Aylesworth**, DVM ’74 (calyesworth@ferrum.edu) and his wife Gayle moved to Ferrum, VA, where he started as an assistant professor at Ferrum College in late August. He is teaching human anatomy and physiology, human health and diseases, a general biology section, and human nutrition. Chris had taught high school science in Rangeley, ME, for 14 years. They sold their fly-fishing business before heading for Ferrum. **Ken Gilstein** (k.gilstein@att.net) took a lacrosse team of seventh and eighth graders from Guilford, CT, to play in Hawaii. He offered lacrosse clinics to people in Oahu and Kauai as well. When the team flew back to Connecticut, Ken stayed in Hawaii, as he and his family were in the process of moving to Kauai. He is working as a clinical neuropsychologist. He will start the Kauai Youth

Lacrosse Association, which will have its inaugural season in the spring of 2005.

Patricia Cobe Feldstein (pcobe@restaurantbiz.com) is working as the food editor of *Restaurant Business Magazine*. She is enjoying the great perks of the job such as trying out new restaurants, travel, and being on the cutting edge of food trends. Pat and her husband Elliott live in Scarsdale, NY. She reports that their children Josh (Lehigh '02) and Matt (Dartmouth '06) are happy despite not choosing Cornell for their education. Pat sees **Bob Beck**, **Roz Chananau Beck Karlitz**, **Nancy Weiss Rich '69**, and **David '71** and **Karen Maisel Blumenthal '72**, all of whom live close by in Westchester County. In the summer of 2003, Pat attended the wedding of **Maxine Wisbaum**. **John Stopper** lives in Harper, KS, and is general manager at Danville Cooperative Association in Danville.

Karen Moss Glaser (karen.glaser@jefferson.edu) lives in Philadelphia, PA, with husband Richard. Their daughter **Lena '04** graduated from Cornell last May. Karen enjoys interviewing prospective Cornell students through the CAAAN network. **Stephen Goodwin** (srg@winnyc.com) continues as CEO of his firm Cartwright Goodwin Inc. A Microsoft Certified Partner, Stephen's company specializes in delivering solutions that leverage shared portal servers in communication, collaboration, and information-sharing with portal technology. Stephen recently received the Microsoft Valued Professional award, Microsoft's highest award.

I received this message from Cheryl Murphy: "To all who knew my husband, **Dennis Murphy**, sadly he passed away June 24, 2004. He loved Cornell and was proud to be a part of the Hotel school. I miss him deeply and just wanted his classmates to know." Cheryl can be reached via e-mail at preble2fl@aol.com.

Steve and Carol Tanner Aichele '72 continue to live in Malvern, PA. Carol is an elected county commissioner in Chester County. Steve has been named to the board of the Philadelphia Orchestra, as well as the board of Main Line Health. He is also on the executive committee of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. Their son **Tom '02**, a Cornell NROTC grad, qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer while at sea on the USS *Monterey* (CG-61). Steve can be contacted at saichele@saul.com. **Hinda Squires** (golde320@aol.com) was recently married to Gary Levy, who is from Florida. They have a new "blended" family, which includes Hinda's son Peter, 22, and daughter Amanda, 12, and Gary's son Matthew, 10. They live in Port Washington, NY. In the fall of 2003, Hinda was diagnosed with cancer and has been home on disability from her teaching job this past year. Gary works for Robert Merker Advisory Services as a real estate consultant.

Virginia and **Peter Ambrose** live in Hudson, NY. Peter is in his 35th year as a professor of biology at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson. His home e-mail is pa@valstar.net and at work it is ambrose@sunygcc.edu. Virginia is in her 31st year as a guidance counselor at Cairo-Durham High School. Their daughter **Abigail '04** graduated from Cornell in Design and Environmental Analysis (DEA), and their daughter

Susan graduated from SUNY Purchase. Youngest daughter Margaret has graduated from Taconic Hills High School and is attending SUNY Binghamton. **Susan Smith-Durisek** (durisek@aol.com) and her husband **Scott Smith '71**, MS '76, are living in Lexington, KY. Scott is dean of the College of Agriculture at the U. of Kentucky. Susan is a journalist writing a weekly garden column in the local paper, the *Herald-Leader*. She serves on the board of the State Arboretum and of Kentucky Women in Agriculture.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and safe 2005. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.

71 Once again it is time to catch up on all you classmates who, last spring and summer, sent in a tidbit or two for the class column. To those who contribute, many thanks. Apologies if it seems that you sent in the news a long, long time ago. You did. It takes us that long to get the cards and edit them into our limited space. So without further ado, and in no particular order, here is the news.

If you are looking for a graduation gift for this coming June, you might consider *The Book of Graduation Wisdom*, edited and published by **Edward Hoffman**. Edward, who lives in Commack, NY, with wife Elaine and two sons, is a clinical psychologist and teaches psychology at Yeshiva U.

A bunch of West Coasters checked in via the New and Dues cards. Starting in Washington State, **Bob Fuller** (Bothell, WA) writes that he has been busily redirecting his career in financial planning, plus training himself and his golden retriever for search-and-rescue missions. Bob and Anne have two daughters. Nearby in Seattle, **Cynthia Hoover** recently moved her art and antiques shop to 108 South Jackson St. Cynthia reported that she headed back east recently to visit her sister **Susan Hoover** Verna '70 in White Plains, NY. Naval Captain **Pete Saunders**, ME '72, retired from the USN Civil Engineers Corps in 2003 after a career spanning 31 years. He took the opportunity to relax with his wife Cindy at their Silverdale, WA, home. Aside from gardening and work around the house, Pete makes lots of travel plans, including sailing in Puget Sound and Nova Scotia. The Saunderses have visited friends and family in 26 states, Canada, and Guam, as well as visiting with their son **David '01**, a USMC 1st Lt. stationed in Okinawa.

David Civalier has a family medical practice in the Northern California town of Redding. He lectures on topics relating to cholesterol management for several pharmaceutical companies. He and wife Claudette also travel widely, having visited their daughter in Hawaii, as well as Machu Picchu, Peru, the Galapagos Islands, and Cabo San Lucas. Head south to Silicon Valley and you will find another traveler, **Charles "Dave" Himmelblau**. Dave is an aerospace materials engineer and an avid art collector, which sends him from New York to New Orleans to Santa Fe in pursuit of his passion. He says, "It's all about the chase after well-made affordable art." In nearby San Jose, CA, **Brick McIntosh** visited with **Chris Gould** at the wedding of Chris's daughter, and

with **Bob Bloch**, who journeyed to the Bay Area to situate his daughter at Berkeley. Lastly, from Southern California, **David Taussig** of Newport Coast is an active member of Cornell's Orange County Alumni Association. He has two Cornell daughters, **Maia '03** and **Ava '08**.

Another USN retiree, **Jim Adams**, wrote from his home Virginia Beach, VA. Having retired from active duty in 1996 after 24 years, he is teaching middle school math. The Adamses have two children in college. **Jacqueline Orsagh** reports that college visits, along with side trips to England and Scotland, have occupied a lot of time recently for her, along with husband Jay Yentis and their two daughters. Jacqueline's business, Yentis & Associates, just reached the fifth anniversary and she is looking forward to more travel post-college.

Jay Erstling, JD '74, wrote to us from his home in Switzerland. Jay has been the director of the Patent Cooperation Treaty for the World Intellectual Property Association since 2002. He and wife Pixie have daughter Rachel, who began a psychiatric residency at McMaster U., Hamilton, Ontario, and son Micah, who attends middle school in Geneva. **Bari Boyer** and **Marshall Katzen '68** are currently in Vietnam, where Marshall is a volunteer physician with Orthopedics Overseas. Bari reported before they left for Southeast Asia that she and Marshall "continue to feel like Ithaca is our second home." No wonder—their daughter Brit was married overlooking Cayuga Lake at the home of the groom's parents, Prof. Bruce Turnbull and his wife Martha.

Carlos Gutierrez checked in from Plymouth, MN, to say that he is keeping busy with his mortgage brokering business. He and wife Catalina have four children ranging in age from ten to 20. He also reported that his good friend **Herrick Lidstone** flew in from Colorado to pay his respects when Carlos's dad passed away. I received a nice piece of e-mail from **Bob Mecklenburger** last summer after he visited the Class of '71 website and found the latest news was rather old. It seems Bob has been pursuing a second career in his spare time by writing and performing folk music. He performs at venues near the Mecklenburger family home in Princeton, NJ, including the Middlesex (NJ) County Fair. Bob kept his day job working for Merrill Lynch in HR technology integration and information delivery. Now, if he can just work the job title into a song.

This time of year the news well goes dry. We need your news—juicy details, if you please—about your professional, recreational, and family life. If you see a classmate, tell us something about that person. If you are trying to reach someone, let us know and we will make an effort to connect you. Please e-mail Linda or me. ♦ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, linda_germaine-miller@vmed.org.

72 Happy 2005 to everyone. This is the year that many of us will turn 55 and officially become senior citizens. But think of all the advantages: AARP membership, discounts at the movies, discount greens fees for golfing, aching joints after golfing, and the "Early Bird Special" at International House of Pancakes.

Carlos Hurtado lives in Caracas, Venezuela. He says that he basically spends his time the same as he did at Cornell, marching in protest of the government—only now it's the government in Venezuela. Carlos has three children: Carlos, 25, is a lawyer; Armando, 22, is an engineering student; and Carolina, 18, is a medical student. **John Simson** of Silver Spring, MD, was elected president of the D.C. chapter of the Recording Academy (the Grammy organization). He reports that spouse Elise Riley opened a clinic for the uninsured with the Holy Cross Hospital & Montgomery College, serving D.C. and Maryland. Daughter Amanda, 22, completed her first year of Teach for America, teaching 8th grade math in inner city Miami. Son Ben, 20, was elected president of Muhlenberg College's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, and daughter Emma, 19, was elected to the steering committee of the National Student Global AIDS Campaign. **Ann Lowenberg** Tuler resides in Seal Beach, CA. **Allen Breen** proudly writes from Seattle that daughter Gabrielle completed her last high school semester in Israel and is now attending Columbia. **Marge Borgida** Moss informs us that son **Keith** was a member of the Cornell Class of '99, and son Brian graduated from U. of Pennsylvania in 2003.

Jim Gordon of Baltimore sent an e-mail to say that he saw **Bucky Gunts**, wife Dennyse, and children. This was prior to August, and at the time, Bucky was busy preparing for the Summer Olympics in Athens, which he produced and directed for NBC. Jim also met **Bill Molloy**, MBA '74, and his friend Barb Lambesis for some snowshoeing in Montana. Bill advises that **Bob Shaw** is coaching high school lacrosse in Santa Cruz, CA. Bill is spending most of his time franchising agility-training centers for border collies and other dogs. He calls it, "Best in Show on Steroids." Jim periodically sees **Larry Bartlett** (healthcare consultant) and **Steve Kramer** (Justice Dept. attorney) in D.C., as well as **Alan Einhorn** (attorney) and **Bill Copacino** (business consultant) in Boston. Jim also had dinner with **Rachel Gellman** in NYC. (Seems like Jim does a great deal of traveling.) He goes on to report that every May prior to the Preakness horse race in Baltimore, he enjoys catching up with Debbie and **Ray Pavelka** '71, who have been coming for about 30 years. Ray and Jim played lightweight football together. **Jay Carter** '71, ME '72, also frequently attends the Preakness. No report from Jim on whether he, Ray, and Jay bet on any winners.

Anthony Provenzano, MD '76, proudly reports that daughter Juliette, 22, graduated *magna cum laude* from Columbia with a BS in biomedical engineering. Son Frank, 20, is a junior at Columbia also majoring in biomedical engineering and playing on the Columbia rugby team. Tony was appointed chief of oncology at Lawrence Hospital Center in Bronxville. He and wife Betty reside in New Rochelle. **William "Wes" Schulz**, ME '73, and wife Diane phoned from Houston to report that daughter Amy is having a great time in NYC attending the prestigious Actors Studio. However, she is having trouble adjusting to living without a car. **Linda Presser** was disabled in an accident in 2002 and now lives on a 36-ft. trailer in Dayton Beach, FL.

Son Antony Proctor is a sergeant in the Air Force and a survival instructor stationed in Iraq. Daughter Melissa Proctor is portfolio manager for Scudder Investments in Chicago. Linda's note was sent to us several months ago, so we hope that her trailer survived the hurricanes that battered Florida in September and that Linda was not injured. We also send our best wishes to Sergeant Proctor and hope that he returns home safely from Iraq.

Gina Rogers works in healthcare policy for a coalition promoting patient safety initiatives throughout Massachusetts. She says that she was lucky to have a wonderful visit with **Libby Gumm** Hewitt in Santa Barbara last winter.

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Gina thinks Libby has a pretty great lifestyle near the water with spectacular scenery. Gina also saw Libby's daughter Kate on the East Coast, where Kate is having great success with her writing and teaching inner-city kids. After living in Atlanta for 30 years, **Kenneth Gartlir** "chose" to relocate to Dallas after his employer, the Comptroller of the Currency, closed its Atlanta District Office in December 2003. He and spouse June are slowly finding their way around a new city and getting the kinks out of their new home. Ken is anxious to hear from any classmates in the DFW area. **Pat Guy** finished her tour as press attaché at the US Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine, and moved on to be the Public Affairs Officer at the US Consulate in Munich—the hometown of Pat's mother.

The International Astronomical Union named an asteroid in honor of *Sky and Telescope* magazine's senior editor **Alan MacRobert** ("10373 MacRobert"). The city-size rock is a main-belt asteroid that ranges in brightness from 16th to 18th magnitude. Dr. **Judi Bloom** reports by e-mail from Santa Monica, CA, that while her private practice as a therapist in West Los Angeles remains very busy, she finds the time to pursue several possibilities for TV shows. Daughter Heather is a sophomore at Tufts and loves it, and son Skylar is a senior at Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences in Santa Monica and applying to colleges, looking to major in sports management.

Gerry Roehm '69, BS Ag '72, traveled to Philadelphia to visit **Bob Tausek**, his former College-town roommate. Bob is an avid road biker and persuaded Gerry to ride the byways of Pennsylvania. A few months later, Gerry returned the favor by acquainting Bob with the agony and ecstasy of mountain biking in Colorado and Moab, UT. The guys spent three days riding, including the first ten miles of a bedrock trail known as the White Rim. When they aren't riding around the country on two wheels, Gerry works for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in

Colorado, while Bob is employed by the US General Services Administration. Bob's wife Marjorie also works for GSA. Their daughter Allison is a sophomore at Virginia Tech. She is doing well and loves the school. Bob and Marjie went to the Tech-NC State football game last fall in Blacksburg, VA, watching the game with Allison from the student section. Only one problem: the students stand up for the whole game. So did the Tauseks. Bob says that he's too old to do that anymore. **Bruce McGeoch**, ME '73, and spouse Cyndy stopped by to visit the Tauseks over the summer on their way to the McGeochs' new house in Burlington, VT. Bob says it was good to see them and talk about Cornell.

We regret to report that **Austin Grubbs** passed away on May 21, 2004. Austin was employed by the federal government as a human resources advisor for the Defense Information Systems Agency at the Mechanicsburg, PA, Naval Control Point. He is survived by his wife JoAnn and two daughters, Jennifer of Harrisburg, PA, and Bethany of Kennett Square, PA. Austin was a trombone player in both the New Singer Town Band and the West Shore Symphony and had a large collection of musical instruments, as music was a great love of his. We are also deeply saddened to report the death of Patricia Edgerton Trommer (Keuka College '73), wife of our good friend **Bill Trommer**. Pat is also survived by daughters Heather and Leah. Send news to ♦ **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov; or **Gary Rubin**, gl Rubin@aol.com.

73 The annual request for News and Dues had just hit my desk when I wrote this column in mid-October, so those of you reading this column have had a few weeks to reply. Please remember that we rely on you to share your news with the correspondents so we have plenty to write about over the year. If you haven't sent in a news item yet, please consider it. Whether or not you choose to pay class dues, we'd like to hear from you.

E-mail brought news from **Paul Witt**, along with a photograph of his family (except his son) and **Philip Cheng's** family in Hong Kong this summer. Unfortunately, space restrictions prevent us from including it here. Paul reports that Philip's daughter **Jessica** is currently a freshman in the Hotel school. **Bill Welker**, MBA '75, also wrote from abroad to let us know that another Welker will "tread the Hill" this fall. Bill and Francey's son **Stephen** '08 entered Cornell this fall in the College of Arts and Sciences. As Bill noted, he and Stephen will now have the same reunion

timetable. Bill also predicts more frequent campus visits over the next four years. Go Big Red!

Greg Florant, a classmate I didn't get to know until after we graduated, had his own version of the "What next?" in the medical category last year. He wrote to let me know that he broke his knee and pulled his quads off on Father's Day 2004. Five surgeries for repeated infections, unbending knee, and torn everything finally found him healed nearly a year after the first accident. Even Greg's wife **Tracy (Haefele) '84**, a radiologist, was wishing for some different doctoring before it was all over. Greg ultimately did travel with his son to Australia while Greg worked there. We agreed that we had learned how thankful we are for family, support, and plain old perseverance.

Let me close by thanking everyone who wrote with well wishes after reading my "accident" column. Life, after all, is about the power of relationships, and we know that ones made with fellow Cornellians are enduring. ♦ **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, phg3@cornell.edu; ground mail to 1531 Woodside Drive, E. Lansing, MI 48823.

74 Out with the not-so-old, in with the not-so-new. With this and the next issue, you'll see the work of two new class correspondents, **Bill Howard** (me) and **Betsy Moore** (next issue), succeeding longtime correspondents **Linda Meyers Geyer** and **Betsy Beach**. **Steve Raye** continues, and we'll each write two columns a year. About me: While Cornell recorded my major as government, more properly it should have been the *Cornell Daily Sun*. Before, during, and after Cornell I've been in publishing, since 1985 with *PC Magazine*. In 2001 I transitioned from a 15-year insider role as *PC Magazine's* executive editor to writing its "On Technology" column and reviewing digital entertainment products. Attractive 30-year-old PR people still laugh at my jokes and find me an interesting conversationalist, but friends say that stems from having life and death power over their products, not an outbreak of good looks in the sixth decade of life. The freedom to go to the office one day or five days a week (my choice) just about outweighs having to scramble for health care (thank goodness for a working spouse). I also write for *BMW CCA Roundel* and sit on the advisory boards of the *Sun* and *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, where my goal is for *CAM* to write more about the lives of normal not extraordinary students (watch future issues). Like many of you, I have no clue most years whether my class dues are paid or not (a good reason for signing up for self-renewing dues; to pay up, go to www.alumni.cornell.edu). I love Cornell, I hope one of our sons goes there, and I'm scared to death about how we'll pay for it if they get in. (Thoughts, Jeff?)

The passing of **Christopher Reeve** of heart failure Oct. 10 draws down the public curtain on a remarkable life as a medical research advocate and arguably the most prominent member of our class. We liked Reeve early on for his screen (*Superman*) and stage success (and in hindsight basked in our collective foresight at having chosen to be at the same university for the same

years). As ace reporter Hildy Johnson in *The Front Page* at the Williamstown (MA) Theatre Festival in 1980, I remember, Reeve changed his shirt onstage and drew a collective gasp of appreciation from the audience. To paraphrase Joe Morgenstern's description of why Oscar voters admired Ben Kingsley in *Gandhi*, we appreciated Reeve because he was so many of the things in life we, too, wanted to be: moral, tan, and thin. Now we remember Reeve for something more important: in the wake of the 1995 riding accident that left him paralyzed, Reeve became a tireless advocate of better insurance coverage for catastrophic injury and for spinal research that someday would let him and others walk again. As *Time* said, Reeve "spent his immobile years in constant motion, raising money for paralysis research, speaking out for stem-cell funding, offering hope to other paralysis sufferers, even using his body as a proving ground for new therapies." **Jessica Bram**, MRP '79, recalls from undergraduate days, "Reeve had amazing charisma. He was somehow a star in a class of 1,000-plus."

Anne Wenzel and **David Miller** made a big lifestyle change in 2003 in search of a stronger economy, moving from Vail to Grand Junction, CO, located an equidistant four hours from Salt Lake City and Denver. Vail had disproportionate wealth, "limited sense of community, and limited job opportunities," David writes. "Here [Grand Junction], there is a great sense of community [and] it is very affordable, although wages are correspondingly low." Affordable dining has been driving the career of **Michael Olander** in Raleigh, NC, where his Apple Gold Group operates 72 Applebee's restaurants in four states. Michael, whose degree is from the Arts college, had plans to open five more over the next year and then signed to open 40 John Carino's Country Italian restaurants through 2011.

Craig Esposito married Crystal Revak, assoc. prof. of psychology at UConn, in September 2003. They're living in Mystic, CT, a stone's throw from Mystic Seaport, and hosted a gorgeous sunset reception on the waterfront at the Mystic Art Association. Honoring Craig and Crystal were Kathy and **Dave Moutner**, MS '77, **Bob Boynton**, David and **Nancy Maczulak Fisher**, **Lou Walcer**, and Gwen and Bill Howard.

Ed Evans, MBA '75, was named founding director of the School of Hotel Administration's Center for Entrepreneurship. He had held a number of senior positions with Aramark Corp. in Burbank, CA, most recent as senior VP, human resources. The Hotel school says Ed's first task is to develop (with input and approval from the school faculty) a "strategic and academic plan that takes full advantage of the entrepreneurial spirit of our school, our alumni, and our industry." **Ralph Cinquegrana** of Newton, MA, was elected first VP of the Boston Bar Association. Ralph is a partner at Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston, where he leads the government enforcement practices group. **Zack Mosner** of Bellevue, WA, celebrated his 10th anniversary in the office of the State Attorney General, winning a key case in the US Circuit Court on a "test tax program worth hundreds of millions of dollars for the states." He was elected

VP of the States Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys while winning its first "Spirit" award and also was elected VP of the Newport Shores Community Board. **Kristen Gerling** was elected national leader for Presbyterian Women, an organization of more than 300,000 members of the Presbyterian Church, USA. **Astrid Muller** is now general manager at Divi Phoenix Aruba Beach Resort.

Linda and **Nadav Nur** live in Marin County, CA, with their 14- and 16-year-old daughters. He's a quantitative ecologist for the Point Reyes Bird Observatory, where he's been since 1989, following postings in hometown Rochester, NY, New Brunswick, NJ, Scotland, Germany, and Seattle as part of the doctoral/post-doc/teaching path. **Michele Sola**, director of the Manhattan Country School, provides career direction by hosting a Cornell extern every January at the school. **Michael Jerome** of Cooperstown, NY, was chosen to lead a group of 25- to 40-year-old area residents on a four- to six-week African goodwill exchange in Mali, Ghana, Togo, and Benin. Jerome has been a member of the Cooperstown Rotary Club for more than 18 years. "We're looking forward to returning to campus for another four years," says **Rhonda Kraft Sherman** of Dix Hills, NY, with son **Eric '08** now a freshman in the Ag college. Brother **Michael** was Class of '99 and sister **Lauren** is Class of '05. **Fred Lockwood** of New Rochelle, NY, laments, "My son Tim, or rather me, has his first traffic ticket, for practicing driving skills at Orchard Beach. He is getting the idea of riding the clutch between full reverse and first gear."

Please send news. Notes sent with the class dues forms are fine, and that's the source of most Class Notes. E-mail is great, too, and don't worry about figuring out who's the right correspondent in the writing rotation. Whoever gets information passes it on to the next-to-write correspondent. We'd like to get all kinds of news, not just job promotions, civic honors, and offspring at Cornell (although that's great to hear), but also the other life transitions: finding a quieter or simpler lifestyle, transition from a Fortune 500 firm to heading a company of one, or dealing with significant medical issues. And tell us news about classmates too modest to send their own news. If you see a classmate mentioned in a news or online story, send us a paper or electronic clip if you can, or at least a publication and date, and we'll track it down. ♦ **Bill Howard**, wkh2@cornell.edu; **Betsy Moore**, bmoore@cazenovia.edu; **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu.

75 The last year has been a whirlwind of activity for me, completing two of the largest retirement communities we've designed during my firm's 23-year history. In between presentations and plane flights, I've tried to provide "Going to College 101" tips to my son, who is dedicating his junior year to four AP classes, writing the political column for the school newspaper, and selecting the perfect college. Yes, Cornell is on his list of hopefuls, which has kept alive many fond memories of my own four years on the Hill. As I sometimes feel that I've not aged a day since 1975

(OK, maybe just a few years), it's most difficult to think that our 30th Reunion is only a few months away. I can't wait to see you all there!

Congratulations go out to several classmates who have excelled in the academic world. **David Marshak** was promoted to professor at U. of Texas Medical School in Houston, and is doing research on color vision in primates, a topic he first became interested in while an undergraduate at Cornell. David celebrated his mother's 80th birthday with her grandson **Michael Marshak '06**, a chemistry major. After only a year as chairperson of the chemistry dept. at Temple U., **Allen Nicholson** was named acting dean of the College of Science and Technology. A chemistry major at Cornell, Allen received his doctorate in the field at U. of Pennsylvania in 1981, and completed postdoctoral work in genetics at Rockefeller U. in 1985 before joining the faculty of Wayne State U. in Detroit. His more recent academic interests have turned to molecular biology, with his research focusing on understanding how cellular and viral genes are expressed and regulated.

Barbara Foote Shingleton is currently involved in Boston Trinity Academy, a thriving new faith-based school for grades 6-12. She's looking forward to returning to Cornell with daughter **Elizabeth '00** for Hotel Ezra Cornell. Also in academia, **Ann Williamson** Cohen is technology coordinator and associate director of elementary studies at a private school in Nashua, NH. Ann has attended Cornell Adult University (CAU) twice in the past four summers, noting that it has been nice to return after many years. Daughter **Corinne** is a Hum Ec junior who was elected president of the Phi Sigma Pi academic fraternity. "She's loving Cornell."

In August 2004 **Charles "Chip" McClure** was named chairman, CEO, and president of ArvinMeritor, located in Troy, MI. With his more than 25 years of automotive industry experience in a variety of leadership roles, Chip will now assume responsibility for this \$8 billion global supplier of a broad range of integrated systems, modules, and components to the automotive industry. Chip is also active on the board of directors of R.L. Polk and Company, Internet Corporation, Detroit Renaissance, the Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA), and Horizons Upward Bound.

Patrick Phillips lives in Saratoga Springs, NY. He retired from the Army in 1999, but is still in the "retired reserve" as a major, Corps of Engineers, and subject to presidential call-up. Patrick ran for the New York State Assembly in 2002, and remains active in local issues, the Cornell Club (he encourages all alumni to join and participate in their own local chapter), and AGR fraternity. Patrick travels around New York as a founder of a regional insurance company. Son Evan, 13, has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement and nominated to take college-level courses. **Katrin Higgins** Tazza writes from Washington Depot, CT, that she is a CFP and VP at A.G. Edwards, where she has worked for 15 years. Katrin was recently certified in long-term care, and is doing an NIH-funded genetics research project on lupoid dermatosis with U. of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine.

She was given the outstanding achievement award in 2004 for her accomplishments with her German shorthair pointers, having had 50 show and four dual champions.

Laurie Clemente Milnor completed a buy-out recently and looks forward to continuing to provide the hospitality industry with evaluation training services. Sports and commuting to school in St. Louis take up a huge portion of Laurie's day. She is a Cornell parent, thanks to sophomore daughter **Ashley '06**. Old memories stir when she visits Ashley in the same room at Pi Phi that Laurie had as a sophomore, stating, "It was a lottery and it just happened!" Now that's eerie, Laurie. And speaking of Hotelies, **Joe Lavin's** daughter **Allie '07** is in the Hotel school and will perhaps follow in dad's footsteps. Joe is currently executive VP and managing Director for Marriott ExecuStay, and resides in Potomac, MD.

Daniel Nall is a senior VP at Flack & Kurtz, consulting engineers in New York. Daniel was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 2003, and has been a visiting lecturer at Princeton's School of Architecture since 1999. He has been designing US embassies abroad, including Sofia in Bulgaria, Minsk in Belarus, Seoul, Capetown, Copenhagen, Oslo, and Stockholm. Other "frequent traveler" classmates include **Peter Porpiglia**, currently living in Putnam Valley, NY. As director of research and development for Kumiai America, frequent trips to their headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, are required.

Benoit Gateau-Cumin is president of the Boutique Search Firm, which has grown into one of the world's leading hospitality executive search firms. He and wife Susana are the new owners of a wonderful 1922 Spanish "architectural gem" on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, CA. Benoit has been very involved with the Cornell Hotel Society, particularly the Southern California Chapter, where no fewer than 120 attended their last Christmas party. Benoit also stayed in London at the Holland Park townhouse of **Tony Lewis '76**. Lastly, I'd like to extend our congratulations to **Steven Werns**, MD '79, who was married to Kathy Tony in Ann Arbor, MI, last July. He is professor of medicine, University Cardiology, in Camden, NJ, and lives in Marlton.

Don't forget to keep your news, notes, and e-mails coming to your class correspondents, including yours truly. ♦ **Joan A. Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Deborah Gellman**, dsgeleman@hotmail.com; and **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu.

76 The News Forms have arrived, and I'm happy to have lots of news to report. **Altagracia Rodriguez** Coleman sent some family updates. Her son Richard III graduated from West Virginia U. with a BS in journalism. Daughter Inara is entering her junior year in a five-year combined BS/master's program at Sacred Heart U. Youngest daughter Tiffani has decided to take a year off before attending community college in the fall. Altagracia is looking forward to major career changes. **Lawrence Ben** is a partner in the law firm of Chikovsky, Ben, and Schafer PA in Hollywood, FL. He has one son, Andy.

Deidra "Deedee" Dain was planning to host a mini-reunion. The Celebration of Life event was a party for those of us turning 50 in 2004. She also wrote that son Scott enjoys leadership activities and started high school in the fall. Both he and his brother Daniel play soccer and tennis and are avid paintball players. They enjoyed a family vacation in Mexico with scuba diving just off the coast and had fabulous food and R & R. **Michele Gehshan** recently won the Sue Lile Inman Award for fiction for a short story called "Come Back Carla," published in *Emrys Journal*, Spring 2004. Retired in June 2003, **Stephanie Nealer** is enjoying horseback riding and some volunteer work and was planning to work on a political campaign last summer. This was the first time she was eligible to do so after 25 years with the federal government. Her daughter Erin loves horseback riding and is getting quite good at jumping. They traveled to Paris in March, Grand Cayman in April, and Alaska in August.

A news release from Temple U. College of Physicians stated that **Ellen Tedaldi** has been awarded the 2004 College of Physicians of Philadelphia's Exemplar of Humanism in Medicine Award. **Kathleen Sullivan**, Dean of Stanford Law School and scholar of constitutional law, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Suffolk Law School.

Amy Lubow Downs e-mailed her news. She has worked for a software publishing company in Manhattan since 1998 and lives with her husband and two sons in Brooklyn, NY. **David Emmerson** wrote that daughter Dena will be driving soon and took AP Chemistry from her dad this past year. She plans on attending Cornell in two years when she graduates. Younger sister Laura is in full junior-high swing with soccer, piano, cell phone, and dances. David continues to teach chemistry and coach women's soccer at LaCosta Canyon High School in Encinitas, CA. His connections with friends in Istanbul, Turkey, are stronger than ever. He might even buy a resort property there. **David Sarachan** is head coach of the Chicago Fire, in the professional soccer league.

In July, **Joyce Ilfelder-Kaye** headed for Hawaii, along with husband Mike and sons Aaron and Joshua, for the American Psychological Association Convention and an extra week of visiting the other islands. Joyce is serving as vice-chair of the Association of Postdoctoral and Psychology Internship Centers. They planned to



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see **Rich Keller** and **Jeff Prince**, who was honored at the APA. Jeff has become a Fellow in the Society of Counseling Psychology and will be giving his Fellow's Address. He is the director of the Counseling and Psychological Services at UC Berkeley. Rich works for NASA.

William Nassikas created a new hotel company and opened his first resort, Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain, in Phoenix. He also began a second project in June '04 that should be completed in December '05, a restoration of the '56 vintage "Landmark" hotel property in historic Scottsdale. **John Banner**, currently seconded from Chevron Texaco for three years, is president of a company marketing LNG from Western Australia's North West Shelf venture to public and state-owned utilities in Japan, Korea, and China.

'Janet Bowden has embarked on her third career.'

HOWIE EISEN '77

Promoted to Chief, Division of Genetics and Metabolism, **Cindy Powell** is working in the pediatrics dept. at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. **Lisa Cogen** Roslyn and husband Alvin attended the bat mitzvah of the daughter of **Joan Faier**-Routman. Joan's husband Aron is a graduate of Yale and Harvard Law School. Lisa has been jazzercising weekly with **Emily Goldstein Berkowitz** '75. Emily and her husband **Jay, DVM** '77, have a son **Justin** who is a senior at Cornell. Lisa is a developmental optometrist, and she and her husband started a Vision and Learning Center in Garden City, Long Island, five years ago. They treat children and adults who are very often misdiagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder. She would love to hear from any Cornellians living in NYC.

While surfing the net, **Phillip Cunningham** came across the Class of '76 column and wanted to add some news. He recently moved to Kyoto to take up a Fulbright research fellowship at Seika U., where he will be studying manga and anime, among other things, largely inspired by his kids' fascination with the same. Previously he was teaching and working as a freelance writer in Bangkok and Beijing. His first novel, *Peacock Hotel*, has some flashback scenes involving an upstate university with an uncanny resemblance to Cornell. It has been published in Bangkok by Blackberry Press and can be ordered online at www.dcothai.com. ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@aol.com; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@aol.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@tds.net.

77 **Saw-Teen See**, ME '78, managing partner of NYC-based Leslie E. Robertson Assoc., was elected to the grade of Honorary Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Cited were her innovative contributions to the field of structural engineering through the design of many

of the world's signature buildings, as well as her leadership as managing partner of one of the premier structural engineering firms in the world. Congratulations on this achievement. **Fraeda Jacobson** Lewis reports from Baltimore that her son Mark, 16, plays football and lacrosse, just got his license (to make his parents anxious), and is looking at colleges. Daughter Jessica, 14, is getting adjusted to high school. Husband Elliot is an attorney. Fraeda went to the bar/bat mitzvahs of **Lois Ratner** '78 and Gary Cassell's son and daughter and saw **Cindy Kane** '78 and her family there. Fraeda is also in touch with **Alice Mascette** '76.

Bob (Robert S.) **Taylor** was recently named VP, Indirect Sales for NexPress, a Kodak company in Rochester, NY. He recently relocated from San Diego to Canandaigua, NY, asking the trenchant and perplexing question, "Why would

anyone do that?" He has children Christy, Rebecca, and David. **Mike Weber** has spent 27 years at Xerox Corp. in Rochester. Mike is now a Cornell recruiter for Xerox, working with the College of Engineering—a great way to reconnect with Cornell. He works with **Jim Allchin**, ME '78, at Xerox. Son Ryan, 23, is working for Xerographic Solutions Inc., a Xerox sales agency. Mike and wife Judy recently celebrated their 25th anniversary by adding a family room to their house.

Janet Bowden is in Culver, CA, where she has embarked on her third career as a psychotherapist. Career one was as a lawyer; career two, full-time mother. Her son, 17, a percussionist, entered Cal State, Long Beach as a music performance major. Her daughter, 15, is an aspiring film actress with the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts within her high school. Janet, we wish you the best on your third career. **Patricia Lopez** recently relocated back to Florida (West Palm Beach). This was just in time to experience two hurricanes and the disaster aftermath. Patricia started jobs at St. Mary's Medical Center as a rehabilitation nurse and is also doing home visits for VNA of Palm Beach County. We hope the rest of the year was quiet, weather-wise.

That's it for this month. Please forward news and views to Lorrie or me. ♦ **Howie Eisen**, eisenh@tuhs.temple.edu; **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, rudin@erols.com.

78 **Jim Stewart** (jk.stewart@comcast.net) and his wife **Kate (Gavin)** live in Andover, MA. Their daughter **Amy** attends Cornell (Arts and Sciences), and Jim and Kate look forward to visiting Ithaca often. They have two other children: Michael in high school and Colleen in middle school. **Mike Bernard** has a second grandson. Mike is listed in *Who's Who of American Teachers*.

He teaches chemistry and, ironically, recalls having nearly blown up a room during a Chem 207 lab at Cornell!

Meg Mitchell Weingart (mam62@cornell.edu) lives in Cleveland, OH, and just adopted a second child from eastern Siberia. **Robert Weggler** (rweggler@norwich.edu) lives in Northfield, VT, with his wife **Sunshine (Lorenz)**. Their daughter Rose, 18, attends the U. of Vermont, and son **Ryan** '06, 22, transferred to Cornell's AAP college to major in City and Regional Planning. Robert received his MEd from Vermont College in July. He took the Norwich men's rugby team to the USA Rugby's National Sweet 16 Tournament in Colorado, but lost to Brigham Young U. They did beat Texas A&M, however. Their good friend and classmate **Debbie Downes-Stoj**, MD '82, had a baby, Stefanie, in January.

Michael Banks (mbanks@morganlewis.com) writes that he and his wife **Lori (Freimark)** '79 were on vacation kayaking in Seward, AL, where they met fellow Cornellians **Jason Halio** '93 and **Josh Richter** '94. He notes, "We're pleased to report that on the long paddle back to the dock at the end of our 14 miles of kayaking and four miles of hiking, the much younger duo was only trailing the considerably older, married folks by a hundred yards or so." **Glenn and Joanne Wallenstein Fishman**'s son **Robert** entered Cornell's School of Arts and Sciences this fall. They were hoping to see many of their classmates and their children at Orientation. Glen is now chief of cardiology at NYU School of Medicine, and Joanne (jwallens@optonline.net) is director of marketing at PalTalk (www.PalTalk.com), an instant messaging and group chat program, including audio and video. They live in Scarsdale, NY.

Stephanie Mitchell, JD '80 (sjm46@cornell.edu), who lives in Brussels, Belgium, passed a competition to become a "fonctionnaire" for the European Commission, where she has begun working on automobile industry policy and cooperation. She is passing her "spare" time learning Dutch and flamenco and re-learning French and German. Stephanie finally met up with **Paul Rohrllich**, who is now at the US Embassy in Belgium—"only 28 years after losing touch when I spent my junior year abroad!"

Mark Pinnie (mpinnie@bmplaw.net) had the chance to get together with fellow fraternity brothers **Tom Groos** and **Steve Follett** in King of Prussia, PA. He said they "both look fantastic, but it was undecided who would win in a tennis singles grudge match. Stay tuned for updates!" **Diane Root** Naar (Root1956@aol.com) lives in Palo Alto, CA, with husband Mike and three boys, ages 11, 15, and 18. Through a series of corporate acquisitions, **Nathaniel Mishkin** (mishkin@aya.yale.edu) went from working at a 30-person startup 11 years ago to a 300,000-person, not-so-startup (IBM). He was named an IBM "Distinguished Engineer" this year. His daughter Libby, 16, spent the month of July learning Italian in Italy, and his son Geoff, 19, started at Boston U. this summer, planning to major in computer science, like his dad.

As for me, I finally made the jump from the corporate world, as a business journalist, to the nonprofit world, working as program director

for a wonderful Phoenix-based organization called Valley Leadership. Through both teen and adult programs, we educate residents about community issues, engage in dialogue about possible solutions, and instill in them a passion to serve their communities. Our oldest, Leah, 19, is a sophomore at Oberlin in Ohio, and we're still trying to figure out how to handle upcoming tuition bills for younger siblings Briana, 16, and Simone, 13. I'm sure many of you are facing similar predicaments.

This is the quarterly plea for you to send in any and all news about you, your families, and your Cornell friends since what was once a healthy stream of News and Dues forms has slowed to a mere trickle. Remember, no news is bad news from this perspective. ♦ **Eileen Brill Wagner**, brillcon@cox.net; and **Pepi F. Leids**, pleids@aol.com.

79 Now that our reunion year has drawn to a close, it is exciting to realize what a wonderful success it was. **Jeff Berg**, MBA '81, and the other class officers would like to sincerely thank all 1,005 classmates who contributed to our 25th Reunion gift. In recognition of this special achievement, on Saturday, October 30 during Trustee/Council Weekend in Ithaca, the Class of '79 was presented with the Class of '74 Bowl for having more than 1,000 Cornell Fund donors in a single year. It is a great achievement to have also won the Bowl in 1999 during our 20th Reunion year. We truly have a very active and participative class, both in terms of attendance at events and provision of financial support. Eighty-nine classmates, who made Tower Club-level gifts, will be invited to the annual Tower Club Dinner in New York City on April 14 at Pier 60, Chelsea Piers. We are hoping to have at least 50 classmates and their spouses/significant others attend the dinner that will be hosted by President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** and Trustee Chair **Peter Meinig '61**.

In order to keep abreast of what is going on in the class, visit the all-new Class of '79 website. **Larry Stone**, our first webmaster, recently turned over his duties to **Jordan Schell-Lambert**, ME '80. Using the wealth of information and pictures generated from reunion, Jordan has reorganized our website, <http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu>, into a new format. The site has five main sections: Home, Class Business, Reunion, Cornell Fund, and Activities. Our class officers have jazzed up the site with a lot of useful links, and we plan to use it as an electronic headquarters to make the relationship between Cornell and '79ers work even more effectively. But for now, please visit to see some great reunion photos and catch up on the Reunion Gift, Distinguished Classmates, and upcoming events! Jordan is a natural fit for our webmaster since he is the Director, IT Solution Delivery for Decision One Corp. in Frazer, PA. He and his wife Anita live in Ardmore, PA, and can be reached at jslam108@earthlink.net. Their daughter **Rachel** is in the Class of '07, and son Theo graduated from Brown in 2004.

Jordan joins a number of other new officers for new five-year terms. If there is anyone who

would like to volunteer to assist these officers with class activities (regional events, affinity, membership, Cornell Fund, website, reunion planning, etc.) over the next five years, please contact class president **Jeff Berg** (jfb14@cornell.edu) or the appropriate officer (see our class website for the list) directly. This is your class, and all of the officers are pleased to have your input and contributions of time and talent.

Gregg Popkin writes that he is senior managing director of real estate asset services for CB Richard Ellis. This position keeps him busy running between 1,110 buildings and covering 36 million square feet of real estate in the Tri-State area. He and his family make their home in Chappaqua, NY, where his wife **Joan (Discepolo)** (studio56@aol.com) is developing plans to launch an interior design firm that will support both residential and commercial clients. Their daughters **Jaclyn**, 15, and **Chelsea**, 11, take turns getting chauffeured to soccer, basketball, and lacrosse games while their parents enjoy being their biggest fans.

On the other coast, **Richard Stearns** (STICHX@earthlink.net) is a real estate broker for DBL Realtors in Los Angeles, CA. He and wife **Elizabeth** live in Santa Monica with children **Greg**, 12, **Jackie**, 9, and **Ella**, 4. Richard is active in the local Cornell Club, Santa Monica Education Foundation, and Santa Monica Little League. Also writing from Southern California, **Natalie Spezio Mann** (natmm@aol.com) tells us that she is busy working on her first book. She lives in San Diego with her husband **Cal** and sons **Ryan**, 10, and **Charlie**, 7. Her family is active in the organization Kids Korp, a volunteer organization with high participation and involvement of children. She is also active in the San Diego chapter of CAAAN. In her leisure time she enjoys basketball, tennis, travel, and reading.

Philip Romero (philromero@yahoo.com) writes from Eugene, OR, that he and wife **Lita** (Dartmouth '78) celebrated their 20th anniversary in October 2004. Lita is a volunteer at a local charity that protects children at risk, and Philip is completing a five-year term as dean of the U. of Oregon Business School. Since graduating from Cornell, he has been a defense policy analyst at the Rand Corporation, a corporate strategist at United Technologies, and chief economist to the governor of California. He earned his PhD in 1988, but credits the Arts college for giving him the intellectual flexibility to make three career changes. In Larchmont, NY, **Rebecca Mazin** (rebeccamazin@recruitright.net) has just published her first book, *The HR Answer Book: An Indispensable Guide for Managers and Human Resources Professionals*. It has been published by Amacom Books and is available on Amazon and at bookstores. Rebecca left the corporate world in September 1999 to begin a human resources consulting practice.

Michael Feinberg (labrelig@aol.com) is living in New York, NY, with his wife **Josie** Glauzius. Michael is a rabbi and executive director of the Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition, an interfaith, nonprofit advocacy organization. Josie is an editor and journalist at *Discover* magazine. In their leisure time they enjoy traveling to

Europe and Mexico, reading, swimming, art, theatre, politics, and music. **Jay Baldwin**, DVM '83 (baldwinjay@hotmail.com) writes from Dover, DE, that he is still single but finally ready to settle down. Jay is president of First Equine Horse Health LLC. This is a veterinary practice limited to horses in New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland. He is also a public health veterinarian and horse health specialist for the New York City Dept. of Health. He owns farms in Millstone, NJ, and Saratoga Springs, NY.

Also practicing veterinary medicine, **Jim Watson**, DVM '85, writes that he moved from Saranac, NY, to Aberdeen, NC, seven years ago. In 2000, he built and opened a new veterinary hospital, Pine Tree Animal Hospital. He has also built a new log home and is finally trying to get settled in. He can be reached at samjakejim@mindspring.com. **Sally Lain Roe** (slroe@cqservices.com) writes that she and husband **Tom** have a dairy equipment and barn sales business in Troy, PA. They live in the heart of the Endless Mountains of north central Pennsylvania, where there are more deer and bear than people. Sally keeps busy home-schooling their 14-year-old son **Thomas**, and is also involved in tutoring, volunteering, and church activities.

Living in a more populated part of the state, **Reisa Mukamal** (reisa.mukamal@verizon.net) is a self-employed writer and Judaic studies teacher in Swarthmore. She and her husband **Steven Arnold** have sons **Zachary**, 16, **Benjamin**, 15, **Samuel**, 12, and **Noah**, 6. Reisa is active with Congregation Beth Israel, Swarthmore Presbyterian Nursery Day School Advisory Board, and the Wallingford Community Arts Center. In neighboring Bryn Mawr, **Kathryn Spitzer Kim** is working at Arcadia U. as a genetic counselor and consultant. She has published articles in the *Journal of Genetic Counseling* and is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors. Kathryn and her husband **Peter** have three boys, **Michael**, 13, **Jeremy**, 11, and **Alex**, 8. She can be reached at homekkim@aol.com.

Well, that's all of the news that I have for now, but please keep in touch with your classmates and with us. If you need to find an updated address for a classmate, check out the online Alumni Directory on the www.cornell.edu website. You can also communicate with your class correspondents about locating long-lost friends and other news. Use the class e-mail address, classof79@cornell.edu, or contact us directly. ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net; **Cindy Williams**, cew32@cornell.edu; and **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com.

80 OK, boys and girls, this is it! Our 25th Reunion is only months away. Where will you be June 9-12? Visiting Cornell? We may not feel like it's been 25 years since we shared our graduation day, but make it your business to pick up the phone, send a quick e-mail, and get a buddy to join you on the Hill.

Our class mailbox indicates that many classmates have been venturing to Ithaca with Cornell-bound children. **Jim** and **Jenny Wartik Carpenter** report that their son **Ted Eng '08** will be

studying computer science. The Carpenters live in Ann Arbor, MI, with Owen, a tenth grader, and Emily, an eighth grader. Jim was recently promoted to chair of the Dept. of Orthopaedic Surgery at the U. of Michigan, where in addition to his academic responsibilities, he maintains an active sports medicine practice that includes caring for the U. of M. athletes. Jenny writes that during her college touring last year, she had the opportunity to visit with old roomie **Evelyn Hurvitz**. **Barry and Rhonda Margolin Kublin** have sent their daughter **Beth '08** to study in Arts and Sciences. Do we have some Reunion Clerks in the making?

Jim and Sylvia Reeves Dake '81 recently relocated from Raleigh, NC, to Hartford, CT, as Jim took a new position with ING Americas. It sounds like the Dakes will still venture to North Carolina to cheer on son Brad, who is running in decathlons at UNC, Wilmington. They also have a seventh grade daughter Victoria.

An enthusiastic note from **Andre van Hall** tells us that he has completed his first year working at the Denver Athletic Club, where the work is FUN! He was pleased to see his efforts support a reversal in downward membership trends and now he can focus on future club profitability. On the home front, the van Halls are busy with a home renovation and keeping up with daughter Anneke, who loves to ride her horse Dante, and son Evan, a karate black belt and new driver (!). Sticking with the equestrian theme, vet **William Patterson** and his family share a passion for horses. His wife Kim and their daughter Hailey, 11, both compete in dressage and barrel racing, while William prefers polo. The Pattersons split their time between the veterinary practice in Ohio, which is primarily consulting and surgery, and the warmth of Florida in winter, where William works with the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington.

A very newsy note from Bostonian classmate **Chris Spear** provides lots of information. First, there was a July visit from L.A. resident **Joey Green**, who traveled east to lecture at the U. of New Hampshire on his books about new uses for household products (*Polish your Furniture with Pantyhose*). Joey's Boston stops included a photo shoot in Cambridge at the John Harvard statue and other notable locations for his upcoming "Spirit of '76." Joey, we will keep an eye open for this latest publication! Chris also shared some truly inspirational news about the two-day, 200-mile bike ride called the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge. This event, sponsored by the Boston Red Sox, raised over \$17 million to support the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Chris has been involved in this ride for many years and, with lots of support from fund-raising sponsors and his family, trains seriously for this event.

This year's training included a new twist as he and a co-worker, Roger, were looking for a new road to travel: "We booked a trip to Colorado, where for a week we never went below 9,000 feet. We climbed seven different passes in six days, including Independence and Loveland, both over 12,000 feet. On the seventh day, we headed for Mt. Evans. This is the highest paved road in the US, at 14,400 feet. It was 14 miles to

the top, and took about 2 hours. The view was phenomenal, but the wind chill was close to 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Roger's altimeter watch said that air pressure was 60 percent of sea level. On the descent, I shivered so much I could not steer straight and had to stop several times. This was like my training ride up Mt. Wachusett in Massachusetts, but 10,000 feet higher."

Well prepared for the August ride, Chris left Sturbridge bound for Bourne. Now, this is not a race, but, Chris said, "several co-workers promised to double their pledge if I came in first again. I rode over the Bourne Bridge in darkness thinking of the extra money for the Jimmy Fund. Some intersections were pitch black, rendering the arrows invisible. Luckily, after 16 hours, instinct carried me along the route. The homing pigeon inside me led me along the Cape Cod Canal, under the Sagamore Bridge, along Rt. 6A and other back roads until, after 30 miles, I finally saw the sun. I passed only five PMC riders (when did they start?) and refused help from several local riders who wanted to form a pace line. This was going to be a solo effort all the way. There is no prize for coming in first, I kept reminding myself as headwinds slowed my approach to barely a dozen miles per hour. A support truck led me across the rolling dunes of the Provincetown park. A half mile from the end, an approaching rider yelled, 'You're number 1!' With this boost, I sprinted to the finish line, coming in 15 minutes earlier than 2003. It felt great!"

Chris, thank you for sharing your experience, and I hope it sends a little inspiration to us all. See you at Reunion! ♦ **Jill Abrams Klein**, jfa22@cornell.edu; and **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu.

81 Send news to ♦ **Kathleen Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; and **Betsy S. Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net.

82 Happy New Year to all! Hope you enjoyed your holidays and will update us on your news this year!

We start with congratulations to **Emily Garr** Gottschalk, whose company, The Garr Group, of which she is founder and CEO, was recognized as one of Philadelphia's top 100 companies. Proud big sister **Patti Garr '79** sent in an article from the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. It explains that The Garr Group develops and produces interactive promotional CD-ROMs and DVDs to put in boxes of cereal or snack food, bringing the Cracker Jack concept into the 21st century. The company specializes in interactive promotional programs, including educational, music, and entertainment content, and brings together companies that are trying to reach the same demographic group. It handles all aspects of promotional programs, including replication, development, and distribution. The Garr Group, founded in 1998, now has seven employees in its Voorhees office, with two assigned to the West Coast.

From our News and Dues form, we've learned that **Dan McGraw**, a Lt. Colonel in the

NY Air National Guard, returned from a five-month deployment to Kuwait and Iraq as a staff judge advocate for the 109th airlift wing. Dan lives in Clifton Park, NY, with wife Kathleen and children Dan, Rachael, and Keara. He is business manager and counsel of the Operating Engineers Union and lists numerous professional activities, including Chairman, Upstate Council of Operating Engineers; Trustee, NY State Council; and Vice President, NY State Building Trades. Dan was also appointed by Governor Pataki as a member of the New York State Dept. of Labor Public Work Advisory Board. Most important, Dan celebrated his five-year cancer-free date, having been diagnosed with lymphoma in 1998. He even ran a sub-hour marathon in 1999. You can e-mail Dan at dmcgraw4@nycap.rr.com.

Also serving the State of New York is **Jamie Zimmerman**, who was appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of LEAD New York, a statewide leadership development program for professionals in the food and agriculture industries. The program is sponsored by the Ag college, and directors are chosen by the dean of the college. Jamie is the general manager of the Dairy One Cooperative, headquartered in Ithaca. The Zimmermans—Jamie, wife **Joelle (Frah)**, and three sons—live in Homer. The press release with Jamie's news also states that Jamie is active in community service on both the local and national levels; he serves as vice president of the Cortland County Youth Hockey Assoc., board member of both the Northeast Council of Cooperatives and the National Dairy Herd Improvement Assoc., and treasurer of NY Alpha of Phi Delta Theta.

Serving the city of Dallas, TX, is **Ruth Logan**, who was just reappointed for a two-year term by the Dallas City Council as an associate municipal judge. Ruth also maintains a private practice in Dallas, where she and daughter Natalie reside. Natalie is a dedicated swimmer who competes at the national level. **Dianne Renwick**, a judge of the NYS Supreme Court, Bronx County, and, coincidentally, Ruth's U-Hall 3 roommate, reports the birth of third son Graham Robert Johnson in October 2003. **Michele Riess's** daughter Kaithlin was born in June 2003, joining big sister Nicole.

Jill Schwartz Rowan (rowanpsy@yahoo.com) reports that her three children keep her very busy, but that she would love to catch up with classmates via e-mail. She "seems to be pre-occupied" with three elementary school students, "which is perhaps fitting for an HDFS major!" **Lynn Levy** Senderoff writes that she has changed professions and now teaches at the school where her sons Nathaniel and Stephen attend. She heads up the science department of a small Christian school near Milford, CT, where the family lives. **Paige Klotz** Grossman would love to hear from classmates in the Tenafly, NJ, area. After more than 20 years of living in New York City, Paige and family welcome alums to their new home on Thatcher Road.

Smiling in the September issue of *House Beautiful* magazine is **Jill Kirchner** Simpson, who is a contributing writer. The text that accompanies her photo reads, "Writing regularly not only for *House Beautiful* but for such magazines as

This Old House and *Country Home*, Simpson is well-versed in the world of interior design. She has coauthored several books, including *Sailing Style* (Clarkson Potter, 2003) with Tricia Foley, and more recently, *Romantic Style* (Clarkson Potter 2004) with Mary Emmerling. Simpson lives in a suburb of New York City with her husband and two sons." Congratulations to Jill on the great recognition!

And please join me in congratulating my co-correspondent extraordinaire, **Mark Fernau**, who was promoted to senior technical editor at the American Meteorological Society in Boston. Mark writes that he has embarked on his "challenging first journey into management land" as he "helps to guide the AMS technical editors through the uneasy transition to electronic editing after years of putting pencil to manuscript."

Please send us your news electronically or the "old-fashioned" way so we can recognize you, too! ♦ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; and **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 As I write this column, it's mid-October and we're just beginning the free-fall into the final stretch of the presidential campaign and then into the holiday season. By the time you read this, the summer and early fall of 2004 may seem very remote, but their events will still be fresh in the minds of many of our classmates. In particular, our thoughts go to those Floridian Cornellians (try saying that three times fast!) who were soaked and battered by the four hurricanes that hit the southeastern coast this summer. So far, I've only heard from **Susan Bassett**, who writes that she survived hurricanes Frances and Jeanne with some damage to her house, but nothing that can't be repaired. If anyone else has a hurricane tale to tell, please send your story to me or to my co-correspondent **David Pattison**.

A few reunion reports are still trickling in. During our 20th Reunion weekend, **Stephen** and **Caroline Kane Levy** stayed with Ithaca friends **Carole Schiffman** and her husband Prof. Steven Strogatz, along with another friend **Susan Mezey** Lieb. Stephen and Caroline's children Maya, 7, and Adam, 5, had such a great time at reunion that they can't wait for the 25th! The Levy family moved to Montclair, NJ, in August 2004 after many years in Brooklyn Heights. Stephen is an associate at the Wall Street law firm of Costello Shen and Gaffney, where he concentrates in insurance and medical malpractice defense. Caroline is Deputy Director of Preservation for New York City's Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Nancy Schlie Knowles, MBA '89, announces the arrival of son Jack in January 2003, joining siblings Halle, 9, and Luke, 6. In May 2004, Nancy and family moved from Oxford, MS, to Ithaca, where husband **Jim '87** is now leading the Big Red down the gridiron as Cornell's head football coach. Nancy adds that she and Jim recently attended the wedding of **Christine Miller Whaley '84**, MBA '89, where they had the chance to catch up with **Mark** and **Kim Osborn Rhodes**. **Amy Tayer Goldman** and husband **Howard '79** live in Needham, MA, where they are busy raising three boys, Nate, 12, Zach, 8, and

Lucas, 6. Amy is home full-time managing the family homestead and handling the bookkeeping for Howard's law firm. Two years ago, she founded a public school advocacy group, Citizens for Needham Schools (CNS), and currently serves as the organization's president. Amy is proud that CNS has been very effective at educating Needham residents about budgetary issues pertaining to the schools and has successfully campaigned for two tax overrides.

‘John Bustard has been shell-fishing commercially since graduation.’

LINDSAY LIOTTA FORNESS '84

David Chabon lives with wife Karen and their sons Andrew, 5, and Eric, 3, in Chestnut Hill, MA, where he has been self-employed as a contract CFO/controller for more than a year, in addition to keeping busy with his boys' kindergarten and preschool activities. Also busy with children and (gasp!) grandchildren is **Susan MacDonald** Mycroft, whose son Sam started school in August and whose third grandchild is due this November. Susan and family moved back to the US from New Zealand a year ago and are living in Asheville, NC, where husband John is working as a mainframe computer programmer.

Dennis McNamara writes that he, wife Barbara, and children Conor, 10, and Caitlin, 7, recently moved four blocks—and fervently hopes never to have to move again. From Dennis, we learn that **Tom Owens**, ME '84, MBA '01, "continues to keep the world safe for democracy. God bless him and all members of the armed forces for their sacrifice and commitment." **Philip Cole** recently accepted a position as an assoc. prof. of experimental nuclear physics at Idaho State U. On the road again is **Richard Haberek**, who is "still single and traveling; next stop, Hawaii!" **Mark Spiegel** reports that he is working for Broadmark Capital LLC in New York, conducting "PIPE" (Private Investment in Public Equity) transactions for small cap public companies. He wants our classmates to know: "If you've got one that needs some money, you know whom to call!"

Now for our class business. In every recent column, we've been reminding you to send us your photos—digital and old-fashioned alike—for our class DVD project. As David Pattison mentioned in his last column, the Cornell Alumni Federation has generously supported this project through a grant of \$1,200. In their award letter, the grant committee wrote that they were excited about our ideas and "very pleased to see this level of enthusiasm alive and well!" To complete this project, though, we need your enthusiastic response as well. So please take a moment right now to send us your pictures and other memorabilia and to share your memories of Cornell. Let's show the Alumni Federation our gratitude for their support by making this a truly outstanding project. Hard copies of photos and other items should be mailed to **Andy Sosa**, 4911

Magdalene Court, Annandale, VA 22003; e-mail, jas247@cornell.edu. Digital photos may be sent to David Pattison at d.pattison2@verizon.net.

Our class has once again selected **Trevor Johnson '07** as its Class of 1983 Scholar. In his letter thanking us for his scholarship, Trevor writes about his experiences growing up in an upstate New York farming family with strong ties to Cornell. Now, in addition to pursuing the academic opportunities available at Cornell, Trevor

works two jobs and somehow finds the time to volunteer as a Big Brother for a Tompkins County child in need of mentoring and friendship. Trevor is in the process of transferring from the Ag college to the ILR program, as he hopes to pursue a law degree after graduating from Cornell. Trevor adds, "None of these dreams and aspirations would be possible, however, without the scholarships and financial aid that I receive to help pay for my education. So I would like to thank the Class of 1983 for their generosity and support as I endeavor to achieve my goals and promise to work hard to represent both Cornell and the Class of 1983 to the best of my abilities!"

If you are a dues-paying class member, by now you should have received your copy of Kafka's *The Trial*, around which this year's Freshman Reading Project is centered. For more information about the Freshman Reading Project, take a look at Cornell's website, and if you're feeling particularly insightful, join in an online discussion through CyberTower. And let us know what you thought about the book whenever you send us your news (note the subtle reminder). ♦ **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, dinahgodwin@msn.com; and **David Pattison**, d.pattison2@verizon.net.

84 OK, classmates, it's time to send us e-mails! Karla and I need to know what you're up to these days. We especially need to hear from the men—most of the notes in this column are from the women. Tell us about vacations, visits with other classmates, life-altering decisions, etc. And ask your friends to send in their class dues! More duespayers equals more space in the Class Notes.

Margaret Crupi remarried in April 2004 to George Skelly, a partner at Nixon Peabody LLP. Prof. **Christy Burns** did a reading at the wedding. Margaret retired from practicing law to be a full-time mom in Carlisle, MA, to children Caroline and William. She reunited with **Susan Chang**, who was visiting from Singapore with her family. **John Bustard** is in Chatham, MA, and has been shell-fishing commercially since graduation. He writes, "Some years have been better than others, but it has been an adequate existence." **Ellen Blum** is on leave from private

practice in pediatrics to spend more time with her husband and their daughters Emma and Sylvie. She's "running a barn in her spare time," with a horse, two donkeys, two cats, and a dog!

Kevin Chin and his wife now have three children, Rachel, Ethan, and William, in Plano, TX. Kevin travels to Taiwan and China for business. **Claire Vollbracht** Moulé's husband passed away in 1996, and now Claire works at a church as a catechetical leader and is being trained as a spiritual director. She has traveled extensively and spends quality time with her niece as well. **Anita Riddle** and her family left Dallas, TX, for Baton Rouge, LA, where they enjoy the mild winters. Anita is a department head in the Exxon Mobil Refinery Process Division and really enjoys the work.

Sharon Toll Rubinson is in Marlboro, NJ, as a small-animal veterinarian. She's been married since 1991 to Elliot and has boys Ethan and Bryce. The Rubinson family loves all things outdoors: soccer, tennis, skiing, and the beach. **Beth Budin** Raff and Sharon were freshman roommates in Balch Hall and get together a couple of times a year. **James Torgeson**, ME '86, represents the Cornell Railroad Historical Society in Barton Hall at each reunion. When he's not at reunion, he lives in Lockport, NY. **Annette Stancliffe** Kissinger tells us, "While I sometimes miss the hotel industry, my new career creating yoga programs for schools is much more conducive to family life. I've released my first yoga video for children; visit www.classroomyoga.com. My daughter Nancy makes a cameo appearance in the video." Annette has seen **Mike Cahill** in Colorado and **Lynda Kommel** Browne '83 in Connecticut. Annette missed reunion because husband Tom competed in a triathlon that weekend. The Kissinger family visited San Francisco, St. Louis, and the Dominican Republic, and said the kids' program at Club Med was great.

Christopher Lindsay and wife Nancy have four children from teen to early school age. Chris is asst. labor relations director of the Eastern Contractors Association. For 12 years in Albany, NY, he served on many school board and neighborhood committees—the list is too long to print here! The Lindsay family has enjoyed Disney World as each child entered Pre-K. Family and school reunions keep the family connected also. **Amy Seward** Stacy of Bergen, NY, celebrated her 20th wedding anniversary this year

and has four children. Amy works as a registered dietician in a local hospital and stays in touch with **Wendy Hill**. **Linda Zell** Randall and family survived the four Florida hurricanes with only minor damage. She passes along the news that **Louis** and **Laurie Kimball** have a son Samuel and they are living in Larkspur, CA. ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com; and **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@attbi.com. Class website: <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 As the class of 1985 prepares for our 20th (gasp!) Reunion, June 9-12, we are happy to report that our mailbag is bulging with great updates from alumni. We can only suspect that these folks just want to get a head start on all the small talk in June. **Winnie Dunn** has promised to bring her new bundle of joy, Olivia Emily Kearns, for her first Cornell trip at reunion. Olivia was born on August 24, 2004, and Winnie and father Larry Kearns couldn't be happier. Some lucky alumni have already "met" Olivia through the slide show the proud papa developed when she was all of one week old.

Fred Schwartz, now in Northbrook, IL, saw two Rochester Cornellians recently. First, **Marty Schwartz** stopped by to visit before he handled a case before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Then Fred and his World Skating daughter Sydney skated with **Jake Vigoda** and his daughter, who had come from Thailand for a recent competition. You can only imagine how busy **Heidi Sakanaka** is, as she is a substitute teacher and a Girl Scout leader for two troops. Her daughter Mihoko loves art and gymnastics, while fourth grader Mikie concentrates on musical theater. Heidi ran into fellow Tri-Delt **Karen Lowe** '80 in line for a movie. Then she happened across another Tri-Delt, **Jennifer Sullivan** Recker '87, at the Mamaroneck Fireman's Parade. She hadn't seen either since graduation!

Alejandro Badia was recently named to the Cornell University Council and met with the board of trustees on campus in October at the annual meeting. He also just launched his website, www.drbadia.com, which is aimed at educating both patients and international colleagues on the advances in hand surgery at the Miami Hand Center. And you were right when you thought you saw **Edward Bemis** on television. He and his wife **Tina (Rovito)** are now hosts of a cable gardening show called "Bloomin' with the Bemis." They love it, and report everything is still rosy at their garden center, Bemis Farms Nursery in Spencer, MA.

It's not just because she's a proud mother of Claire and Robert that **Carolyn Choh** Fleming, MBA '87, was asked to present her paper on Global Education and E-learning at the Global Conference on Excellence in Education and Training (GCEET) in Singapore last May. She has completed her career transition from pharmaceutical marketing executive to professor of marketing, teaching pharmaceutical marketing at Saint Joseph's U., Philadelphia. She also recently celebrated her birthday with **Ann Delaney**, MBA '87, and **Jennifer Ong-Meyers** '86.

Mike "Boomer" **Bloomquist** reports that his girls Katie and Megan love horseback riding and

soccer. Mike's enjoying his seventh year at Deutsche Bank as a VP, Derivative Sales. His wife Annie and he hosted self-styled California "beach doctor" **Dave Bloom** during his recent visit to the East Coast. **Margaret Nagel** Gnegy had great fun at the wedding of **Christine Miller** Whaley '84, MBA '89, and reports she is very excited for reunion and hopes to see everyone there. **Deborah McKee** Johnson and her family, hubby Terry and kids J. Alex and Halie, are all settled into their new home in Fairfield, CA. For the past 18 years, Deborah has been a program administrator for the California Youth Authority.

David Maione is currently operating Core Management Services in Endicott, NY, with brother **Tony Maione** '81. They provide janitorial and cleaning consulting services to Fortune 500 companies and colleges throughout North America. **Robyn Miller** just completed her fellowship in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at Wright State U. in Dayton, OH. The Air Force then moved her and husband Richard Smoot to Tampa, FL.

As a pre-cursor to reunion, **Mark Martin**, **Hans Rempel**, Bill, ME '86, and **Stephanie Linger Page**, and your faithful co-correspondent **Ed Catto** joined **Tim Cole** '83, MBA '84, in Boston for the wedding of **Al Jacobs** '86 in October. Nostalgia was thick in the air, for this crew all lived in Boston 20 years ago just after graduation. Objective-reporting spouses Kelly, Betsy, and Kathe noted there was a little less hair, a few more pounds, but just as much fun as always.

We look forward to building some new memories with you at reunion in June. In the meantime, keep sending your e-mail updates! ♦ **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com; and **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

86 For **Alex Hsia** and his wife Janelle, things happen quickly. After spending months preparing to travel to China to adopt a little girl, Alex and Janelle got the word that their adoption agency wanted them to come *immediately*, and within five days they and their son Logan were across the globe. From China, Alex e-mailed the news to former roommate **Larry Robiner**, who forwarded it on to me. "After a couple of days in Beijing, where Logan got to climb on the Great Wall, we are now in Nanjing, where we got Jessica Lynne just yesterday," writes Alex. "I think she's having trouble adjusting to having us as parents, and any change, even just taking off a shoe, is traumatic for her. On the positive side, she's been eating well and has adjusted to having us feed her." Back home, Alex works for the Network Operations Center of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Boulder, CO. **Gail Weiss** also writes us of daughter Rebekah Rose, now 1, and passes along news of a baby girl born last August to **Leigh Weber**.

Ed Decker sends news from northern New Jersey, where he practices ophthalmology. "I'm proud to report the birth of my son Noah Aiden on August 7. Sisters Carly, 5, and Ellie, 3, are excited to have a little brother." Joining those brave parents of three are **Richard Forte** and his wife Helen, who welcomed Michael Sam on May

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2. "He joins Andrew Jason, 6, and Julia Grace, 2, born in May as well." In his spare time, Richard practices hematology and oncology in greater New York. Also in the medical field, **Anthony Mauriello** reports that he started an orthopedic surgical practice in Lancaster, PA. "There are now four doctors in the group." Anthony informs us that **Kregg White** and wife Anne welcomed a baby girl, Campbell Ann, last December.

It was good to hear from fellow Tri-Delta **Heidi Duitsman** Collihan, too. "I married a terrific guy this spring in Chicago at Navy Pier. I then had to travel to Australia on a four-week business trip. But fortunately, Bob recognized me when he picked me up at the airport!" Heidi is director of project management at Heat & Control Inc. in Northern California. "We supply food processing and packaging systems to major food companies throughout the world," she says. Heidi also reports that **Katherine Stifel '87**, who lives in Washington, DC, was able to make the wedding.

Finally, big thanks go out to **Donna Mandell** Korren, who filled an entire page of the news form. "It's hard to believe," she writes, "but the girls of 110 Linden Avenue are all (dare we say?) turning 40." To celebrate, the five former roommates met in New York City. The gang included: **Lenore DiLeo-Berner**, an assistant middle school principal; **Elyssa Katz** Hurlbut, a registered dietician; **Katie Roth** Boyar, a mom to two girls and living in Manhattan; our own class president **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster, a real estate broker pursuing her master's in special ed; and Donna herself, a partner in the regional magazine *Elements*. "Twelve great kids and five happy marriages since graduation, and we're still great friends—20 years later!"

Indeed, it's hard to believe almost 20 years have passed since our time on the Hill. I echo Donna's sentiment about 40—dare we say it? But seven months into the big 4-0, I have to report that it really isn't bad. In fact, now that I've gotten over the shock of plugging it in at the LifeCycle at the gym, I even sort of like it. Professionally, I'm hitting my stride. At home, after 14 years with the same mate, I finally have realistic expectations of marriage. And after almost a decade of parenting, I feel I may even know what I'm doing, especially on days like this one, when I happen to have answers for my 9-year-old's questions ("Isn't there a month with 32 days in it?" "Do I need to bring my library card when I bring books back?"). At 40, I also realize my shortcomings, and know that I'm still okay (for example: this column is more than a week late . . . and I already used all my cell phone minutes with ten days still to go.) So if you haven't taken the plunge, be reassured. In fact, embrace it. Life at 40 is good. Let us know how it's treating you. ♦ **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, aaf9@cornell.edu; **Jackie Byers** Davidson, jackied@sbcglobal.net; and **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu.

87 I started this column while en route to Asia on yet another business trip. I cannot remember if I ever wrote at a 37,000-ft. cruising altitude. What is even more intriguing is that I arrived in Hong Kong on the waning days of the

US presidential campaign. Now, ensconced in my hotel room in Taipei, I am flipping the TV channels between CNN and the local Chinese stations to get the latest information on the election returns. I can only hope that by the time I board my flight home, we'll know who the next American president is.

I am always surprised how few e-mail updates I receive from classmates. In October, **Kim Leinwand** Erle sent in her news electronically: "I enjoy reading the class news each month in the alumni magazine. I recently had the chance to get together with classmates **Betsy Schwartz** Brint and **Pam O'Dwyer** McGaan—separately, but on the same weekend—when both were in NYC (from Chicago) for the US Open. It was great to catch up with them! On the home front, I founded an investment management firm, Trajectory Asset Management, in 2002. In July 2003, our firm launched a set of three mutual funds together with AIG SunAmerica Asset Management. It's a big change from the financial product design work I had been doing as a consultant for many years; now we're designing investment products of our own. It's great to have made the switch!" In January 2005, Kim is planning a mini-reunion of sorts with Pam McGaan, **Veneeta Oberai** Fraser, Betsy Brint, and **Jenny Moore** Stahlkrantz '86 in the Grand Cayman islands (leaving, collectively, 16 children and 5 husbands behind) to celebrate our 40th birthdays. Now that is some birthday bash!

That same month, **Heidi Russell** sent an electronic postcard from Europe: "I am having a great experience in Greece. The island of Paros is very nice and we have visited a couple of other islands. I have taken many photos and am getting close to having my website up and running. I am taking theory of art, art studio (painting), black-and-white photography, digital photography, and philosophy. The people are great and the accommodations are comfortable. It is very windy here; otherwise the weather is perfect."

Kevin and Karen Morel Joostema (Palos Verdes Estates, CA) added a third child to their family: "Third daughter, Kyra, was born September 10, 2003, joining big sisters Kristin, 7, and Katherine, 5. (Yes, all our names start with K.) Finished big home-remodeling project that caused us to move to four different temporary homes and went through two general contractors over 1-1/2 years. But we are very happy to be back in our home and are enjoying it. Our remodeled master bedroom was featured in a recent episode of 'Designers' Challenge' on HGTV." Karen further reported, "**Lauren Spergel** Blumenfeld, MS '92, and husband Mike and two boys visited us. We had a great time doing lots of kid-friendly stuff. Even took a gambling trip to Las Vegas!" Fellow Southern Californian **Jennifer Maisel** writes, "I won Showtime's Tony Cox Award for my screenplay 'The Last Sedar' at the Nantucket Film Festival last summer." She and her husband Michael Berick have a daughter Julia Rose Maisel-Berick.

We have some news related to the Big Apple this time: **Basil Dean Angelakos** is happily married with a 4-year-old son. He is an assistant comptroller for labor law in NYC. **Caryn Weinberger** Jacobs resigned from her position at

CIBC in NYC to move to Dallas for a career opportunity for her husband. "I had my second child, Spencer, on July 7, 2003, two months after arriving in Texas. My oldest son, Hayden, turns 3 on February 2. Dallas is nice, but no place can beat New York!" **Debbie Garkawe** Gilman had a mini-reunion with **Patty Nordhausen** and **Rebecca Fisher** in NYC to celebrate Rebecca's birthday. "I saw classmate **Michele Heiman** Ventura and her new baby Julia, born in April 2004. Michele and husband Ron also have a 3-year-old daughter Camryn.

Jill Major HaLevi and husband Andrew live in Charleston, SC. They traveled to China in February 2004 to adopt daughter Mira, now 2 years old. "Big sister Noa, 6, is very happy to share her room and (almost) everything else. My last trip to Mainland China was junior year at Cornell, when I studied Mandarin and taught English. Needless to say, I barely recognized the place, and my language skills were not the help they once were. But it was a thrilling trip, and Mira is settling in to our family wonderfully. **Jenny Wang**, MA '91, visited us after the adoption, and we hope to see other friends from Cornell soon."

Karin Lewis Tamme has the distinction of being the first classmate I've reported on to have a child in college: "My oldest daughter started at Wellesley this past fall." Karin herself is "working at the U. of Kentucky while proceeding with my doctoral dissertation research." Meanwhile, baby news continues for other classmates. **Jerry and Lauren Cioppa Ludwig** now have four kids. The newest arrival is Gerard Francis. All together, they have three boys and one girl, "and their family is complete!" Jerry and Lauren took a trip to Florence, Italy, last winter. And at Lauren's high school reunion, they ran into **Debra Howard** Stern and **Jill Barnett** Kaufman. **Dean Rosenzweig** reported that he and his wife now have a boy, Harrison, who was born May 4, 2004. Harrison has two older sisters, Emma and Clara, and "they are thrilled to have a little brother!"

Send your traveler's checks, lost luggage, and news to ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, ttseng@stanford.edu; or **Debra Howard** Stern, dstern@acksys.com.

88 Hello, classmates, and Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that the holiday season just past was an enjoyable and peaceful one for all and that the new year has greeted you warmly.

At the time of this writing, there are two fierce battles being waged in the US, one for the Presidency and the other for the World Series championship. By the time you read this, these contests will have been decided (one hopes!). Since I'm sure there are many passionate Cornellians on each side of both these battles, I will refrain from stating any personal preferences.

Let's start with a note from **Debbie Brown**. Debbie writes that she has forsaken working in Africa and living in the San Francisco Bay Area (where she is missed) and has relocated to Houston. She'd love to hear from area Cornellians or those just passing through. Drop her a line at Debbie.brown@chevrontexaco.com. **Karen Franklin** Smith let us know that she and her family—husband Jim, and kids Andrew, 7, and

Shannon, 4—have been back in Oregon for over a year now, after nine years in Massachusetts. Karen works for CNF Inc., managing the retirement plans and administration department.

Back on the East Coast, **James Miller** is living happily in Chester, CT, with wife Sonal, son Christopher, 6, and daughter Anjali, 4. James's law firm, Shepherd, Finkelman, Miller and Shah, represents plaintiffs in class action lawsuits. The firm has moved its Connecticut office to Chester, so now James only has a half-mile walk to work.

‘The walk will be good; the Bar will be bad.’

JAMES MILLER '88

When he wrote, James was studying for the California Bar exam since his practice often takes him to California courts. James's simple statement on his commute and the first exam he's taken in 13 years: "The walk will be good; the Bar will be bad." Also in the legal profession is **Kristin Hileman-Adams**. Kristin spent 11 years as a criminal prosecutor in Maryland and now works as an associate county attorney in general litigation. Kristin has three children, Sabrina Lourie, 6, E. Welsey Adams, 2, and Colton Eugene Adams, about to celebrate his first birthday on February 10. Another classmate attorney, **Andrew Levi**, sends word from Miami that he recently accepted a position as Assistant US Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. In Nashville, **Kim Coffin Johnson** has left practicing law to stay at home with her kids Amelia, 5, and Sam, 2-1/2. Kim now takes on the perhaps greater challenge of teaching Sunday School to 4-year-olds at her church.

Turning our attention from law to medicine, classmate **Florence Parrella** is a senior staff physician at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, MA. Florence is a board-certified cardiologist and cardiac electrophysiologist. **David Levine**, MD '92, is an orthopaedic surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. David's wife **Davena (Barfus)** completed her master's in education last year. David and Davena make their home in Bedford, NY, with children Sophia, 10-1/2, and Payton, 7-1/2. **Perry Sutaria**, MD '92, has become a partner in his medical practice and writes that his family has "settled down in hopefully the last house we will ever buy" in Mendham, NJ. His third daughter, Grace, will soon be celebrating her second birthday on February 18. Perry regularly sees fellow Cornellians **Sharon Mass '89**, **Renato Giacchi '89**, and **Jeff Schwartz '90**, MD '94, working at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

In medicine of the non-human variety, **Linda Hunter**, DVM '92, has worked as a veterinarian in a number of places since 1992 and is now a PhD student at Cornell's own College of Veterinary Medicine with a concentration in molecular biology. Linda is studying the genes that cause ocular cataracts to develop in canines.

Elaine Hall sent in news on several other classmates: **Alice Tse** is a doctor in Kotzebue, AK. **Frances Lee** works for Morgan Stanley in New York City. **Debbie Reynolds** and husband Jorge

Juantorena live in Park Slope, Brooklyn, and have two children. Debbie works for Pfizer Foundation and Jorge is an attorney at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, and Hamilton. **Tricia Hernandez** lives in Austin, TX, with husband Mark and had a baby back in 2003. Elaine herself is a media account director at MPG working on the Intel account and lives in Hartsdale, NY. **Peter Ford Keenan** is a senior landscape architect living in Bradenton, FL, with wife Maria and children Thomas Ford, 3, and Jonathan Andrew, 11.

On the international front, **Nancy Michalski** Wall sends an update that her family made the previously reported move to Okinawa and has been adjusting as quickly as possible. They survived tropical storm Megi and typhoon Songda, which kept them in lockdown for two days. Nancy is busy preparing for a career change, having started a master's program in elementary education. She expects to start teaching once the family returns to the States. Nancy tells us she has updated her e-mail and "snail mail" address in the online Alumni Directory (a very useful tool for any Cornellian, certainly this correspondent) and would love to hear from anyone who cares to make contact. Also in the east is **Ed Drimak** who has started his sixth year in Malaysia and "hopes it never ends." Ed says it has been a few years since he has seen any other alums or fraternity brothers. If anyone is in Penang or just passing through, he would like it if you'd stop by and say "Hi!" Ed's e-mail address can also be found in the alumni directory.

Our past reunion chair, **Pamela Darer** Anderson, wrote of her involvement in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). Last year, when Pam met high school students interested in attending Cornell, she listened to their questions, concerns, and worries and wondered if we had the same feelings when we were applying to Cornell as seniors in high school. Unfortunately, I think it is now at the point where it is difficult for many of us to remember that far back! **Jill Silverman** Green-span has returned to work three days a week now that her 5-year-old twins Arielle and Joshua have entered kindergarten, and older daughter Claudia is in second grade. Jill sees **Peter Jacobs** quite often, as his 5-year-old son Noah is good friends with her son.

Lastly, **Mike O'Hara** is enjoying life with wife Sue Audie and their children Greta, 7, Madeline, 5, and Jack, 4 months (back in July 2004) in "beautiful, low-stress Niskayuna, NY." Mike leads the development effort at Union College in Schenectady, which Mike calls a "wonderful, smaller version of Cornell." Mike's work in fund-raising has shown him how important it is to give back to one's alma mater. As he put it, "Philanthropy makes you feel good. So support CU, all you '88ers!"

In addition to Mike's urging our classmates to support Cornell, let me make a plea for news from all '88ers. In particular, I'd like to note that many of you often send in our class news form with only an address and phone number or e-mail address. While it is very important that up-to-date contact information reaches Ithaca (and we make sure all those updates do), when you jot down that new address, please take a few extra minutes to note some other news in your life. Cornellians are all up to interesting things, and your classmates want to hear about you! And don't hesitate to send Suzanne or me e-mail updates as well. That is perhaps the best way to ensure that we have as much recent news as possible in our columns. ♦ **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu.

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I'm humming our Alma Mater as I write this, thanks to having seen some original members of the Cayuga's Waiters perform recently at the Basin Harbor Club here in Vermont. **John** and I enjoyed a lovely evening in the company of our friends Colleen and **Brian Lefler '88**, and quite a few other Vermont alumni. It was a fun chance to catch up, share Cornell memories, and sing along to our favorite Cornell songs, led by Cayuga's Waiters from the classes of '50 through '57. Though our five or so tables of Cornellians were the minority in the large dining room, the diners all rose in an ovation to the Waiters after being treated to the Cornell Alma Mater during the dinner prior to the concert.

I received a couple of updates right as I was writing this column. Thanks for the timely news! **Jon '88** and **Juliana Kelly May** sent a change of address card, with the news that they've finally moved into their Manhattan home after almost two years of renovation. The Mays can be reached by e-mail at jmaye95@yahoo.com. **Susan Comminos** (slc36@cornell.edu) e-mailed the following: "Last year, I left my staff job as a Reuters Health reporter to try my hand at freelance arts journalism. Since then, I've written for the *Atlantic Online*, *Forward*, and *Boston Phoenix*, among others, and seen my poetry included in *The Blue Line Anthology* (Syracuse U. Press, 2004). I'd be interested to hear about the experiences of other Cornellians in the writing business, especially those working as freelancers."

A handful of classmates took the time to jot down some news when they sent in their class dues. **Tom Atkinson** (tom.atkinson@att.net) noted that he has moved to Istanbul and is eager to get in touch with fellow alumni. **Rimbert Rivera** wrote from Alexandria, VA, that he recently bought a new house and was promoted to management at work. **Chris Osgood** reported that he and wife Angela are enjoying their son Robert Marley Osgood, who'll turn 4 in April. "He is loving school here in Atlanta, talking the entire time he is awake (his favorite thing to say is 'Cheers' while clinking his juice bottle with whatever you're drinking), and throwing baseballs. He is already very tall for his young age (like his old man!)." Chris is full of enthusiasm about his job also, writing, "After spending all of my

time since graduation in radio in Hawaii or Texas, the business brought us back to the East Coast (here in Atlanta) at the beginning of 2003. I am the local sales manager for News/Talk 750 WSB-AM, the second-oldest radio station in the country—home of the Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Hawks, and Georgia Bulldogs, as well as personalities Neal Boortz, Clark Howard, and Sean Hannity—and loving every minute of it. I communicate quite a bit via e-mail with fellow Hotelies **Jim McManus** and **Tom Cleary** and **Steve Grieco '86**. I speak with **Jaime Worth** at least once per quarter. He is still living in upcountry Maui, and is married with two beautiful children."

Our final update is from **Dina Weiss**—Linfoot. Readers who enjoy medical shows may already be familiar with Dina's news, as she explained, "I am excited to announce (belatedly) the birth of my second child—a girl—Jordyn Paige, on September 5, 2003. She joins big brother Noah Solomon, age 2-1/2 (3 by the time you read this). You might have seen Jordyn's birth, as it was featured on the TLC show 'A Baby Story.' Fellow Cornellian **Laura Pearlman** Kaufman and her children Adam and Elliott were also included in the 'Baby Linfoot' episode!" Dina also reported that **Susie Kupferman** married Michael Raskin on August 1, 2004, in Newport, RI. ♦ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com.

90 Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but Ithaca is so delightful—in June! Winter may be here, but get ready for Fun in the Sun at our 15th Reunion, June 9-12, 2005. Mark your calendars for a fantastic family-friendly weekend. Registration packages will be mailed in March. Here's a sneak peak at what we have planned. We kick off the weekend Thursday night catching the sunset over Cayuga Lake atop the Johnson Museum. Do you remember Breakfast with President Rhodes as an undergrad? He's invited to our breakfast on Saturday. As night falls, we will be dining at Beebe Lake, rockin' to '80s music. But you don't have to wait until June to celebrate with classmates! Join us for the Class of '90 World Tour . . . Destination Ithaca '05. Pre-reunion events are being planned in Boston, Philadelphia, Tokyo, Princeton, Washington, DC, and San Francisco. Details of these events will be on the class website, <http://classof90.alumni.cornell.edu>. Contact reunion co-chairs **Carolyn DeWilde** Casswell (cdd22@cornell.edu) and **Nadine Magac**, MBA '01 (nmagac@yahoo.com) if you would like to host a pre-reunion event in your town.

In the meantime, let's get caught up with our class news. Some time ago, **John Hines** reported that he had become engaged. But alas, magazine policy prevents us from announcing impending unions (or births) until after the events take place. Well, John and fellow '90 class-member **Ka Sin Yeung** "sealed the deal" in New Haven, CT, on August 3, 2003. In attendance were classmates **Geoff Weinberg** and **Roman Dreyer**. John and Ka Sin celebrated their first

anniversary this past summer and are currently house-hunting in the New Haven area. John, please e-mail us again when you have a new home address and a new, ahem, little legacy to report! Wedding bells rang in May of last year for **Stephanie Rowe** and Scott Simmons of Knoxville, TN. Their nuptials were witnessed by **Cheryl Donnelly Burgess '89**, **Karen Murray**, **Courtney Stark Vail '91**, and **Matt Schneider**. Stephanie is hoping to reconnect with old friends this summer when she brings Scott to Cornell for the first time. Make your reunion plans with Stephanie at Rowey@comcast.net.

Penny Smith Eifrig e-mailed us her news and a cute family photo. Penny married a "nice German guy," Chris, in 1995, had their first daughter Saede in 1999 and second daughter Casie in 2003, and has been enjoying being self-employed in Berlin for over a decade. Regular readers of this column know that I love giving classmates plugs for their businesses, especially when there are Class of '90 perks involved! Penny and Chris's family business is called Knütes, a line of unique Polartec fleece clothing for kids and adults. Go shopping at www.knuetes.com and Penny promises free shipping for any Cornellians. Just drop her an e-mail with your order! When she's not translating and running the business, Penny is working on a PhD. Visitors to the Eifrigs' home in Germany have included **Barbara Hurley**, **Steve Hawthorne**, and **Trish Kammerer**. Penny tells us that Trish will be visiting again from Hungary, where she is living for a year. Anyone who wants to visit the Eifrig Haüs should do so soon, since they're considering a move to Pennsylvania for next school year!

The family of **Scott** and **Jolynta Beijer** just keeps on expanding. Twins Michael and Daniel, born May 19, 2004, bring the running total to five kids! Other families are growing as well, albeit at a somewhat slower pace. **Carolyn Johnson** Chaloner let us know via the Class of '90 website that her offspring count had reached two with the birth of Reed Owen on April 16, 2004. Reed's brother Matthew is 4. Carolyn is project manager at Miller Electric Manufacturing Co. in Wisconsin. **Lori Waddell**, DVM '93, and husband **David Puerto**, DVM '93, had their second son, Nicholas Graham, on March 9, 2004. Big brother Alex is 3. **Tamara Nam** Deckey and husband Jeffrey celebrated the arrival of Camille Elizabeth in Newport Coast, CA, on March 30, 2004, giving Isabella a new little sister. **Deborah Goldstock Ringel**, married to **Doug '88**, gave birth to baby Danny, who joined siblings Sam, 6, and Emily, 3.

Deborah's report of the members of her Theta book club reads like "Who's Who in the D.C. Metropolitan Area." **Anjali Chaturvedi** is doing a year-long detail for Senator Dianne Feinstein's judiciary committee; **Kate Snow '91** is White House correspondent for "Good Morning America"; **Lori Giuffre '91** is a veterinarian; **Rebecca Warne** Hamilton '91 is a professor at the U. of Maryland; **Melissa Fast '88** is a trade analyst; and **Christina Guerola** Sarchio '91 is a partner at Howrey & Simon.

Other classmates are professionally accomplished as well. **Scott Rodwin** was elected president of the American Institute of Architects,

Colorado North Chapter. He also recently received several national awards for excellence in sustainable residential design. **Cynthia Loizides** Weber, whose work also entails design, has recently branched into the area of hospital design, particularly in the New Haven area. **David Kroll**, MBA '96, has assumed the position of Senior Director-Pacific with the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. and relocated to Sydney, Australia. **Jennifer Agnello** Long is the owner of The Red Lion restaurant in Vail Village, CO. She has children Jessica, 7, and John, 5.

Alisa and I will see you in Ithaca! We'll be the ones rockin' around Beebe Lake with the big hair, Benetton, and shoulder pads—NOT! ♦ **Carole Moran** Krus, ckm42@cornell.edu; and **Alisa Gilhooley**, alisagil@aol.com.

91 The past few months have been busy for the Class of '91. Classmates have been celebrating births, weddings, and new jobs, and in our spare time, we travel! We trust that as we ring in the New Year our fellow Cornellians will find much peace and happiness in 2005. However, before we become too entrenched in our New Year's resolutions, let's take a moment to reflect on the joyful events that befell our class over the past year.

For many, the New Year symbolizes rebirth, so it seems fitting to begin our recap by announcing the future generation of Cornellians! **Jacqueline Zar** Varona and husband Hector happily announce the birth of their second child, Jake, who was born last August. Big sister Isabella, who turned 2 in July, is happy to have a little brother. **Michael Babcock** and wife Amy, who reside in Brewster, NY, also have a new family member, as their son Jack was born in November 2003. **Steve Goodweather** of Houston, TX, writes that baby daughter Ella, born in December 2003, never ceases to delight and amaze her parents.

Rebecca Donovan Brown married husband James in June 2003 on Nantucket Island. Several Cornellians were in attendance to toast their nuptials, including **Susie Skoglund** Young and husband Brian, and Val and **Cathy McKee** Sribar with their newborn Ryan. **Judy Zuidema** also joins the new parent club as she announces the arrival of Anna. Judy and her husband Marco live in Italy, where Judy works for Diesel Spa Jeans & Fashion Retailer as the interiors architect for all US projects.

Several other classmates have been trotting 'round the globe. **Andrea Belusko** Hertzendorf, husband Michael, and family Caitlin, Cassidy, and Cade are stationed in Taegu, South Korea, for the next two years. **Ina Kurcz** writes that 2004 has been a very exciting year. She got engaged, quit her job, sold her apartment, and moved to Australia for seven months in order to travel extensively. Prior to leaving for the Down Under, she stopped by Scottsdale, AZ, to join her travel buddy **Liz Rosenfeld** for some quality time on the hiking trails and in the spa.

Kim Jordon Stone adds that she and husband RC are wrapping up an extended three-year European honeymoon courtesy of the US Navy. Both Kim and RC are stationed in Italy, where Kim serves as a family physician. She mentions that she

bumps into classmates wherever she goes. In Bahrain, she ran into **Mollie Finch** Hunter, who lives there with her husband John, also in the US Navy. Kim and her husband also met **Loretta Dougherty** and **Fred Gallo '90** in Ireland last July for a wonderful week of companionship.

Sharyn Talman married husband Robert last Labor Day weekend. Present at her wedding were classmates **Amy Salman** Meese with husband David, and **Traci Kissel** Helton with husband John. Sharyn lives in Wayne, NJ, where she is the vice president for human resources for Saint Barnabas Health Care System at Irvington General Hospital. But wait . . . there's more! Sharyn wasn't the only Cornellian to celebrate the end of summer with a plunge. Class officer **Eric Bluman** married Trimble Auger in Maine. The many and merry celebrants included fellow officers **Paul Hayre** and wife **Jeannette Perez-Rossello**. Paul noted that Eric was resplendent in his Nantucket Reds—apparently a New England tradition!

Class officer **Corinne Kuchling** recently accepted a marketing position at TransACT Communications, an educational software firm in Greater Seattle. In the vein of “having her cake and eating it too,” she also was able to proceed with her plans for a three-week vacation during which she visited friends in Oxford and Paris, and then attended the wedding of fellow Cornellians **Jay Cammermeyer '93** and **Kendall Fisher, JD '96**, at Martha's Vineyard last September. Over a dozen Cornellians were in attendance, and a great time was had by all despite the storms brought on by Hurricane Ivan.

Congratulations are due to **Kimberly Schleman Selzman**, who wrote to tell us that she completed her electrophysiology fellowship and took an assistant professor position at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where she lives with husband Craig. **Shannon Bessette** has also pursued a career in academia. She recently received tenure and was promoted to assistant professor of anthropology at Jamestown Community College in New York. Beyond her career, she keeps busy as the vice president of the Board of Directors for the Chautaugua County Humane Society.

located in Sanford, FL. Mike has taken the position of regional sales manager for the West Coast, PAC 10, and NFL—a great fit for a former Big Red football star whose team won the Ivy League championship twice during his college career!

Melisa Levitt recently became employed at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts after working with them for three years as a freelance consultant on healthcare and technology projects. She manages cross-functional initiatives in the arenas of preventive health, support for chronic disease management, and new technology implementation. She adds that last year's Boston-area Cornell Women's Brunch was wonderful and presented her with a great chance to connect with old friends and meet current students. She remarks, “It's amazing that the Class of 1991's 'Cornell Experience' has been going on for 17 years! It has been great to continue meeting fabulous Cornellians of all ages in the years since graduation.”

From regional alumni clubs to Zinck's Night to Reunion—there are many ways to reconnect with your former classmates. Maybe you've found a nugget of interest within this column. We hope that you are inspired to write to us and share your news as well! ♦ **Corinne Kuchling**, kuciori@hotmail.com; **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; and **Nina Rosen** Peek, nrs5@cornell.edu.

92 Howdy, Class of '92! I've been awful busy since I last wrote to you. I'll give you the short report.

I was on the “Today” show with Katie Couric talking about stay-at-home moms reentering the workforce. It was fun and also a great opportunity to plug the parenting magazine *MahoganyBaby.com* that I co-founded. Speaking of the magazine, we were nominated as a finalist for a Stevie Award for Women Entrepreneurs in the category of Best Company Website of the Year. Exciting, eh? I am also featured as *Working Mother* magazine's “Stylish Mom” in the November 2004 issue, and I was interviewed about my media company, WilPower Enterprises Inc., on MommyToo.com. OK. I've plugged enough. I'm still chasing my four kids around,

director for a small plastics manufacturer just outside of San Francisco. And finally, after five long years, I graduated two months ago with an MBA from San Francisco State U. Safe to say I am done with school for a long while!” Congrats, Carl! **Randall McMillan** reports, “In my role at Island Def Jam, this is the time of year when we are busy getting together our new album releases for the fourth quarter.” He has been actively working on the legal aspects of new album releases by LL Cool J, Ashanti, Ja Rule, Jay-Z, and R. Kelly.

Seth Isenberg (sbisenberg@comcast.net) started a new position in September with SAP America Inc.'s consulting arm as the manager responsible for mid-markets in the Pacific Northwest. “I love it. Great job! Great company!” he exclaims. “My daughter Beryl is 6 months old, and my son Fisher is now 3. My wife Amber and I are staying very busy with them here in scenic Portland, OR. We took a pack trip with the kids, using llamas, into the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness Area for a week at the end of August before I started my job. Incredible. **Eric Wagner** and I stay in close touch, especially about my Red Sox vs. the Yankees in the ALCS. I'm also active in the Cornell Club of Oregon and Southwest Washington.”

Habiba Tunau (tunau-spencer@juno.com) tells us, “After 12 years my husband **Kenton Spencer '93** returned to Cornell to visit. We were impressed by its beauty, the number of new dorms, and upgrades like RPU—which now looks very high-tech with all the flat-screen TVs. We happened to be in the neighborhood, so to speak, after a job interview in Elmira.” Shortly after graduation, Habiba moved to Los Angeles to be with Kenton (they've now been married for ten years). After the last major Northridge earthquake, they moved to Charleston, SC, where Habiba attended medical school and had their first son. “We were excited to leave the hurricanes behind and return to NYC, where I completed residency training in internal medicine and had two more babies along the way.” After taking a year off to be a stay-at-home mum to three young children, Habiba is returning to work full-time as an internist for a multi-specialty group in Elmira. “I look forward to getting involved with Cornell and helping to inspire any future doctors. I also look forward to hearing from any old [no offense—she meant ‘former’] classmates.”

Michelle Struble Bouton's news was practically jumping off the page. Here's what she told us: “Tons of news! My husband and I have two beautiful children: Megan Noelle, born Dec. 9, 2002, and Matthew Robert, born Jan. 27, 2004. I quit my job after Megan was born and was surprised to find out that I was pregnant again! With two kids only 14 months apart, life here is busy and exciting. We just relocated from Buffalo, NY, to Cleveland, OH, where my husband Scott will be working at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in the ER. Moving here has reunited me with my friend and fellow Cornellian (and class correspondent) **Carole Moran Krus '90**. She has made the move to a new city so much more enjoyable.”

And hearing from classmates makes my life a little more enjoyable. No, really! I know it sounds corny, but it's true. Hearing good things

“David Berman is teaching middle school students who hail from China, Hungary, Honduras, and Peru (to name a few).”

CORINNE KUCHLING '91

David Berman issues an update from New York City, where he has been teaching English as a Second Language for the NYC Board of Education. Currently, he is teaching middle school students who hail from China, Hungary, Honduras, and Peru (to name a few). He and his wife Diane have been married for five years and have sons Ilon and Aaron. He reports that he is still in touch with **Ben Goody**, **Nora Endlich '93**, and **Elliot Austin '92**. **Mike Baudendistel** recently joined XOS Technologies, a sports technology firm

writing, singing, modeling, and desperately seeking a minute to take a pottery class. I'll keep you all posted on that one. Now I'll give your other classmates a chance to get a word in edgewise. On to more news!

Carl Oronsky writes that he has several bits of happy news to report: “Most importantly, my wife Jodi and I had a baby boy, Isaac Joshua, on September 19, 2003. He's a great kid—even nice enough to sleep through the night at 10 weeks! I also have a new job and title. I am now HR

infects me with a smile 100 percent of the time. Don't you want to inflict a smile on your classmates? Write in and let's all get smiley! Write to us! Until next time: Be a light, and be well. ❖ **Wilma Ann Anderson**, info@WilPowerEnterprises.com; **Renee Hunter Toth**, rah24@cornell.edu; and **Debbie Feinstein**, Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com.

93 Happy 2005, everyone! As we head out of 2004, it amazes me to think that it was 15 years ago that we were freshmen! Somehow I still think of myself as a recent college grad, but perhaps we are not really so "recent" anymore. College friends I met freshman year have now become long-term friends who remain an integral part of my life. It's amazing how four years of college can affect your life for many years to come.

With that musing, it's on to the news. The mailbag is a little thin this time around, but I look forward to my next column when all your News and Dues forms should be flowing in. Please remember that you can always send your most recent news via e-mail to either of your correspondents so that the most up-to-date information gets into the column.

Allison Waxberg e-mailed that she married **Marc Milgrom '94** at a ceremony by the sea in Monmouth Beach, NJ, on September 5. Even though the couple both attended Cornell, they didn't meet until after graduation at a gathering for the Young Entrepreneurs Association at the Cornell Club in Manhattan. Cornellians in attendance included **Tammi Miller Fox '94**, **Russell '88**, **BArch '88**, and **Marni Runyon Kriegel '90**, and **Loren Altshuler Sapira '89**. The couple lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Allison continues to work as a product designer for Lifetime Hoan in Westbury, NY, a company that makes kitchen gadgets and housewares for KitchenAid and Cuisinart. Prior to changing her career to design, Allison had worked as a skin scientist in the cosmetics industry.

Joyce Dietrich married Christophe Lanham on August 28, 2004 in Baltimore, MD. Also in attendance from the class were **Daisy Delogu**, **Cindy Wei-Yi Tung**, **Abigail Wilentz**, and **James**, MD '97, and **Kara Gaetano Babashak**. Joyce and Chris live in Baltimore, where Joyce practices as an internist and pediatrician at a local primary care clinic. Joyce added that Cindy gave birth to baby Josephine on April 18. Cindy and her husband live in Demarest, NJ. Abby, Cindy, and Joyce were roommates all four years at Cornell.

Finally, **Susan Kim** sends in the following update. "Aloha! It's been over 10 years since graduation and I just wanted to share some news of the last couple years of my life. 1) I moved to the beautiful island of Maui. I surf and paddle and am learning how to garden. 2) I got married to a wonderful man named Scot, and we have a pet cockatiel named Phineas. And 3) I started my own business as a personal and professional life coach (www.susankimcoaching.com). I do workshops and seminars locally, but as a phone coach I have clients from all over the world—from Hawaii to New York to Europe! My clients are

professionals and entrepreneurs who are looking to enhance their lives and their careers. I love what I do as a coach, but more importantly, when I'm not working, I live on Maui! A hui hou (Until we meet again)!"

If you haven't already done so, please pay your class dues and send us your news! Have a happy, healthy, and safe new year! ❖ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com.

94 Send news to ❖ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, del5@cornell.edu; and **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com.

95 Happy New Year! Six months and counting now till our big 10th Reunion! Several columns ago, we initiated an idea to help get everyone excited for June 9-12 and we're kicking it off in this column as a way to start the new year and the official countdown.

What we asked was for you to let us know (when you send your news updates) who you'd most like to reconnect with at reunion. In this issue and the next two, we'll be printing those responses so you can get your old gang back together in time for the June festivities!

And speaking of festivities, we have another wave of weddings among our classmates! **Scott Klein** writes in that he was married July 18 in Santa Monica, CA, to a Wharton grad ("the Ivy geeks that we are!") and that he also attended the wedding of **Joseph DiTalia** in Woodbury, NY, on September 25. Joe works for Citigroup and recently got his executive MBA from Columbia. Scott has been working as a business and systems analyst at American Honda Motors in Torrance, CA, for the past two years. Scott writes that he is looking forward to reunion and "for all those bettors who thought I would still be a wild bachelor when the 10-year came around . . . well, at least you would lose money on the bachelor part!"

Another classmate who recently lost his bachelorhood is **Jed Axelrod**, whose October 9 wedding to Maria Granda in St. Pete Beach, FL, **Matt French**, ME '96, and I had the pleasure of attending. Both Jed and Maria are doctors in Buffalo, NY, Jed halfway through his residency in orthopaedic surgery and Maria a practicing pediatrician. Also in attendance: groomsman **Todd Hodgman** who, at the time of this writing, was working for a pharmaceutical startup called Healthology in New York City and had recently celebrated his own one-year wedding anniversary (July 12, 2003); and **Jason Nicoll**, a lawyer for a hedge fund in Orange County, NY, and his wife **Laura Welch '96**, who have a 2-year-old daughter Katherine. **Michelle Johnson** Coon (mjcoon03@yahoo.com) got married in April 2003 to a friend from graduate school and has been living for the past five years in Washington, DC, doing policy research. She "would love to hear from Cornell friends and family."

This past April, **Stephen Przynosch** (sprzynosch@hotmail.com), a family medicine doctor in Toledo, OH, married his now-wife Tammy in

her hometown of Ann Arbor, MI. Steve's brother **Robert '96** was his best man, and brother David was the other groomsman. Longtime friend and fellow Cornellian **Toshiki Matsui**, a dentist in Washington, DC, who was also married not long ago (August 2003), was also in the wedding. **Stephen Koster**, MPA '96, and his wife **Ana Lydia (Rodriguez) '96** made the trip up as well. Steve and Ana recently celebrated the birth of their first son, Alexander Louis. Classmate **Dave Beck** (dbeck@wrigley.com) writes that he attended the May wedding of **Jim Wilson** in New Jersey, along with classmates **Mike Kuhse** and **Cornelius Jackson**. Dave works for Wrigley in Chicago, where he is managing a team responsible for launching new confections products while he completes his MBA in the evenings at Kellogg.

In the "better late than never" category, **Eric Sherman** sent news of his December 15, 2002, wedding to Nancy Eisenstein, attended by classmates **Kaushik Datta**, **Jeff Glickman**, **Ira Kaplan**, **Jon Marston**, **Elyse Michelson**, **Randi Rivner**, **Scott Sanderson**, and **David Zeitlin**, as well as **Steven Berg '89**, **Eric Golus '92**, **Jodi Krantz '96**, and **Ross '96** and **Beth Rubenstein Goldstein '97**. Eric and Nancy live in Manhattan, where Eric is an actuary at New York Life Insurance Company. The couple just had a baby boy, Jared Evan, on June 2.

More new Cornell parents are fellow Manhattanites **David** and **Elissa Tolle Lefkowitz**, who welcomed son Noah Matthew on August 20. Moving from downstate to upstate New York (literally, they moved from Huntington, Long Island, to Lake Placid in July 2003) is **Matthew Norfolk** (mattnorfolk@adelphia.net), whose wife Darcy gave birth to their first child, Rowen Matthew, on July 2. Writes the proud new dad, "He is the joy of our life and a huge Cornell lacrosse fan." Matt, now a country lawyer, also says that the family will be attending the 10th Reunion in June and that he would love to see his fellow ATO brothers, as well as his teammates from the men's lacrosse team.

In Chicago, **Michelle Wasserman** and husband David Smith had a baby girl, Yael Brianna, on August 15. David works as an attorney while Michelle is ABD (all but dissertation) in clinical psychology. Finally, in news of the Classmate Rich and Famous . . . **Marshall Hudes**, the owner of a pizzeria in Dallas, TX, was spotted on reality TV as a contestant on "The Amazing Race 5." Get the full scoop on how he and his teammate, brother Lance, did at http://www.cbs.com/primetime/amazing_race5.

That's all for now. Watch your mail and e-mail IN-boxes for more reunion updates and registration information! ❖ **Alison Torriero** French, amt7@cornell.edu; **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 Happy New Year! I am writing this column in October while on assignment in St. Petersburg, Russia—a place so unbelievably gray and wet this time of year that it makes London (my home these days) look like Tuscany. Did I mention that the Internet connection at my hotel is slower than the Russian bureaucracy

and more expensive than a Faberge egg? Almost enough to make me wish for a nice wait (and a little glaring at anyone who appeared to be taking too long) in the computer room at Uris Library...

OK, not quite.

Anyway, brace yourselves, my friends, for the Nearly All Wedding column (favors not included). But first, a bit of non-wedding news. **Christina Paulitz** writes from Pensacola, FL, that she is currently working on a master's degree in computer science at U. of West Florida. After much pleading for news on my part, **Amanda Ripley** writes: "Lisa Green has finished her PhD and started a healthcare policy consulting firm in D.C. **Becca Kornfeld** is doing PR for the MS Society in New York, so donate early and often. **Aileen Garipey** is a chief resident at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital in Philadelphia. **Tamar Duvdevani** is clerking for a judge in New York. After years of consulting and business school, **Gavin Leung** got his dream job working at a toy company. OK, so it meant he had to move to Florida, but he gets to play with toys! As for me, I have returned, reluctantly, from France and am back at *Time* in New York, writing about homeland security, the presidential election, and other American curiosities."

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COURTNEY RUBIN '96

And, also thanks to Amanda, we have news of... Wedding One: A hearty band of U-Hall 2 alumni gathered in San Diego this past spring for **Sabrina Falquier's** wedding to Philippe Montgrain. **Alan Boves**, **Tamar Duvdevani**, **Aileen Garipey**, **Amanda Ripley**, and **Becca Kornfeld** were all there to represent. Sabrina's husband, a fellow doctor, is, luckily, as kind and goofy as his new wife. They work long hours, but in their free time they get to walk on the beach, so it's all good.

Wedding Two: In August, **Madeline Infante** married **Konstantin Huypen** in Pittsburgh, where they're living. Guests included **Christie Kaeyer**, **Christine Lydon**, **Chris Rakov**, ME '97, **Brad Romine**, **Demetrios Kotsikopoulos** '95, **Yulun Yang** '97, **Sara Kaminski** '97, and **Laurie Mandell** '97. Wedding Three: **Christine Lydon** married **Chris Rakov** Oct. 16 on Long Island. In November, they'll move to Virginia Beach, where Chris is stationed with the Navy.

Wedding Four: **Afra Afsharipour** married **Diego Valderrama** '95 on Oct. 8 in San Francisco—in the room where the UN charter was signed, in fact. Afra works as a lawyer for Davis Polk and Wardwell. Diego is an economist with the San Francisco Federal Reserve. Best man was **Eric Feliberti** '95, and bridesmaids included **Elizabeth Bard** and **Jennifer Chou**. Another bridesmaid, **Stephanie Gunther Afsharipour**, married Afra's little brother in August, thus keeping Cornell in the family. Other Cornellians in attendance: **Betsy Levine** and **Jessica Andrews**.

Wedding Five (courtesy of the *New York Times*): **Robert Cunjak** married **Susan Dunn** on Aug. 7 in New York. The couple met at Harvard, where they both got MBAs. Robert is an assistant VP of Sankaty Advisors, the bond investment affiliate of Bain Capital, where he invests in companies that deal with oil and gas, environmental services, and health care. Susan is an analyst in Harvard's real estate group.

Please, please, please send your news. Not only can you see your name in glorious, bold print, but I will absolutely owe you one for saving me from my Cornell-honed last-minute racing-around to dig up something to turn in. You can put it on my tab, OK? ♦ **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; **Sheryl Magzamen**, SLM1@cornell.edu; and **Allie Cahill**, Alexandra.Cahill@aol.com. For updated class events, news, and resources, visit <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 Due to the inevitable time delay between when I write this column and when you read it, I am currently enjoying a beautiful fall day here in Chicago, while some of you will have snow (and possibly lots of it) on the ground

when you read it. Think warm thoughts and read about the latest adventures of your classmates!

Eunny Carl Cook (eun@ecomhawaii.com) writes of a number of visitors to her home on the beautiful island of Maui. **Rachel Laveman Manne** and her husband **Eric** visited Eunny in April 2003 while on their honeymoon and enjoyed the surf. **Katie Fallon** won a free trip anywhere and chose to visit Maui—and Eunny—and also learned to surf. A number of other Cornellians have also visited and joined, as Eunny called it, the "Maui Surf Club"! When not entertaining guests, Eunny is teaching money management seminars through Mass Mutual at U. of Hawaii, Maui.

Moving up on the job ladder is **Oliver Delgado**, who was recently promoted to regional director of SCORE!'s New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia centers. SCORE!, a division of Kaplan Inc., announced that **Oliver** will be managing the performance of 20 of SCORE!'s after-school centers for children in grades K-10. Also having career success is **Cristian Castillo-Davis** (cid1@cornell.edu). Having graduated from Harvard U. in Fall 2003 with a PhD in organismic and evolutionary biology, **Cristian** founded Gene Merge Inc. to promote and sell his genomic software and database for analysis of genetic data. He is also doing a second post-doc in the Dept. of Statistics at Harvard. His education and entrepreneurial work has taken him to many countries and prestigious universities to present on his work. He has also been published in numerous

scientific journals, including *Science*, *Genome Research*, and *Molecular Biology and Evolution*. Congratulations to both **Oliver** and **Cristian** on all of their hard work!

As usual, we wanted to update you on all of the weddings taking place around the country. Thanks to the *New York Times* for the following three updates. Wedding bells chimed for **Douglas Cullen** and **Rachel Nelson** on May 25, 2003. The couple was married in Washington, DC, and resides in New York City, where **Doug** is a senior sales executive at Video Network Communications. Also tying the knot in 2003 were **Catherine Vuong** and **Bobby Lee**. They exchanged vows on June 15 in Tarrytown, NY. **Stefan Marcus** joined his partner **Jonas Karp** for a commitment ceremony on May 31, 2003 in New York City. The couple both work in Manhattan, where **Stefan** is an analyst with Morgan Stanley and **Jonas** is an associate at the law firm of Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner.

Celebrating a fall union were **Chris Brace-land** (cbraceland@hotmail.com) and his bride **Christine Aman** on October 4, 2003. They were joined by a number of Cornellians, including classmate **Andrew Cahalane**. **Chris** and **Christine** ran into fellow Cornellian and honeymooner **Dan Bilzor '95** while in Hawaii. Venturing to Kauai, HI, for their August 2003 wedding were **Mei Lee Gallagher** (mgalla39@yahoo.com) and **Doug Purvis**. **Mei Lee** and **Doug** live in Chandler, AZ, where **Mei Lee** works for Amersham Biosciences and is working on her master's in bioengineering at Arizona State U. **Doug** is an engineering manager at Motorola and also a master's student at ASU in materials science. Despite their busy work and educational schedules, they still have time to enjoy leisure activities, such as scuba diving, snowboarding, hiking, and spending time with their two dogs. Their chihuahua **Petey** won third place out of 100 other chihuahuas in the 2003 Chandler Cinco de Mayo races. Way to go, **Petey**!

This past June 26 saw **Kristin Perkins** (kpskis@hotmail.com) tie the knot with **Nick Mesires** in Jenkintown, PA. Of course, whenever two Cornellians join together in matrimony, you get a crazy reception full of classmates! Contributing to the festivities were groomsmen **Andy Fitzpatrick** and his wife **Jeni (Orendorff)**, both MBA '03, groomsmen **Dave Tipton** and his wife **Donna (Paribello)**, **Joel Weiman** and **Erica Shingara**, **Scott Zuchorski**, **Matt Sabanosh**, **Wendy Miller**, **Allison Dubois**, and **James and Maria Zavala Trujillo**. After a honeymoon in Greece, **Kristin** and **Nick** returned to Boston to continue their studies for their PhDs in biomedical sciences at Boston U. School of Medicine and Tufts U. School of Medicine, respectively. **Suzann Gallagher** married **Rich Jaekel** on July 3, 2004 in Las Vegas. **Suzann** mentioned that **Nicky Hilton** confirmed their good taste by choosing the same wedding chapel a few weeks later. They currently live in Virginia Beach, and **Suzann** has met up with **Chari Howard** and **Christine Horak** in Washington, DC, where they both work.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to congratulate my husband (and classmate) **Josh Carter** on completing his first marathon. **Josh** ran the Chicago Marathon on October 10, 2004. While

I think he has gone crazy, he is already talking about trying more marathons in the future.

Send updates! Stories about you, your kids, your pets. Your favorite Cornell spot. What do you really miss sometimes? (Mmmm . . . Hot Truck.) What do you hope you never see/do again? (Organic Chemistry!) We'll take it all! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu; and **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Class website: <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>.

98 Happy New Year, classmates! **Jonah Proujansky-Bell**, aka Jonah Probell, is doing well. Jonah founded Ultra Data Corporation (www.ultradatacorp.com) in 2003 to design microprocessors to be used inside next-generation consumer video products such as DVD players and satellite receivers. The company has grown to seven people and will soon have things to sell! **Elizabeth Min-Jung Choi** wants you to enjoy! After graduation, she went to NYU for her master's degree in broadcast journalism. She is currently a producer at CNN in New York, where she writes and produces business news pieces. In June, **Lisa Diane Held** was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). Since then, Lisa has been doing an internship at Delaware County Memorial Hospital.

That same month, **Maria Mastrri** married Ben Scrivens in Rochester, NY. Cornell '98 couples in attendance were **Adam** and **Michelle Rothman Wilen**, **Amy Steves** and **Brian Kelley**, and **Amit '97** and **Danielle Nedwetzky Rao**. Danielle and Amit traveled to London back in July. Danielle is a practicing dentist in Massachusetts, and Amit continues to work for an engineering testing company in Boston. They relayed that **Janet Yu** is practicing dentistry in Manhattan. **Erin Dodd** has been a star in submitting news. During the day, Erin works as a development officer at NYU. By night, she is pursuing her master's in arts administration. She and **Heather O'Dea** were planning an excursion to Saratoga back in August. We never heard back if she won or lost loose money on the horses. We wish her the best of luck this year.

One day in May, an ecstatic **Kara Levi Zlotnick** graduated from the U. of Illinois, Chicago with a PhD in clinical psychology. She is currently doing a postdoctoral fellowship in the pediatric psychiatry dept. at New York Presbyterian Hospital. Husband **Matthew '97** is a senior resident in anesthesiology at the same hospital. The couple lives in NYC and is in touch with **Josh Hecht**, **Margot Kornblith Nadel**, and **Lauren Israel Siegal**. Lauren became a mother back in November. Lauren and husband Steve had baby boy Daniel. He was reported to be very cute. **Renata Araujo** and husband **Jaime Estupinan '94**, PhD '00, welcomed their first daughter, Ana Gabriela, on May 15, 2004. In that same month, Renata also received her MBA from Columbia U. She is now taking some time off to be with the baby. She keeps in touch with **Ianthe Nelson** Sarrazin and got to see her over July 4 weekend.

Yu Hin Felix Lau got married at sunset in Sonoma Valley, CA, on September 17. The wedding was attended by **Karen Tang**, **Lester Wong**, ME '99, **Jonathan Yu**, **Wai Kwong Sam Lee**, MS '98, **Chun-Tsung Terence Choy**, MS '98, and **Richard Ng '96**. Felix is a consultant and enjoys married life in Jersey City. The couple honeymooned in Italy after the wedding. Jonathan Yu has lots to do. As an actuary working at AIG, Jonathan continues to be busy preparing for his actuarial exams. Best of luck! **Juan Felipe Rincon** recently graduated from Georgetown U. with a master's degree in communication, culture, and technology. Juan Fe currently works for Nextel in Northern Virginia and spends a lot of his free time building sets for local theatre.

And that's all the news from 2004. May the new year bring you joys, take you to new adventures, and push you to new heights! Don't forget to share them with us. We are just a "send" button away. Looking forward to all your stories! ♦ **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu; and **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu.

99 Get Real, '99ers! Nowadays, with the flick of a switch at prime time you can trade spaces, faces, and spouses. Big Brother is watching while we beat "The Apprentice," bate "The Bachelor," and thrive on "Survivor." But the best reality check is at Real World, Cornell. This is the story (true story) of several hundred Cornellians who graduated in 1999 and took the world by the reins in their pursuit of grad school, good jobs, and great things!

Dream Job. Move over, Connie Chung. **Jamie Roth** has been on assignment since the start of 2004, reporting for WFSB-TV, the CBS affiliate in Hartford, CT. From Arkansas to Alabama to her home sweet home of Connecticut, Star Reporter Roth has spent the past five years live on the scene, covering everything from politics to crime to education. Swapping D.C. for NYC, **Melanie Gracye** Acostavalle daydreams of her chance to be in hot pursuit of that perfect scoop while attending Columbia U.'s Graduate School of Journalism.

The Simple Life? If they moo, she will come. No, not Paris and Nicky—**Caroline Barnum**, recent graduate of the Ohio State College of Vet Med in June '04. Caroline is currently completing her internship at OSU in farm animal medicine and surgery. And who said the life of the house cat was simple? **Heather Hillman**, associate veterinarian at Gansett Animal Hospital in East Providence, knows that taking care of our companion felines is anything but. Heather took her new role as Rhode Island's pet savior after finishing up her small animal medicine and surgery internship in Rochester, NY, this past July.

The Apprentice. How exactly do you make real hair resemble a toupée? **Stacey Cintado**'s in the know, working for Altria while completing her MBA part-time at NYU's Stern School of Business. Meanwhile, do-gooder and good friend **Laura Commike**, a candidate of Stanford U.'s MBA program, spent her summer in Chile with Endeavor, a nonprofit dedicated to stimulating and supporting entrepreneurship in global

markets. Working 9 to 5 and then some, **Penny Bougadis** Tsekouras juggles her role at Morgan Stanley with her part-time MBA at NYU. The one to really look out for is international boardroom haunt **Christine Ng**, who worked briefly in London for Credit Suisse First Boston. Earning her MBA at NYU along with **Tim Bush '98** and the rest of our class (or so it seems), Christine left the suit and heels behind during her recent trip to Latvia, where she and her boyfriend visited his home and went mushroom picking and hiking. If you ask me, all these fine business folk should up the stakes, turn the tables, and fire Trump for a change!

Newlyweds. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey aren't the only ones living happily ever after. Especially after this summer! **Janae Aubrecht** and Christopher Barrett married on June 27, 2004 at the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA. The reception was held at the World Trade Center in Boston, filled to the brim with Cornellians, including maid of honor **Rebecca Orlando '00** and bridesmaid **Tara Weaver**, not to mention the bulk of the bride's family who all made the Big Red their alma mater throughout the years. A few weeks later, these newlyweds made the pilgrimage back to Ithaca for Tara Weaver's wedding to Christopher Bobble on July 17, 2004.

For Love or Money. . . . especially in medicine and business! Med-residents and B-schoolers mixed, matched, and got hitched this past summer. In May '04, **Melissa Crawford** married Robert Kennedy, escorted down the aisle by familiar Cornell faces in their wedding party including **Rachel Barrett**, **Michaela Rosenholz**, **Lex Smith**, **Jon Miller**, **Jason Bobby '00**, and **Jim Monagle '98**. The Kennedys honeymooned in Italy, and now live in NYC, where Melissa, a graduate of Stony Brook Medical School, is a pediatrics resident at Mount Sinai Hospital, and beau Rob works as a senior regional business analyst at TAP Pharmaceuticals.

Matthew and **Erin O'Hare Lindenberg** tied the knot in the company of friends and family on Independence Day this year in Rockleigh, NJ. After honeymooning in Hawaii, the couple settled down in NYC, where Erin is a second-year pediatrics resident at Montefiore Children's Hospital, while Matt, who received his MBA from the ever-popular NYU (the B-school of champions), has jump-started his new career as a marketing executive at American Express. Don't leave home without it! American Express consultant, **Rhannon Fernald Bakk-Hansen** started work with the credit card mogul in July, where she deals with construction litigation and capital asset depreciation and allocation. Rhannon married her husband Erik in October 2003, whom she had met while on co-op in Chicago. The couple spent their honeymoon down under in New Zealand, and have since enjoyed married life together in Illinois.

The Amazing Race. These folks hit the floor running and aren't stopping anytime soon—from Cornell to med school to the aisle, some holding two receptions, and a honeymoon to boot! Our forerunners include **Troy Gorman**, who married his Vanderbilt med school sweetheart Darcie Reasoner in March '04. Troy and Darcie graduated

shortly afterwards and are now hard at work in their respective residencies at the U. of Utah Affiliated Hospitals in Salt Lake City. Also keeping up to speed, **Neil Fernandes** married his U. of Texas Southwest Medical School sweetie Devin Mitchell in Dallas on May 29, 2004, holding a dual recep-

Trillana has been working as a lay missionary with Youth with a Mission (YWAM), based in Australia. Lorraine has also been working as a missionary in Cambodia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. **Kelly Saikkonen** spent one year as a university instructor at the U. of Tuzla, Bosnia-

just say this: I know that reunions have the dichotomous stigma of creating joyous anticipation as well as nervous anxiety. But trust me, even if you haven't gotten engaged, haven't gotten the perfect job, or haven't lost any weight, your classmates still want to see you. And if things haven't gone exactly as you planned since graduation, there's nothing like seeing old friends and sharing old memories to lift your spirits. Therefore, I hope to see many of you this June back at our dear alma mater. If you just can't make it, remember, we love hearing from you and we love writing for you. So at the very least, write us and tell us how you are! ♦ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; and **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu.

‘Jamie Roth has spent the past five years live on the scene, covering everything from politics to crime to education.’

MELANIE ARZT '99

tion in Dallas and Napa Valley, CA. Around the same time he said his vows, Neil managed to graduate from med school, complete his internship in internal medicine at the Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, and then in July, start his residency in radiology at the U. of Texas. They're all winners in my book. But Neil might take the cake here.

Well, folks, it certainly doesn't get any better than real life! Keep sending us news! ♦ **Melanie "Keepin' it Real" Arzt**, snoopymel@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Sheldon**, jls33@cornell.edu; **Jess Smith**, JessinIowa@hotmail.com.

OO Happy New Year, dear friends! And yes, I am actually wishing you a Happy 2005. Can you believe it? It has been five short years since we left, and the Hill is awaiting our return. This June, hundreds of our classmates will be traveling from all over the world to reminisce, rejoice, and reunite. Reunion 2005, here we come! I better see all of you there!

Once we get back to Ithaca, we can congratulate all our classmates and celebrate their good news! **Michael Buray** has a new addition to his family, Jaiden Michael, born on February 2, 2004. Cornellians **Steven Schnee**, DVM '03, and **Christie Bialowas** '01 were married in 2003 at Sage Chapel. **Becky Avrin** also got married upstate—to **Jeremy Zifchock** '98 at Sheldrake Point Winery on Cayuga Lake. The couple moved to Delaware so Becky could start a PhD program in biomechanics at the U. of Delaware.

John Wang and **Eileen McComiskey** also tied the knot and then honeymooned in Bora Bora. They now live in Cambridge, MA, where John is finishing up his MBA at Harvard B-School. Congrats, you two! Fellow Theta **Emily Wilson** married Tucker Hall in Lanesboro, MN. Emily and Tucker have been good friends since junior high and dated since our freshman year at Cornell. **Rika Wilcox** sang at the wedding, and Emily's father **Ted Wilson** '63 walked her down the aisle. **Liz Selden** and **Brenda Kulju** were also in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Italy and Switzerland.

Some of our classmates have been traveling overseas for more than just a honeymoon! **Nicole Hedinger** spent two months teaching science in Bangkok, Thailand. She is now a high school biology teacher in New Jersey. **Lorraine**

Herzegovina. She also visited Costa Rica, India, and Greece, where she saw **Dimitrios Zervas**, ME '03. Kelly is now an environmental engineer with Science Application International Corp. (SAIC) in Harrisburg, PA.

Seth Cochran, ME '01, has traveled extensively for his job in a private equity firm—Berlin, Italy, Spain, the UK, and China—but Seth will be making his home in Denver, CO, for now. And last but not least, **Jocelyn Getgen** has been giving her time to the Peace Corps as a rural health volunteer in the Galapagos Islands and the southern Ecuadorian Andes. She even met a classmate, **Georgia Kayser**, during her time abroad. We miss you, Jocie!

We've got classmates, including myself, who are still in school, even five years after graduation! **Katherine Steen** is a grad student at George Mason U. pursuing a master's in individualized studies in zoo and aquarium leadership with a concentration in conservation education. Katherine also hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon last April. And **Lindsay Allen** is now a midwesterner! She is in graduate school in Chicago studying clinical psychology and neuropsychology. She welcomes any Cornellians to drop her a line at linds_allen55@hotmail.com. Also in Chicago, **Erica Sackett** is now working toward her MA in missions and intercultural studies at Wheaton College. Hey, you should give Lindsay a call!

Suzanne Kinsky just graduated from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health this past May, and is now living just outside D.C. And **Sam Vonderheide** graduated from Stanford U. with his MS in aeronautics and astronautics engineering. Sam is now pursuing his teaching credential in math and will be living in San Luis Obispo, CA. Kudos to all!

Now, before I leave, I would like to say a few more things about our upcoming reunion. First, on behalf of the Class of '00 Class Council, I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to the Class of '31, their president **Bill Vanneman**, and the rest of the Class of '31 officers. Their class donated an extremely generous sum to our reunion fund and we would like to tell them how grateful and touched we are by their kindness. Thank you!

Second, for those of you that are still wavering on whether to come back for reunion, let me

01 Inevitably, the beginning of each new year serves as a marker of time, one year further away from our collegiate days, but also one year closer to our first reunion. For some of our classmates, 2005 will be differentiated by filing joint tax returns for the first time, and until 2006, their weddings serve as mini-reunions for their friends.

On June 18, 2004 **Amy Palmieri** and **Scott Cohen** were married at the Florentine Gardens in River Vale, NJ. Amy is currently a fourth-year medical student at New Jersey Medical School, and Scott is a consultant for Accenture in Manhattan. Amy and Scott met while at Cornell and have been together ever since. Among the many Cornell alumni in attendance were classmates **Meredith Messing Bastardi**, **Nicole D'Amato**, **Carrie Danziger**, **Steve Driver**, **Nate Dyer**, **Jocelyn Heyman**, **Jackie Holscher** and **Dianne LaRocca**. Scott and Amy spent two weeks honeymooning in Hawaii before returning to their home in Hoboken, NJ. On the same day, in Sudbury, MA, two other Cornellians were married, **Carrie Cresenzi**, MS '03, and **Alan French** '03. They are currently working at strategy consulting companies in the Boston area for the in vitro diagnostic and pharmaceutical industries.

Bill Newman, ME '02, married Tim Schaffer on July 17, 2004 in Auburn, NY. Among the three generations of Cornellians in attendance were classmates **Jeff Hardgrove**, **Trina Lee**, **Betty Sun**, **Sarah Vincent**, and **Becky Walden** Murphy. Just six weeks earlier in the summer, Becky was married to Tim Murphy on June 5, 2004 in North Carolina. She currently lives in Raleigh and works for ICF Consulting. After spending a year volunteering in the inner city of Philadelphia, Sarah returned to upstate New York and spent the past summer working at a rescue mission, Schenectady City Mission, and working toward her master's in social work at the U. at Albany. Trina ran the Portland Marathon in October and was cheered on by **Matt Jones**, who is studying and working in Portland. In August, **Bernie Murphy** (Monterey, CA) rode with Matt in the Oregon MS 150 Bike Tour, a fundraising event for multiple sclerosis. Jeff lives in Cayuga Heights, where he is a volunteer firefighter and works in sales for Carrier.

Several Cornellians attended the September 25, 2004 wedding of **Beth Hill** '99, MS '02, to

Mike Tulanowski in the Poconos of Pennsylvania. Everybody kicked it up with Wiemer Riesling, a fantastic last-minute band choice, and a "Beth-style" stocked hotel room after the reception. Over a dozen alumni were in attendance, including classmates **Kristy Graf**, **Chris Jennings**, MAT '02, **Melissa Kalvestrand**, **Kristi Kull**, **Ross Mollenhauer**, ME '02, **Kristy Putnam**, and **Catie Wooten**.

Other classmates are in the middle of new academic endeavors. **Fatema Gunja** checked in from Princeton, NJ, to tell us that she started an MPA program at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton this past fall. In Montreal, **Nageeb Sumar** started law school at McGill U. **Kristina Wallender** trekked across New York to California to begin the MBA program this past fall at Stanford U. Classmate **Salil Gupte** is also at Stanford for his MBA, which he'll complete in 2006. Meanwhile, **Lauren Eade** is a second-year law student at William and Mary and is looking for a summer associate position in the Baltimore/D.C. metropolitan area.

Nicole Neroulis made the big move west, trading in her reporting job in Connecticut for one with the *San Mateo County Times* in California. She hopes to get the hang of saying "Governor Schwarzenegger" with a straight face in the near future. After spending time in California, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and Thailand and two years in Okinawa, Japan, **David Saunders** is back in the States and studying international relations in North Carolina. He lives right off the beach on the Outer Banks and hopes to find time for sailing, swimming, kayaking, fishing, and running on the beach. Still in the Marine Corps, David was promoted to First Lieutenant in October 2003 and works as the facilities officer for the 2nd Marine Division.

Also serving our country, 1st Lt. **Zach Iscol**, US Marine Corps, is Officer-in-Charge of a Combined Action Base between Falluja and Baghdad, with a force of 250 Iraqi soldiers and 30 Marines. They engage in combined action patrols, and Zach meets with tribal leaders and local officials to assess security matters and local civic concerns. He would love to hear from his friends at IscolZJ@1div1mardm.1mardivdm.usmc.mil. After working in the magazine industry since 2001, **Jim Jazwiecki** was "sick to his gills of the Harvard and Yale mafia" and has recently started an alumni network for Cornellians involved in magazine and newspaper publishing. E-mail him at jim@newyorkest.com to get involved.

Bill Pottle, ME '02, returned to his native Colorado to run one of the oldest and most successful martial art schools in the state (www.kat.taekwondo.com) after working for the U. of Pennsylvania's Viral Vector Core program for two years. He is also teaching university courses in Taekwondo and working to advance research aimed at the martial arts. He recently published his first novel, *DreamQuest* (www.dreamqueststory.com). After a cycle of unemployment, retail, technical work for a state department contractor in Canberra, Australia, and more unemployment, **Scott Kreidler** '01, ME '02, has settled into his current position as a systems/support engineer

for Advanced Digital Information Corporation, a world leader in intelligent storage systems. Send news to ♦ **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 By the time this article is printed, we'll know who the next President will be. I am personally looking forward to voting in my first presidential election, as four years ago my absentee ballot never made it from Sydney.

I spent the past weekend in Boston attending the Red Sox victory parade. I was lucky enough to attend Game 6 of the ALCS, where Curt Schilling pitched on half an ankle with a sutured tendon, and where the blood that seeped through his sock was in the shape of Oklahoma. Whether you're a Sox fan or not, what happened this post-season was just good, dramatic, record-breaking baseball. And now, on to the drama of our classmates.

'There's nothing like seeing old friends and sharing old memories to lift your spirits.'

ANDREA M. CHAN '00

After meeting in Prof. **Cecilia Lawless**, PhD '92's Spanish class during their sophomore year, **Pam Kelly** and **John "Kentucky" Glauber** got hitched this past July. It was a fabulous Sigma Chi Delta/Zeta Psi wedding, followed by a week of climbing mountains, lying on the beach, and getting sunburned in Puerto Rico. The newlyweds are now settling down in the Bronx, where John is a math teacher for the New York City Teaching Fellows program and working toward a master's in education, and Pam is a communications coordinator for TechnoServe, a non-profit based in Norwalk, CT.

Joe Lisi, MAT '04, has a job teaching ninth grade Regents earth science at Homer High School near Cortland, NY. Joe lives in Cayuga Heights right next to campus and is a 1st Lieutenant with the Cayuga Heights Fire Dept., having just completed his EMT class this summer. He is also the production/administrative director of Cornell Productions.

Some of us are still enrolled in challenging graduate programs or in jobs that place us all across the country. **Michele Glass** is in her third year of law school. **Adam Raiken** is still working in New Jersey. **Jacqueline Yuen** is currently a dietitian for a community nonprofit healthcare program in San Francisco. **Scott Kramer** has been living and working in New York City trading options downtown on the American Stock Exchange for Susquehanna International Group. He currently lives with Cornell '02 alumnus **David Muren** in Murray Hill. Scott and his friends **Ziv Feldman**, **Martin Vogel**, and **Sunil Gupta** wish everyone the best and hope that the Cornell spirit is alive and well in NYC and everywhere else.

Some very important information was left

out of our last column when I wrote about the wedding of **Alissa Bovee** and **Stephen Terry** in Sage Chapel on July 24, 2004. In addition to the many classmates and Cornellians who attended the wedding, members of the wedding party included fellow '02ers **Matthew Jarrett**, **Andrew Lastowka**, **Fariba Yassaee**, and **Melissa Batista**. The couple resides in Washington, DC, where Steve works for Capital One and Alissa attends graduate school at Johns Hopkins.

Everyone should have received a letter in the mail with information on how to pay your class dues for 2005. The more of you who do so, the more space will be allotted to our column. I encourage everyone to send in updates, no matter how insignificant it may seem to you. It's better than having me fill the space with the trials and tribulations of all my close personal friends—fun for me, but probably pretty boring for the rest of you. Write in your thought for the day, vent about the weather, send in your pick for the next

"Apprentice" (mine is Jennifer) . . . whatever comes to mind. Hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and I'll see you again in March.

♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Liz Richards**, elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com.

03 So what has everyone been up to these past few months anyway? Fall is upon us as I write this column, and with our second Cornell Homecoming just behind us, we rapidly approach the beginning of another new year. It is a chance to clear our slates, make new resolutions, and press onward into new adventures.

Matt Haistings tells us that he is happily enjoying his time at Fort Carson, CO. In the Army, Matt departed for Iraq last year and returned in April. We are glad to have you back, Matt! He describes Colorado Springs as "the largest town that I've lived in yet; it's a city, but it's not overwhelming. I have to admit that I kind of miss Ithaca, especially right now during the fall season." Classmates **Zach Conine** and **Courtney Mace** visited him most recently. Zach is still working as an executive at the Golden Nugget Casino, while Courtney is enjoying her time in Colorado with friends and family.

Yujin Chung, ME '04, graduated with his master's from the Big Red this past May and is now working in Boston, MA. Meanwhile, **Gretchen Poulos** has moved to the Big Apple and is pursuing her acting interests.

Tom Struble and **Adrian Korduba** are in the middle of the Navy's Submarine School located in Groton, CT. Tom is living in Mystic, CT, just around the corner from the Seaport. Upon completion of school he will be stationed in Groton

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on the SSN *Virginia*, the Navy's newest submarine. Adrian has received orders to the SSN *Montpelier*, located in Norfolk, VA.

I am also living in Norfolk, VA, as a Surface Warfare Officer, but am looking to move to another ship on the West Coast in a few months. The destroyer USS *Ross* brought me home safe and sound from our deployment to the Middle East back in August, and now I am looking forward to enjoying the more temperate fall and winter months here in Virginia. I hope this update finds you all well! Keep in touch. ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu; and **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

04 Happy New Year! About this time of year most of us begin to fondly recall the 10-degree weather (or worse) of Ithaca. Well, a few of us decided we just couldn't handle it anymore. **Anthony DiRaimondo**, **Matthew Gewolb**, **Jeffrey Granillo**, **Justin Pollak**, **Michele Steiner**, and I (**Vanessa Matsis**) gave up the icy slope for Atlanta to attend Emory Law School. Luckily, we survived our first semester, thanks to our Cornell training. If anyone else is in Atlanta, let us know!

Jason Kwartner decided to defer law school and stay on the Hill until May. He is working for the Family Life Development Center at Cornell on the Residential Child Care Project ("RCCP"). The RCCP is an international training, outreach, and technical assistance organization devoted to preventing institutional child abuse and neglect. Established in 1982, it has two major programs that improve life for young people and staff in residential child care facilities, the Therapeutic Crisis Intervention System and the Institutional Child Abuse Project. If you would like more information, contact Jason at jk295@cornell.edu.

Philadelphia has become home to two future doctors. **Elizabeth Blinder** is attending Jefferson Medical College, and **Lara Dunn** is attending U. of Pennsylvania Medical School. Congratulations to **Amy Smith**! In July, she was named a Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholar. As a young child, Amy worked at a small hospital her parents founded in rural Honduras. She plans to become a public health doctor and is attending George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences for a combined MD and Master of Public Health degree. **Veronika Belenkaya** lives in New York City and reports for the *Daily News*. My favorite article was published on Sept. 17, 2004 and is entitled "Seat-Grubber Standout News-hound Excels At Art of Subway Sit." You must check out her subway odyssey!

Some of you may be wondering why there seems to be a lag in the Class Notes. For example, I will not have stories from Homecoming until the next issue. This is because the column is written and sent to the magazine nearly three months before it's published. Don't worry if you sent me something and don't see it in this issue; it's coming up soon. The good news is that I have lots of space available to fill up, so send me an update on your life! Have a Happy, Healthy New Year! ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, vmatsis@law.emory.edu or vgm3@cornell.edu.

'22 MA—**Dorothy Sewell Metzger** (Mrs. Herbert J., DVM '18) of New York City, February 16, 2004.

'22 LLB—**John D. Shepard** of Cocoa, FL, August 7, 1991; attorney.

'26 LLB—**Oliver R. Sabin** of Lake Worth, FL, November 18, 1993; attorney.

'27 BA, LLB '30—**Jervis Langdon** of Elmira, NY, February 16, 2004; president, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; president, Rock Island RR; president, Penn Central RR; asst. vice president, Chesapeake & Ohio RR; counsel, New York Central RR; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Kappa Alpha.

'27—**Grace Eglinton Vigurs** of Southbury, CT, February 19, 2004; hostess, Alice McDoughal Restaurant; buyer, Saks Fifth Avenue; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'28 BA, JD '30—**Robert Pomerance** of Pawling, NY, February 28, 2004; attorney.

'28 MA—**Virginia Morris Sherman** of Hanford, CA, July 1, 1989.

'29 BA, PhD '33—**Charles E. Entemann** of Cleveland, OH, May 28, 2003; Alpha Chi Rho. Wife, Irma (Beyer) '29.

'29—**Truman R. Wilcox** of Manlius, NY, March 24, 2004; physician; practiced at Manlius Military Academy, Allied Chemical, and Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'30—**James P. Donohue** of Phoenix, AZ, April 1, 1999. Beta Theta Pi.

'30, BArch '31—**Ralph H. Parks** of Rochester, NY, September 17, 1998; retired architect. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'31—**Paul Hershon** of Laguna Hills, CA, July 20, 2002. Theta Xi.

'31 BME—**Frank L. O'Brien** of West Palm Beach, FL, March 10, 2004; president and CEO, The O'Brien Machinery Co.; founder, O'Brien Mobile Power Co.; Eisenhower appointee to Latin American Economic Trade Comm.; worked for the UN in India; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'31 BCE—**B. Otto Roessler** of Cape Coral, FL, March 27, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'32 BS Ag—**Walter T. Cusack** of Greenbrae, CA, formerly of Greenwich, CT, March 11, 2004; retired vice president, Aldine Specialty Paper Division of Gould Paper Corp.; veteran; active in community affairs.

'32 BA—**Robert E. Newman** of Buffalo, NY, February 7, 2004; attorney; represented Baseball Hall of Famer "Marse Joe" McCarthy; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'33 PhD—**Harriet B. Creighton** of Needham, MA, January 9, 2004; professor emerita of botany, Wellesley College; worked with Barbara McClintock on the genetics of corn; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'33 BA, PhD '37—**Halsey B. Stevenson** of Wilmington, DE, December 21, 2003; retired research chemist, DuPont; active in community and professional affairs.

'33 BA—**William E. Stevenson** of Delray Beach, FL, February 15, 2004. Pi Kappa Phi.

'33 BCE—**Andrew O. Stilwell** of Naples, FL, April 10, 2004; founder, A.D. Stilwell Co.; civil engineer; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'33 BCE—**Alvah E. Worth** of Delmar, NY, March 18, 2004; retired engineer; veteran; active in religious affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'34, BS Ag '35—**Pauline Babcock Fox** of Toledo, OH, March 29, 2004; director, Family Life Education Center, Toledo Public Schools; active in civic and community affairs. Chi Omega.

'34 BA—**Elsie Monk Lawler** of Fairport, NY, February 20, 2004; Latin, English, and French teacher, Fairport Central Schools.

'34 GR—**Doris Beard Meigs** (Mrs. Robert B. '26, LLB '27) of Sarasota, FL, March 5, 2003; homemaker; active in theatrical, community, and religious affairs.

'34—**Winifred Wilcox Parker** of Edmeston, NY, April 23, 2004; retired teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'34 DVM—**Dorwin H. Perella** of Ft. Myers Beach, FL, March 10, 2004; veterinarian.

'34 BEE—**Lawrence B. Spencer** of Wallingford, PA, January 26, 2004.

'34 BS Ag, PhD '43—**Peter I. Tack** of East Lansing, MI, February 16, 2004; professor of fisheries biology, Michigan State U.; active in professional affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'35 BS Ag, M Ed '40—**L. Robert Crane** of Morrisville, NY, April 2, 2004. Wife, Ethel (Johnson), M Ed '44.

'35 BS Ag, PhD '53—**John G. Franclemont** of Batavia, NY, May 26, 2004; lepidopterist; authority on noctuid moths; professor emeritus of entomology, Cornell U.; veteran; author; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'35 BS Ag—**Marion Dysinger Jeffers** (Mrs. Frederick M. '32) of Auburn, NY, August 1, 2003. Delta Gamma.

'35 BA—**Haiman S. Nathan** of Pompano Beach, FL, April 18, 2004; plastics engineer; active in community and religious affairs.

'35—**Miriam A. Parker** of Perry, NY, August 19, 2003.

'35 MS Ag—**Ford A. Quitslund** of Bainbridge Island, WA, July 23, 2003.

'35 BA—**Jack H. Rines** of Alpharetta, GA, November 6, 2002; chemicals consultant. Psi Upsilon.

'35 BA—**Henry H. Sayles** of Black Mountain, NC, March 16, 2004; attorney; asst. secretary of Corning Inc. and Corning Glass Museum. Chi Phi. Wife, Virginia (Lauder) '35.

'35 BA—**Bernice M. Weeks** of Dexter, MI, October 11, 2003; retired high school math teacher.

'36 BS HE—**Gladys Winters Berglund** of Chestertown, MD, June 11, 2003. Pi Beta Phi.

'36 BEE—**Robert L. Graef** of Port Washington, NY, November 30, 2002; electrical engineer.

'36 BEE—**William D. Kyle** of Mequon, WI, April 30, 2004; partner, Kyle Co.; CEO, Congoleum Corp.; active in professional affairs. Chi Psi.

'36—**Frank W. Macy** of Des Moines, IA, March 8, 2004; industrial purchaser; sports writer; business manager, Davenport Pirates; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'36 BA, JD '38—**Paul M. Mattice** of Freehold, NY, February 24, 2004; chairman of the board, Commercial Mutual Insurance. Phi Gamma Delta.

'36 BA, MS '37—**John Rodgers** of Hamden, CT, March 7, 2004; retired professor of geology, Yale U.; author, *The Tectonics of the Appalachians* and *Principles of Stratigraphy*; veteran; expert on continental drift; editor, *American Journal of Science*; active in professional affairs. Theta Chi.

'37 BME—**Thomas B. Kelly** of Winston-Salem, NC, April 27, 2004; mechanical engineer. Tau Beta Phi.

'37, BA '38—**Karl L. Landgrebe** of Signal Mountain, TN, February 5, 2004; vice president & general mgr., Wheland Foundry; director, North American Royalties Inc.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'37 BA—**Egbert W. Pfeiffer** of Missoula, MT, April 24, 2004; retired zoology professor, U. of Montana; social activist; researched environmental impacts of nuclear fallout. Kappa Alpha.

'37, BS Ag '38—**Maurice Phillips** of Princeton, NJ, March 29, 2004; clinical psychologist; consultant, Northeast Care Center; active in community affairs.

'37 MS—**Herbert P. Sarett** of Sarasota, FL, March 6, 2004; professor of biochemistry, Tulane U.; director of nutritional research, and vice president, nutritional science resources, Mead Johnson.

'37 BS Ag—**Florence Cohen Strauss** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, March 14, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'37 BA—**Clara Swan** of Newtown, PA, November 28, 2003; active in alumni affairs.

'37 MS Ag—**James D. Toy** of Ft. Myers, FL, August 11, 2001.

'38 BS Ag—**Holt Andrews** of Chelsea, MI, November 26, 2003.

'38 BME—**Charles M. Hall** of Shelburne, VT, February 14, 2004. Kappa Delta Rho.

'38 BS Hotel—**Edward W. Lyon** of Melbourne, FL, February 2, 2004; hotelier.

'38 BEE—**Alan H. Raphael** of New York City, April 18, 2004; engineer. Zeta Beta Tau.

'38 BS Hotel—**J. Louis Read** of Greenville, RI, March 20, 2004; hotelier.

'39-41 SP Ag—**Roger E. Bradley** of King Ferry, NY, April 12, 2004; vice president, Nat'l Bank of Auburn; agricultural loan officer, Key Bank and the Farm Credit System; farmer; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho. Wife, Esther (Clough) '40.

'39 DVM—**Raymond Fagan** of Richmond, VA, February 1, 2004; retired senior scientist, Philip Morris USA.

'39 BA—**Francis J. Ford** of Brentwood, TN, April 9, 2004.

'39 BA—**William N. Garrison** of Bath, NY, March 5, 2004; owner, William N. Garrison Inc.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'39 BS Ag, MS Ag '58—**Howard M. Matott** of Ithaca, NY, February 24, 2004; retired Cornell professor; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'39 BA—**Margaret Smith Moock** of Philadelphia, PA, February 10, 2004. Delta Gamma.

'39 ME—**Jansen Noyes Jr.** of Darien, CT, March 16, 2004; president, Noyes Partners; senior managing director, Loeb Rhoades Hornblower; chairman of Hornblower, Weeks Hemphill Noyes & Co.; veteran; Cornell trustee; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'39 BA—**Sylvia Dean Phillips** of Medina, WA, March 8, 2004; speech pathologist; editor; bank auditor; active in civic and community affairs.

'39 BA—**Virginia Moscript Potter** of Tucson, AZ, February 4, 2004; court reporter, *Daily Reporter*; personnel administrator; former assoc. director, placement services, Cornell U.; former director, Buffalo YWCA; author; editor; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'39 BA—**Richard S. Schwartz** of Elmhurst, NY, December 11, 2003.

'39 BA, MD '42—**Joseph S. Shapiro** of Columbus, OH, February 8, 2004; dermatologist; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'39 BS Ag—**Robert T. Snowdon** of Sarasota, FL, April 13, 2004; retired director of industrial relations, Facet Enterprises; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Acacia.

'39 LLB—**Henry W. Willmott** of Watertown, NY, March 22, 2004; retired attorney; senior partner, Willmott, Wisner, McAloon, Scanlon & Saunders; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'40 BS HE—**Evelyn Weber Anderson** of Colgate, WI, April 28, 2004.

'40—**John E. Barr** of Shamokin, PA, July 1, 2002.

'40 BS Aero—**Gordon Beh** of Boonton, NJ, April 1, 2004; businessman; worked for Beh Housewares; active in community and religious affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'40 MS—**Col. Thomas A. Glass** of Peoria, IL, February 11, 2004; division mgr., defense products dept. of Caterpillar; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs.

'40—**Charles M. McIntyre** of North Little Rock, AR, March 1, 2004; foreman supervisor, Remington Arms; active in community and religious affairs.

'40—**Paul E. Morden** of Niagara Falls, NY, March 7, 2004; restaurateur; hotelier; operated travel agency; veteran; liaison for the Glenn Miller Army Air Forces Band; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'40 BA—**H. Bloss Vail** of Durham, NC, April 2, 2004; vice president, Continental Illinois Nat'l Bank; veteran; active in community affairs. Chi Psi.



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'41 BA—**Barbara Sandy Beachley** of Potomac, MD, April 15, 2004. Alpha Phi.

'41—**Hugh G. Blackwell** of Mercer Island, WA, April 26, 2003.

'41 BA—**Clark D. Burton** of Smith Mountain Lake, VA, April 18, 2004; executive vice president, Bank of Boston's International Division; headed Argentine operations for the bank; worked in Brazil; lecturer on South America and international affairs, Lynchburg College; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'41 BS HE—**Rosalind Heath Eiben** of Port Byron, NY, April 28, 2004; retired home economist, Cornell Cooperative Extension; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Husband, Theodore H. Eiben '41, MS Ag '46.

'41, BEE '42—**John G. Hollister** of Spencer, NY, February 27, 2004; electrical engineer; worked for Lear and Chance Vought companies; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

'41 BS Ag—**Samuel D. Lambert** of Hartsdale, NY, April 25, 2004; businessman; veteran; active in community affairs. Wife, Rita (Krasnow) '44.

'41 BME—**Stuart B. McKinney** of Kattskill Bay, NY, January 4, 2004; mechanical engineer; active in alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'41-42 SP Ag—**David L. Nesbitt** of Waterport, NY, March 20, 2002.

'41 BS Ag—**Helen Ackerly Oshima** of Las Vegas, NM, March 11, 2004; research scientist; biodynamic farmer; biochemist, Boston U. Med School's petit mal epilepsy project; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'41—**Margaret Lee Putney** (Mrs. Richard M. '32) of Webster, NY, April 22, 2004.

'41, BA '42—**Francis S. Reed** of Eustis, FL, March 12, 2004; founder, Industrial Systematics Corp.; active in religious affairs. Beta Theta Pi. Wife, Margaret (Senter) '43.

'41 BA—**Henry B. Richardson** of Fayetteville, NY, March 25, 2004; orthodontist; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'41 BS Ag—**Sidney D. Rubin** of Raleigh, NC, June 6, 2003.

'41 BME—**Martin B. Tuska** of Silver Spring, MD, June 19, 2003. Pi Lambda Phi.

'42 BA, JD '47—**George G. Inglehart** of Watertown, NY, April 6, 2004; NY State Supreme Court judge; attorney; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'42 BEE—**Robert P. Lorber** of Deering, NH, April 8, 2004; engineer.

'42 BS EE—**Charles W. Matten** of Sanger, TX, February 1, 2004; worked for Healy, Hargan and Matten engineers; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Chi.

'42 BA, M Ed '43—**Arthur J. McTaggart** of Gaithersburg, MD, July 15, 2003; retired from the US Information Agency; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'42 BS Ag—**Robert G. Sisson** of Port Charlotte, FL, January 19, 2004; retired teacher; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'42 PhD—**Clifford C. Volkerding** of Mesa, AZ, November 15, 2003.

'42 BS Ag—**Robert E. Wingert** of Roanoke, VA, February 15, 2004.

'43 PhD—**Walden P. Boyle** of Leesburg, VA, October 15, 2002; professor of theater arts, UCLA; co-founder, UCLA Dept. of Theater Arts.

'43 BA—**Philip T. Goldenberg** of Bloomfield, CT, April 15, 2004; senior attending physician, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center; also on the staff of Mt. Sinai and Hartford hospitals; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'43 BS Ag—**Anthony J. Kilcoyne** of Brasher Falls, NY, March 13, 2004; high school agricultural teacher; St. Lawrence County legislator; veteran.

'43, BS Ag '47—**Herman C. Ladenheim** of Boston, MA, February 4, 2004; retired officer, US Agency for Int'l Development; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'43 BA—**Phyllis Dittman McClelland** of Holland, PA, February 7, 2004; high school German and Spanish teacher; first female chimesmaster; organist; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'43 MD—**Walter F. Riker** of Fort Lee, NJ, February 20, 2004; Revlon professor emeritus of pharmacology, Weill Cornell Medical College; created the first minority education program at Weill Cornell; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'43 MD—**Walter C. Watkins** of Amarillo, TX, December 11, 2003; surgeon; practiced at Northwest Texas, St. Anthony's, and High Plains Baptist hospitals; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'44 BME—**William C. Cawthon** of Nashville, TN, April 3, 2004; manufacturing executive, Chrysler; vice president, American Standard; VP, ITT; VP, Rockwell Int'l; VP, Nortel; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

- '44 BArch—**John D. De Moll** of Key Largo, FL, June 13, 1996; retired architect.
- '44—**Robert D. Gordon** of Nichols Hills, OK, March 24, 2004; executive vice president of exploration, Ashland Oil; geologist; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Chi Phi.
- '44 BS HE—**Ruth Gillett Murray** of Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, February 22, 2004; customer service representative, Consolidated Edison; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, John L. Murray '43, BA '47, JD '48.
- '44 PhD—**Alfred M. Peiser** of Mount Laurel, NJ, July 20, 1988.
- '44—**Jean Hofstadter Reiss** of Boca Raton, FL, August 18, 2000. Sigma Delta Tau.
- '44—**Taylor Stanley** of Santa Fe, NM, August 4, 2003; veteran.
- '44 PhD—**John W. Strohecker** of Oak Ridge, TN, January 17, 2002.
- '44, BCE '49—**Alexander R. Treleven** of Stuart, FL, April 21, 2004; entrepreneur; civil engineer; veteran. Beta Theta Pi.
- '44—**Richard M. Wight** of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, April 8, 2004; former IBM communications director; veteran; author; golf correspondent; active in professional affairs. Chi Psi.
- '45—**Duward B. Frampton** of Bexley, OH, April 25, 2004; president, Frampton Industries; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.
- '45 BS Chem E—**Bryce I. MacDonald** of Asheville, NC, March 8, 2004; worked for General Electric Co.; director of engineering, Kennecott Copper Corp.; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.
- '45, BCE '48—**Robert M. Murray** of Auburn, NY, April 20, 2004; owner, CD Murray Construction Co.; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.
- '45, BA '48—**William S. Rose** of Hilton Head Island, SC, April 1, 2004. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
- '45 BME—**Sidney G. Rumbold** of Claremont, CA, January 14, 2004; aerospace engineer; active in community and religious affairs.
- '45, BA '48—**J. Robert Smith** of Savannah, GA, March 3, 2004. Phi Gamma Delta.
- '45 BCE—**Pierre L. Vivoli** of San Diego, CA, November 9, 2003; engineer.
- '45 BS Nurs—**Shirley Goldberg Wolf** of Altadena, CA, December 17, 2003; taught nursing at East L.A. Community College; painter; active in community and religious affairs.
- '45, BCE '48—**Albert S. Woodford** of Philadelphia, PA, April 3, 2004; chief engineer, Philadelphia Regional Port Authority; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Acacia.
- '46—**Richard P. Curtis** of Reading, PA, February 17, 2004. Phi Gamma Delta.
- '46 BS ME—**Anto A. Lindberg** of Southington, CT, March 5, 2004; vice president of engineering, Moore Special Tool Co.; veteran.
- '46 BS HE—**Ernestina Malnati Maiorano** of Copiague, NY, March 22, 2004; homemaker.
- '46, BA '49—**James S. Potter** of Queensbury, NY, August 1, 2003. Kappa Sigma.
- '46 BEE—**Charles W. Prey** of Pittsburgh, PA, December 5, 2003; engineer; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Psi. Wife, Dorothy (Taylor) '46.
- '47 BS HE, M Ed '58—**Scharlie Bartter Handlan** of Pinehurst, NC, formerly of Ithaca, NY, April 8, 2004; retired associate director of Alumni Affairs, Cornell U.; teacher; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Raymond L. Handlan '53.
- '47 BS Nurs—**Mary Stafford McElfresh** (Mrs. Arthur E. '45, MD '47) of St. Louis, MO, April 8, 2004; nurse.
- '47 PhD—**Paul G. Ruggiers** of Norman, OK, April 8, 1998.
- '47-49 GR—**Hans K. Sander** of Princeton, NJ, February 2, 2004; architect; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Delta Chi.
- '47 BS HE—**Patricia Grabb Schneider** of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, February 18, 2004; municipal judge; adult education teacher; founder, Grosse Pointe Interfaith Center for Racial Justice and the Women's Justice Center; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '47 BA, JD '49—**William G. Scott** of Canandaigua, NY, October 28, 2003; attorney. Delta Upsilon.
- '47 BS AERO—**Fred E. Silberman** of London, England, January 1, 2000; engineer. Tau Delta Phi.
- '47 BA—**Melba Levine Silver** of Boca Raton, FL, March 1, 2004; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.
- '47 BA—**Eleanor Smith Work** of West Sand Lake, NY, October 12, 2003. Husband, Ralph Work '43.
- '48 BA—**Edgar C. Burford** of Strongsville, OH, October 3, 2003; high school English teacher; veteran. Phi Kappa Psi.
- '48 BA—**Virginia Williams Huyler** (Mrs. David E. '45, BA '48, MA '49) of New Paltz, NY, March 25, 2004; active in civic and community affairs.
- '48—**Ruthann Beyer Oelsner** (Mrs. Geoffrey A. '48) of Mission Hills, KS, February 9, 2004; worked to improve quality of education for children with disabilities; served on the Kansas State Board of Education; active in civic and community affairs.
- '48 BS Hotel—**John E. Slade** of Longwood, FL, formerly of Ithaca, NY, March 26, 2004; operated Mayer's Smoke Shop; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.
- '48 PhD—**Obed L. Snowden** of Moorhead, MS, September 20, 1995.
- '48 MS—**Col. Arthur W. Starkey** of Hayes, VA, April 13, 2003; retired mechanical engineer; retired military.
- '49 MS Ag—**Richard D. Chumney** of Virginia Beach, VA, April 14, 2004; former director, division of natural resources, NJ Dept. of Agriculture; former commissioner of agriculture, Commonwealth of Virginia; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.
- '49 PhD—**Paul Grun** of University Park, PA, April 28, 2004; professor emeritus, dept. of horticulture, Penn State U.; founder, Vegenics Corp.; author; active in community and professional affairs.
- '49 BEE—**Joseph E. Hinds** of Alexandria, VA, January 8, 2004; retired CIA officer; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi.
- '49 BS Ag, MS Ag '54—**Robert S. Lent** of State College, PA, March 14, 2004; director of special education, BLAST Intermediate Unit 17, State of Pennsylvania; adjunct professor, Mansfield U.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '49 MA—**Arthur W. Lithgow** of Amherst, MA, March 23, 2004; theater director; founder, Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival; executive director of Princeton U.'s McCarter Theater; founder, Antioch Shakespeare Festival; co-founder, Ithaca Theater Guild; director, Brattleboro Center for the Performing Arts; visiting professor, U. of South Florida; actor; veteran; active in professional affairs.
- '49 BS Ag—**Matthew S. Mirantz** of Yorktown Heights, NY, March 22, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Arline (Cinamon) '48.
- '49 BS Hotel—**Edmund M. Oles** of Indian Lake Estates, FL, April 23, 2004; retired high school teacher; former hotel and country club manager; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.
- '49 BA, MD '53—**Charles A. Stevens** of Fargo, ND, February 8, 2004; physician. Phi Kappa Sigma.
- '50-51 GR—**Ernst F. Hoffmann** of New York City, April 15, 2004; professor, German dept., Hunter College; also taught at Yale and Columbia.
- '50 BA—**Eugene J. Hummer** of Lincoln, NH, April 1, 2004; worked for General Electric; pitched for the NY Giants farm system; veteran. Delta Upsilon.
- '50 BA—**Samuel C. Johnson** of Racine, WI, May 22, 2004; chairman emeritus, S.C. Johnson;

presidential councillor, Cornell U.; benefactor of the S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management and the Laboratory of Ornithology; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Psi. Wife, Imogene (Powers) '52.

'50 BA—**Henry Ten Hagen** of Warsaw, NY, April 3, 2004; horticulturalist; veteran; active in religious affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'50 BS Ag—**F. Lindsay Trerise** of Potsdam, NY, April 13, 2004; farm service representative, Niagara Mohawk; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta. Wife, Barbara (Ingalls) '52.

'51—**Ellen Bohall** Andrews of Arlington, VA, April 7, 2004. Husband, Harold Andrews '48.

'51 BA—**H. Gassaway Brown III** of Macungie, PA, formerly of Albuquerque, NM, April 6, 2004; geomorphologist; worked for U.S. Forest Service, Atomic Energy Commission, and Vermont Copper Co.; active in community and professional affairs. Cayuga Lodge.

'51 BA—**Gordon L. Evans** of Barton, NY, April 25, 2004; advisory scientist, IBM.

'51 BS Ag, M ILR '60—**Richard J. Heptig** of Trumansburg, NY, April 7, 2004; retired executive, American Cyanamid; veteran. Kappa Sigma.

'51 BA—**Marcella Norgore** Janes of Issaquah, WA, January 20, 2004; author; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'51 LLB—**Edward W. Middleton** of Pittsford, NY, October 11, 2003; attorney; veteran.

'51 PhD—**Isabel Jane Peard** of Ithaca, NY, April 11, 2004; retired professor emerita, education, Cornell U.; Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Service award recipient; active in community and professional affairs.

'51 MS—**Henry J. Tyler** of Shreveport, LA, February 13, 1993.

'52 BS HE—**Cynthia Smith** Ayers of Halesite, NY, April 3, 2004; travel agent; teacher; owner, Lloyd Harbor Play Group; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Jonathan S. Ayers '50, BME '51.

'52 Hotel—**Donald H. Masterson** of Boca Raton, FL, March 22, 2004; hotelier. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'52-55 GR—**Ralph T. Robson** of Salt Lake City, UT, May 13, 2002.

'52 BS HE—**Dorothy Wolkind** Rosenfelder of Buffalo, NY, April 8, 2004; social worker; former director of treatment services, Lake Shore Mental Health Center; Sigma Delta Tau; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'52-54 GR—**Richard A. Shope** of Simsbury, CT, July 2, 2002.

'52 BME—**Ramon L. Street** of Florence, OR, October 13, 2003; mechanical engineer; worked for IBM and GE; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

'52 M Ed—**Alta F. Thomas** of Columbia, TN, August 24, 2002.

'53 LLB—**James G. Nye** of Westboro, MA, July 26, 2003; attorney; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'53 BME—**Charles F. Roth** of Penfield, NY, December 21, 2003. Wife, Betty (McLellan), M Ed '54.

'53—**David H. Spier** of Stuyvesant Falls, NY, November 14, 2003.

'54 M ILR—**Herbert T. Mines** of Mamaroneck, NY, March 5, 2004; chairman, Herbert Mines Assocs.; active in community affairs.

'54—**Harold V. Nielsen** of Inlet, NY, April 6, 2001.

'54 MD—**Michael S. Rost** of North Baldwin, NY, August 5, 2003; physician. Wife, Nancy (Ripley) '51, MD '56.

'54 DVM—**Ramon A. Vega Jr.** of Panama, Panama, October 8, 2003; veterinarian. Alpha Psi.

'55 BS Hotel—**Henry J. Buncom** of Hollis, NY, April 28, 2004; vice president of personnel, Chock Full o' Nuts; director of purchasing/personnel, Service Systems Corp.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Quill & Dagger.

'55 BS Ag—**Beverly A. Butman** of Cazenovia, NY, April 16, 2004; retired occupational therapist, Warm Springs, GA; active in religious affairs.

'55 MD—**Donald J. Cameron** of Bronxville, NY, April 23, 2004; clinical associate professor of medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College; practiced internal medicine; associate, Rogosin Lipid Center; attending physician, Doctor's Hospital and New York Hospital; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 PhD—**Chancellor I. Hannon** of Haines City, FL, April 21, 2004; plant pathologist and nematologist, U. of Florida Citrus Research Center; citrus consultant; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'55 BA—**Sidney J. Sauerhaft** of Chappaqua, NY, May 3, 1999.

'55 LLB—**John R. Tenney** of Utica, NY, April 9, 2004; NY Supreme Court justice; trial attorney; asst. attorney general and trial counsel, New York State; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'56 BS HE—**Sheila Krell** Jacobson of Woodmere, NY, April 15, 2004; past president, NCJW Peninsula Section; active in community affairs.

'57 BS Hotel—**Darrell R. Dean** of Blairsville, PA, December 31, 2003; owner, Dean's Diner. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'57 BA—**Priscilla Kiefer** Parrish of Ithaca, NY, March 10, 2004; freelance writer and editor; playwright; rewrote and updated more than 26 volumes of the "Hardy Boys" and "Nancy Drew" series; ghostwriter for Doubleday; secretary, Woodrow Wilson Foundation; president, Area Video Archives; proofreader, concordance to Freud; president, The Upstairs Gallery; active in community and alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'57 BS Ag—**James J. Rockhill** of Whitesboro, NY, February 14, 2003; president and CEO, Jim-Ada Development Co.

'58—**Alan T. Brenner** of Carmel, CA, May 16, 2004; hotelier; retired manager, Monterey Conference Center; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Chi.

'58 M ILR—**Rupert F. Chisholm** of Biglerville, PA, April 18, 2004; management professor, Penn State U. at Harrisburg; helped to found doctoral program in public administration, Penn State U.; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Virginia (Schein) '65.

'58, MBA '61—**Richard L. Kirtland** of Patchogue, NY, April 16, 2004; former vice president, Goldman Sachs; also worked for Borders; veteran; Phi Kappa Tau.

'58 BA—**Lawrence B. Parker** of Playa Del Rey, CA, July 25, 2003; retired, Transamerica Title.

'58 BA—**Charles D. Robinson** of Hickory, NC, March 29, 2004; executive vice president, Lee Industries. Psi Upsilon.

'58 MD—**Robert M. Ryan** of Barrington, RI, March 18, 2004; retired radiologist; asst. clinical professor of radiology, Brown U. School of Medicine; author; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'58 M ILR—**Anthony V. Sinicropi** of La Quinta, CA, July 31, 2003; emeritus professor.

'58 Ed D—**Albert W. Spruill** of Greensboro, NC, March 18, 2004; retired professor and dean of Graduate Studies, North Carolina A&T State U.; also taught at Tuskegee Institute, Mississippi Valley State, and NC Ag Extension Svc.; veteran; author; active in professional and religious affairs.

'58 MD—**Donald B. Stark** of Portland, OR, December 31, 2003; physician; veteran.

'58 MFS—**Donald F. Tallman** of Kissimmee, FL, April 18, 2002. Wife, Ernabelle (Boulet), GR '57.

'59 BA—**Catherine Dunning** Post of Harvard, MA, April 9, 2004. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'59—**Marsha Roberts** Senz of Somerset, NJ, May 22, 2001; editor, *Somerset Spectator*. Alpha Epsilon Pi. Husband, Herbert Senz '56.

- '60 PhD—**Gideon N. Louw** of Vancouver, BC, Canada, formerly of South Africa, March 15, 2004; pioneer in ecophysiology; expert on animal survival in arid environments; professor, Dept. of Zoology, Stellenbosch U. and U. of Cape Town; fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Berlin; founder, Progressive Party; author of *Why Elephants and Fleas Don't Sweat*; editor, *Physiological Animal Ecology*; South African Air Force veteran.
- '60, BS HE '61—**Carol Robinson Rogers** of New York City, May 24, 2004; worked for Apparel Textiles Museum. Husband, Danforth W. Rogers, JD '62.
- '60 BA—**Lewis B. Sheiner** of Mill Valley, CA, April 22, 2004; professor of laboratory medicine, medicine, and biopharmaceutical sciences, UCSF; senior scientific advisor, Pharsight Corp.; active in professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.
- '61, BS Ag '62—**Richard D. Zimmer** of Chittenango, NY, March 12, 2004; retired buyer, Agway; active in community and religious affairs.
- '62 BME—**Anthony M. Hoffman** of Hilton Head, SC, February 20, 2004; president, WHHI-TV; active in alumni affairs. Chi Psi.
- '62 BA—**Joel E. Siegel** of Arlington, VA, March 11, 2004; retired English and film studies professor, Georgetown U.; author; lyricist; music producer; film, book, and music critic for the *Washington City Paper*, *Jazz Times*, and *Washingtonian* magazine.
- '63 MRP—**Ernest R. Bonner** of Portland, OR, April 22, 2004; city planner of downtown Portland's renaissance; energy conservation mgr., Bonneville Power Admin.; president, Sunlight Energy Systems; former chief planner, Cleveland, OH; urban historian; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '63 MD—**Woodward Burgert** of Tallahassee, FL, April 28, 2004; chief pathologist, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital; active in professional affairs.
- '63 MBA—**David E. Haithwaite** of Amsterdam, NY, August 5, 2003.
- '63 BA—**David H. Julian** of Glencoe, IL, March 21, 2004. Sigma Phi.
- '64 BA—**Maeva Spencer Neale** of Pescadero, CA, May 8, 2004; pediatrician; social activist; active in civic and community affairs.
- '64 BA, MBA '68—**William D. Ponzer** of Pasadena, CA, November 25, 2000. Psi Upsilon.
- '64 BS Ag—**Robert L. Powell** of Woodstock, VT, May 21, 2004; greenhouse operator; also worked for Soil Conservation Service; veteran; active in religious affairs.
- '64 BS HE—**Susan Stolp Vieser** of Mount Kisco, NY, April 20, 2004. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- '66 MS VM—**Karina Dzintars Burda** of Ithaca, NY, April 1, 2004; research associate, Dept. of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell U.
- '66 BEE, MEE '67—**Louis A. Perretta** of Newton, MA, April 12, 2004; founder, ITOI Enterprises.
- '66 BS Hotel—**Jerome S. Siegel** of Gloversville, NY, March 12, 2004; hotelier; active in alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi.
- '67 MS Ag—**Larry Joe Burkett** of Powell, OH, April 28, 2004; social worker; active in community and professional affairs.
- '67 MBA—**Francis L. Feist** of Arlington, VA, April 14, 2002.
- '67-70 GR—**Allen C. Taylor** of San Antonio, TX, March 15, 2004; vice president of labor relations and human resources, Lykes Bros. Steamship Co.
- '68—**James M. Kohm** of Brooktondale, NY, April 10, 2004; carpenter-contractor.
- '69—**Robert W. Perry** of Louisville, KY, September 18, 2003.
- '69 Ed D—**George A. Robinson** of Topeka, KS, April 21, 2004; vocational teacher educator; retired from the State of Kansas; also taught at Washington State U.; former high school teacher; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '70 MD—**Salvatore A.J. Latteri** of Pinehurst, NC, May 21, 2004; physician.
- '70 BS ORIE—**David V. Linden** of Upper Saddle River, NJ, March 13, 2004; owner, Lowits Menswear; real estate manager; active in civic affairs. Phi Epsilon Pi. Wife, Gilda (Klein) '71.
- '70 PhD—**Leo Renauld** of Greenwich, NY, May 3, 2004; language teacher, Greenwich Central; social sciences teacher, Sage Colleges.
- '71, BA '72—**William deLaRosa**, formerly of Brooklyn, NY, August 26, 1997. Pi Kappa Alpha.
- '71 BS HE—**Hilary Cohen Kolton** of Armonk, NY, September 9, 2003; owner, Home Repair Network. Husband, Robert J. Kolton '69.
- '72 BA—**A. Richard Grubbs** of Mechanicsburg, PA, May 21, 2004; labor relations team leader, Defense Info Systems Agency. Acacia.
- '72—**Douglas G. Palen** of Morris, NY, March 19, 2002.
- '73 BS Ag—**Michael R. Lundy** of Brandon, FL, May 24, 2004; high school teacher; track coach; active in religious and alumni affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- '74—**Duncan C. Seidel** of Gladwyne, PA, August 2, 1997.
- '78, BA '80—**Richard J. Stephens** of Salt Lake City, UT, December 2, 2003; systems programmer, EDS and Grumman Corp.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.
- '79 BA, ME ORIE '80—**Debra Milstein** Paul of Newtown, PA, July 13, 2003. Kappa Delta.
- '81 MA—**Elizabeth Swift Cronin** of Rector-town, VA, May 7, 2004; retired US State Dept. officer; hostage in Iran, 1979-1981; deputy assistant secretary for overseas citizens services; assisted families of the victims of the Pan Am 103 bombing; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '81—**Timothy M. O'Neill** of Palmyra, NY, October 10, 2003. Theta Chi.
- '82 MS ILR—**Ellen W. Buzbee** of New York City, May 5, 2004; attorney and arbitrator; active in civic and community affairs.
- '83 BS Ag—**Angela Gaiotti Coolidge** of Dorset, VT, December 17, 2003; office manager, Country Business Real Estate; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.
- '83 MPA—**Timothy J. Rutenber** of Clarence Center, NY, March 31, 2004; asst. vice provost, international education, U. of Buffalo; administrator, Tufts U.; agricultural researcher, U.S. Agency for Int'l Development; active in professional and religious affairs.
- '84 ME—**Gerald W. Vandenberg** of Grafton, MA, April 6, 2004; mechanical engineer; worked for Ford Motor Co., Data General, Oki Data, and Spyrus; active in community affairs.
- '85—**Gisele J. Colbert** of Detroit, MI, August 27, 2003.
- '85 BS Ag—**Brian D. Quinn** of Rochester, NY, December 10, 2003.
- '87 BS Ag—**Paul Bogart** of Gaithersburg, MD, May 12, 2004; worked for On Campus Marketing. Theta Chi.
- '89 BEE, MEE '91—**Wai T. Lau** of Austin, TX, February 3, 2002; engineer.
- '90 MPS Hotel—**Gregory J. Krebs** of Milwaukee, WI, April 30, 2004; campus administrator, Nat'l Regency Senior Community.
- '98 BS ILR—**Adam M. Rayman** of Plainsboro, NJ, May 9, 2004; worked for Keller and Heckman LLP.
- '00—**Nicholas E. Berg** of West Chester, PA, May 8, 2004; engineer; helped to start Prometheus Methods Tower Service; killed in Iraq, where he was working to rebuild the country's infrastructure.
- '07—**James H. McManamon** of Westlake, OH, May 13, 2004; freshman football and track athlete.

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GETTING A GRIP ON ITHACA'S WINTER CAR CULTURE

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A collision of topography, climate, and demographics has long made Ithaca a challenging place to get around in colder months. Before the age of internal combustion, horse-drawn sleds and sledges delivered goods and plowed the streets, and a trolley helped commuters (and hitching tobogganers) ascend the slippery slope to campus. By the 1930s, the automobile took over, and that meant kids in cars careening down the hills. "It was a murderous place to drive," recalls former *Alumni News* editor John Marcham '50, recounting a particularly grievous meeting of a 1934 Plymouth and a salt truck one snowy evening. "Most of my recollections are of semi-disasters."

Winter driving was once the official province only of the stout-hearted and properly equipped. Many simply garaged their cars for the season and went on foot. In between-the-wars Ithaca, city police kept amateurs from

attempting the snowy ascent of East Hill via State Street, and trucks and cars would be lined up by the roadside at the foot of the hill. "If you didn't have chains, you weren't going anywhere, brother," says longtime Ithacan John Pirko, now a volunteer at the Tompkins County History Center. The preferred winter vehicle of the 1930s, according to Pirko: a heavyweight Packard, favored for its road-gripping left.

These days, the omnipresent all-wheel-drive Subaru reigns supreme as the quintessential Ithaca car, slowly supplanting the rust-chewed 240-series Volvo as a totem of town life; at any four-way intersection it isn't rare to see a quartet of Outbacks in various colors. On campus, car-owning students are likely to deploy the family's hand-me-down SUV, Grand Cherokees and Explorers retired from grocery duty. The four-wheel-drives are able climbers, but much of the art of the old days is lost. Today's students don't fill their trunks with cinderblocks and sandbags to give the driving wheels more grip, much less enlist a friend to stand on the rear bumper, as resourceful operators of vintage rear-engine VW Beetles did to coax their cars up Buffalo Street.

But some things never change, as every upstate driver someday learns. You hit the ice, physics takes over, and you might as well be in a 1934 Plymouth.



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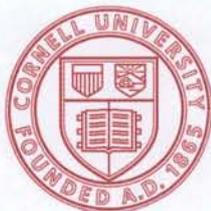
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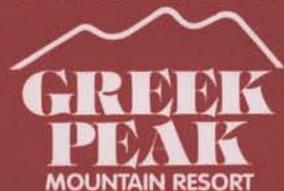
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