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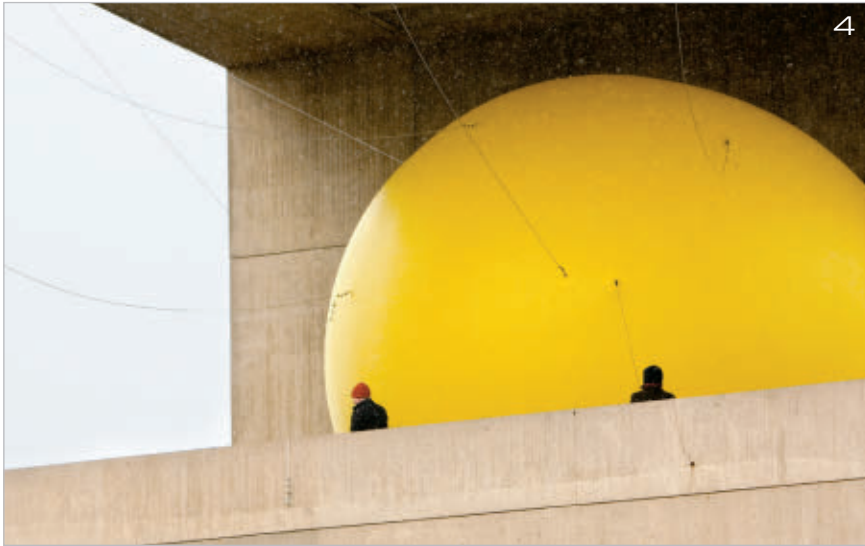


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FRANKLIN CRAWFORD

Urban renewal was kinder to Ithaca than to some Upstate cities, but over the past century many stately buildings have still been lost—from Ezra Cornell’s Free Circulating Library to Alonzo Cornell’s mansion to the grand old Strand Theatre. In a series of photos recently exhibited at the History Center of Tompkins County, former visiting professor Mark Iwinski captures the ghostly images of bygone structures superimposed over what stands in their place. Often, it isn’t pretty.

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BETH SAULNIER

When the Moosewood Restaurant served its first meal thirty-eight years ago this month, the owners were still trying to figure out how to run the steam table (and the entrée was two hours late). But with a menu of tasty vegetarian cuisine, plus the success of the *Moosewood Cookbook*, the humble Ithaca eatery has grown to be one of the world’s most famous natural-foods restaurants. Now, Cornell’s Rare and Manuscript Collections is home to Moosewood’s historical archives—a trove of photos, business papers, fan mail, and much more.

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In a period of uncertainty and austerity, and with so many opportunities to help lift the world's burdens or improve lives in a tangible way through philanthropy, why do so many people—including Cornellians—choose to support higher education?

Certainly, many alumni feel great pride in their alma mater, and their desire to preserve and promote its distinction is a worthy reason for philanthropy. Alumni pride, expressed through philanthropy, has strengthened Cornell in countless ways. Another reason, in my view, is that contributions to higher education represent faith in the future: a belief that we have advanced as a civilization through the discovery, acquisition, dissemination, and application of knowledge, and that we need to pass on that opportunity to succeeding generations. At a time when nearly half of all Americans polled in a recent telephone survey feared that the nation's best days are behind us, investment in higher education is a singularly optimistic act.

Thanks to the leadership of our trustees, overseers, and many other alumni, parents, and friends, Cornell ended the 2010 fiscal year with new gifts and commitments up 77 percent over the recession-driven declines of the previous year, for a total of \$466 million. Last year, in fact, Cornell had the top results in the Ivy League for new gifts and commitments. Last year, too, the Cornell Annual Fund recorded its eighth consecutive year of growth, up 12 percent, with \$27.3 million given by more than 32,000 donors. And while large, transformational gifts make news and are deeply appreciated, all gifts—regardless of size—matter.

As we announced at an alumni event in Boston last November, Cornell recently reached the \$3 billion mark in the \$4 billion *Far Above* campaign, launched in 2006. Very few universities have ever raised that amount in a campaign. This support is a testament to the loyalty and commitment of those engaged with Cornell.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

Much more important than the sheer size of the monetary contribution to higher education is what the generosity makes possible. Private philanthropy is a critical piece of the funding mix at most colleges and universities. At Cornell, for example, in FY 2010, payout from the endowment accounted for 10 percent of our \$3 billion operating budget. This included a \$35 million endowment payout for financial aid, which helps us ensure that academically talented undergraduates from families of limited means will not incur a crushing burden of debt. In addition, gifts to be used in the current year accounted for an additional 5 percent of the operating budget. In sum, nearly one dollar in six contributing to Cornell's operation comes from philanthropy.

Equally important, philanthropy provides the edge for excellence at even our best universities. At Cornell, our greatly enhanced need-based student financial aid, the new faculty renewal initiative, the many professorships that will follow, and funding for critical, carefully selected capital projects all depend on robust fundraising, combined with our continued progress toward a balanced budget that includes judicious growth.

I am grateful for the many ways—financial and otherwise—so many of you have chosen to support Cornell. I do not take your phenomenal generosity for granted. I invite you to continue your involvement in the years ahead to ensure that our university realizes the aspiration we set for ourselves in the strategic plan: to be widely recognized as a top-ten research university in the world, and a model university for the interweaving of liberal education and fundamental knowledge with practical education and impact on societal and world problems. That is the promise and the opportunity of our Cornell.

— President David Skorton
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Gas Bag

On December 10, a balloon twenty-five feet in diameter was inflated at the Johnson Museum to herald the upcoming “Unpacking the Nano” exhibit. The balloon represents one year of emissions from the Tata Nano, the celebrated “people’s car” that is the brainchild of Indian industrialist and Cornell trustee Ratan Tata ’59, BArch ’62. The exhibit runs from January 15 to March 27. JASON KOSKI / UP

Means & Ends

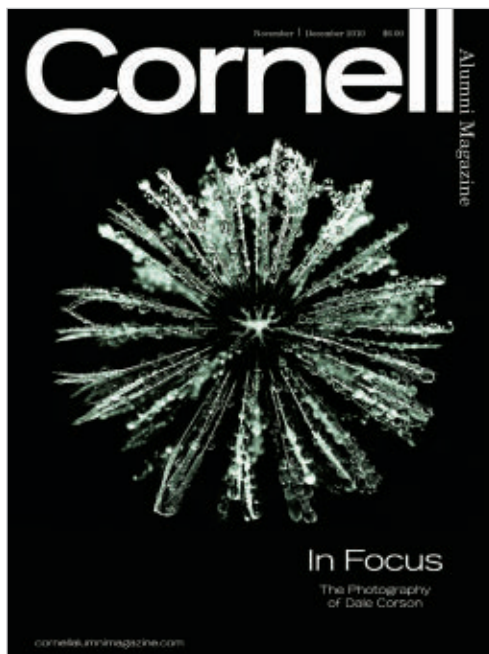
Alumni express support for the efforts to prevent suicides

I am writing in praise of Beth Saulnier's "Barrier Method" (Currents, September/October 2010). This extremely informative piece artfully explored the many aspects of Cornell's bridge dilemma in light of the recent suicides, from the difficulty in designing a barrier that delivers both functionality and aesthetic appeal to a discussion of the true ability of fencing to prevent bridge-based suicides based on psychological studies and statistics on suicidal individuals.

Cornell could have chosen to keep a lid on publicity following the unfortunate rash of suicides in 2009–10, but it has elected to pursue a much higher path and bring this issue to the forefront so the University can publicly acknowledge this distressing problem and involve the entire community in its resolution. I am proud of Cornell for the strong position it has taken on this difficult subject, and I have full confidence that the team of experts the University is bringing together to address this matter will converge on a creative, positive, and prudent solution—one that will serve as a model for other schools and organizations struggling with the same concern.

*Susan Bloom '89
Chester, New Jersey*

During a recent visit, I noticed green-and-white "Ithaca Is Fences" stickers placed on the temporary bridge fences, which appear to be an expression of opposition to the University's plan to replace the temporary fences with long-term means restriction. While I am in full support of this right of protest and can relate to the argument that the fences disturb the breathtaking views from the bridges, I'd



like to respond to this clever parody of a well-known slogan by describing a personal event from my freshman year—which will, I hope, explain why I support the University's plan.

I clearly remember the day when physics prelim grades were posted on a bulletin board in Rockefeller Hall. I eagerly scanned the list, fully expecting to have exceeded the mean while secretly hoping to have aced the test and broken the curve. Much to my horror, next to my ID was the number 36. No way—thirty-six out of a hundred?

I was mortified as the reality of this grade sunk in. My body seemed to freeze and shake at the same time, in a combination of shock, shame, disbelief, depression, and devastation as I stood in front of that bulletin board. Countless negative thoughts flickered in and out of my head: I am an utter failure. I will surely flunk

out. Life is miserable and hopeless. I can't handle it here. Cornell is too competitive. Everyone else here is much smarter than me. I am worthless. Why bother anymore. *Should I jump?*

Dazed and confused, I wandered away and headed toward Collegetown. Fortunately, I collected myself and somehow put my test result into perspective. The negative images that had consumed my brain began to be replaced by positive and optimistic thoughts. Jumping was a stupid idea. How could I even think that? I realized that I was still just a teenager, with much to contribute to the world ahead of me. Plus, I reminded myself, there are worse things in life than a bad test grade—so get over it.

Although the thought of suicide had flashed through my brain just a few minutes prior, my mind was far removed from the act of jumping by the time I calmly strolled across the College Avenue bridge. I had already decided to schedule a meeting with the professor to learn what went wrong and move on from there. As it turned out, the grade was entirely my fault: I had misread a question that called for an analysis of *positive* ions and instead gave an answer for *negative* ions. Professor Donald Holcomb was compassionate and helped me to salvage a respectable final grade in the course.

In retrospect, I believe that the distance between Rockefeller Hall and the College Avenue bridge was, in effect, a fortuitous barrier that may have saved me from possibly becoming another statistic. This distance may have served a function similar to the intended purpose of the University's planned long-term means restriction—to delay a person from acting on an impulsive thought. And, luckily for me, from then on I have never again had even the slightest thought of suicide, even though I have since had to endure situations in my

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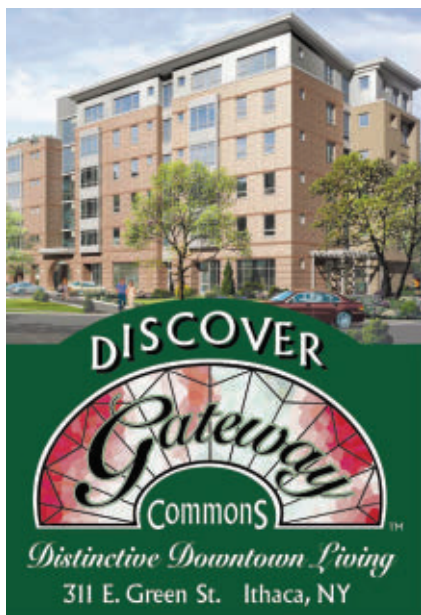
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life that were far more egregious and harmful to me than failing a prelim.

*Stan Tso '83
Short Hills, New Jersey*

Liberal Artist

How refreshing to read Gerald Howard's paean to a liberal arts education ("The English Major Who Got Away with It," Letter from Ithaca, November/December 2010). Like Howard '72, I'm a liberal arts graduate who has traveled a circuitous route to my current incarnation as a gerontological social worker. And while my personal and professional interests have changed over the decades, I continue to reflect on how important my Cornell undergraduate education was, is, and surely will remain, to my life path. In these times of economic and social turmoil, it's important to remember that a liberal arts education is not "vanity" learning, but, rather, a much-to-be-desired and invaluable investment in one's future.

*Marcie Gitlin '79
New York, New York*

Record Breaker

I enjoyed your article on Max Seibald '09 (Sports, November/December 2010), one

of the best collegiate lacrosse players in history, and its mention of his introduction to the sport at Camp Starlight. Starlight is one of about twenty-five neighboring eight-week summer camps in northeast Pennsylvania, all of which field boys and girls travel teams in many sports. My son Matt attended nearby Camp Wayne about five years later. It is a source of both pride and amusement in our family that Matt broke Max's single-season camp league record for goals scored.

*Perry Jacobs '74
Mamaroneck, New York*

Older...and Wiser?

Re "University Launches \$100 Million Faculty Initiative" (From the Hill, November/December 2010): As a Cornell alumna as well as a sixty-three-year-old professor at another Ivy League school, I was dismayed to read the lamentation over the fact that "in 2008-09, nearly half the faculty was fifty-five or older, and nearly a third was sixty or older." Why assume that these professors are "set to retire over the next decade"? Why suggest that this age distribution is a barrier to faculty excellence? Ageism is an unattractive neologism, but views like this show the need for it.

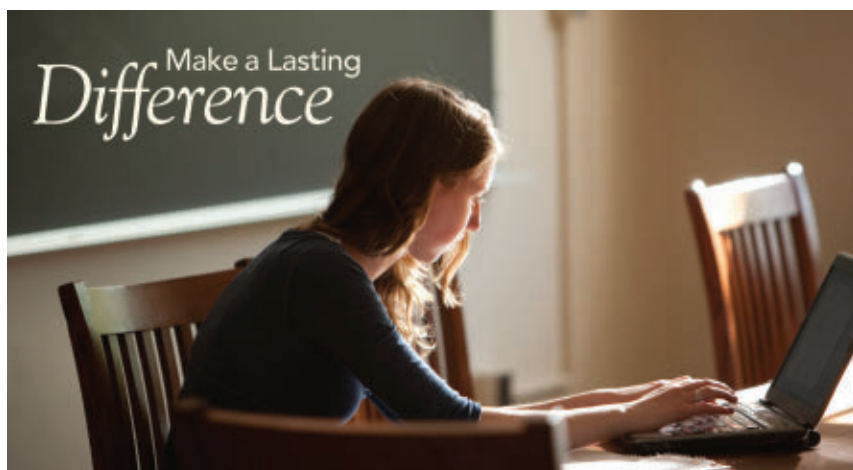
*Felicia Nimue Ackerman '68
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Author's Request

A group of alumni has started an oral history project to record and preserve, through a collage of mini-memoirs, the history of political activism at Cornell in the Sixties and Seventies. It is their hope to collect these accounts into a book and donate the original material to the University archives. If you are interested in contributing your remembrances or know an activist alumna/us who might be, please contact Bill Schechter '68 at schec@rcn.com. He has also created a Facebook page for the project, with additional information and more specific guidelines, which can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=157712324258770&ref=ts>.

Corrections—November/ December 2010

"Safe Haven," page 30: The ducks referred to as mallards are actually Moulard ducks. And Hilda, the animal rescued from a stockyard in 1986 by Farm Sanctuary co-founder Gene Baur, MS '96, was a sheep, not a cow. Our apologies to the misidentified animals.



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Out of Fashion?

Lynah Faithful ponder the case of the Big Red jerseys



KEVIN ZEISE

Then and Now: The traditional home hockey jersey (left) was all white, with a red stripe and red numerals on the sleeve. This year's model has red sleeves, with a white stripe and white numerals. Some of the team's longtime fans don't like it.

If you were to describe the Big Red men's ice hockey home jersey of recent vintage, you'd probably say it was mostly white with a red stripe at the waist, and white and red sleeves. If you were to describe *this* season's jersey, you'd probably still say it was mostly white with a red stripe at the waist, with red and white sleeves. But the devil, as they say, is in the details, and a change to the jersey design this fall—making the sleeves mostly red—has the Lynah Faithful in a tizzy.

The players have worn special jerseys in recent memory: pink versions to raise money for cancer charities, commemorative ones bearing the names of legendary Cornell players. In fact, head coach Mike Schafer '86 plans another limited-edition jersey, based on the laced sweater of the early Sixties, to be worn for one game and then auctioned off to support the team's service trip next year. But after these one-offs, the Big Red has always gone back to the familiar design.

Taken at face value, the change isn't drastic—the jersey is still mostly white, and the CORNELL on the front is the same. But the change came without the hoopla you might expect after many years of an essentially unchanged design—and the scuttlebutt on the ELynah.com online forum was that they bore a striking resemblance to those worn by the Detroit Red Wings. Or, worse, by Boston University.

Some people probably didn't notice the change. But for many who've been filling the Lynah stands for decades, it's a jarring difference. After all, even Lynah itself didn't change much when the storied rink underwent major renovations a few years ago, since most of the alterations were outside the "bowl" of wooden-bench seats bolted to cement steps.

A few fans have speculated that the new design was an accident. Others think it might be a scheme to save money—figuring the unique Cornell jersey had to be pricier than one that's used by several other teams. Or could the change have been intended to make the men's and women's jerseys more similar? Whatever the reason, the new design hasn't gone over well. In Lynah's corridors and online discussions, fans have contemplated giving back the game-worn jerseys from past seasons they'd bought as keepsakes so current players can wear them, or even collectively donating the thousands of dollars a re-order would cost. (Fortunately, the all-red road uniforms have not been changed.)

There are no immediate plans to replace the home jerseys now that the season is well under way—but a new batch will be ordered for 2011–12, as they are every year. Will the team stick with the new version, or will it return to the beloved old design? "Oh yeah," says Schafer. "We're going back."

— Mark Anbinder '89

From the Hill



LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Skorton Advocates for the Humanities

In his State of the University address to a packed Statler Auditorium during Trustee-Council Week-end in October, President David Skorton declared his desire to “make a special case for our efforts to bolster the arts and humanities.” Noting that many acknowledge the importance of the humanities in teaching critical thinking to scientists, engineers, and other professionals, he went on to say that “we must also recognize and support the value of the humanities as a discipline of research and critical analysis in its own right and on its own terms. The events and creations of the past cannot change, but our knowledge of them can be enhanced through rigorous study and research.”

The other key theme of his address was the need for recruiting new faculty to replace the many expected to retire over the next decade. “Faculty renewal in the context of academic priorities and substantial retirements is the number one priority in Cornell’s new strategic plan,” Skorton said. “We need to demonstrate our commitment to faculty renewal across the university, taking full advantage of the unique opportunity we have to be the university we want to be—and to get out in front on faculty hiring before many of our peer institutions are in a position to do so.” The effort is being supported by the \$100 million Faculty Renewal Fund. Skorton’s address was attended by about 600 members of the Board of Trustees, University Council, and other Cornell constituencies.

Green gateway: The Brian C. Nevin Welcome Center, dedicated in late October, is a visually striking entry to the Cornell Plantations. In addition to offering exhibits and amenities, it was designed to qualify for LEED gold certification. The center is open to the public, with a grand opening ceremony to be held in May . . . when it’s warmer.

Student Killed in Nicaragua

A graduate student in natural resources was stabbed to death in an apparent robbery in Nicaragua in November. Thirty-two-year-old Florida native Ryan Crowder, MPS '04, was studying sustainable lobster harvests and marketing collectives in a remote part of the country, but was visiting the capital city of Managua when he was killed. Since he carried a gun permit but no firearm was found on his body, its theft was considered a possible motive for the crime.

\$80 Million Gift Funds Sustainability Center

Thanks to the largest single gift to the Ithaca campus from an individual, Cornell will have a permanent center for sustainability research. In October, President David Skorton announced that David Atkinson '60 and his wife, Patricia, had given \$80 million to fund the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future. Originally established in 2007 as the Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future with \$3 million in support from the Atkinsons, the center involves faculty from more than fifty departments in research related to the environment, energy, and economic development.

In other environmental news, Cornell received an A- grade in the Sustainable Endowment Institute's annual "green report card" rating of colleges and universities. Cornell was one of fifty-three institutions to qualify as an Overall College Sustainability Leader. Two Ivy League universities, Brown and Yale, received an A; Cornell was one of five schools rated A-, while Columbia trailed the pack with a B+.

Far Above Campaign Hits \$3 Billion Milestone

Cornell's capital campaign has passed the \$3 billion mark. At an event in Boston in November, campaign co-chairs Jan Rock Zubrow '77 and Stephen Ashley '62, MBA '64, made the announcement to an appreciative throng of alumni and friends. The public phase of the *Far Above* campaign was launched in October 2006 with an announced goal of raising \$4 billion by the end of 2011.

CALS Education Department to Close in Two Years

After what was described as an "extensive review of options," the CALS administration announced in October that it would close the Department of Education over the next two years. Current students will be allowed to complete their degrees, while faculty and staff will be transferred to other departments. "We are determined to make this transition with as little disruption to programs, faculty, staff, and students as possible," said CALS dean Kathryn Boor '80.

After some students reacted angrily to the announcement, CALS senior associate dean Max Pfeffer held two open forums. In what the *Daily Sun* characterized as "heated exchanges" with students, Pfeffer attempted to explain the financial and educational rationales for the decision. The closing is part of the strategic "reimagining" process at CALS, which has seen the college cut its number of departments from twenty-six to twenty-two over the past year.

Faculty and Students Protest Africana Move

On December 1, Provost Kent Fuchs announced that the Africana Studies and Research Center—which has been, since its 1969 founding, an independent unit reporting to the provost's office—would be merged with the College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1. "As with similar changes I have made regarding other programs that previously reported directly to my office," said Fuchs in a statement, "my goal in making this change is to provide the robust level of academic support that significant programs, such as Africana studies, have a right to expect."

Protests immediately erupted. Professor Robert Harris resigned his post as the center's director, and Africana studies professor James Turner stated that "in my forty-one years of service to Cornell, I've never seen anything like this." Two days later, Harris rescinded his resignation at the urging of the Africana faculty, and a group of faculty and students marched to Day Hall. Many objected not only to the move but to the way it was done, saying that the provost had failed to consult with Africana faculty and students before announcing his decision.

Fuchs insisted that the merger was for



LINDSAY MYRON / CORNELL DAILY SUN

Rallying cry: Students gathered outside Day Hall to oppose the planned merger of the Africana Studies and Research Center with the College of Arts and Sciences.

the best, stating that the Arts college could provide better academic support for the Africana Center and that it would be able to establish a PhD program "that will strongly increase the national prominence of Africana studies and bolster Cornell's

ability to attract superb faculty and students." As of press time, Harris was continuing to act as the center's director, but he told the *Daily Sun* that remaining in that position was "contingent on what understanding I can develop with the provost."

University Names Two New CIOs

In November, Cornell announced the appointment of a new chief investment officer and the creation of a new administrative position, chief information officer. Michael Abbott is now the chief investment officer, having taken over for James Walsh, who resigned in June. A native of London, Abbott was previously CEO of Robeco-Sage, a hedge-fund group. He will oversee the University's \$4.4 billion endowment and other investments.

The chief information post will be filled by Ted Dodds, currently vice provost at the University of British Columbia. The creation of this VP-level position is part of the University's effort to coordinate information technology service across the campus. Dodds is scheduled to begin work in mid-January.



On the page: Artist Werner Pfeiffer, who grew up in Nazi Germany, “destroys” books to offer insights into the dangers of censorship. His work is on display in Kroch Library through February in the exhibit “Book-Objects and Artist Books.”

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Fiction writers **Rattawut Lapcharoensap '00, BA '01**, and **Lydia Peelle '00**, winners of \$50,000 Whiting Writers' Awards.

President **David Skorton, Rob Dyson, MBA '74**, and **Howard Milstein '73**, named to governor-elect Andrew Cuomo's transition team for their expertise in finding leaders of New York State's economic revitalization.

Music professor **Joseph Lin**, named first violinist of the Juilliard String Quartet.

Superglue inventor **Harry Coover, PhD '44**, awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation from President Obama.

Duke University psychology and neuroscience professor **Avshalom Caspi, PhD '86**, who shared the \$1 million Jacobs Research Prize for work on how genes predict the later effects of childhood stress.

Irene Rosenfeld '75, PhD '80, CEO of Kraft Foods Inc., and Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, named to *Forbes'* annual list of the most powerful women in the world. Rosenfeld was ranked second, Ginsburg thirty-first.

David Vann, MFA '94, winner of the *Prix Médicis étranger* for his novella *Sukwan Island*, which was a best-seller in France. The only other American on the prize's 2010 longlist was **Thomas Pynchon '59**.

Astronomy professor **Rachel Bean**, winner of a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers for her work in cosmology and theoretical astrophysics.

Cornell Students Against Sweatshops, honored by the American Labor Museum for its work to promote fair labor practices among companies that make University-branded apparel.

Chemistry professor **Hector Abruña**, winner of the Faraday Medal from the Royal Society of Chemistry's Electrochemistry Group.

The **Cornell Chemical Engineering Car team**, which won the American Institute of Chemical Engineers' student car competition with its entry, Zoidberg.

ROTC member **Isaac Todd '11**, ranked seventh among the more than 5,000 cadets nationwide on the Army's Order of Merit List, based on such factors as GPA, physical fitness, and leadership skills.

English professor, poet, and novelist **Robert Morgan**, named to the Literary Hall of Fame in his native North Carolina.

Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62, chairman of India's largest conglomerate, and **William Rosenzweig '81**, managing director of Physic Ventures, winners of Oslo Business for Peace Awards.

President **David Skorton** and **Joseph Fins, MD '86**, chief of the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell, elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies.

Grad students **Lucian Leahu, MS '08** (computing and information science), **Steven Tin, MS '09** (electrical and computer engineering), and **Shuang Zhao** (computer science), awarded Intel PhD Fellowships.

Pomona College anthropology professor **Ralph Bolton, PhD '72**, winner of the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology, the field's highest honor.

Recent Graduate Commits Suicide in State Park

The barriers installed on bridges on and near campus last spring couldn't prevent the latest suicide to strike the Cornell community—that of a recent graduate who jumped to her death from a bridge at an area state park in early December. The body of forty-year-old neurobiologist Tine Rubow, PhD '10, was recovered from a creek in Taughannock Falls State Park, a popular destination with a waterfall and hiking trails located about twenty minutes from campus. Born in Denmark, Rubow grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and earned an undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University.

Alumni Elected (or Re-Elected) to U.S. Congress

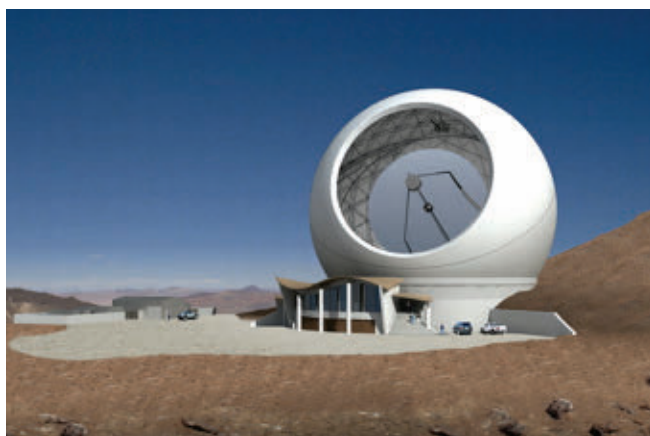
Seven alumni won or retained congressional seats in the November elections. Re-elected were Rep. Rob Andrews, JD '82 (D-New Jersey), Rep. Bob Filner '63, PhD '73 (D-California), Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97 (D-Arizona), and Rep. Kurt Schrader '73 (D-Oregon). Newly elected were Hansen Clarke '84 (D-Michigan), Chris Gibson, MPA '95, PhD '98 (R-New York), and Mark Kirk '81 (R-Illinois), who won Barack Obama's former senate seat.

Law Student Found Dead in Ithaca Apartment

Second-year law student Daniel Ferrero passed away in his Ithaca home in mid-December. The twenty-six-year-old, who was from Brooklyn, died of natural causes. He is survived by his wife, parents, and two sisters.

Gift Supports Chilean Telescope Project

An \$11 million gift from retired businessman Fred Young '64, MEng '66, MBA '66, will help support an ambitious telescope project planned for Chile's Atacama desert. Set to begin construction in 2013, the Cornell-affiliated Cerro Chajnantor Atacama Telescope would be the largest, most precise astronomical facility in the world; located on a mountain 18,400 feet above sea level, it would also be the highest. Young, a foremost benefactor of the University, is the retired owner and CEO of Young Radiator Co.



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Eye in the sky: A rendering of the Cerro Chajnantor Atacama Telescope

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In exploring electrons called "heavy fermions," physical sciences professor J. C. Séamus Davis has discovered why they move through conductors so slowly: they take extra time to interact with uranium atoms.

Increased choline consumption by pregnant or nursing mothers may improve the cognitive and emotional abilities of children with Down syndrome, reports nutritional sciences professor Barbara Strupp, PhD '82.

Aiming to design an effective robotic gripper, mechanical engineering professor Hod Lipson and colleagues have used some unlikely components. Their device, known as a universal gripper because it conforms to the shape of the items it grabs, is made from coffee grounds and a latex party balloon.

Global warming will alter the maple syrup industry over the next century. Ecology professor Brian Chabot has determined that by 2100, tree sap will begin flowing in the Northeast a full month earlier than it does today.

After analyzing public opinion surveys from 1952 to 2006, government professor Peter Enns has found that as financial inequality rises, low-income Americans become more politically conservative. Since conventional wisdom says that a wider income gap would prompt the poor to support government policies favoring social programs, he notes that "it's a bit of a conundrum."

Obesity accounts for 16.5 percent of the nation's medical costs—twice what was previously thought, says economist John Cawley. His research found that the annual price tag for treating obesity-related illness is \$168 billion.

Under the direction of classics professor Sturt Manning, undergrads and grad students have been working at archaeological sites on the island of Cyprus. Their findings—that hunter-gatherers began to form agricultural settlements there some 500 years earlier than previously believed—were published in the journal *Antiquity*.

With a \$3.2 million USDA grant and \$1.7 million in corporate matching funds, researchers at Cornell and seven other universities aim to develop a \$100 million broccoli industry on the East Coast over the next decade. Currently, 90 percent of the broccoli sold in the East is grown in California and Mexico.

With intensive case management, most nursing facility residents could return to their homes. In evaluating a pilot program in Syracuse, Human Ecology's Rhoda Meador found that concerted efforts to overcome medical, psychosocial, and logistical hurdles allowed 60 percent of residents to move back home.

Big Meet

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Mack Lewnes

Cornell's wrestling team—ranked Number One in the country—dominated the Las Vegas Invitational, placing first in a 36-team field. The individual winners were **Mack Lewnes '11** (174 pounds), **Steve Bosak '12** (184), and **Cam Simaz '12** (197). For Lewnes, the top-ranked wrestler in the country in his weight class, this was his third straight win at the Las Vegas

meet. **Justin Kerber '10** was second at 165 pounds, and the other wrestlers who placed were **Frank Perrelli '11** (fifth at 125), **Chris Villalonga '14** (eighth at 141), and **DJ Meagher '11** (sixth at 157). The Big Red accumulated 140 points, far ahead of second-place Wisconsin (101.5) and third-place Boise State (100).

Sports Shorts

FOOTBALL STARS The first freshman to start at quarterback for the Big Red, **Jeff Mathews '14**, is also the first Cornell player in more than 20 years to earn Ivy League Rookie of the Year honors. (**Derrick Harmon '84** won the award in 1981, as did **John McNiff '91** in 1989.) Mathews, who took over the starting job in the second game, threw for 1,723 yards and seven touchdowns, both school records for a freshman. **Drew Alston '11** was also honored by the league, earning a spot on the All-Ivy first team as a punter after leading the league in net average (34.8 yards) and punts inside the 20 (26). **Emani Fenton '11** was a second-team All-Ivy pick at cornerback, and linebacker **Zack Imhoff '12** received honorable mention.

Fall Teams

Final Records

Field Hockey	11-5; 5-2 Ivy (T-2nd)
Football	2-8; 1-6 Ivy (7th)
Sprint Football	5-2; 3-2 CSFL (T-3rd)
Men's Soccer	4-8-5; 0-5-2 Ivy (8th)
Women's Soccer	6-8-1; 1-5-1 Ivy (8th)
Volleyball	4-20; 2-12 Ivy (8th)

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ICE HOCKEY STARS As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the ECAC Hockey League is honoring its top 50 players of all time—and it's no surprise Cornell is well represented at the top of the list. **Ken Dryden '69** was one of the first five players named, and **Joe Nieuwendyk '88** was in the second group of five. Dryden earned first-team All-America honors three straight seasons at Cornell while posting a 76-4-1 record with 14 shutouts and leading the 1967 team to Cornell's first NCAA hockey championship. Currently a member of the Canadian Parliament, Dryden went on to win six Stanley Cups with the Montreal Canadiens. Nieuwendyk, who is now general manager of the Dallas Stars, was the ECAC Rookie of the Year in 1985 and Player of the Year in 1987 before embarking on a 20-year NHL career that included Stanley Cup championships with three different teams and four all-star seasons.



Catie De Stio

PATRICK SHANAHAN

FIELD HOCKEY STARS Cornell's field hockey success continued as the Big Red matched a school record with 11 wins in 16 games and secured its fourth second-place Ivy League finish in the last five seasons.

Catie De Stio '11 closed her career as one of the school's greatest offensive performers, leading the team with 12 goals and 29 points. She was named a second-team Mideast Region All-American, the second Cornell player to earn such honors in three straight seasons. De Stio also became the second Cornell player to win first-team All-Ivy laurels in three straight seasons. She was joined on the All-Ivy first team by goaltender **Alex Botte '12**. Teammates **Mattie Prodanovic '11** and **Stephanie Sanders '11** were second-team selections, while **Kate Thompson '11** earned honorable mention and **Hannah Balleza '14** was named the league's co-rookie of the year.

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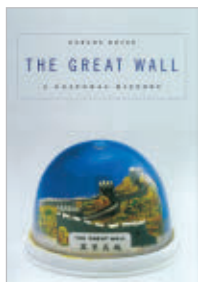
The Word Heard 'Round the World

OK by Allan Metcalf '61 (Oxford)

Despite the fanciful stories that attribute the origin of the expression “OK” to the Choctaw Indians, African languages, or a Revolutionary War countersign, the American word used 'round the world had its start as a jokey abbreviation for “all correct” in the *Boston Morning Post* in 1839. Several chance occurrences saved OK from becoming yet another linguistic footnote: during the presidential campaign of 1840, President Van Buren became OK because of his nickname, “Old Kinderhook”; the Tammany Society sent members of its O.K. Clubs to break up Whig Party meetings; and a hoax about Andrew Jackson’s poor spelling proved impossible to eradicate.



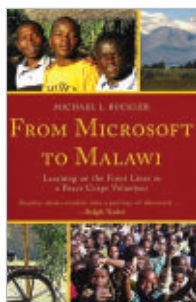
The Great Wall by Carlos Rojas '92, BA '95 (Harvard). The claim that the Great Wall is the only man-made structure visible from space is just one of the myths surrounding it. Cultural representations of the Wall shape the ways it has been understood throughout history, asserts an assistant professor of Chinese cultural studies at Duke University. “The Wall is frequently imagined as an unthinkable massive barrier, yet the material structure itself no longer retains any strategic function, and even at its peak effectiveness its significance often lay more in its status as a symbol of the border than as an actual barricade.”



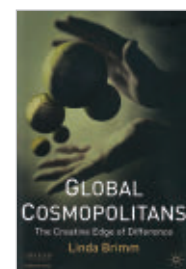
Black Yanks in the Pacific by Michael Cullen Green '99 (Cornell). Facing a tight job market at home after World War II, many African Americans chose to join the military. “African American men understood voluntary service primarily as a means to secure stable employment during uncertain economic times,” writes Green, a graduate student in history at Northwestern University. Although they found greater economic opportunities abroad, they also experienced prejudice in Japan and Korea. “Notions of Afro-Asian solidarity attracted few adherents in the post-war years because they conflicted with the interests and outlooks of thousands of black servicemen living on overseas bases,” concludes the author.



From Microsoft to Malawi by Michael L. Buckler '96 (Hamilton). Before he joined the Peace Corps, Buckler did everything that was expected of him—went to the best schools, married, and became a top attorney—but felt he was living everyone else’s American dream. He left his comfortable life to teach in a Malawian village, where he found that the people had much to teach him. As he writes in this memoir, “Simultaneously uplifting and depressing, welcoming and foreboding, liberating and oppressive, cruel yet undeniably vivacious, Malawi gets in your blood, inhabits your dreams, and dares you to be smitten by its charms.”



Global Cosmopolitans by Linda Brimm '64 (Palgrave). “The global demands of the modern world have changed not just the face, but also the age, work, and social class of people living internationally,” writes Brimm, a professor emeritus of organizational behavior at the Institut Européen d’Administration des Affaires. “The result has been a recent and massive generational shift in the highly educated, globally mobile workforce.” On the plus side, global workers easily adapt to new ways of thinking; on the down side, their lack of shared culture may cause them to question their identity.



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Fiction

Caribou Island by David Vann, MFA '94 (Harper). In his first novel, the author of *Legend of a Suicide* tells the story of Gary and Irene, a couple who try to build a cabin in the Alaska wilderness as their marriage unravels.

Murder Your Darlings by J. J. Murphy '92 (Obsidian). Dorothy Parker enlists Robert Benchley, Alexander Woollcott, and other famous wits from the Algonquin Round Table to solve a murder and remove suspicion from a young William Faulkner.

Non-Fiction

Intellectuals Incorporated by Robert Vanderlan '88 (Penn). Publisher Henry Luce hired Archibald MacLeish, Dwight Macdonald, James Agee, and other writers to work for *Time*, *Fortune*, and *Life*. A visiting professor of history at Cornell argues that rather than selling out, they thrived in the world of mass-market magazines.

Anarchy Evolution by Greg Graffin, PhD '03, and Steve Olson (It Books). Graffin's role as the frontman of the punk group Bad Religion and his current work as a teacher of evolution at UCLA may seem poles apart, but he makes a case for the close connection between art and science while reminiscing about his days as a rocker.

Emerging Markets by M. Ayhan Kose and Eswar S. Prasad (Brookings Institution). The BRIC countries—Brazil, Russia, India, and China—weathered the recent economic downturn better than most industrialized nations. Prasad, the Tolani Senior Professor of Trade Policy at Cornell, discusses the potential of these new economic powerhouses for sustaining long-term growth.

The Word on the Street by Harvey Teres '72 (Michigan). An associate professor of English at Syracuse University finds that today's critical culture is disconnected from the concerns of ordinary people. He calls for a return to the earlier model of the public intellectual who is accessible to all.

Columbia Rising by John L. Brooke '76 (North Carolina). A professor of history at Ohio State University examines the evolution of civil society and party politics in the Upper Hudson Valley from the Revolution to the Age of Jackson (1815-41).

Investments by Jerald E. Pinto '75 et al. (Wiley). Members of the Chartered Financial Analysts Institute offer a guide to the principles of portfolio and equity analysis.

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Flour Power

An Ithaca-area business mills grain the old-fashioned way

Folks at the hardware store in Trumansburg, a village a few miles north of Ithaca, figured Greg Mol '08 for a drywall finisher, or maybe a mason. The clues were all there: the work-worn hands; the white dust embedded in jacket, knit cap, and battered canvas pants; the frequent visits for building supplies.

They could be forgiven for having failed to guess his true calling: the former agricultural economics major is one-third owner of Farmer Ground Flour and its full-time miller. Practitioners of the trade—which moved west and went high-tech more than a century ago—are a vanishing breed, and Mol's on-the-job training has combined extensive experimentation with late nights of poring over historic accounts of nineteenth-century operations. Starting with a twenty-inch pair of millstones, he's built a Rube Goldberg-esque system in the corner of an unheated, 150-year-old, timber-framed warehouse on the outskirts of town. In October, Farmer Ground Flour produced ten tons of products—cornmeal, polenta, and four kinds of flour (wheat, rye, buckwheat, and spelt). “We put up the money and Greg has put in sweat equity,” says mill co-founder Thor Oechsner '87, who bought the grindstones four years ago with fellow organic grower Erick Smith, MS '76, PhD '93. “Although he came in not knowing anything, he's really getting good at it.”

The businesses that convert grain into the makings of bread, pies, and pasta were once common in Upstate New York towns—even ones as small as Trumansburg. In 1835, a decade after the Erie Canal opened to speed goods to market, there were twenty-one mills in Rochester alone, earning it the moniker “Flour City.” But in the twentieth century, economies of scale and the pursuit of product uniformity propelled grain cultivation from the Northeast to the Great Plains. Today, just a half-dozen mills remain in all of New York State.

Forty-five-year-old Oechsner has been farming since he was a teen; Smith, two decades his senior, came to it later in life. In the late Nineties, each saw an opportunity in the wave of organic dairy conversions sweeping the region: all those cows needed organic feed, and the two independently began growing for the market. Over time, two-legged consumers started looking like a viable customer base. “The closer you get to a finished product,” Oechsner points out, “the more of the selling price goes directly to the farmer.” Smith started filling an Ithaca taqueria's standing order for 500 pounds of black beans per week and both farmers began contributing to a local natural food store's bulk bins. In recent years, they've managed a combined 1,000 to 1,300 acres—big for the Finger Lakes, but small-time compared to the 8 million acres of grain fields in Kansas. Oechsner notes that without the deep pockets of locavores at urban

farmers' markets, Farmer Ground Flour may never have gotten off the ground. “A lot of the interest and enthusiasm has been in New York City,” he says. “The bakers there want quality, flavor, local production, and a connection with the farmer, and they're more interested in paying the little extra it costs to produce our flour.”

Keith Cohen, owner of the hundred-year-old Orwasher's Bakery on Manhattan's Upper East Side, developed his Ultimate Whole Wheat loaf to feature the trio's handiwork. Speckled with sunflowers, flax, rye, sesame, oats, and millet, the baker's two-pound boule packs five grams of fiber in every slice and sells for \$7.50. “Farmer Ground Flour is great—in terms of the flavor profile, it's better than anything else out there,” he says. “There's a certain nuttiness, earthiness, and lightness.” Unlike the product of large-scale mills with in-house labs to insure uniformity, Farmer Ground Flour keeps a baker on his toes. “It tests your ability,” says Cohen. “While each batch behaves differently, it makes terrific bread.”

Ithaca-area baker Stefan Senders, PhD '99, has been testing Farmer Ground Flour in pasta and bread as long as Mol has been milling it. He and his wife plan to open a bakery this winter, in partnership with Oechsner. “We may think of farming as a simple—if risky—practice, but it's an art,” says Senders. “The farmer has to make a whole range of judgment calls about when to harvest.” And timing is just part of the equation; an improperly adjusted combine, for example, can wreak havoc on the grain, damaging starches and leading to problems like excessive water absorption. Says Senders: “Everyone—the farmer, the miller, and the baker—has to treat the grain with a little respect.”

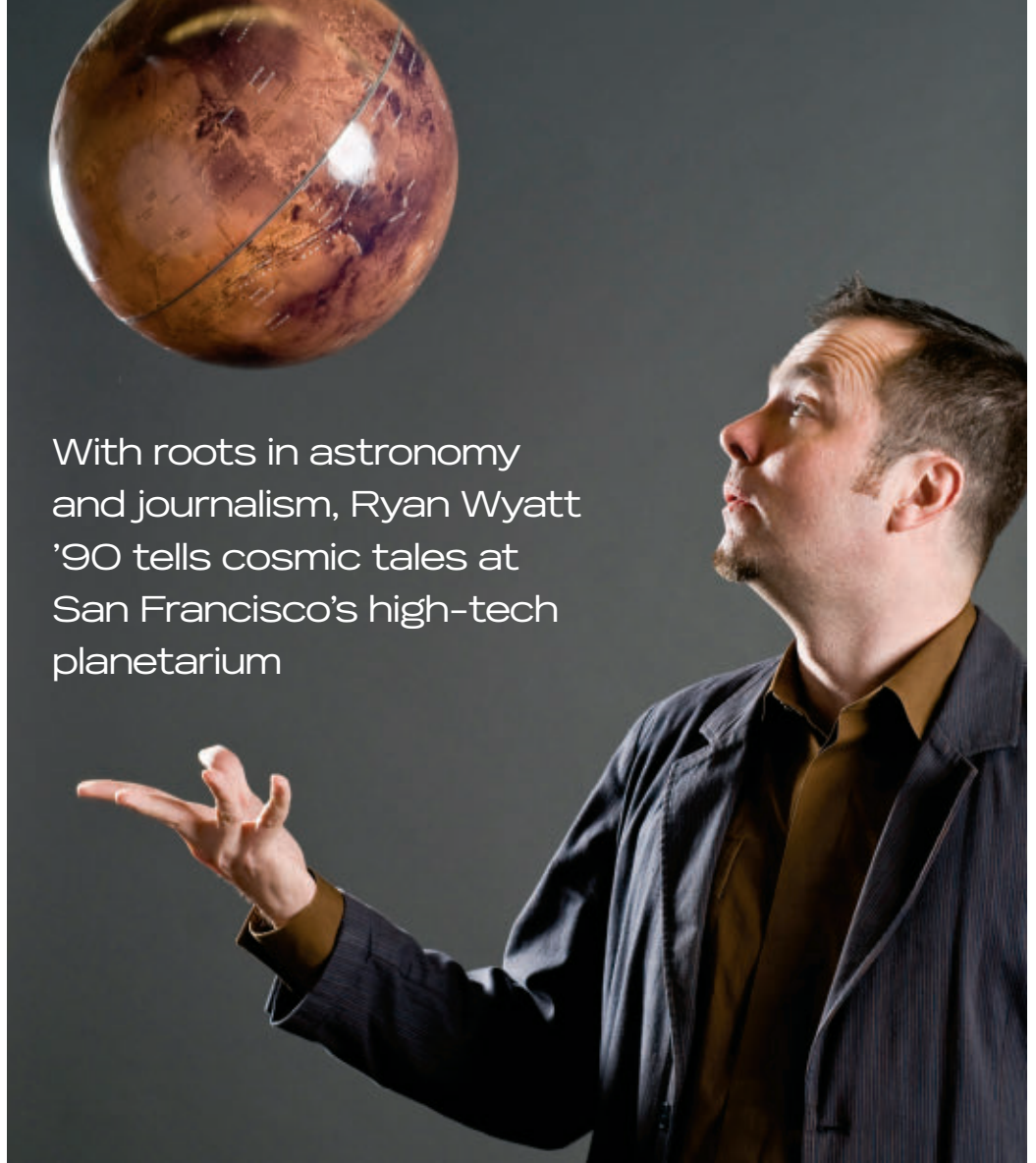
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Whole grains: Greg Mol '08
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With roots in astronomy and journalism, Ryan Wyatt '90 tells cosmic tales at San Francisco's high-tech planetarium

Ryan Wyatt '90 vividly remembers his first experience peering up at a man-made sky. He was seven years old, having made the trip from his native Indiana to the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. "I was terrified, because I learned that the sun was going to die," he recalls. "That was a little distressing."

These days, with the evocative title of Director of Morrison Planetarium and Science Visualization at the California Academy of Sciences, it is Wyatt's job to create similarly memorable experiences (though hopefully more edifying than terrifying). His mission is to design eye-popping tours of the universe while offering a captivating storyline; it's science as show business. His inaugural production—"Fragile Planet," a half-hour round trip to the outer reaches of the universe—was narrated by none other than Sigourney Weaver, star of *Alien* and *Avatar*.

Located in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the planetarium made history

in 1952 by introducing the nation's first opti-mechanical star projector. In 2008, about eighteen months after Wyatt arrived, a \$20 million reconstruction put it once again on the cutting edge. The new theater, Wyatt says, "has the potential to make an extraordinary mark on the planetarium field in general." Morrison's seventy-five-foot-wide screen, housed in a ninety-foot-wide dome, matches Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles as the largest in North America. But it isn't just size that sets it apart; it's the immersive experience.

Traditionally, planetariums have used a star projector and lasers to emblazon a night sky on the dome. But there are no lasers here; Morrison is the world's largest all-digital planetarium. Images from six video projectors are blended to form one

picture on the giant screen. The entire projection surface essentially amounts to what Wyatt calls "the largest computer monitor in the Academy," meaning the dome can serve as a blank canvas for various digital media.

In a conventional planetarium, audience members surround the star projector, as if sitting around a campfire, leaning back and craning their necks toward the heavens. But Morrison's dome resembles a steeply sloped movie theater, with the audience facing in the same direction beneath a dome that is tilted at a thirty-degree angle. "It's comfortable, and you feel like you're flying through space, so it's more of a shared theater experience," says Wyatt, sitting in his tiny office surrounded by books with titles like *Galileo's*

Starry Nights

Daughter and God Created the Integers. “Getting the science right is part of it, but you also want to tell a good story, something that carries people along intellectually and emotionally.”

In doing so, Wyatt calls upon the skills he learned on the Hill—not just as an astronomy major but also as a *Daily Sun* staffer. He was a news reporter, music reviewer, and editorial cartoonist—all of it useful as he writes a script, chooses a soundtrack, and oversees the translation of scientific data into convincing imagery. In his previous position, as science visualizer at the Rose Center for Earth and Space at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, Wyatt was part of a team of experts—with experience in television, visual effects, and computer graphics—that produced shows on topics ranging from cosmic collisions to extraterrestrial life. That team approach, which has been replicated at Morrison, was one of the primary attractions luring him to the Bay Area, the visual-effects capital of the world. In fact, many of the people recruited to work for him are Hollywood special-effects gurus—taking time off from, say, digitally polishing Iron Man’s armor to craft a fly-through of the Milky Way.

Wyatt was also enticed by the opportunity to help design Morrison’s infrastructure with an eye toward flexibility, conceiving new ways it could be used to support the myriad interests of the Academy of Sciences—a research institution whose public face includes a natural history museum, an aquarium, and an indoor rainforest. Thus, the audience might find itself flying through a DNA molecule or cruising along a California fault line. “We’re trying to expand the idea of what you see in a planetarium—not just astronomy, but geology and biology,” says Wyatt, who earned a master’s in space physics and astronomy from Rice University. “We’re addressing a much wider range of topics.”

Indeed, his latest turn as writer-director—“Life: A Cosmic Story,” which premiered in November—discusses how all life on Earth has common origins in the matter that made up the first stars some 13.7 billion years ago. Narrated by Jodie Foster, the production takes the audience inside a cell of a redwood leaf and then transports viewers through time and space through the Big Bang to explore the large-scale structure of the universe. “Science is a truly human endeavor,” he says. “Seeing it as a process, rather than an outcome—that’s what I find most compelling.”

— Brad Herzog '90



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At seventy-six, professor emeritus
T. Colin Campbell, PhD '62,
 continues his quest to
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The irony has been pointed out more than once. T. Colin Campbell, PhD '62—who has spent decades studying the health dangers of animal-based diets—grew up on a dairy farm.

The Jacob Gould Schurman Professor Emeritus of Nutritional Biochemistry, Campbell is best known for the China-Oxford-Cornell Diet and Health Project, a two-decade-long study that New York Times health columnist Jane Brody '62 called the “Grand Prix of epidemiology.” The first in his family to attend college, Campbell earned an undergrad degree from Penn State; at Cornell, he did his doctoral dissertation on more efficient ways to produce high-quality animal protein. But field work in the Philippines—originally focused on ensuring that children got as much animal protein as possible—took both his research and his life in an unexpected direction: he realized that the kids who ate the most animal protein were most likely to get liver cancer.

That discovery has spurred a career's worth of investigation into the perils of consuming animal products, and the attendant benefits of a whole-foods, plant-based diet. The work has not been without controversy—especially on a land-grant campus where dairy and livestock interests have a strong presence. In 2005, Campbell alleged interference from the dairy industry when his popular Vegetarian Nutrition course was pulled from the catalog, sparking a dispute with nutritional sciences administration that lasted several years; more than 1,000 students signed a petition to reinstate the course, and a version of it is now offered online.

Campbell's best-selling book, The China Study, was published in 2006. It was co-written with his son, Thomas Campbell II '99—a former actor whose



work on the project inspired him to go to medical school.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Your work first came to widespread attention through a 1990 cover story in the *New York Times* science section entitled “Huge Study of Diet Indicts Fat and Meat.” Did the headline say it all?

T. Colin Campbell: At the time, it bothered me a bit, that it was sensationalizing. I wouldn't have gone quite that far—and I had to ask myself, am I really willing to say something like this? And the more I thought about it, the more I realized, yes

I am. I guess I was a little skittish, because what I was saying was so controversial—especially challenging our reverence for animal protein.

CAM: From a scientific standpoint, why is animal protein more likely to cause cancer?

TCC: Plant proteins tend to be limiting in one of their amino acids, which makes them less efficient in promoting body growth rates. That was why they were always called “low quality.” But in fact, they also hold back cancer growth. Animal proteins *increase* blood cholesterol levels, but plant proteins hold it back—so

animal proteins promote heart disease and plant proteins don't. We're seeing the same thing with cancer.

CAM: Nowadays, most people see the connection between diet and conditions like diabetes and heart disease. Do you think they're open to your message about the relationship between food and cancer?

TCC: The public is confused about nutrition—for good reason, because if you've got different industries telling different stories, they're not going to tell you the truth, they're just going to tell you about their products. Nutrition is a powerful effector of cancer, but most people don't understand that; they think it's caused by chemicals in the environment. And though some chemicals can cause genetic damage to create an "infant" cancer cell, that's not the only event that determines development of the disease. This occurs by our use of inappropriate levels of nutrients, as foods, which act like fertilizer to grow these cells.

CAM: How did you come to do the China Study?

TCC: In 1980 and '81 we hosted the first senior scientist from China to visit the U.S.—he worked in my lab for eight months, and while he was here, we learned that his government had just released beautiful, color-coded maps of how much cancer existed in 2,500 counties all over the country. The differences between counties were substantial, so we went to China to do a big survey to find out why; we had access to rates of about a dozen cancers, and eventually to about three dozen other diseases as well. My Chinese colleagues went to 130 villages and collected blood, food, and urine samples and asked questions, and together we came out with this massive document. The body of data was absolutely huge.

CAM: What were the findings, in a nutshell?

TCC: In general, as we increase our animal-based food consumption, we get into trouble. It increases heart disease, cancer, and all kinds of other ailments and problems.

CAM: One of your most famous fans is former President Bill Clinton. How did he come to follow your dietary guidelines?

TCC: When his daughter Chelsea's wedding was coming up, she wanted him to lose some weight; also, he was about to get another stent and didn't want to. He ended up losing twenty-four pounds before the wedding, and I got a phone call

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from one of his close associates who told me, “He was there with your book, and he was telling everybody about it.”

CAM: He took the book to the wedding?
TCC: That’s what I was told—that he was raving about it at one of the dinners. And what he said later in an interview with Wolf Blitzer was absolutely spectacular, because it was very clear. He said, “I’m off all meat, all dairy. I eat a little fish, but I follow a plant-based diet.”

CAM: Why do you prefer the term “plant-based” to “vegetarian” or “vegan”?

TCC: Because I don’t like the way “vegetarian” and “vegan” are interpreted. I didn’t do this research to prove that vegetarianism or veganism are good ideas. I wanted the argument to rest on science, not ideology.

‘If we eat this way, the health effects are amazing. There’s nothing in medicine that comes close to it.’

CAM: But don’t vegetarians and vegans also follow plant-based diets?

TCC: Ninety percent of vegetarians still consume dairy and eggs, so the nutritional composition of their diet is not that different; vegetarians have traded off meat for milk, more or less. Vegans don’t eat any animal foods, so you’d think they’ve got it all together. But many of them do it for ideological reasons, and they don’t know much more about the health aspects than anybody else. Their diets can be pretty high in processed foods, sugar, and fat.

CAM: So just being plant-based is not enough?

TCC: It’s *whole*, plant-based foods—whole grains, the leaves and fruits and nuts and so forth. My interpretation of the evidence is not to use white flour or sugar products, not to add fat, and not to use fried foods. If we eat this way, the health effects are amazing. There’s nothing in medicine that comes close to it.

CAM: But isn’t it hard to make food as satisfying with those limitations?

TCC: In baked goods, my wife uses dried fruits like bananas or prunes to give it the consistency of fat. If a recipe calls for

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sugar, she cuts that back about two-thirds, sometimes to none—just uses fruit sources for sweetness. I don't think I'm rationalizing, but I really believe that food is more tasty to me than it's ever been. And part of that comes from the fact that we know that fat and salt have an addictive response that causes changes in brain chemistry and covers up the natural tastes that can be so appetizing.

CAM: Since you're enjoying good health at age seventy-six, do you see yourself as living proof of the benefits of plant-based eating?

TCC: Absolutely. There is heart disease in my family, and I've already lived, on average, ten years longer than my father and his father and brother. I still jog.

CAM: So do you want everyone to eat like you do?

TCC: This is not a diet, it's a lifestyle. I don't like to preach or proselytize. People have to make their own decisions. As I say in the book: you don't have to believe me—just try it.

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Learning Curve

Professor Shawkat Toorawa, alias Dr. T, paces like an expectant dad in front of a huge, unearthly blue screen in the Tatkon Center’s lecture hall. He checks his watch. Checks the wall clock. Silence. More pacing.

Stragglers shuffle in, shedding backpacks. There is a cellophane crackle as someone reaches for a shortbread biscuit. Toorawa sips tea from a paper cup, double-checks the time: 5 p.m. Spot on.

“For the next thirty minutes we’re going to learn a little bit about Stephen Biko, a legendary but less-well-known South African anti-apartheid activist and hero, Margaret Atwood, a Canadian author who writes very, very good books—her novels are not short but you ought to read at least one or two of them; I suggest starting with *The Handmaid’s Tale*, which was made into a film not well worth watching, but the soundtrack by the Eurhythmics wasn’t bad—and lastly...” He pauses for dramatic effect. “Romu-

lans! Enemies of the good guys, the Federation. From Romulans you will learn what constitutes villainy and treachery, and from the Federation, the stuff of heroism.”

Barely two minutes have passed; the class has grown to about thirty students of various majors and grade levels. The screen fills with an image of rocker Peter Gabriel, live in concert, introducing his 1986 hit song, “Biko.” “Have any of you heard of Peter Gabriel?” Toorawa asks. A smattering of hands go up. “How about Stephen Biko?” Fewer hands.

All right, then. Travelers, your ship is about to set sail.

Welcome to the “Dr. T Project: A Cornell Hitchhiker’s Guide to Culture”—weekly drop-in sessions where, at warp speed, Toorawa lectures on three topics he thinks students ought to know about, but probably don’t. His presentations are non-linear, and the items may or may not be themed. It’s a twenty-first-century twist on an ancient tradition: a master offering his students pearls of wisdom from unexpected sources.

Since launching the sessions in September, Toorawa has covered music by pop icon Lady Gaga and Spanish classical guitarist Narciso Yepes, and films by Japanese master Akira Kurosawa and Hollywood auteur Tim Burton. He’s discussed the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright and the portraiture of Velázquez, traced the French roots of Frank Sinatra’s “My Way,” and pondered the meaning of words like *sinan*—Arabic for spearhead, but also the name of an Ottoman architect whose most famous work is the Suleiman Mosque in Istanbul. “This is not a prescriptive exercise,” says Toorawa, a professor of Near Eastern studies. “There is no pressure. It’s a chance to introduce students to cultural items that are not something they necessarily need to know, but rather something they might want to seek out.”

The chance to garner knowledge for its own sake plus the lure of free PG Tips tea and Walkers Shortbread seems to be a winning formula. It works for Cornell economics major Aleksey Boytsov ’12, who has attended every Tuesday session. “I like to collect random bits of erudite cultural knowledge—and I love tea,” he says, tilting his cup. “Each time, I learn something from Dr. Toorawa that I would not have known otherwise.”

Toorawa is short, bespectacled, and bearded. He thrums with energy that fuels a stream of silvery chatter flavored with a London accent. Students find his method and his fiery manner engaging. “I went to his program as part of freshman orienta-

tion,” says Amy Kasman ’14. “It was so different from everything else that I kept coming back. It’s a great way to learn about things that aren’t on my radar.”

Dr. T navigates from high-brow to low-brow culture without hitting turbulence. To explain Biko’s role as a martyr whose death at the hands of prison guards in 1977 spurred the anti-apartheid movement, Toorawa employs not only the Gabriel song but YouTube clips from the movie *Cry Freedom* and quotes from a well-thumbed *Dictionary of Global Culture*. As he tools along, he shares his excitement at learning something new. “Did you know Biko popularized the phrase ‘Black is beautiful?’” he asks. “I didn’t.”

The Hitchhiker’s Guide has been a hit since its origins as part of the 2010 new student orientation program, says Carol Grumbach ’78, JD ’87, director of the Tatkon Center. The center itself, located next to Balch Hall, is billed as “an intellectual, cultural drop-in center” for all first-year students. “I look forward to his weekly talks,” she says. “I’ve learned a lot.”

Like what?

“Like what an autarky is,” she says. “Do you know?”

This reporter wracks his brain. Mating dance of a flightless bird from New Zealand?

“I didn’t know either,” she says with a wry smile. “Look it up.” (A later consultation with Professor Wikipedia reveals it to mean “the quality of being self-sufficient.”)

In an outcome-driven world, Dr. T’s

Dr. T. navigates from high-brow to low-brow culture without hitting turbulence.

sessions are an oasis in a desert of grinding in-depth study, and since student turnout has been solid—especially considering the hour—the course will continue into spring semester. Toorawa has also invited some guest speakers, including philosophy professor Scott MacDonald ’78,

PhD ’86, who presented three things that he loves: the Miles Davis recording *Kind of Blue*, a poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins, and two Jackson Pollock paintings.

Back to the action: With less than ten minutes left, Toorawa is on a roll. Having dispatched Biko and Atwood, he hands around a manual on how to identify various Romulan warships. “Always know your enemy,” he says and discusses the importance of identifying bad guys, learning their tactics, and—with help from YouTube and Captain Picard of the starship *Enterprise*—facing them down.

In a climactic showdown with the Romulans, led by Commander Tomalak, the *Enterprise* is surrounded. Tomalak demands surrender. The intrepid Picard counters that he’s willing to die if the cause is “just and honorable”—and he’ll take Tomalak along with him.

“The good guys win,” notes Toorawa, a diehard Trekkie. “They have to. It’s a franchise, and they were contracted to return for the following week’s show.”

Toorawa has his own show to come back to the following Tuesday. And not even Dr. T knows exactly what it will be.

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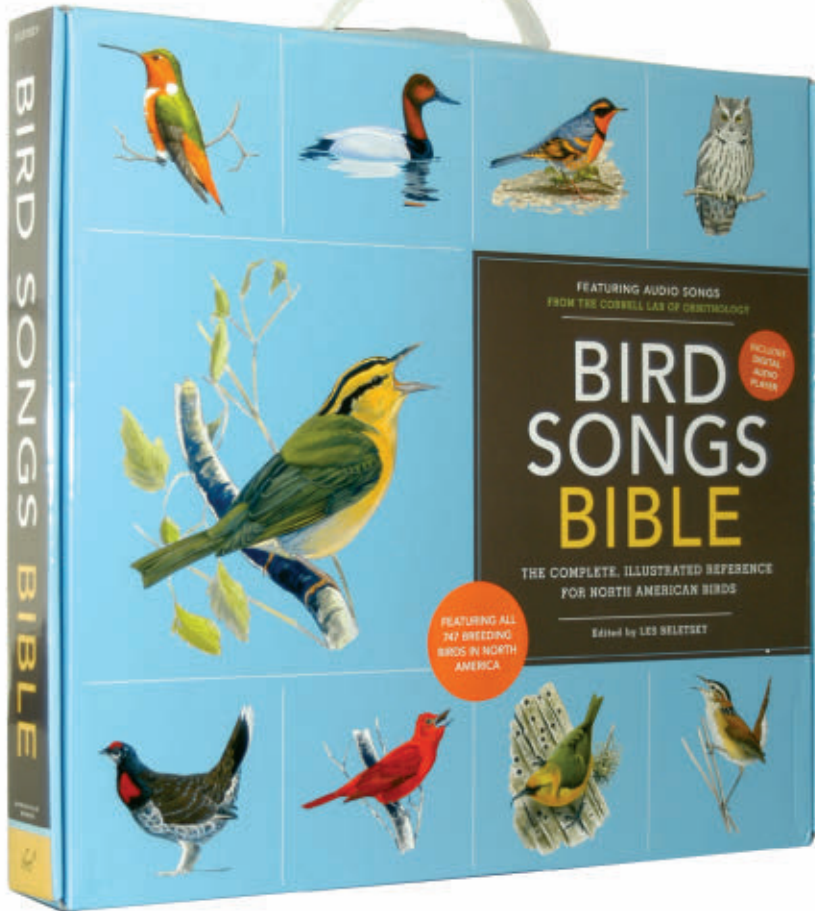
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The latest book from the Lab of Ornithology could be a field guide . . . if you're a giant. Published this fall by Chronicle Books, the hardcover *Bird Songs Bible* weighs in at ten and a half pounds, is two inches thick, and even comes with its own carrying case. It covers all 747 breeding birds in North America—not only their images and vital statistics, but most of their songs as well.

Organized by region, the \$125 coffee table book includes a built-in MP3 player with 728 individual recordings, most taken from the lab's Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds. To summon up a clip—the call of an alarmed female spectacled eider, say, or a blue-throated hummingbird in song—the user punches a three-digit code into the number pad. “There’s no fuss, no muss,” says Greg Budney ’85, the library’s curator of audio. “You don’t have to load a disk or go online and

access a file. You have these wonderful portraits, many of which are almost life-sized, and a player that is thoughtfully executed, so you can access the sounds rapidly.” In the genre of audio bird books, he says, “this is probably the best user experience to date.”

Some two years in the making, the hefty volume includes hundreds of original paintings of the birds, as well as information on their geographic distribution, habitat, and behavior. Budney hopes that the finished product will appeal to a wide audience—and with its vibrant images and interactivity, he sees it as a great way to get children interested in nature. “As beautiful as the illustrations are,” he says, “the element that really transports you is the fact that you can make the voice come alive as though the bird were sitting there on the table beside you.”

For Budney, choosing the audio clips meant diving deep into the collection of the Macaulay Library, the world’s largest repository of animal sounds and video. For example, the library has more than 800 recordings of the red-winged blackbird, which is found throughout the U.S.—so which regional “dialect” should represent the species? “Most of the recordings were already in the library,” he says, “but what hadn’t been done was going through the multiple examples that might exist for a species and determining, say, the best ‘witchity-witchity’ call for the common yellowthroat that fit the running time.”

In addition to choosing the clips, Budney and his colleagues faced the challenge of squeezing them all onto the book’s memory chip. Although most last less than fifteen seconds, that still meant some serious data compression. “And when you data compress, you’re basically throwing bits of information out, and that can dramatically affect the fidelity of the sound,” Budney says. “The resulting product, if not dealt with carefully, can sound pretty abysmal.” Making it work, he says, required an understanding of human psychoacoustics. “What bits of information does the human ear need to receive,” they asked themselves, “for this to sound like what we might hear outdoors?”

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Scoop Dreams

Kirsten Schimoler '08 invents ice cream flavors for a living (yes, it's a real job)



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Cone zone: Kirsten Schimoler '08 behind the counter at Scoop University, the working ice cream shop at Ben & Jerry's headquarters in Vermont

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That's the risk you run when you join a company whose official employee perks include three free pints of ice cream a *day*. But thanks to a solid understanding of nutrition and an active lifestyle, Kirsten Schimoler '08 has managed to avoid packing on the pounds. "I've actually lost weight since I got to Ben & Jerry's," the petite blue-eyed blonde says, sounding a little amazed. "If I'm eating ice cream all day, I'm probably going to go home and have vegetable soup or a salad, not sit down to a big bowl of carbonara alfredo. When you're eating ice cream for a living, you have to know moderation."

Don't hate her because she's beautiful—or because she has one of those jobs that's guaranteed to hijack the conversation at parties. In fact, sometimes the twenty-four-year-old Schimoler prefers not to tell strangers her profession, because "I design ice cream for Ben & Jerry's" tends to send the chat in a predictable direction: once people realize she's not making it up, they start suggesting new flavors (or complaining about the ones that have been discontinued). Then there's the task of explaining what a product developer is in the first place. "Overall, everyone is like, 'That's the coolest thing ever,'" Schimoler says. "But sometimes you just don't want to talk about it, because you have to devote at least five minutes to explaining it. I tell

people, 'Walk into the grocery store, and behind pretty much every product—whether it's Doritos or Ben & Jerry's or breakfast cereal—is someone like me.'"

To get to the Ben & Jerry's headquarters, you drive to an office park in South Burlington, Vermont, and enter a lobby emblazoned with a mural of blue sky, green grass, fluffy clouds and—naturally—black-and-white cows. Speaking of which, there's a life-sized fiberglass bovine against one wall, under a photo of the brand's hippyish founders. Across the room, next to the vintage Wurlitzer organ, is a freezer filled with frozen treats. On one corner, a small laminated card makes a demure appeal to dietary restraint: "Please, only one ice cream novelty per person." Down the hall, past the twisty

red slide that runs from the second floor to the first, is a maze of cubicles and offices as well as the gym, the nap room, the Comfy Couch Area, the lab, the “sensory room” for taste-testing, and Scoop University, the working ice cream shop where new franchisees get eight days of hands-on training. Conference rooms are named after flavors, from Vanilla to Peanut Butter Cup. The closest thing to jack-booted corporate culture is the sign sternly declaring, “No food or dogs are allowed in the Zen Den.” Today, the whole place smells like brownies.

Yes, Ben & Jerry’s is now owned by food giant Unilever—but Schimoler is quick to point out that the company has held onto its alternative, liberal-minded corporate culture. Each employee gets a week’s paid leave per year to do volunteer work; a wellness program offers free yoga classes and personal trainer sessions; the Community Action Team organizes service projects, like building cabins at a camp for kids with cancer; the Joy Gang promotes employee unity with mini-golf outings, barbecues, and other social events. The woman who arranges media interviews signs her e-mails “PR Chick.” Anyone wearing a suit to the office is most likely a visitor, or maybe they’re on their way to a funeral. “Casual day is every day,” says Schimoler, sitting in the Straw-



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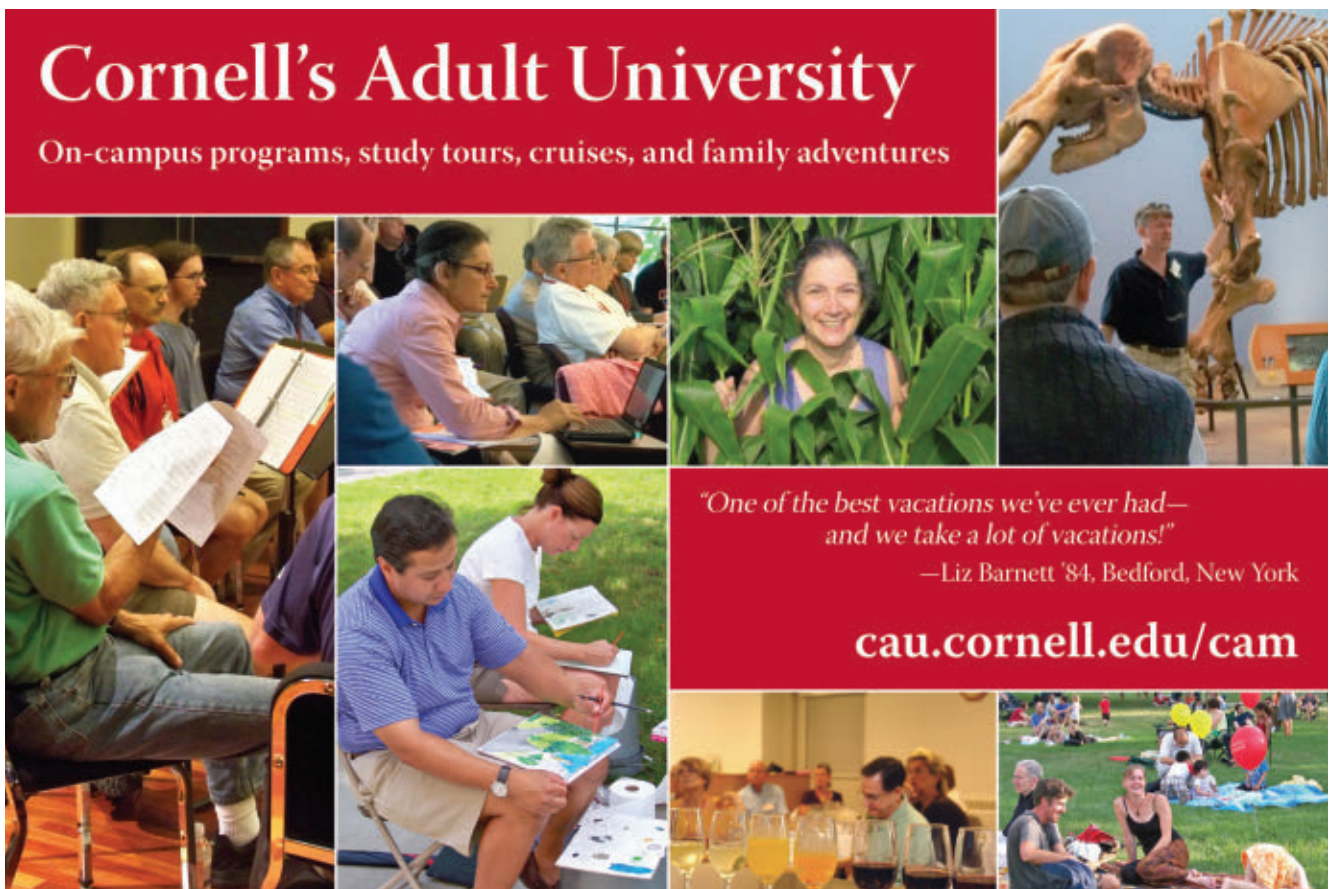
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A food science major in CALS, Schimoler started working for Unilever a week after graduation, beginning in its New Jersey corporate headquarters developing frozen “skillet meals” for the Bertolli and P. F. Chang’s brands. Although she hadn’t planned on working for a giant firm—she’d envisioned herself at “some little organic granola company”—she decided to give it a try, with an eye toward eventually transferring to Ben & Jerry’s. When the job opened up, Schimoler—who grew up within walking distance of the company’s factory in Waterbury, Vermont—jumped at it. “As kids we’d go on the tour over and over, because it’s free if you’re under twelve—and Waterbury’s a small town, so there’s not much else to do,” she recalls. “So I’d say that was my biggest qualification: I literally grew up on Ben & Jerry’s.” The job, she says, “is my dream come true, way earlier than I thought.”

In the year or so that she’s been at the company, her biggest project has been



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Despite the gustatory rigors of her day job, Schimoler swears that she still enjoys ice cream in her off hours. So what flavors does the ice cream designer favor for her weekly allotment of—do the math—*fifteen* gratis pints? She names Cherry Garcia, Chunky Monkey, Coffee Heath Bar Crunch, Chubby Hubby, and Mint Chocolate Cookie. “Those are my five favorite pints. Coffee Coffee BuzzBuzzBuzz! is only in the scoop shops, but I do love that,” she says. “I can’t say there’s a flavor I don’t like.”

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California Greening

Amid piles of pomegranates and an ocean of arugula, Laura Avery '70 oversees one of the nation's top farmers' markets

It's mid-day and mid-week in Santa Monica, California, but several city blocks are closed to cars. Instead, the crowds are trafficking in a seemingly endless selection of exotic fruits and vegetables, from spicy Hungarian peppers to Hosui Asian pears. Laura Dingle Avery '70 strolls among the vendors' stalls, inquiring and directing as if she runs the place. Which, in fact, she does.

Avery asks a few farmers how they've been selling and accepts a sample from one of them. "Mmmm," she says. "That's a good peach." She takes a call from a produce purveyor ("Hi, Sharon. Yeah, she ran out of mangoes..."), and then asks a woman to kindly remove her dog from the premises; no canines amid the sweet ambrosia cantaloupes, please. A farmer approaches Avery and apologizes for forgetting his payment check for his prized market stall. She waves it off, telling him next week is fine. Then she approaches another vendor. "So the pomegranates are just starting, huh? People are asking." She snaps a quick photo. "For my blog," she explains.

As supervisor of Santa Monica Farmers Markets, Avery has become the guru of what is—quite literally—a growth industry. When the Santa Monica Wednesday Market began thirty years ago, it covered a single city block and featured twenty-three farmers. Today, eighty farmers are peddling their goods across a four-block area. The program has added three markets under Avery's supervision—two on Saturday (one focusing on organic foods and another in a largely Latino neighborhood) and a Sunday event that includes everything from pony rides to live music. Combined, the markets draw an estimated 20,000 shoppers each week and gross some \$13 million a year.

As supervisor, Avery acts as both a publicist (discussing seasonal produce on a Saturday morning radio show) and an educator (hosting quarterly panel discus-



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Natural woman: Laura Avery '70 oversees one of the biggest, busiest farmers' markets in America.

sions at the Santa Monica Public Library on subjects ranging from sustainability to small-scale meat production). But occasionally she has had to take on unexpected roles. Sometimes she's an investigator, banning vendors upon determining that they hadn't actually grown the produce that they were selling. A few years ago she found herself acting as mediator, diffusing a conflict that erupted when local chefs felt they were being muscled aside by wholesale produce companies

buying in bulk. And in 2003, Avery was forced into the role of crisis manager after an elderly driver's runaway car barreled through the market, leaving thirteen dead and dozens injured.

Avery's involvement goes back to 1982, when she was hired to manage the Wednesday Market a year after it opened. She was an unlikely candidate, a native of the Midwestern suburbs—Shaker Heights, Ohio—with no agricultural expertise. At Cornell (where she followed grandfather

Howard Dingle 1905 and father John Dingle '42 and preceded daughter Avery DeVenanzio Mathy '03), she had been a French lit major and a member of the women's fencing team, after which she had spent a peripatetic decade in a series of jobs. Upon arriving in Santa Monica, Avery's only experience with her neighborhood's fledgling market was browsing the stalls while pushing a stroller. But she was drawn by the vibrancy of a Wednesday wonderland. "It wasn't so much that I was interested in food, because I wasn't a great cook," she recalls. "It was the feeling that, wow, the street is closed, something is happening. It was an exciting place to be."

Avery was hired largely because her now ex-husband worked with the ex-husband of the previous manager. "We wrote our own rules," she recalls. "We basically made it up as we went along." Nearly three decades later, she has been touted by *Los Angeles Magazine* as one of the city's 100 most influential people. And the Wednesday Market—which *Travel + Leisure* has listed among the best in America—is the largest all-farmers' market in California.

While there are more than 300 certified farmers' markets in the state, Avery explains that most are "indistinguishable from a swap meet, because at least half of the vendors are non-farmers." However, all the products sold at the Wednesday Market are farm-grown (which can mean not only Shunkyo radishes and Adriatic figs, but chicken, cheeses, and worms for vermiculture). Thus, it is a true farmers' market, an opportunity for small family farms to reach consumers directly, offering high-quality produce at competitive prices. "I'm happy that the small farmers are able to come here and thrive," says Avery. "I think that's what I'm proudest of." As if on cue, a man selling oranges walks by and offers his two cents: "I'd be out of business if it weren't for this."

But the market has also been a boon to customers, garnering accolades for the variety of its produce. Indeed, Avery believes farmers' markets are the best way to maintain genetic diversity of crops. "If consumers are just going to take whatever comes out of a grocery store, they're going to be out of options," she says, walking past stalls offering everything from Persian cucumbers to French sorrel. As a result, many of L.A.'s most renowned chefs frequent the Wednesday market. "It inspires them," says Avery. "They say it reminds them of why they got into cooking in the first place."

— Brad Herzog '90



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Featured Selection

SWEDISH HILL CYNTHIA MARIE PORT

When wine enthusiasts in Upstate New York think of the Finger Lakes region's finest wines, wineries on Seneca Lake or perhaps Keuka Lake often come to mind. However, a winery on Cayuga Lake is the only New York winery to have won the Governor's Cup—awarded to the state's best wine—in three different years. That distinction belongs to Swedish Hill Winery, located in Romulus on the west side of Cayuga Lake, which won this coveted award in 1994, 2008, and 2010.

Founded in 1986, Swedish Hill is known for producing a large variety of wines in many styles. For nearly two decades, the winery has experimented with the production of Port, a sweet fortified red wine made by the addition of grape brandy before the wine's fermentation is complete. This process leaves a significant amount of residual sugar in the finished wine.

Swedish Hill made their first Port from the 1991 harvest. Their current release is the



Cynthia Marie Port, named for Cindy Peterson, who owns and operates the winery with her husband, Dick, and son, Dave. It is the product of wines from the 2003 and 2004 vintages, blended by winemaker Ian Barry.

The combination of grape varieties used for this Port is distinctive: 44 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 20 percent Chambourcin, 19 percent Corot Noir, and 17 percent Cabernet Franc. The presence of Cabernet Sauvignon is evident in the cedar notes and cassis-tinged fruit present in the rather elegant flavor and aroma. The wine's 7.3 percent residual sugar is balanced by smooth, supple tannins, contributed in part by the Corot Noir, a grape developed by Cornell at the Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, New York.

This richly flavored wine is sweet but not cloying. Enjoyable on its own, it would also make an excellent partner for a cheese course or rich desserts such as a chocolate torte or cheesecake.

— Dave Pohl

Dave Pohl, MA '79, is a wine buyer at Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca.

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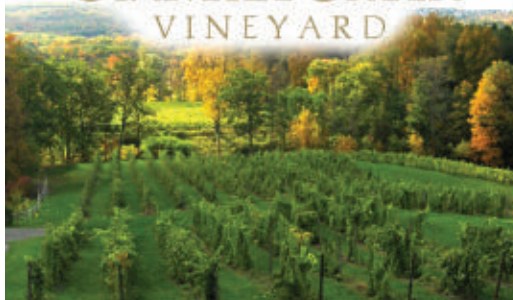
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In a series of haunting images, Ithaca's past and present collide

By Franklin Crawford
Photographs by
Mark Iwinski

Like every city, Ithaca is filled with ghosts. Along the shore of Cayuga Lake, the flamboyant silent film star Pearl White poses for publicity shots in her roadster. Downtown, the Cornell Free Circulating Library stands as a temple to knowledge, while the Temperance Fountain on Tioga Street bubbles frothy warnings against the sins of demon rum. Shoppers crowd Rothschild's department store on the corner of Aurora and State streets. Trolleys chock full of Cornell students jostle up and down the Buffalo Street hill. The City Hall at the corner of Seneca and Tioga streets offers a stately backdrop for officials busily managing the affairs of the day.

Past perfect: A film still is superimposed over a modern-day shot of Williams House on North Cayuga Street in downtown Ithaca.



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Look again.

Those willow trees behind Ms. White were not there in her time. Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit buses glide alongside trolleys. The Seneca Street parking garage looms atop a City Hall no longer in existence.

In “This Was Now,” an exhibit of images by former Cornell visiting professor Mark Iwinski, the past and present exist side by side. On view last fall at the History Center of Tompkins County—itsself housed, appropriately, in a converted Mayflower Moving and Storage building now known as the Gateway Center, at the foot of East State Street—the images feature vintage shots superimposed over modern downtown structures *in situ*. They contrast the “busy humming of the bustling town” with modern versions of the same sites, few of which compare favorably with the oldies.

The photos—or “re-photos,” as the artist calls them—highlight changes in society reflected through an altered urban landscape, and their effect is both instructive and haunting. For example, it is striking to see the bygone, Victorian-era City Hall superimposed over the existing parking garage and bus stop—or, right across the street, Ezra Cornell’s handsome Free Library atop what is now a drive-through bank and parking lot. The photo of Alonzo Cornell’s former mansion on Seneca Street, once a promenade of lovely Victorian homes, includes vague apparitions of long-dead citizens; in contrast, a modern-day woman crosses the street, shielding her eyes



Bygone buildings: The site of the former Strand Theatre on East State Street (above) is now a parking lot. Below: An ethereal image of the Cornell Free Circulating Library covers the modern corner of Seneca and Tioga streets.



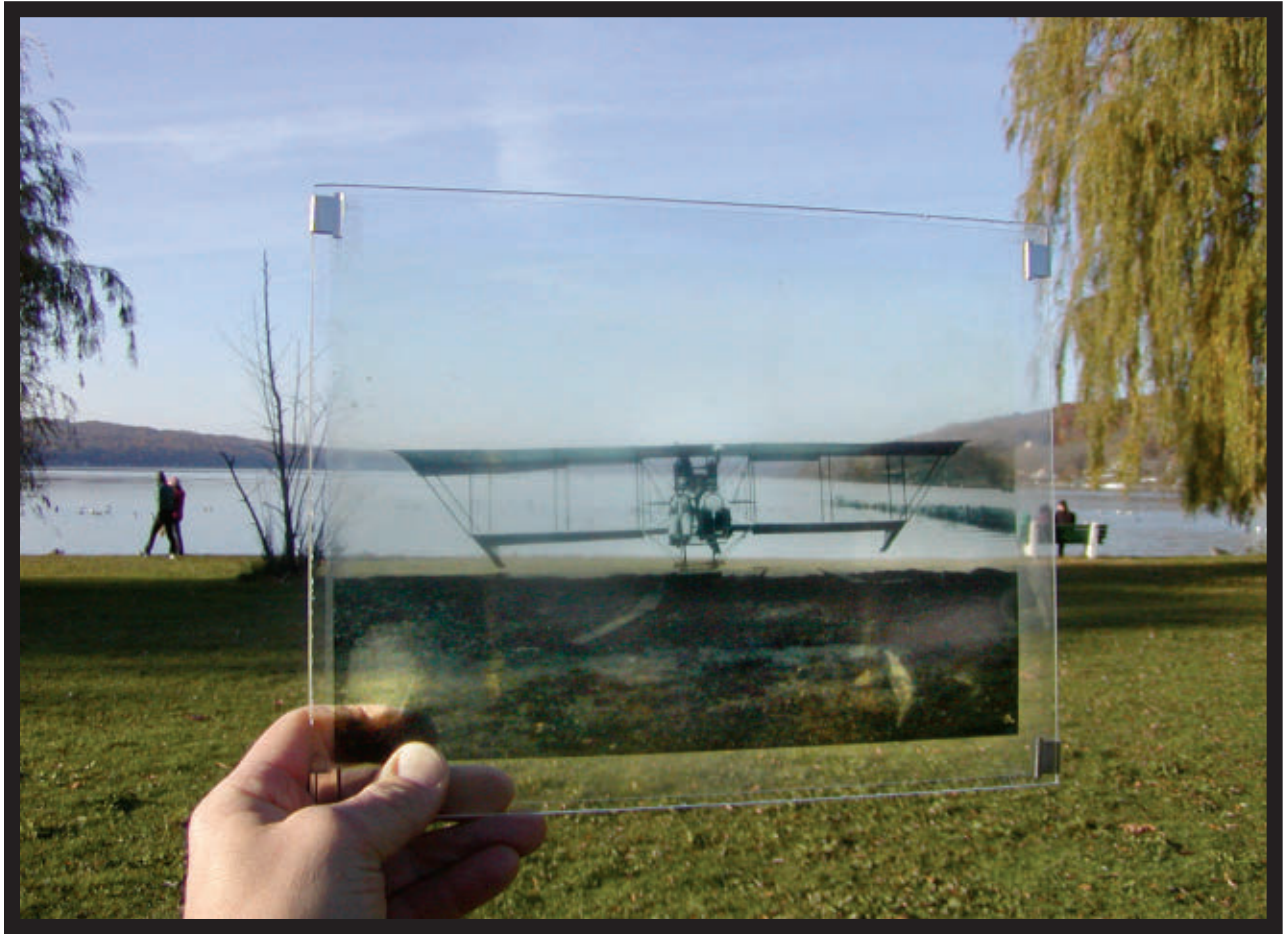
against the morning sun.

Iwinski’s approach allows the viewer to see the old Ithaca in all its nineteenth-century splendor, yielding to socio-economic forces that tore across the country. While they evoke nostalgia, the images also cast a cold eye on the present. Consider that the site of the grand old Strand Theatre, torn down nearly two decades ago, is now just a gravel parking lot.

Mingling history with art, the show drew the attention of Johnson Museum director Frank Robinson, who went to the opening. The exhibit, he says, takes a “highly interesting approach to using art to get us to think more deeply about how we do things with the world around us. It’s a great reminder that what we hold dear to our eyes is perishable.” Iwinski titled many of these shots “Terrains of Absence,” and while they can serve as a cultural critique, local historian and Cornell lecturer Carol Kammen says it’s important to consider the bigger picture. “Urban renewal was somewhat gentler here than in other Upstate cities,” she



Ghost maps: Where the Old City Hall (top) once stood at the corner of Seneca and Tioga streets, there is now a parking garage. Bottom: In “When Tioga Street Went Through,” Iwinski layers a vintage shot of the street atop an image of the Commons pedestrian mall.





Lake views: At Stewart Park on the southern tip of Cayuga Lake, Iwinski captured vintage images of an airplane (opposite, top) and silent film star Pearl White in her roadster (bottom). Above: The old Ithaca Hotel seen against a modern two-story building.

says. “Look at Auburn, Rome, and Geneva, where there is little trace of the city’s downtown.”

Ah, but see the once-thriving State Street—with its barbershops, tailors, shoe stores, and groceries—where today stands the Commons, for better or worse. And the Strand, which—even dilapidated and full of pigeon droppings—had people fighting for its preservation until it finally succumbed to the wrecking ball. And the wonderful old Lyceum Theater, once one of more than a dozen grand performing houses downtown. As Morris Bishop 1913, PhD ’26, writes in *A History of Cornell*: “The president of the streetcar system had a private car, mahogany fitted, with curtained red glass windows. On theatre nights it brought the cream of Ithaca society to and from the Lyceum,

arresting all traffic for commoners if the performance was prolonged.”

To create the images, Iwinski studied downtown maps and the History Center’s vintage glass photo plates. With the help of the center’s archivist, he developed a sense of downtown as it had been a century or more ago. Armed with transparencies made from the plates, he set up shop where the original photographer had stood. Giving the term “handheld” a new spin, he clasped each transparency—his fingers are often visible—and lined them up so they overlapped perfectly with the current view. “I got a lot of comments from people passing by,” Iwinski recalls. “Many of them who had no idea of local history

were upset, and even angered, by changes the so-called city fathers allowed.” Iwinski says that his layering concept was greatly influenced by the writings of Roland Barthes—the French literary theorist, philosopher, and critic who came to photography late in life and saw in still images “the return of the dead.”

Downtown Ithaca, architectural hodge-podge though it may be, is not dead—though its relationship to Cornell students has changed dramatically. Kamen notes that its shops, restaurant, and bars were once a magnet for undergrads, but today there are many more amenities on campus and in Collegetown. “I’ve spoken to freshman students who were here for an entire year and never went downtown,” she laments. “They don’t have to anymore.” **C**

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The University acquires the archives
of the famed Moosewood Restaurant

By Beth Saulnier



Josh Katzen '70 is a Boston-area real estate developer. He holds a law degree from Penn. He has, as he puts it, “a lot of conservative activities on my résumé.” When he was hired to teach real estate at Brandeis, he recalls, those right-leaning credentials ruffled some feathers. “Some professors were saying, ‘Why is he here? He’s a Zionist, conservative, right-wing guy,’” Katzen remembers. “And then somebody finally says, ‘Look down his résumé. He started the Moosewood Restaurant. He might be OK.’”

Nearly four decades ago, Katzen and a handful of friends took an empty space on the bottom floor of a former junior high school in downtown Ithaca and created what would become one of the world’s most famous natural-foods restaurants. A local carpenter built the original thirteen tables in exchange for free meals; a friend sewed the batik curtains. The idea, he says, was to create something warm and welcoming—the opposite of the stereotypical, self-serious vegetarian eatery that was the culinary equivalent of a hair shirt. “We served beer,” he notes. “We definitely did not do seaweed.”

It wasn’t until shortly before it opened—on January 3, 1973—that they finally settled on a name for the place. They called it Moosewood, after the dog in Hugh Prather’s trippy self-help book, *Notes to Myself*. “There were a lot of guys with ponytails and colorful clothes,” Katzen recalls. “It was a very friendly place. Everybody knew everybody. It was like living the cover of a record album—like, ‘Our house is a very fine house.’ That’s what Ithaca was like in those days, and Moosewood was the place everybody came.”

Flash forward thirty-eight years. Moosewood, now tripled in size, is still doing a brisk trade in Ithaca’s Dewitt Mall—no small feat in the notoriously Darwinian restaurant industry. The *Moosewood Cookbook*, that landmark guide to vegetarian cuisine written by Katzen’s sister and fellow Moosewood founder Mollie Katzen ’72, has taught generations of twenty-somethings how to tell their tofu from their tabouli. Subsequent cookbooks—penned by the restaurant’s current owners, known as the Moosewood Collective—have become best-sellers and twice won the James Beard Award, the genre’s Oscar. *Bon Appétit* called Moosewood one of the thirteen most influential restaurants of the twentieth century. A line of Moosewood-branded foods, including frozen soups and entrees, is sold in upscale supermarkets around the country. In short, the Moosewood name has spread far beyond one small Upstate New York city—occasionally rivaling a certain university on the Hill for bragging

rights as Ithaca’s most famous institution. “Whenever I travel anywhere and I mention I’m from Ithaca, half the people who recognize the city’s name will say ‘Cornell,’” says University Librarian Anne Kenney. “But equally as many will say, ‘Oh yeah, Moosewood Restaurant.’”

Like chickpeas and tahini, Moosewood and Cornell go way back. In addition to the Katzens, many of the founders (and several current members of the nineteen-person collective) are alumni. Faculty and staff have always comprised a hefty portion of the restaurant’s customer base, and Moosewood is a go-to spot for legions of visiting parents. (Just try getting a table on Commencement Weekend.) “Ithaca and the Cornell community have contributed to our success because they’re populations that are adventurous when it comes to food,” says Joan Adler ’72, a collective member who started working at Moosewood as a waitress in 1974. “If it weren’t for our regular diners we wouldn’t have been able to try everything we’ve tried.”

Last year, those town-gown ties became more formalized, when the Moosewood Collective made Cornell’s Rare and Manuscript Collections the official repository of its archive. Housed in four boxes in Kroch Library—two full filing boxes and a couple of oversized containers for large-format items—the archive contains a wide variety of material, from vintage photos and early menus to handwritten cookbook drafts to glossy mock-ups of product packaging. “There’s so much in those four little boxes,”

STEFANIE GREEN



Salad days: The archive includes vintage images of Moosewood staff. Above: The restaurant today.



says Kroch curator Brenda Marston. “There are records of a local business, and there’s the whole angle of their success as a collective. They represent that movement in the Seventies to think about different ways of doing everything. There was such a desire to try new ways that were less hierarchical. And what’s great about their story is that they were successful as a business, too.”

Marston and others see the archive as appealing to scholars interested in everything from local history to the evolution of vegetarian cooking to the joys and pitfalls of collective ownership. “This is a great case study of a bunch of people who didn’t have much experience but learned to run a business, one that has been successful for going on four decades,” says Hotel professor Mary Tabacchi. “That’s a food and beverage entrepreneurship story that has to be told, and the papers are there for someone

Galley kitchen: Chefs fed legions of diners from a tiny space that was expanded during Moosewood’s first renovation, in the Nineties.

Loyal Order of Moose

Looking back
at the birth of
a veggie
phenomenon

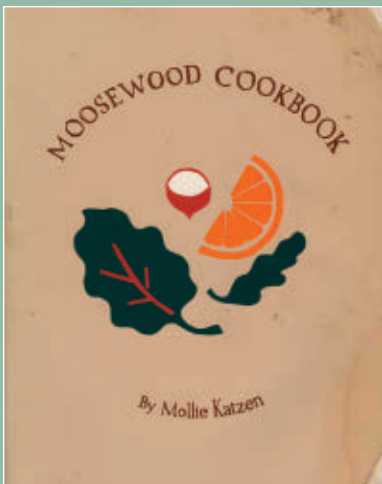
Hotel school professor Mary Tabacchi came to Ithaca in 1972, and she’s been a Moosewood fan ever since the restaurant opened the following year. “To start a vegetarian restaurant in the Seventies was a smart thing to do,” says Tabacchi, who teaches a course on healthy cuisines. “When I came to Cornell a lot of my students were going vegan or vegetarian, and the food really was bad; I think they thought that the worse it tasted, the better it was for you. So when Moosewood came along and made great vegetarian food, it started a movement. They were pioneers in that sense—the Alice Waters of the East Coast.”

Moosewood is still Tabacchi’s favorite Ithaca eatery, the place she goes when she doesn’t feel like cooking but wants something nutritious. “They put together the most savory flavors in town,” she says. “It’s a cross between health food and comfort food.” Nowadays, many of the ideas that Moosewood pioneered—eschewing meat in favor of vegetables and whole grains, seeking locally sourced ingredients, changing menus according to what’s in season, creating complex flavors through the innovative use of herbs and spices—have gone mainstream. But back in the day, what we’d now call the natural food movement was downright avant garde. “It was fringy—it was definitely fringy,” says Moosewood Collective member Joan Adler ’72. “Vegetarians were seen as eccentric.”

Here’s a little-known fact: although Moosewood is often called one of the world’s most famous vegetarian restaurants, it didn’t start out vegetarian. (And technically, it isn’t vegetarian today, either; its menu includes fish.) “We didn’t think we could make it if we were vegetarian,” recalls Mollie Katzen ’72, one of the restaurant’s original seven founders and author of the *Moosewood Cookbook*. “We thought it would be too narrow. And yet none of us really knew how to cook meat.”

Katzen vividly recalls the restaurant’s first meal; Moosewood opened for dinner a couple of days after New Year’s 1973. That time of year is notoriously dead in the restaurant industry, but the founders had invited their friends, and the place was packed when it opened at 6 p.m. Unfortunately, the main dish wasn’t ready. “We had two moussakas, huge pans of them, one meat and one vegetarian,” she remembers, “and it was eight o’clock before they came out of the oven.” They’d planned the moussaka to be the main course, with stir-fry and brown rice as an alternative, but since the casseroles weren’t cooked she and two other chefs found themselves madly frying vegetables to order. That kind of seat-of-the-pants improvisation was standard operating procedure in Moosewood’s early days, says Katzen’s brother, fellow founder Josh Katzen ’70. “The day the restaurant was opening, we were still trying to figure out how to run the steam table,” he says with a laugh. “We really didn’t know what we were doing.”

As Mollie Katzen remembers it, that first dinner also included a vegetable salad with vinaigrette dressing and stacks of complimentary bread from a popular whole-grain bakery down the hall; for dessert there were brownies, yogurt-cream cheese pie, and maybe apple crisp. She also recalls that



who wants to do it.”

But you don't have to be an academic to graze the archive's offerings. Like all of Cornell's collections—the University has world-class holdings on topics from Icelandic sagas to the French Revolution to hip-hop music to witchcraft—it's available to everyone. “We're open to the public,” notes University Archivist Elaine Engst, MA '72. “You don't need to be a serious scholar to look at this. You just have to be interested.” After making a request in advance, you take a trip underground to Kroch—accessed through Olin—stash your belongings in a locker, and enter the Rare and Manuscript Collections' reading room, a meditative space where pens are banned but pencils are kosher.

Even a cursory poke around the Moosewood collection yields a treasure trove of memorabilia, a colorful peek into the not-so-distant past. One of the favorite items among the archives' staff is a document from the mid-Eighties entitled “The Moosers' Book of Harmonious Functions or, More Succinctly, Moosewood Policy Notebook (and More).” The manual is a combination of

An Eighties-era policy manual advises, ‘Try to be polite to take-out customers even if they're not deserving of it and it's a drag.’

practical edicts (“no bikes in the locker room”), legalese (procedural rules and bylaws), and quirky gems (“try to be polite to take-out customers even if they're not deserving of it and it's a drag”)—capturing the ethos of a group of people trying to run a business with progressive principles in a particular time and

the restaurant's coffeemaker may well have been cadged from a dumpster, and that no one had thought to get change for the cash register, the kind of ancient model you'd find in an old-time barbershop. “It was either the first night or very shortly thereafter that we realized we were open to the public and not just to our friends,” she says, “and that was a big shock.”

Moosewood soon became a popular spot, not only among members of Ithaca's burgeoning counterculture but—with lunch priced at \$1—with downtown workers looking for a hearty, affordable meal. Those early customers included Adler, a Human Ecology grad who was working at the public library for “what I thought was a gap year, which turned into my life.” She ate there so often she became friends with the staff. “That was my introduction to international foods,” she recalls. “I grew up in a family where the food was plentiful, and it was very good, but it was meat, vegetables, and potatoes. Suddenly I was having mulligatawny and tabouli, things that are standard now, but at the time there were all of these flavorings and seasonings that I'd never come across.”

By 1974 Adler was waiting tables—and since the jobs were shared, she also got to work in the kitchen. “That is where I learned to cook, where most of us learned to cook,” she says. “We taught ourselves and we taught each other and we learned from books. Our bible in the beginning was Anna Thomas's *The Vegetarian Epicure*, because she was the first person who brought to the national consciousness that there was a way of cooking vegetarian food that could draw on all these ethnic traditions and be savory and wonderful and adventurous. We used Indian spices like fenugreek and cumin and coriander. We'd never heard of tamarind paste before—or Asian ingredients like hoisin sauce, fermented black beans, and fresh ginger. We began to understand how different combinations created different flavors. It was really eye-opening and stimulating.”

Of the original seven founders, only Mollie Katzen had formal restaurant experience. After two years on the Hill, she'd transferred to the San Francisco Art Institute and then gone to work at Shandygaff, a cutting-edge vegetarian eatery in the city. (“We knew it was a cool restaurant,” her brother notes, “because Crosby, Stills, and Nash ate there.”) When Moosewood was getting ready to open, Katzen returned to Ithaca to join the group. “We had no recipes, which is why I wrote the book—it was originally a loose-leaf notebook that we kept in the kitchen,” she says. “We had these talented cooks who could make something delicious and

we'd deconstruct it later, so we could make it again and so we could give the recipes to customers.”

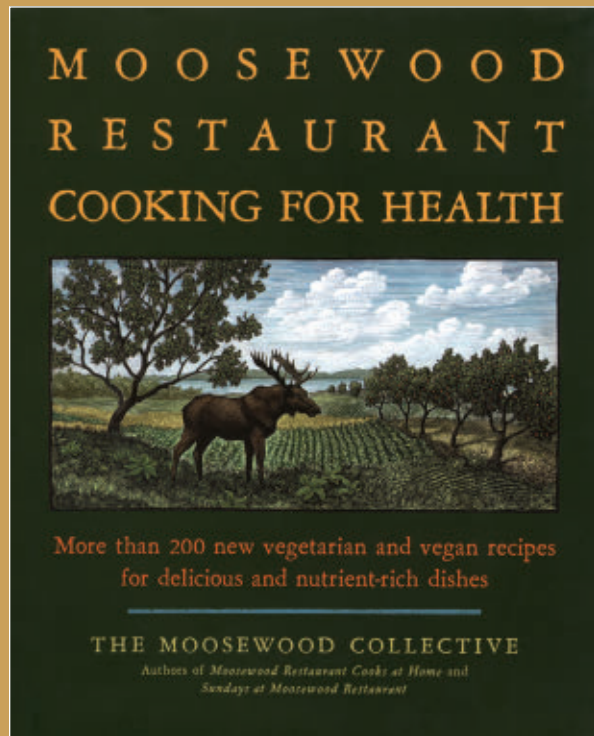
The first incarnation of the *Moosewood Cookbook* was about seventy pages long, spiral bound, photocopied, and collated by hand—as Katzen puts it, “like you would a flier for the PTA.” Priced at \$4, it was sold at a local bookstore, where the initial 800 copies flew out the door in two weeks. “It was a local phenomenon,” she says. “It was amazing.” Another 2,000 copies were printed; those sold out in six months. She printed another 2,000, fielding mail orders from Ithaca-esque cities like Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Seattle, and Madison. Just as she was about to sign a contract with Doubleday—which wanted to print a more buttoned-down version, without her distinctive hand-lettering and drawings—she got a call during the lunch rush, on the pay-phone that doubled as the restaurant's business line. It was the owner of Berkeley's Ten Speed Press, who wanted to publish the cookbook, complete with its quirky look and chatty, accessible voice. “He said, ‘I'll FedEx something to you,’” she recalls, “and I said, ‘What's FedEx?’”

The *Moosewood Cookbook* came out in 1977; by then Katzen had left the restaurant. (A dispute over the book's ownership led to years of legal wrangling; in the end, Katzen got the copyright but the collective retained the rights to the Moosewood name.) In the late Seventies, the original seven owners sold their interests in the restaurant to the newly created collective, and none of the founders remain involved—though several members of the current group have been affiliated with Moosewood since its first year or two of operation.

Over the years, the restaurant's business model has become more conventional. “We used to meet once a month and decide everything from the color of the carpet to which waste disposal company we'd work with,” Adler says, but now such decisions are made by subcommittees. Rather than having everyone share every job, collective members specialize in areas like menu planning, publicity, and finance. The collective employs staff to run many of the day-to-day operations, and some members—like Adler, a pregnancy options counselor at Planned Parenthood—have outside careers. “We didn't have a long-term vision at all,” Adler says, reflecting on the early days. “That is so antithetical to today, when everyone is so much more business savvy from such an early age. But we were taking it a day at a time, doing what we enjoyed and learning the business as we went along. We didn't set out to be restaurateurs, but that's what happened.”

Taste Test

A sampling of recipes from the latest Moosewood cookbook, *Cooking for Health*



Silken Chocolate Pudding

- 1 cake of silken tofu (about 16 ounces)
- 3 tablespoons confectioners sugar
- 8 ounces semisweet chocolate
- 6 tablespoons water
- 3 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1) In a food processor, whirl the tofu and confectioners sugar until well blended. In a double boiler or a small pan on low heat, or in a microwave oven, warm the chocolate, water, cocoa, and vanilla until the chocolate melts. Stir until thoroughly mixed. Pour the chocolate sauce into the food processor with the sweetened whipped tofu, and whirl again until very smooth and silky.

2) Spoon the pudding into 6 serving cups. Chill for at least an hour.

Maple-Glazed Root Vegetables

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon rubbed sage
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary
- 12 cups vegetables cut into chunks or slices somewhat bigger than bite-sized, in any proportion you'd like. We suggest:
 - 3 medium sweet potatoes
 - 3 medium carrots
 - 3 medium beets
 - 1 large onion
 - 1 medium red bell pepper

Maple Glaze

- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar or rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- salt and ground black pepper

1) In a large bowl, whisk together the oil, thyme, sage, and rosemary. Toss the vegetable chunks with the herbed oil until well coated. Spread evenly in a single layer on an unoled baking sheet. In a 400-degree oven, roast the vegetables for 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and stir. Return to the oven and roast until the vegetables are tender, 10 to 15 minutes.

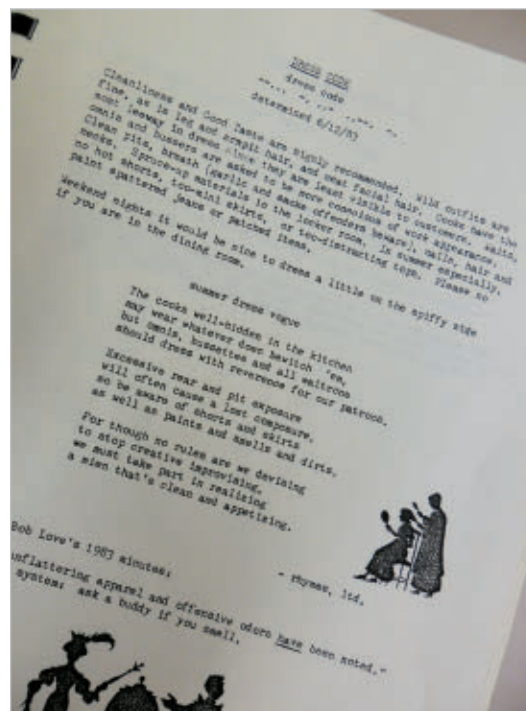
2) Meanwhile, make the maple glaze; in a cup or small bowl, stir together the maple syrup, vinegar, and oil. When the vegetables are tender, drizzle them with the glaze, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and stir until well coated. Roast for another 10 minutes.



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Mealtimes memories (clockwise from left): A flyer for brunch on Mother's Day 1984; a dress code that permitted "wild outfits" but banned garlic breath; and the original restaurant space, complete with batik curtains.



place. Witness the official Moosewood dress code, as determined on June 12, 1983:

Cleanliness and good taste are highly recommended. Wild outfits are fine, as is leg and armpit hair, and neat facial hair. Cooks have the most leeway in dress since they are least visible to customers. Waits, omnis, and bussers are asked to be more conscious of work appearance. Clean pits, breath (garlic and smoke offenders beware), nails, hair, and necks. Spruce-up materials in the locker room. In summer especially, no hot shorts, too-mini skirts, or too-distracting tops. Please no paint-spattered jeans or patched items. Weekend nights it would be nice to dress a little on the spiffy side if you are in the dining room.

Of course, many restaurants have policy manuals (though most aren't anywhere near as entertaining). But how many have a handwritten guide to waitressing that advises against letting customers over-order, since it's unethical to waste food? Or keep a journal in which staff members record restaurant-related dreams? The archive includes excerpts from the latter, including this one, by a woman named Susan:

I was in the dining room at night, waiting on tables, with that weird fishbowl feeling when it's dark outside. All of a sud-

den sirens and church bells sounded all over town. Everyone went outside and there was a parade—Albert Einstein was waving from a float. He was covered with leis of flowers and he was beaming. It seemed that world peace had been declared and we all felt quite excited and hopeful and relieved. Then it was announced that everyone in the world had to adopt an orphan baby and we were all to report immediately to the Women's Community Building to receive the children chosen for us. So workers and customers forgot about dinner and we lined up before a conveyor belt which the babies were coming down. Flora was ahead of me in line and she was given a baby orangutan, which I knew was intended for me. I recognized this as my real child, but she wouldn't trade.

The archive also contains dozens of thank-you letters and pieces of fan mail from around the world (including a note from Fred Rogers on official "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" stationery). A 1996 postcard from a couple on vacation at Lake Titicaca opens, "Dear Moose, Please do not let this go to your heads..." and goes on to describe meeting an English couple living in Chile. "When we exposed ourselves that we were from Ithaca," it reads, "they immediately asked us if we knew the Moosewood." ■

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Highest Honor

CAA presents the 2010 Rhodes Awards

By Scott Pesner '87

In September, Cornellians gathered in Ithaca to honor this year's recipients of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Awards for Exemplary Alumni Service. Named in honor of Cornell's beloved ninth president, this highest of honors recognizes individuals and couples who have donated their time to better Cornell. Said Alumni Association president Nancy Abrams Dreier '86: "The Frank H. T. Rhodes Award winners are special because in addition to providing the University with invaluable insights and expertise, they have also demonstrated a unique ability to inspire hundreds of other Cornellians—including alumni leaders, students, staff, and faculty—to follow their leads, exponentially increasing the value of their precious gifts of time and talent." This year's winners are:

Carol Bagdasarian Aslanian '63

Carol Aslanian has devoted her life to supporting higher education. Professionally, she has been a research assistant at Harvard University's School of Education, a master teacher in the Peace Corps Training Program, and an associate director of Future Directors for a Learning Society. As a volunteer, she has served as president of the Class of 1963 as well as chair of its 40th Reunion major gifts committee, a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women and the University Council, president of the Cornell Association of

Class Officers and the Cornell Alumni Association of New York City, and chair of the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations. One Cornell volunteer called her spirit and enthusiasm contagious. Another said she inspires her every day to do more for the Cornell community.

In accepting her award, Aslanian recalled her first trip to Cornell. "I remember the cold day in February of 1958, trekking from Syracuse to Martha Van for that interview to explain why I wanted to attend the College of Home Economics. Enrolling in the college and this institution was the best decision of my life." The mother of two Cornell alumnae, Aslanian said, "I truly believe that it is I who has been the winner, having gained so much from Cornell in so many ways with a fifty-year relationship with this institution. This award is an honor that I will cherish forever."

Nancy Radick Lynk '52 and Bob Lynk '54, DVM '61

For Nancy Lynk, her relationship with Cornell is longer than her relationship with her husband, a co-recipient of the Rhodes Award. But together they have worked to create the foundation for the Cornell Club of the Greater Capital Region in the Albany area, in both programming and running regional phonathons. While Bob has also been involved with the Vet college, Nancy



Crystal clear: One of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Awards for Exemplary Alumni Service given last fall

was able to use her community connections as a member of Cornell's government affairs staff in Albany to give alumni access to behind-the-scenes tours and attend events featuring prominent alumni. Said Nancy: "Cornell is one of the best things that has happened to us." Recalling his move into a boarding house on Dryden Road to start his freshman year at Cornell, Bob said, "I had no idea I was starting a lifelong relationship with the University." Now, he said, "an award that has Frank Rhodes's name attached to it is as good as it gets."

Keith Kennedy, MS '41, PhD '47

In her remarks about Keith Kennedy, Dreier said that he "has played so many roles at Cornell and has changed the lives of so many Cornellians that it

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is wholly appropriate that this campus will continue to bear his name for future generations through the building named in his honor, Kennedy Hall." An alumnus, professor, and ultimately provost during Rhodes's presidency, as well as a lifelong Cornell volunteer, "his clear and gracious management style resonated deeply with so many across campus, influencing the career paths of some of today's most effective and beloved staff, faculty, and volunteers," said Dreier.

In accepting the award on behalf of Kennedy, vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, said, "As one of the many people who have had the privilege to call Keith their mentor, he so deserves this recognition. He's embarrassed that the Alumni Association is recognizing him in this way. I told him that it was not a mistake, that there would be a room full of people who know that the Alumni Association had made the wisest of choices."

Nels Schaenen '50, MBA '51

Cornell wasn't even on Nels Schaenen's mind when his father, a member of the Class of 1923, sent him an application while Nels was serving in the Navy. And his relationship to Cornell as a volunteer didn't begin until his 15th Reunion, when past Rhodes Award winner Patricia Carry Stewart '50 asked him to be class vice president. He was then on the road to donating his time to Cornell, culminating in terms spent as a member of the Board of Trustees during the Seventies and Eighties. He

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Mentors remembered: Waks spoke about the professors who most influenced him.



The winners: Present at the ceremony were (front row, from left) Nancy Lynk '52, Carol Aslanian '63, Rosa Rhodes, Kristen Rupert '74, and Nancy Abrams Dreier '86. Back row: Bob Lynk '54, DVM '61, Jay Waks '68, JD '71, Frank Rhodes, John Foote '74, Nels Schaenen '50, MBA '51, and President David Skorton.

has also spent time raising major gifts for his reunion campaigns, working with Athletics, the Johnson Museum, and his fraternity, Delta Upsilon. "Cornell and her supporters have a wonderful way of gradually and quietly involving you without you ever realizing it," said Schaenen. "Working with so many talented trustees has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life." About his time spent serving the University, Schaenen said, "Volunteering for Cornell is a partial repayment for what Cornell has done for me. Whatever I've given to Cornell has been returned to me many-fold."

Jay Waks '68, JD '71

One of the most significant memories Jay Waks has of his time at Cornell is when he was called in front of the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to explain why he wanted to transfer to the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. "He tried to convince me that I would be wasting my Cornell education and ruining my life," Waks recalled. "But it only stiffened my resolve to be a credit to myself and my family."

"Great Cornell volunteer" doesn't even begin to describe Waks's commitment to the university. He is a devoted alumnus to both ILR

and Cornell Law School. For ILR, Waks helped to establish an initiative that increases understanding of international cultures and the world of work, and he has been just as avid a supporter of the Law School. In addition, he has been an active member of the University Council, serving as its president as well as the chair of its Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, and has played a pivotal role with the Cornell Black Alumni Association's annual Alvin Ailey fundraiser in New York City.

Accepting the award brought back a flood of memories for Waks, especially about professors he had in the Arts college, ILR, and Law, such as Allan Bloom and Alice Cook. "My forty-six years of random Cornell adventures



Dedicated Cornellians: Rupert (right) and Foote celebrate with Dreier after the ceremony.

Conference Call

Alumni Leaders to Meet in D.C.

More than 800 volunteer leaders are expected to attend the second annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., January 28–30. Last year's inaugural conference was a huge success, and the program has been expanded to include more alumni groups and diverse offerings.

Class leaders, regional club leaders, admissions ambassadors, and college alumni board members are expected to attend the three-day meeting, which features panels focusing on the fundamentals of volunteer leadership. These sessions will concentrate on volunteer management techniques; balancing home, career, and volunteering; career advice; event marketing; and how to leverage social media. In addition, a panel of alumni-elected trustees will discuss their responsibilities, while senior University administrators will be featured on a panel discussing diversity initiatives at Cornell.

The broad and varied array of alumni groups in attendance will offer specific sessions for their constituents. Club and class sessions will

look at developing events through creative collaboration, as well as at the dues-free initiative for clubs. Sessions for Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) volunteers will explore best practices, understanding the world of financial aid, and an insider's look at admissions committee meetings.

In addition, this year Greek alumni are invited to the conference and their sessions will explore how they can collaborate to keep their membership connected to Cornell. Other sessions will be presented by the Cornell Hotel Society and the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW). Reunion leaders will have a special planning session to finalize details for Reunion 2011.

The conference kicks off on Friday with a luncheon featuring best-selling author Jon Gordon '93. His talk will focus on creating a culture of greatness in organizations through optimism, excellence, vision, love, and passion. After individual break-out sessions, the day will be capped with a town hall panel with leading faculty and

alumni, followed by a networking event using innovative technology to connect leaders with each other.

Saturday morning will begin with a breakfast session featuring vice president of student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, discussing the University's mental health initiatives, while President David Skorton will be the luncheon speaker. Saturday's sessions will conclude with a panel of alumni currently serving in Congress, as well as faculty, discussing the current state of politics in the U.S.

Despite this rich schedule of activities, there will be plenty of time to socialize. Many organizations will hold dinners on Friday, and there will be a young alumni party on Friday evening, as well as a special viewing party for the Cornell-Harvard hockey game on Saturday night. Several D.C. tours with a Cornell twist will be offered on Friday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The conference will again be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Registration is available at alumni.cornell.edu/calc.

are now in sync, crowned by this year's Frank Rhodes Award," he said. "I embrace this award as much for its deep personal meaning, as well as for the ability to be here, my second home, for this occasion."

**Kristen Rupert '74 and
John Foote '74**

You must have graduated from Cornell at least thirty-five years ago to receive the Rhodes Award. Kristen Rupert and John Foote—a couple described as "consummate Cornell"—are among the few ever to receive this award in their first year of eligibility. And for Kristen, it's even more special: she is the first-ever second-generation recipient, as her father Jack Rupert '49, JD '51, won the award in 1995, its inaugural year.

Whether it is their leadership of the Class of 1974, the Cornell Alumni Association, the Cornell Clubs of Boston and Philadelphia, the Plantations, Cornell Athletics, or Sigma Chi

fraternity, these two Cornellians give it their all. And beyond their time commitment is their ability to find unique ways of supporting the University. John is the author of *Touch-down, the Story of the Cornell Bear*, whose proceeds go to benefit Cornell. And their house in Ithaca is a place where alumni are always welcome.

In her award acceptance, Rupert gave advice to both current and future alumni. "Expect the unexpected," she said. "Be receptive to new ideas. Stay flexible. Look for opportunities to work with new volunteers, new staff members, and new programs. Discover a part of Cornell you don't know about. Push for what you believe in. Make Cornell better and better still. In the end, it's all about the students. They're the ones who make our volunteer efforts worthwhile. Making this place stronger, broader, and better is the greatest gift we give our students."



Giving back: Schaenen called volunteering his "partial repayment" to the University.

In his acceptance, Foote paraphrased his favorite poem, *Ithaka* by the Greek poet C. P. Cavafy: "Cornell has given me the beautiful voyage; without her, I would never have taken the road."

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(Chevy Chase, MD; jmckay@cov.com) has invented a word game called “be-twixt.” He has a patent pending, and when he wrote, he anticipated its issuance within six months. “I have lined up a marketer who will help me sell the game. I also have published three novels, and have tried to market them. Unfortunately, I have been unable to get an agent. People who read the books claim to like them.” In the volunteer realm, he has provided pro bono legal work, representing veterans in their efforts to get disability compensation from the V.A. “The choice was easy,” he explains, “because I am an attorney and was in the Navy during WWII for four years.” **Bernard Gartlir** (Roslyn, NY; sbgartlir@mac.com) still practices law in New York and Florida. “Part-time in both,” he writes. “Reside in Florida and New York—six months or more in each. Still commuting!” Like James, he provides pro bono legal aid.

Charles Lounsbury (Ithaca, NY) writes, “I keep endless doctor’s appointments and enjoy sunrises and sunsets and time in between. Staying awake at boring meetings—’tis a challenge.” If any were still available, he says he might consider relocating to the boondocks. **Walter Tatum** (Concord, CA) won’t be moving either. “At my age I have to remain close to those in my family who can drive me around (doctors, food, friends).” His wife, Bertha, resides in a nursing home, but Walter says he is still in good health. “I am writing fiction novels and hope to get published as soon as they are ready for Vantage Press.” He adds these memories from Cornell: “I was the sprinter on the varsity track team and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Track meets have since held my attention. I was also Cornell’s fastest backstroke swimmer.”

“I like to read, and just living one day at a time is a real challenge,” writes **Helen O’Brien Cyran** (Los Angeles, CA). The lessons she mastered at Cornell remain an influence, especially the ability to survive difficulties and difficult times. “Cornell gave many challenges to live through or fail.” Helen volunteers with the Assistance League of Southern California, which last year helped 100,000 people. “I choose ALSC as effective and honest.” **John Clement** (Toledo, OH; jkellerclment@bex.net) keeps active working out on a stationary bike five days a week. Like Helen, he writes that “every day is a challenge.” He remains active with Rotary, of which he has been a member for 58 years, and has no plans to move from the house he has lived in for more than 35 years. “My granddaughter is a senior in Engineering,” he adds, “and I have come back to Cornell on several occasions.”

From **Alvin Meyrowitz** (Palm Desert, CA): “I’m 92 and still have a business on the telephone. I can’t play golf or bridge anymore because I have RP—retinitis pigmentosa—and I’m blind. This is definitely a challenge, but I’m coping. I read many books on tape.” Alvin would be happy to hear from **Marvin Tanenhaus ’40**, LLB ’42. **Lucy Howard Jarvis** (New York, NY; jarvisprod@aol.com) is still an active producer with Jarvis Productions Ltd. “Now working on a documentary about people aged 85 to 105,” she writes. “I was just awarded the ‘Women Who Make a Difference’ honor by the Int’l Women’s Foundation at their annual

meeting in Montreal.” Lucy is active in the President’s Council of Cornell Women and on the Human Ecology alumni board. She credits her involvement in both PCCW and the IWF to those organizations’ scholarship funds and dedication to global education. Happy 2011 to all. Send news to: **Class of 1938**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

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’s detailed report arrived from Little Compton, RI, just as our last issue was going to press. He writes, “I recall **Burges Smith** walking *on the handrail*—many times—going from behind the Engineering buildings, across the Fall Creek gorge, to Ridgewood Road and Beta Theta Pi house, of which we were members. At that time, the handrail was about four inches wide and would vibrate by people crossing the gorge. He did this usually at night, when I was the only person around. He did it without any concern; quite a feat, and good balance. I doubt if anyone else then or since has crossed the gorge this way.” Burges was head of the Glee Club and a member of an honorary club, Bob adds. “After graduation, he became a pilot in the Navy, flying two-engine planes, rescuing downed fliers in the Pacific, and instructing pilots up to four-engine planes.” Burges died in 2008. Of himself, Bob writes, “No news here; in good health. We have stopped moving—from West Hartford, CT; to Peru; Vermont for 14 years; to Camden, SC; and now back to Rhode Island.” Bob has been an amateur artist (watercolors) for 60 years and has now taken up piano. Many thanks for writing!

Paul Merz has retired from business and lives in a retirement home. He spent five years in the Navy during WWII and reports that he travels extensively. **John Thatcher** checked in again from Manchester, NJ, and continues to sing in his capable (“luckily”) tenor voice with his 90-year-old pianist partner. “I have been at this for some 30 years and truly enjoy doing it. It keeps me young!” **Jordan Severinghaus** (Shreveport, LA) wrote to add that he and John were two-quarters of a 1936-37 quartet that also included the late **Ray McElwee** and **Paul Eckley**. “We even toured: to Danby.” Jordan sent a glossy photo of the quartet, which we regret can’t fit in these pages. He adds, “I sang with the Shreveport Opera and Gilbert & Sullivan, but at age 91 no longer do. Now and then I warble a little at Shreveport Yacht Club Friday bring-a-dish gatherings. Would be glad to hear from John Thatcher.”

Jack ’38, **JD ’40**, and **Toni Saxe Stewart** (Ithaca, NY) report that they’re moving slower. “Use walkers when outside,” Toni writes. “I still enjoy gardening, with help from a Kendal resident—a retired farmer. We have three garden beds, each 4 ft. x 40 ft.” The Stewarts get season tickets for Cornell football home games. They are content living at the Kendal at Ithaca continuing care community just miles from Cornell’s North Campus and have no plans to relocate. Toni knits caps for newborns at the local hospital and reports seven great-grandkids. **Kathryn Moore Ring**

(kate.ring@comcast.net) lives in Tucson, AZ. Her News Form doesn’t include additional updates, but we’d love to know more when you have a moment to write. **Joseph Dell** (Delmar, NY) has moved to the Good Samaritan Lutheran Healthcare Center. His wife, Mildred, reports that he has been dealing with Alzheimer’s disease.

Gabrielle Sichel Rosenbaum (Haverford, PA) has moved to the skilled nursing unit of her retirement community. She remains active with swimming and bridge, though she reports that these activities are becoming more difficult for her. **Estelle Wells** Evans (Georgetown, NY) keeps in touch with friends from her high school days in Riverhead, on Long Island, and from Cornell. “The 70th Reunion was fun. I have good memories of our senior ball with two famous bands—Glenn Miller and Guy Lombardo,” she writes. Speaking of Reunion, **Elizabeth Schmeck** Brown, MS ’45 (Skillman, NJ; ebrown@fashionhistorian.com) sent a photo from Reunion Weekend featuring Nancy and **Frank Tetz ’55**, MBA ’56, formerly of Princeton, NJ, and now of Saratoga Springs, NY, along with Elizabeth and her son **David Brown ’67**, who chauffeured her to Ithaca. David spent a year on campus as an Engineering student before being drafted to Vietnam. He finished up at Temple, then earned an MBA at Lehigh.

Elizabeth Gates Whitchurch (Clarence Center, NY) writes, “I enjoy birdwatching in our backyard, visiting my sister **Ruth Gates** Fisher ’35, and driving my handicapped neighbor to the library and grocery stores.” When she wrote, Elizabeth had just closed up the summer cottage on Lake Ontario and was headed to Harrison, ME, to visit her son and his wife. Best wishes for 2011 to all members of the Class of 1940. Send news anytime of year to: **Class of 1940**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

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As I begin to write this report on October 1 and try to mentally jump over November 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and January 1, 2011, I must try to picture some of our lives in our reunion year. I shall hope that your Christmas messages will fill in some of these gaps and that reunion plans are on your new calendars.

Several weeks ago I had a delightful call from **Marjorie Lee** Treadwell (Grosse Ile, MI) concerning a book she had just finished reading, *The Irrepressible Henry House* by Lena Grunwald. I won’t give it away except to say it chronicles the life of a young man who spent his first year as a “University baby” before later adoption. Those of you who, like Marge and me, lived in the Martha Van apartment and “mothered” the baby in our charge would find the book fascinating and somewhat disturbing, as have certain colleges. The program ended at Cornell in 1969. I must admit that I have a vague but pleasant memory of my experience and invite any of you to tell of yours and what you think of the book. Many thanks to Marge for “opening a door on our past.”

Gretchen Fonda Gagnon (Cohoes, NY) is the first to say she hopes to attend our 70th! She is

an active great-grandmother who still drives and enjoys her nearby great-grandchildren. She had a terrific time at her annual family vacation in Wells, ME. Gretchen, I will hope to see you and your lovely daughters next June! **Gloria Brown Mithers** (Oceanside, CA) is justifiably proud of her talented grandchildren. Melissa, 17, editor of the prizewinning newspaper at Crossroads Schools, has been awarded first prize from Columbia School of Journalism for the best high school humor article. Her cousin Cole, 13, is a gifted cartoonist and promising clarinet player. Gloria is saddened by her shrinking circle of friends (like all of us) but did reunite with her last two Cornell contacts—**Norman '42**, BS Ag '47, and **Lillian Strickman Hecht**—in March. Keep on truckin', Gloria!

Elsie Armstrong Harley (Decatur, AZ) writes that husband **Bob Harley** would be pleased to know that she still supports his Class of '41 and that she contributes to the Crew: "They need all the help they can get." Bob's one-man shell is still in good use in South Carolina. Elsie, I shall nominate you as an honorary member of our class. The best to all of you in 2011! **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY, 12054; e-mail, kid12054@aol.com.

In his latest returned News Form, **John Weikart** (Hockessin, DE) reminds us, "Many of us reached the 90-year milestone in 2009." Then he gives the names of four more Chem Es he knows who have this distinction: **Bill Nicoll**, **Julian Smith**, **Bob Herrman**, and **John Powers**. He continues, "I'm sure there are other ChEs who crossed 90 in 2009. Who are they? We survive and enjoy. Best to all 90-year-olds." John, I wish I knew of a way to answer your question, but I don't. **Jack Weintraub** (Sarasota, FL), while recording his thoughts on a News Form, was evidently also ruminating over numbers and dates—when he was born, when he graduated from Cornell, when he married, etc. Coming to his progeny, he wrote, "First child, son, just turned 64. When the devil did he get so old so fast?" Jack, I've recently had that very thought about my son.

We have received another nice letter from **Herb Abrams** (Palo Alto, CA). He has cut back on his work at Stanford Medical School, as well as his other professional activities, but still plays tennis three times a week. He and wife Marilyn continue to make the trip each summer to their other home on Martha's Vineyard, to be with their children and families. They have moved their residence from the Stanford campus to a Hyatt retirement community nearby and they like the change. He plans to visit the East Coast again to attend a Harvard Medical School lecture given in his name and a Washington meeting of the Inst. of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He closes by saying that he looks forward to our reunion, and, "If I'm still hanging around the planet, I'll be there." I'd say that's a good bet!

Bill Turin (Indian Wells, CA) reports that he lives comfortably in the California desert and continues in good health except for the usual arthritic ills of the aged. I'd say he is doing very well indeed—he plans to make his usual visit to his son and family in Switzerland this year! **Werner Schroeder** (Lake Alfred, FL), from whom we've heard before, sums it all up: "Been retired since June 1976. Have enjoyed the last 34 years traveling (Europe, Canada, 49 states.) Enjoyed scenery, trout fishing, jazz festivals. Just resting now." Werner, how about making one more trip? Our paths on campus never crossed; I'd love to

meet you. How about reunion? **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlsansing@bellsouth.net.

42 Pres. **Liz Schlamm Eddy** (New York City) enjoyed a big family celebration of her 90th birthday. The entertainment was provided by her step-granddaughter Sharin Edwards's band, which had just returned from touring Europe, as well as many others in her family. Congratulations, Liz, on the Big Day. Liz also remembers **Kurt Vonnegut '44** coming to the Women's Office of the *Cornell Daily Sun* to pick up the Women's page. Kurt is being honored in Indianapolis with the opening of the Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library. It will include the first editions of his books, a replica of his writing studio, his Purple Heart from WWII, and an art gallery featuring his line drawings, as well as a gift shop. Another famous graduate, **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, was married to **Martin '53**, a resident of my hometown, Rockville Centre, NY. Martin passed away last summer.

Jean Pardee Cole (St. Louis, MO) keeps busy with the activities at the retirement home she's enjoyed for the past five years, and visits from her sons from Houston, Jupiter, and Port Washington. Son Peter accompanied her to Connecticut for a visit during the summer. She's also trying to get organized and get rid of excess belongings. She's astonished at all she has collected over the years. And aren't we all! **Bill Webster** (Cammack Village, AR) lived an interesting year visiting New Zealand, where he had fun driving a support convoy for a cycle team's 160-mile dawn-to-dusk drive across the width of South Island. He also entertained a guest from Cape Town, South Africa, who was very impressed with life in the US. Bill suffered from an *E. coli* attack, and before his guest left, they experienced a horrible accident in his Prius (getting blind-sided by a postal delivery truck) that sent him to the hospital for a month of treatments and neck operations, followed by a month of home care, before he got back on his feet. They both still suffer from hearing problems. Bill remains positive and even has hopes to visit Cape Town next spring.

Dr. **Tom Flanagan** (Norwich, NY) wrote of the sad passing of **Dorothy Marshall Henderson**, wife of classmate **Al**, LLB '47 (Peoria, AZ). Al met Dorothy on a blind date arranged by Tom, and they married a few years later. Tom and Esther have seven sons; six are Cornell graduates (three lawyers), and one inexplicably went to Syracuse. Most live near them—how lucky they are. I also learned from **Jim Kraker** (Gouverneur, NY) that he is now in New Smyrna Beach, FL, although he prefers the wintry weather of New York. His trip down was typical of today's air transportation, and his two sons helped him out, one by driving his car down (he continues to drive locally) and the other by going with him on the plane. It turned out that the flight was so bad (they had to take a taxi from Gainesville) that the driver beat them. His son also drove him to his sister's 87th birthday party in Detroit. He gets around and sees people and also sings in his local church choir, but air transportation is a problem for all of us.

Have you watched Michael Feinstein's "American Song Book" on public TV? The songs of WWII have been featured and are so wonderful to hear again. And the words come back as the famous singers of those days perform. Songs of the '40s and '50s were so beautiful and the Big

Bands so exciting. And the wonderful dancing. Wonderful to see.

Please send in your dues and news, if you haven't already. Can't have a column without your help. Thanks. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 **Gerry Bowne** (Sidney, NY) apologizes for not writing sooner, "but my wife—**Barbara (Hall) '44**—and I have had a few health problems. Doing better now." Good for you guys. Cheers, in fact, for all geezers reading about the Bownes right this moment. Which segues to the knees of **Larry Lowenstein**. His 17-year-old replacement left knee was upgraded again last January. Now the right aches to be made new. Rotate them, Larry, like tires. If, when I die, I told the wife—**Mary Louise (Snellenburg) '45**—the autopsy shows that I need a knee replaced, send me to the Rothman Clinic. As for those of you not my wife, in lieu of teddy bears, please enroll me in the Pastrami-on-Rye-of-the-Month from Carnegie Deli—(212) 757-2245.

A while back we set a Class of '43 goal of 150 dues payers for 2009-10. Today we're pleased to report that 181 classmates came up with the long green for a performance (120 percent of goal) among the very best of 78-some classes. We're indeed "pleased"; "delighted" would call for you hold-outs to pry open the moth satchel. Operators are standing by.

Re: the current Russian wheat shortage: In 1966, you will recall, Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of the USSR, while delivering his five-year plan to the Commissariat, proclaimed that Russia was going to surpass the US in every facet of human endeavor. "In five years, I say, in five years every Russian family will have its own airplane!" Lowly parliamentarian gets to his feet, way in the back: "Commissar Brezhnev, why will every family want its own airplane?" "Suppose, Comrade, you live in Minsk, and there's bread in Kiev."

My good friend **Harry Petschkesky '59** recently gifted me with a DVD of the 2009 Romp-n-Stomp performance in Bailey Hall, the centerpiece of the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1959. The focus, probably not planned, turned out to be on that noble and lovable soul, **Peter Yarrow '59** of Peter, Paul & Mary. Great evening. Spirited fun. (Romp-n-Stomp was the nom-de-guitar-pick for Prof. Harold Thompson's wondrous tour through American folklore, English 355-356. In our day a smallish class met in the basement of Goldwin Smith, down past all those plaster nudes, where we were enchanted to inhale the vigorous joy of the living, breathing, singing ex-convict Leadbelly (Hud-die Ledbetter), Alan Lomax and his Library of Congress recordings, and like that, all of which many years later enhanced our enjoyment and understanding of CAU's 2009 marvelous Mississippi River journey to the birthplace of the Blues with jam sessions by Prof. Steve Pond on the drums, our son Miller Jr. on the Blues harmonica, and old smoothie David Skorton on the flute.

Prof. Thompson, whose eyesight was so weak, poor soul, he had to squint at the world through lenses thick as the bottom of a Coke bottle, was an exhilarating teacher and lifelong friend. I once wrote a short piece about him in the *Sun*, ending with: "He takes attendance after class by going around the room to feel which seats are warm."

Gene Saks, our one-time roommate, called from the Hamptons the other week to 1) bask in

the sunlight of our golden baritone, and 2) ask who among his old Cornell buddies were still above the sod. That didn't take long. Sorrow here. Alas. Broadway stage and silver screen actor/director Gene has these days turned his talents to the graphic arts—brushes, palette, easel . . . the works. But closeted in our lavish digs at Edgecliff in the '40s, Gene chopped away at the evening hours—taking along my grade average—by delivering side-splitting impressions of members of the faculty. He'll be hilarious doing Monet. ☐ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

44 **Ed Fitchett** (Poughkeepsie, NY) had fun this past year working on the 70th Reunion of his Poughkeepsie High School graduating class. Of 300 graduates, they received 42 reservations for the mid-June luncheon. "Not bad, considering our age," he writes. "We've been using a 'People Finder' program to locate lost classmates and telephoning our invitation to them. The responses have been heartwarming. Even though many cannot come, usually because of health, they greatly appreciate being remembered and enjoy the opportunity to talk about high school friends. I feel that our reunion is about more than just the attendees." **Margaret Pearce** Addicks (Washington, CT) was Ed's fellow Cornell representative.

Cal De Golyer, BS Ag '43, reports that he remains in his home of 62 years in Castile, NY, on the farm. "The property has a splendid view of the Genesee River Valley and Letchworth State Park," he notes. Fellow Rochester-area resident **Taylor Keller**, BME '47 (Naples, NY) writes that he's had a quiet, enjoyable year in a modest ranch house on a small cul-de-sac in a scenic, hilly suburb. "We are the most senior," he writes. "Most of our neighbors are still employed, and two couples have kids living at home. Our pride and joy is our very modest, updated, 125-year-old cottage on a large lot on the west shore of Canandaigua Lake. We'd be pleased to have any of our Cornell friends visit us for a meal or two, a swim, and a small boat ride, sail, paddle, row, or motor. We are particularly proud of our far-flung family of three kids and their spouses, our six grandkids, and two great-grands. The closest live in Madison, WI. The others are spread along the West Coast from Lopez Island, north of Seattle, to Irvine, CA. Our traveling days are about over, except for Thanksgiving in Connecticut; we'll depend on friends and family visiting us."

Mary Lee Stroud Laird (Little Silver, NJ; ml.laird@msn.com) reports that **Jack '42** died on Dec. 21, 2009, very peacefully in his sleep. He was 90. "My best friend is gone after 68-1/2 very good years," she writes. "Cornell, WWII, births, deaths, adventures on the sea and in the air. He was a navigator and airplane pilot and owner, businessman running Laird & Co., owned 225 years, same family. I can go on and on. We have four great-grands: three boys and one girl, the princess. One son, John III, and one daughter, Bonnie. Life goes on." **Bill Falkenstein**, BS Hotel '47, writes with news of his real estate dealings. He and Barb sold their house in Norwalk, CT, and now rent a very nice condo in a golf course community in Flat Rock, NC, an Asheville suburb in the mountains. "We are negotiating for a condo on the golf course. We'll keep in touch." **Norman Brandt**, BCE '47 (Roslyn Heights, NY) says "hello" to all who know him. He's fighting Parkinson's disease. His Cornell

ties include daughter **Laurel Brandt '72**, MA '74, and grandson **Harrison Leavens '04**, as well as his wife of 62 years, **Barbara (Bookstein) '48**.

Andre Capi, MD '46 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL; dcapi@earthlink.net) shares a bit of hard-won knowledge: "After postponing surgery for much too long a time, I had a left anterior hip replacement in mid-May. I was walking with a walker the next day! I mention this because the new anterior approach does not cut through muscle as does the usual posterior approach. As a physician, I was amazed that it is not more available. It requires a special operating table and uses a Stryker replacement. At present, there are only two hospitals in South Florida where this is performed, but I'm sure many others in the nation provide this procedure. Hip surgery is so often needed in our age group that I'm passing this information along and hope you will do the same. Feel free to contact me." **Chuck McCoy**, B Chem E '48 (Orinda, CA) also shares a bit of 20-20 hindsight. "As they say, if I had known I would live this long, I would have taken better care of myself," he writes. "Like skipping some of those Cornell beer parties."

Bob Miller suggests a class trip: a ten-day train ride from Toronto to Calgary. He had just returned from such a journey when he filled out his news form and reports that the trek was "very nice." Alice E. Garmezy, an honorary member of the class whose husband **Robert Garmezy**, BEE '43, BME '45, died in 2005, sent class dues from her home in Ithaca, along with a family update. "My brother's granddaughter graduated from ILR and has a job with Google in human resources starting in September. Twenty-four of us enjoyed dinner the night before, all of us closely or loosely related to her except one son of family friends. Seventeen of us cheered for her at the ILR commencement ceremony after the main ceremony in the stadium." Alice hosted daughter **Lorena Garmezy '86** and her husband, as well as daughter **Carrie Garmezy** Hrousis '92, MAT '93, and granddaughter Rena, 8, "and everyone else dropping in at various times," she writes. "A little hectic, but great fun." Alice adds that she occasionally sees **Bob Miller**, BA '47, a fellow denizen of Kendal at Ithaca. "He is looking well." Send news to: ☐ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

45 We are saddened to note the sudden but peaceful death of **Robert A. Olmsted** on August 16, 2010, devoted husband of 61 years to Pauline; loving father of Larry, Alan, and **Elizabeth '74**; and proud grandfather of **Nicholas '12**, Timothy, and Andrew. He was former planning director of the MTA of New York City and a veteran of WWII. Bob had a 60-year friendly argument with the late **Prentice Cushing**, BEE '44, about the status of the Second Avenue subway, whose construction was begun in 1929, but then had many starts and stops. He was honored at its most recent restart in 2007 as its most faithful champion, and promised us, "Classmates will travel up to 96th Street on this subway on their 70th Reunion!" He was a longtime stalwart of our class and came to our recent reunion, where he was chairman of the nominations committee and assumed the position of class historian from **Libby Hemsath** deProsse.

Final notes on reunion: Libby de Prosse, class historian for ten years, exhibited memorabilia from

our Cornell years and will be donating her collection to the University Archives as she retires from the post. I chatted with **Maralyn Winsor** Fleming at the picnic and learned her family has donated significantly to the Plantations and the Cornell Bells. Those gifts endure for centuries. Photos from classmates **David Nimick** and **Henrietta Burgott** Gehshan, BS HE '44, dating from our years on campus, also came to the Archives.

Other classmates who made reunion memorable were: **Marguerite Moore Baker** with husband **Mac '43**, BArch '43, **Carolyn Hendrickson** Cummings, **Jean Hall** Dinsmore, **Mort Eydenberg** (with daughter Susan Westlake), **Walter Hamilton**, BS Hotel '49, and wife **Barbara (Rapp) '48**, **Dan Hartley**, BME '44, MS '47, and wife Phyllis, **Lois Georgia** Humphrey, **George Karp**, BA '47, **Madelaine** "Chickie" **Ring** Kent, **Robert Leach**, **Richard Legge**, **Marjorie Marks** Boas Levins with husband Jack, **Anna Huttar** MacDonald, **Phyllis Avery** Olin, BA '44, **Ann Lynch** Pape, BS HE '44 (with daughter **Margaret Pape** Krasieski '75), **Helene Scheuer** Rosenblatt, BS HE '94, **Bruce Weir**, and **Mary R. Wright**.

Mildly sour note: All commercial flights from the Ithaca Airport were canceled between noon and 7:00 PM on Sunday due to "bad weather"—although there was neither wind nor rain and private planes were taking off and landing frequently. Some had to stay in motels overnight and fly out Monday. In that group were yours truly and **Gloria Marti**, a loyal reunioner here with longtime friend Fred Ferguson.

Henrietta Burgott Gehshan, BS HE '44, is a co-teacher of an adult class at the Episcopal Church of the Redemption in Southampton, PA. She also prepares meals for elderly shut-ins and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary teachers organization, as well as the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. She has a 7-month-old great-granddaughter in Brooklyn, whom she'd like to be holding. Some of the photos she recently gave to the Archives (mentioned above) are of the practice room in Martha van Rensselaer Hall. Her fond memory is meeting her future husband at the Wesley Foundation.

Richard Weishaar, BA '49, MD '52 (Machipongo, VA) left the campus in December 1942 and returned in 1946, so had a considerable delay in his career start because of the war. He married Marie and had 32 years in a solo ob/gyn practice. **James Carley**, PhD '51 (Tucson, AZ) says he would rather be snorkeling in a warm ocean populated by gorgeous creatures (also those on the beach). His memorable moment at Cornell was when his miniature plant for making dimethyl aniline ran beautifully on its maiden run after months of redesign and tinkering. He would like to hear from those who entered the ChemE class in 1941, joined V-12, and returned in 1946.

Doris Fenton Klockner '43 (Denville, NJ) tells us of husband **Joe's** hopes to go fishing or just hang around on the Jersey Shore. They have been married 65 years and met in Willard Straight Hall. **William Berley**, BS Ag '48, enthuses, "There is no better city than New York City to be retired in—the botanical gardens and zoo, parks, restaurants, courses at NYU, 92nd Street Y, theatre, opera, ballet, art galleries, museums, and movie choices." But hold on: Bill also fits in two Cornell campus courses and a CAU London Theatre trip! Any classmate care to top that for retirement activity? **Marjorie Fine** Albert (Danville, CA) is VP/secretary at Digiray Corp., which manufactures a high resolution digital X-ray system that can "see" bones,

tissue, and even hair at a faster and lower dosage than conventional machines. She still has time in her off-hours for an active social life, reading, playing the drums in a small jazz band, and growing fruits, veggies, and flowers in her garden. She would like to hear from **Norma Goldsmith Baum '46**, her super-delightful roommate.

Flash: We now have our own website managed by **Jerry Haddad**. Check it to read the introductory letter by Class Prez **Maxine Katz** Morse and my supplementary report of Reunion (<http://classof45.alumni.cornell.edu>). We may speed some news by using it and get those classmates who don't receive the *Alumni News* to become involved. Write us of your doings. ☐ **Bob Frankenf**eld, 6291 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815: e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; or **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

46 2011: Our big year is here. I hope to see many of you at our 65th Reunion in June. By now you've received the News and Dues letter from our president, **Lloyd Slaughter**, encouraging you to support the class with your reunion attendance. You've also probably received the Annual Fund drive notice asking '46 members to give more money to help us surpass previous 65th Reunion classes. We hope you consider this request . . . but regardless of the amount you give, WE WANT TO SEE YOU IN JUNE.

I heard from **Hazel Brill** Brampton (Ithaca) this summer. "I am a volunteer at the Tompkins County History Center, plus I enjoy all the plays and conferences available in Ithaca. **Louise Greene** Richards, PhD '65, also lives in town and we have reconnected. I am still living in my house, but like you, will eventually move to a retirement home or condo." Otherwise, my mailbox is empty, but not for long, as your news forms will reach me soon.

My sons are planning on bringing me to reunion, as I just had a third stroke in August. I spent my 86th birthday in the Reading Hospital, returned to the Phoebe Health Care Unit, and finally to my apartment. Once again, my speech was affected and I lost my appetite. However, I wouldn't miss this opportunity of seeing you, so I will be at the Statler with cane, walker, and wheelchair come June. HOPE TO SEE YOU! ☐ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Last September, 40 Cornell alumni were treated to a tour of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art by Frank Robinson. Dr. Robinson, director at Cornell's Johnson Museum for 19 years, along with SFMOMA's curator of Painting and Sculpture **Janet Bishop '85**, gave an exquisite look inside the museum's permanent collection—ranging from 17th-century Dutch to Fauvism and Cubism to Pop Art and Abstract Expressionism, Conceptualism, German Expressionism, and the art of California. Several of the lucky 40 were of our vintage: **Idell Carey** Donnelly '50, **Paul Levine**, and **Martha Merrifield** Steen '49.

Dr. Robinson has many more treats in store for us during reunion in June 2011. Scheduled at the Johnson are exhibits of icons (such as Marilyn Monroe and Andy Warhol), Goya's etchings, and photography donated by members of reuniting classes with presentations given by the donors. We will

also be able to see the progress of the Johnson's spectacular new wing from the existing Johnson's upper floors. But, greatest of all, Dr. Robinson has agreed to take ten to 15 members of our class on a personal tour of the Johnson. As one of the lucky 40 on the SFMOMA tour, I guarantee a once-in-a-lifetime experience to those who avail themselves of one of Frank Robinson's last acts before his retirement from Cornell. To reserve a slot on the tour, e-mail me at pblevine@juno.com. Reservations will be recorded in the order received.

Drs. **Walter** and **Jean Krumwiede Boek** (Washington, DC; iguniv@bigplanet.com) are far from retired. Walter is president of International Graduate U. and chair of the Democracy Hall of Fame Int'l. Two of his recent books are *The Evolution of a Democracy: This Country is Our Country, the United States of America and How to Establish a Democracy or Improve the One You Now Have*. Additionally, he has published nearly 100 articles in scientific journals. Jean is dean of the College of Democracy and has published many articles and books, including *Society and Health*. Walter values his experience as editor-in-chief of the *Cornell Countryman*, as master of the Grange, president of the Extension Club, the winner of an important speaking contest, and presiding officer of the Cornell University Council. Jean has played a leading role in the designing of the ninth to 12th grade University High Public Charter School.

Allen Boorstein (New York, NY; allenatamber@cs.com), a life member of the Cornell Council, had his hands full running the Harvard Business School's 60th Reunion in September 2010. But it all worked out. He's proud of wife Jane's family planning program. She developed and implemented it successfully in Ethiopia. Now it's a model for other African nations and developing countries. Allen thinks he and Jane will be on the Hill for our reunion in June. He'd love to hear from **Chuck Nicolson**, **Arthur Bernstein**, LLB '50, **Stan London**, and **Rodney Stieff**, BS ME '45.

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47 You never know, so don't assume . . . as in the following amusing story from my son, **Steven Shain '77**, who lives in Petaluma, CA. He met a man who was wearing a white cap with a big red "C" on it. He approached the man and said, "I see that you went to Cornell." "No," the man replied, "Colgate." The university, not the toothpaste.

Jay Milner tells us that he and Edith are doing OK and planning their umpteenth cruise. He is fully retired from his professorial stint after 30 years at Temple U. Our **Pete Schwarz**, BEE '46, and Jay were V-12 dorm-mates way back when. Edith and Jay were also present when Pete received the coveted Vanneman Award last year as "outstanding class leader." **Walt Fedirko** (Hillsborough, NJ) made his second move after living in a home in Watchung, NJ, for 50 years. Four married daughters with nine grandchildren helped. He hopes to travel again after a lapse of two years.

Natalie Mann Rosenstock now lives in Boynton Beach, FL, and recently met **Carol Shapiro** Siegler and **Carol Cole** Rothenberg, BA '46, for the first time since 1947. She sent along a picture of the three of them and they all looked

great. Natalie's granddaughter **Leigh Morehouse '11** is now a senior at Cornell. Also in her family is daughter **Ellen Rosenstock** Morehouse '72, daughter **Joan Rosenstock**, MRP '83, and son-in-law **John Morehouse '72**. She ends her submission with these words: "We'll always love Cornell."

Ray Fox, PhD '56, is working hard at getting his yard and garden back in shape after nine years of neglect. His cat, Kitty, keeps him company—and the mice at bay. He is looking forward to our 65th Reunion. **Marjorie Knapp** Barron, BS HE '46, now lives with her sister **Helen Knapp** Ingerson '44 in a condo in Florida and also in a home in Rochester, NY. Marjorie loves to travel and has toured Europe and South Africa. She had lived and worked in eight states, mainly in the health field. **Marjorie Helgans** Hughes, MD '50, has moved into a retirement home in Falls Church, VA. It is located only two blocks from Arlington, where she lived for almost 56 years. She has six children and 12 grandchildren. Marjorie extends wishes for health and happiness to all.

Lillian Gorton Spiece is still loving and living in Tucson, AZ, especially when seeing the weather back East. She loves reading news about her former classmates. **Richard Leonard** says that life really began for him when he met his future wife, Barbara, at a Cornell vs. Columbia football game in 1946 in NYC. She was attending with her sister **Pat Demarest '46**, who was engaged to **John Brace '48**, PhD '53, the Cornell band manager. Richard was playing in the band and wrangled an introduction from John. They married in 1951 and had four children, three of whom went to Syracuse and one, **Dean '76**, who went to Cornell. After living in Kentucky and New Jersey and working for GE,



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Philco, and Fedders, Richard retired from United Engineers and Construction in 1987 and moved to Naples, FL. In 2008 he and Barbara moved to California to be nearer to son Dean and his family.

Renee Brozan Goldsmith is an active golfer, duplicate bridge master, and licensed interior designer. Her husband, **Donald '42**, BArch '47, is also active in tennis, in addition to being an architect, interior designer, and licensed realtor. Their daughter **Cathy '71** lives in NYC and is VP of Random House Children's Book Division. Their two other children graduated from the U. of Rochester: Maralyn is a therapist in Illinois, while son Steven is an attorney in Boca Raton, FL. **Edward Wells** lives in Cincinnati, OH, and was married to **Margaret Jean (Bradley) '45**. He is active in nonprofit residential work, rehabbing or replacing abandoned homes. He also chairs a campaign for a retirement

were History with Prof. **Frederick Marcham, PhD '26**, and English with Prof. David Daiches. They were both tough courses and demanding teachers. I write this news after traveling to California and having Thanksgiving dinner there. Expect to travel in southern Europe with daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren. I drive a Toyota Corolla (no recall yet). Good on gas and durability. Last spring, I traveled to Morocco. I'm now trying to get some work done in connection with board duties. Most memorable events are the birth of children and deaths of family and friends. I have much to learn, but that's been true ever since I can remember, although I keep on forgetting and re-learning it. Life's meaning is an enigma because we try to discover it with questionable information and inadequate capabilities (so what else is new?). (P.S. I used to draw sailboats in class.)"

Charlie Hallagan, Newark, NY: "Getting close to the point where I can shoot my age on the golf course. Suggestion: As a stimulus payment, how about selling Miracle Gro to the marijuana growers in California. Might help Gov. Schwarzenegger balance the budget." **Earl and Pat Chastenev Sawin**, Sanibel, FL: "Two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grands. Retired from graphic arts business in Philadelphia and moved to Sanibel Island 11 years ago. Patricia volunteered for 30 years at the 'Trading Post,' with all proceeds going to the Inst. for Cancer Research in Philadelphia. She was also VP and treasurer of the women's board at the institute. We still flub around the golf course every week, but I'm more comfortable working out at the local recreation center on the island. We've pretty much traveled around the world and are content to visit our memories. I was recalled to active duty with the Marines for the Korean conflict and still work with the military by assisting returning vets from the current conflicts. This is our 60th wedding anniversary."

John Snedeker, Savannah, GA: "Yes, the Pirate House Restaurant is alive and well in Savannah. It is the venue for the monthly luncheon meetings of our Propeller Club. I am a member of the Citizens Advisory Board of the Savannah River Site near Aiken, SC, where weapons-grade nuclear materials were produced in the 1950s and '60s. The reactors have all been de-commissioned and the mission is now cleaning up and disposing of the radioactive waste." (Ed. note: The Pirate House is famous for its Chatham Artillery Punch—very explosive—which takes several days to concoct. Your curmudgeon-in-chief made a batch in 1986 and succeeded in getting the whole Reid Ave. neighborhood plastered.) **Bob Persons**, 201 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

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Earl and Pat Chastenev Sawin '48

community that is working to build a chapel and wellness center. The chapel is to be named after Margaret, who passed in 2004.

Frances Mulry Baran and husband **John '50**, MBA '52, have moved to a new apartment in the same continuing care community in Needham, MA. **Walter Cohan** and wife Nancy are living in Vero Beach, FL, and have been married for 62 years. They have five children and ten grandchildren. After Cornell, Walt had a career in marketing, only to be interrupted by the Korean War. Walt would love to hear from Marines who were in the V-12 unit at Cornell. **Maxine Stern Moore**, BA '46, MS '48, is living in Princeton, NJ. **Roger Broeker** writes from Naples, FL, that he is celebrating his 90th birthday and has been married to wife Martha for 62 years. He says he is looking forward to the 65th Reunion in 2012.

A last piece of info from Roger says it all: Long life, long marriage, and looking to the future. None of us knows what lies ahead, but we can all plan to attend our 65th Reunion on June 7-10, 2012. Remember, we all want to know about what you are doing, where you have been, family, etc., so write, call, or e-mail. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net; **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 **Richard Brown**, Rockville Centre, NY: "Retired; serve (if that's the word) on one board of directors; eat breakfast while reading the *New York Times*, occasionally writing letters to same; travel; sail and swim (summers only). The country is static. Economically, we're better off than a year ago, but it's questionable whether improvement will continue, and we need a better grip on our foreign policy. Solution: watch less TV and read more non-fiction books; get more realistic about goals and expectations; develop and improve our capacities for sustained intelligent thought. Favorites at Cornell

Dana Keller, Ralston, NE: "BSF 'Bible Fellowships.' Being a Nebraska licensed P.E., I can review and stamp electrical plans. Federal debt is too high. Stop Congress from spending so much money! I'm thankful for my Electrical Engineering education at Cornell, which made my professional life very good. I've been doing the same thing for years—religion, golf, and helping grandchildren." **Dianne Shapiro** Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "Tennis and bridge. Retired from law practice in New York and Florida. US situation is static. I was good at raising children (three lawyers) and grandchildren (two lawyers), but the world conditions baffle me. Just visited doctor. Old age is not golden, it's rusty. Tomorrow: tennis, bridge, and theatre (to see 'Brighton Beach'). I drive a Jaguar. I don't care about clothing or jewelry, but love cars. It looks like no other car on the road. Happy where I am, trying to stay healthy. Happiest times were children's weddings."

Joanne Norton Mayer, Marblehead, MA: "Volunteer work. Couple of board director jobs in local charitable organizations. Things are improving. I'm an optimist—but I think we had the best of times. After Christmas 2009, I spent the rest of the winter skiing at Sunday River in Maine. I drive an Acura. It starts! It's fine, and it likes winter mountain driving. I've lived in this house 50 years and I love it!" **Gerald Sallus**, Culver City, CA: "Attorney and board president, WLA College Foundation. The country is deteriorating. We are in a depression and Congressional Republicans are preventing any meaningful legislation. Favorite course and teacher: Electrical Transmission Systems, Prof. **Joseph Tarboux '22**, PhD '37. All Engineering courses were tough. I drive a Saturn. It's most comfortable for my wife. Went to Santa Rosa in it over Labor Day. Happy here in Culver City. Visited Alaska on a cruise last May/June, Yosemite in October, and Albuquerque in November. Highlight of life is the birth and growing up of our children. Nothing worrying me. For some lucky reason I am alive and in good health—so far! Keep on truckin'!"

49 What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your years at Cornell? For our class, the answer is that one thing is not enough. Most of us have answered with several. Friendships led the list, followed, not in any order, by great courses, great professors, and the beauty of the campus! For **Wadsworth Stone** (Natick, MA; waddy.stone@verizon.net), friendship with brothers at Kappa Sigma fraternity is the answer. He also tells us that he would most like to hear from **Robert Russell**. Waddy is with Combustion Installations of New England Inc., specialists in combustion and associated equipment, an industrial process heating systems business. He enjoys golf and travel and volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association in Boston. A fighter pilot during WWII, Waddy is now a private pilot. He's recently been flying out of Hanscombe Air Force Base in Bedford, MA, and he's eager to do more!

George Weikart (Pasadena, MD; gweikart@gmail.com) observes that "old age ain't for sissies" and tells us that most of his old Cornell friends are gone. He fondly remembers "wandering around the beautiful campus and gorges in spring of my senior year with friends and classmates." George, married to Anne, has been retired for 26 years and does volunteer work. He's been watching finances, doing yard work, traveling, and keeping a "close eye on investment performance and the market." He'd rather be sailing, he says, and notes that he sold his boat in 2007. **Joseph McAuliffe** (Shoreview, MN) reports that, retired, he engages in

community activities “of the usual kind.” However, there were many special events held as part of his induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame as the nominee from New York and South Dakota; the governor of South Dakota declared a Joseph McAuliffe Day in his honor. With Dr. Harlan Copeland he completed, published, and distributed *Windows to a Wider World*, a study of Payne/National 4-H Fellows 1931–1969, and in October 2008 held a reunion of Fellows at the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, DC. Asked what he’d rather be doing now, he replies, “Not a thing—except to move faster, as when 25 years old. Slow at 83.” His fondest memories of days on the Hill are the “knowledge and teaching ability and friendliness of Cornell faculty.” He enjoyed hearing from **Don Briggs ’51** (Hurley, NY), a member of Alpha Zeta.

Herm Harrow (Monterey, CA; nharrow@sbcbglobal.net), married to Noreen, plays tennis five or six times a week and volunteers at the local hospital. Noreen raises money for the local symphony. They have established the Harrow Family Scholarship Fund, which has provided annual scholarships for ILR students, and donate yearly to the Tower Club. Herm and Noreen regretted being unable to attend the 60th Reunion because of other priorities, but look forward to our 65th! **Donald Singer** (Evanston, IL; dandsinger@msn.com), married to **Ruth (Horwit) ’58**, is clinical professor of medicine (cardiology) at the U. of Illinois at Chicago. He writes that his favorite memories of Cornell are the interaction with his diverse classmates and with many faculty members, particularly with Dr. Mario Einaudi. He is working, writing manuscripts, traveling, and “loafing in Boca.” Don visits a condo in Boca Raton, FL, and says that he “would like to meet some Cornellians, ’49ers and others, for socialization purposes. I would be glad to hear from any/all Cornellians in Chicagoland, particularly those living on the North Shore.”

Edgar Galson (Syracuse, NY; egalson@twcny.rr.com) plays the piano, skis, swims, plays tennis, hikes, and travels, mostly on “very adventurous trips.” Married to Eva, he has traveled to Argentina, Iceland, Greece, and Bhutan, and has taken numerous trips skiing in the West. He also enjoys courses and is active in the community, attending concerts, plays, movies, and much more. He says, “I am doing now what I wish to do.” He remembers fondly the beauty of the campus and the intellectual ferment at Cornell. Edgar would enjoy hearing from **Jerry Grey ’47**, MS ’49. **John R. Jones** (Grand Blanc, MI; phyllis.jones1@comcast.net) has fond memories of “the inspiring teachers/professors” at Cornell. He tells us that his wife, Phyllis, has Alzheimer’s. “Her care and maintenance have been overwhelming for the past four years.” **Patricia Kendall** Shotwell (Weston, MA; pshotwell@comcast.net), retired, manages elderly housing. She is president of the Weston Friends of the Council on Aging, and is a member of Wellesley Meeting of the Society of Friends. She tells us that she is doing what she’d rather be doing. Pat, married in 1948, believes that she was the first “very pregnant senior” at Cornell! Her twins were born in June, a week after graduation! **David Elow** (Hilton Head, SC; delow111@aol.com), married to Bobbie, is retired. He plays golf and is a member of the board of friends of the Hilton Head Library.

We should appreciate hearing from anyone who can tell us the name of our classmate, a retired mechanical engineer, who lives in Cranberry, NJ. We received his Class of ’49 news form, but he had

not signed it. His wife died in December 2008. He engages in woodworking, shooting, and sports, and adds that he wishes to get in touch with **Lois Onofrio Glamm ’48**. We are saddened by the news of the passing of **Bob Dean**, whose obituary in the *Ithaca Journal* on October 5 was sent to us by class president **Jack Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@msn.com). Bob, an Electrical Engineering student, played football for the Big Red, setting records for kicking and the longest play from scrimmage. He was the *Sun’s* Athlete of the Year in 1949 and was admitted to the Cornell Hall of Fame in 1986. Bob was active with SAE and the Cornell Council and served as a Village of Cayuga Heights trustee. He was also trustee and past board chairman of Ithaca’s First Presbyterian Church and participated in other civic and professional organizations. He is survived by his wife, Maxine, four children, and nine grandchildren. Thank you for your news. Please let us hear from all of you. **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 1625 Lilac Lane, Crescent, PA 15046; tel., (724) 784-0371, (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Class News: The annual mid-winter class banquet will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28 at the Metropolitan Club, 1700 H St. NW, Washington, DC, in conjunction with the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference. All classmates are urged to attend. Reserve by sending a note and check for \$85 per person to **Stan Rodwin**, P.O. Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. Another get-together is planned in New York City in April or May.

On September 25, four classmates attended a gala banquet at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City celebrating the 130th anniversary of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, “America’s Oldest Independent College Daily”: **John Marcham**, editor-in-chief in our day; **Dick Pogue**, managing editor; **Eve Weinschenker** Paul, associate editor; and **Marion Steinmann**, features board. Eve was the *Sun’s* first female associate editor and a speaker at the banquet. She had gone through the scrapbook she kept of the editorials she had written and “found it remarkable” that the *Sun* had published editorials, many with progressive positions, on such a wide variety of national and international issues, including so many still prevalent today. Eve earned a law degree from Columbia in 1952. She did legal research and worked as legal counsel for major firms and served for 20 years as general counsel to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. She is one of three female classmates who has served as a Cornell trustee.

On September 24, 2009 the board of directors of the Cornell Alumni Association honored **Nelson Schaenen Jr.**, MBA ’51, with its Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award for his sustained and eclectic contributions to Cornell. A presidential councilor, Nels retired from the board of trustees in 1995 after a 24-year tenure, but continues as a trustee emeritus. He served on numerous critical board committees and chaired the board’s executive committee from 1983–1995. He has been a continuous strong supporter of the Johnson School, where he and his mother, Rose, established the Rose and Nelson Sr. revolving loan fund. His support for the renovation of Sage Hall is recognized by the naming of the Rose and Nelson Schaenen Amphitheater. A member of the Johnson School Advisory Council since 1969, Nels chaired the school’s campaign committee from 1990–95. Both he and his father were named to

the Johnson School Hall of Fame. He is also an emeritus member of the Athletics Advisory Council. In honor of his daughter, Nels endowed the Wendy Schaenen ’79 Volleyball Head Coach position. Nels and wife Nancy reside in Madison, NJ, and have children **Wendy ’79**, MD ’83, **Douglas ’82**, and Shelly. He and Nancy are members of the Johnson Museum of Art Advisory Council. Nels is retired from his investment firm and stays occupied with several nonprofit organizations, especially the New York Downtown Hospital, which is three blocks from the World Trade Center site and received the most victims of the 9/11 attack.

As did many of us, **Will Joy**, our Class Caper Perpetrator and gifted writer, dearly loved the Cornell Chimes so easily heard in campus residences below Library Hill. He befriended the chimesmasters and spent many hours with them in Libe Tower. After graduation Will returned to Centralia, IL, to assume editorship of the family newspapers. His enthusiasm for carillons induced him to travel widely to hear the great carillons of the world. Several years before his untimely death in 1988, he was able to have built in Centralia a 65-bell carillon—one of the finest in the world—and to entice from the Netherlands Carlo van Ulft, one of the most accomplished carillonneurs in the world. A CD of that fine Centralia carillon is now available. To purchase one, you can send a check for \$11.25 to Carlo van Ulft, Centralia Carillon, P.O. Box 1, Centralia, IL 62801 (e-mail, carlo@centralia-carillon.org). Free souvenir booklets of the Cornell Caper Convocation at our June reunion are also available from your correspondent.

Lawrence Lodico (Ithaca, NY; lrldico2@me.com) recalls a poignant campus incident from wartime 1942. To ready ROTC recruits for soon-to-be active duty, the campus physical education routines had been beefed up to quasi-military-type exercises. Fencing coach Monsieur Georges Cointe had been given charge of an obstacle course, which he in his catlike agility easily mastered. But it was a significant challenge for flabby, out-of-shape freshmen. As Lawrence reports, “We scrambled and scrambled to no avail, at first. But we all succeeded when goaded on by Cointe’s French-accentuated exhortation, ‘You can do eet, fat boy!’” That became a common rallying cry, which carried on through the war and beyond. For Lawrence it became a functional stimulus that in later life helped him through troubling situations including a fall that nearly killed him.

Harold Mason (PhD, Wisconsin) (Walnut Creek, CA; ripcheep2@att.net) was a navigator in the Air Force in WWII. Howard is retired from Chevron, where he was a research manager. He reports traveling widely and keeping mentally active studying astronomy, botany, history, and geology. **Jean Krag** (Santa Barbara, CA; jakmd@wx.net) is a retired psychiatrist and currently volunteers with United Cerebral Palsy and reads for the blind. She enjoys travel, reading, and entertaining her grandchildren. **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr. Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Av., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

51 **Richard** and **Billie Jean Manion** (Grovetown, GA) have eight children, 21 grandchildren, and eight “greats,” with five living in Florida and one each in South Carolina, Kansas, and California. Dick is in the Montclair “Who’s Who.” Recent travel

includes Hawaii, Ireland, and Israel, “all on children’s inheritances!” Annual reunions since 2007—the last in Old Williamsburg—keep him in touch with Alpha Chi Rho brothers. His fond memories are classes with **Clint Rossiter ’39** and Prof. Cushman. “Yes, and the Wells and Elmira girls!” Rosalind and **Howard Feinstein, MD ’55, PhD ’57** (Ithaca, NY) made a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Cairo for a wedding and then to Petra and Tel Aviv. Granddaughter Isabel, on a visit, settled into a chair at the A. D. White Library looking as comfortable as a Cornell freshman—looking into the future at age 12! Howard is a distinguished life fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.


Dorothy Crawford Bayern (Bozeman, MT) is preoccupied with grandchildren graduating from college and fond memories of meeting **Larry ’49** at Cornell. They have four children in four states—Montana, Washington, Oregon, and Texas. “Grandchildren are even more dispersed!” She fondly remembers dances at Barton Hall, parties, and watching Larry play polo. **Joseph Bertino** (Branford, CT) still works as associate director of the Cancer Inst. of New Jersey in New Brunswick. He and Patricia now have eight grandchildren ages 3–21. **John Roberts** (Sedona, AZ) reports that grandson Derek is getting his doctorate at U. of Washington in organic chemistry, and grandson John Evans spent a one-year breather at Leeds U. to return to finish restaurant and hotel administration studies at Northern Arizona U., Flagstaff, AZ. All three daughters now have their master’s degrees. John spent a day with **Bob Mealey** at Sandy, OR, in fall 2006. The Mealeys and their menagerie of dogs, cats, and birds were fine. Bob has a farm that he tends with huge success. **Bob Nelson** (Kennett Square, PA) lost his wife, **Joanne (Clark) ’57**, “a loyal Cornell graduate,” to cancer in late 2009. She was employed at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, DE.

Jeanne MacLeod Berry (Arlington, TX) writes, “I did finally get to a Cornell function at the Nasher Sculpture Museum in Dallas, sponsored by **Elliot ’53** and **Karin Hartell Cattarulla ’55**. I stay in contact with **Dorothy ‘Dani’ North Zirkle ’52** (Round Pond, ME). She visited me last year. I keep busy with the church altar guild, hospital volunteering, local woman’s club, book discussion group, and quilting. I have one granddaughter graduating from LSU and one attending U. of Texas, San Antonio. I meet regularly with four Alpha Phis—from four different states. My last travels have been to Egypt and a trip through the Panama Canal with a group of my ’47 Michigan classmates. Life is busy and good! I like the Student Reading Project. I probably would never have read their choices—interesting!” **Valerie Sabik** Reid (Santa Rosa, CA) says, “Each memory that surfaces is very ‘fond’; some of them are fondest for varying reasons, but not just one of them for all reasons.”

Alvin Ries (Highland, IN) reports that wife **Betty Ellen (Wood) ’49, MNS ’50**, passed away in August 2008. Alvin has been singing in the Lake County, IN, Chorus of the Dunes, a chapter in the Barbershop Harmony Society, for 27 years. He is also in the Hoosier Grandpas Quartet. “We can’t count—there are 12 men in the group.” It’s a triple quartet. Dancing with Betty in Willard Straight and in the Armory are his fondest memories of Cornell. **Michael Chayes** (Amsterdam, Netherlands) is “in combat against despotic bureaucrats who, from the cover of new health care legislation, use electronic information technology to destroy professional confidentiality between doctor and patient. We physicians and psychologists

are ‘delinquents’ under the threat of heavy fines if we do not register personal information about our patients.” An update: “The court of appeals just gave us a victory with their verdict from a hearing March 23: the Dutch ‘Care Authority’ has been declared in the wrong for not having devoted sufficient care and attention in their rules to protection of the privacy of our patients; they will have to devise new rules taking this into account. It has been a big fight, but it has paid off to not take this lying down.”

Don and Ann McNamara (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) visit their four children (in New York, California, and Minnesota) at least once a year. “They visit us once a year in Florida, plus reunions with all children every two years, usually in Mexico. Cruised British Virgin Islands in January; will cruise New England in July. Military reunions in 2010 include 18th Fighter Wing in Las Vegas in May; Korean War Veterans Association in Washington, DC, in July. Golf with **Fred Eydt ’52** in Ponte Vedra; dinner with **Ed Coene’s** wife in January; telecom with **Bob Mangan** and **Don Auty**. I see **David Weatherby ’50** and **Gerry Grady ’53** frequently.”

Spring and reunion are just around the corner! Please send your news to:  **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.


52 This column begins with a warning and a bit of a whine. As there is a great backlog from fall 2009, and as there is a lag before the new news reaches me, what follows is essentially old news. If anyone’s is really out of date, please e-mail me. Which brings me to the whine: The news and dues letter asked that you send your news directly to me rather than with your dues check to the university. If you do/have done that, it may take a while to reach me, as the address in our class directory is no longer valid. However, as one item has already been forwarded, it can be done.

In September 2009, **Jim Ling** (Ft. Collins, CO; lingkal2@Q.com) reported spending time “keeping up with our adopted daughter, who’s now a freshman in high school. Also gardening and playing bagpipes.” He is on the board of the sanitation district and president of the Northern Colorado chapter of the Military Officers Association. Looking back, Jim would have “gone to the Hotel school, where I could have had fun and slept late.” Influences were his ChemE classmates and Prof. **Frederick Marcham, PhD ’26**, his boxing coach. **Elaine Rose** Ruderman (San Diego, CA, eroserud@aol.com) sings alto with a 130-voice chorale in Rancho Bernardo at two concerts a year, plays bridge “like a beginner,” leads a monthly food and nutrition study group, and travels whenever possible with companion John, “visiting many classmates on the way.” Right now she’d rather be playing tennis, hiking the Canadian Rockies, and riding a motorcycle. At Cornell, she had “too many wonderful instructors to list.”

Miguel Abizaïd (Broomfield, CO; miguel.abizaïd@usa.net) spends his time “going from doctor to doctor and taking care of **Barbi (Brothers) ’53** and myself.” He’d rather be on his yacht. (Wouldn’t we all?) Miguel reports, “I had a beautiful time at Cornell. Quite innocent and rewarding, my Cornell education gave me the strong base on how to tackle life with confidence.” Impact? “1) Prof. Watson in thermodynamics; 2) **Kiki Cuervo ’50, TKE**; and 3) **Andy Feiner**, my roommate.” **Nora Walden Engel** (Dedham, MA; nnengel@yahoo.com)

writes that she has been babysitting “two darling grandchildren,” walking miles with her husband, and reading the *New York Times*. The Engels moved to Massachusetts to be near their youngest daughter and youngest grandchildren. At Cornell, Nora would have “studied more, not skipped so many classes.” Her mother went to Cornell, as did two of her daughters. She hopes the tradition will continue. She cites Prof. Cushman as having the greatest impact. “He and the other professors who taught the course sparked my interest in going to law school and becoming a lawyer.” I also have a note from **Walter Bortko**, who was then sick and has since died. He listed his wife **Rosemary (Manno) ’55** as having the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

George Vlahakis (Nashville, TN; gsvlahakis@comcast.net), now widowed, has been “working out at the YMCA six to seven days a week, watching my weight.” He is down to 198 from 244 a few years ago, feels great, and has no physical problems yet. Recently, he has been maintaining a healthy routine, getting plenty of exercise, watching what he eats, and thanking God every day. At Cornell, he would have studied harder. Myrtle Ericson, Food and Nutrition professor at the Hotel school, had the greatest impact. **Evelyn Hoffmann Huffman** (Kansas City, MO) spends time “running around, still trying to get organized and get the house cleaned. Hopeless! Paint a few paintings now and then.” She had recently traveled to Canada and New York State and heartily recommended a Bloomsbury exhibit at the Johnson Museum. At Cornell, “I would have taken every English or French course—especially from Nabokov or **Morris Bishop ’14, PhD ’26**.” Greatest impact: curdling a huge vat of mayonnaise in Quantity Cookery and realizing that that profession was not for her. However, one of her roommates taught her to make lasagna, which has been a cause of lasting happiness.

Gerald Read (giread@webtv.net) summers in Prattsburgh, NY, winters in Bradenton, FL, and is busy maintaining two homes. He travels, gardens, and enjoys his family. He had taken time out for a pacemaker installation. He wouldn’t have done much different at Cornell. He cites “the teaching staff of rural education” as having the greatest impact. **Rick Clark** (Osterville, MA; capeclarks@aol.com) seemed to be in pretty good shape. In August 2009 he participated in his 17th Pan-Mass Challenge, cycling his road bike 86 miles in this fundraiser for Dana Farber Cancer Inst. Rick was the fifth oldest cyclist. Apart from that, he plays golf, travels, reads, builds model boats, does yard work, and volunteers. He would have preferred to enter Cornell as a freshman rather than as a junior. Impact? His fraternity brothers at Sigma Chi.  **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

53 And so, here it is—2011—the year most of us will become octogenarians. May this and those to follow smile upon us all, including such gentle readers as are not of the Class of MMLIII. It is now a mere two years and change until our 60th (count ‘em, 60th) Reunion—June 6-9, 2013. We’re ready to receive applications for the role of reunion chairs. Alumni House is ever more helpful in view of advancing years, but there is plenty of room for compeers who are inclined to participate.

Homecoming 2010 drew a cast of thousands to sunny Schoellkopf, with hordes of red-shirted

freshpeople on hand for freshpeople-on-the-field day. The dawning of the era of head football coach Kent Austin was somewhat greyly overcast, owing to a loss to Yale, but was not without bright September moments on the turf. **Todd** and Nan Sokolowski **Kolb** were back to represent '53 at the annual reunion of the 1948-52 teams. Former Cornell Prez Dale Corson told those present, "I'd like to have you back as a football team." (Don't forget, they were twice unofficially champions of the Ivies and did mash mighty Michigan.) Among the Cornell Athletic Hall of Famers who came home again: **Jeff Fleischmann '51**, ME '55, **Dick Loynd '50**, **Hal Seidenberg '52**, JD '57, **Rip Haley '51**, **Walt Bruska '50**, **Frank Bradley '50**, **Jack Rogers '45**, BCE '49, MBA '50, and **Dick Clark '51**, as well as Carolyn Sampson, spouse of the late **Harvey Sampson '51**.

In the evening, it turned out that we were about as familiar as ever with those seven old ladies (locked in the convenience—"and nobody knew they were there"). But pianist **Tom Foulkes '52** wisely provided copies of the sing-along libretto. A group of regulars: the **Jim Blackwoods**, the **Bob Manns**, the **Bill Bellamys**, Jim and **Caroline Mulford Owens**, **Bob '52**, ME '55, and **Judy Resnik Chabon**, **Jane Little Hardy**, and moi dined graciously with members of other Fifties classes at the Country Club of Ithaca, thanks as ever to the efforts of impresario **Paul Blanchard '52** (but he's in our '53 Cornellian yearbook. Engineer, you know.)

Aspiring novelist **Bob Neff**, JD '56 (Pinehurst, NC) was, in mid-spring '10, hoping that a new literary milestone would have been reached about now. He had a title picked early in the process—"Uber Alles." We don't know for absolute sure that it's about, or set in, Deutschland. But the completion of the composition could be either in hand or at hand. Bob says, "I'm spending my pro bono time as vice chairman of the Alliance for Bonded Term Limits." The concept appears from here to be unique: to get "Congressional candidates (to) undertake promises to limit terms in office and bond them with significant commitments if the promise is broken. Nonprofit, nonpartisan. Growing in popularity." That seems understandable, even more so these days. It appears to be one out of many areas in which those of varying views seem to see eye-to-eye. Meanwhile, Bob has stepped down from chairmanship of the Princeton Tennis Program, at the opening of its new tennis center. ("Appropriate," says he, "inasmuch as we have moved to North Carolina. But it was a rewarding five-year activity.")

Naomi Leith Smith, who came to Big Redsville from Wyoming—not the state but the upstate New York village by that name (2000: population 513)—continues to pursue matters agricultural (or should that be agricultural maters?) in Lexington, KY. She raises registered Finn sheep to produce breeding stock and wool for spinners. The ewes are helpful. The breed, says Wikipedia, is known for multiple births. The

record, established in Finland, is nine little live lambs. Three or four in a litter are common. There's also time for Naomi to do travel counseling at the Lexington Visitor Center.

Wanderlust is upon many of us. **Eugenie Gilbert Taub**, ME '54 (Westfield, NJ) recommends Elderhostels. More or less lately: Chicago for art museums and theater, Philadelphia for music and art history, and Scandinavia for river cruising. What's in the Dailey news? I'll tell you what's in the Dailey news. Glad tidings of great company in Osprey, FL. **Bob** and **Lou Schaefer Dailey '54** tell of sightings of a number of notables at diverse occasions: the **Alan MacRossies**, **John '52** and **Peg Livingston Smoots**, **Dean '52**, MBA '56, and **Barbara Green Bock**, **Rosemary Seelbinder Jung '54**, **Nancy Ranck Lee**, **Carol Reid Lyons '54**, and **Clancy '54** and **Barbara Gavin Fauntleroy '55**. The Daileys note that they're very much at home on the left coast (of Florida) and glad they heeded the call to "come on down" 15 years ago. Time marches on.

Don Ewart (Charlotte, NC) reports on what he saw at a local wine-testing session. ("Why did everyone look so young?" There's a lot of that going around.) He says he looks forward to that 60th. An oncology nurse for more than three decades, Nancy Sokolowski Kolb offers sound advice in her warmly received book, *The Breast Cancer Companion: A Guide for the Newly Diagnosed*. Described by professionals as "much needed," "it really is a gift of compassion and a fabulous resource," one reviewer wrote. Check it out on

Amazon.  **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 I think I shall call this my October bulletin instead of column, as the flood of expected fall news forms has not yet (as of this writing) swept through the door. However, our intrepid world traveler **Bert Rosen** saved the day, as he does many times, with his summer travel scenario. He ended up with a different destination this summer from the one he had carefully planned. Off the docket went South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, and the rest of the South African landscape when he fell and broke a bone in his hand. The delay brought about a change of plans, destinations, and direction, but, never fear, Bert always finds an adventure no matter where in the world he lands. Family visits to Palm Beach and Los Angeles, where with his producer cousins he was treated to a Lana Turner Schwab Drug Store-type encounter, were followed by a scenic drive up the West Coast—which the lifelong Easterner found enlightening, filled as it was with magnificent vistas from hill-tops and houses surrounded by redwoods. We shall have to wait another year for his Africa report. Knowing Bert, he will find more elephants in Namibia than I did on my last visit.

As a former class scribe, **Lou Schaefer Dailey** knows the value of news at this time of year, and right on schedule dispatched an e-mail north. She writes that while Sarasota, FL, is famed for its

Get with the Program

Vic Wintriss '53, BEE '54

Many kids like to play video games, but Vic Wintriss wants his students to design them, too. The former electrical engineer is the founder of Wintriss Technical Schools, Inc., a San Diego nonprofit that teaches Java, a popular computer programming language, to children as young as fourth graders. Beginning with simple games like Pong and tic-tac-toe, Wintriss and his volunteer team of professional programmers offer small, hands-on classes to students who otherwise might not learn programming until high school.



After Cornell, Wintriss joined the Navy, where he taught flight training and computer programming. He spent more than three decades at various electronics and computer firms before he parlayed his Navy teaching experience into Wintriss Technical Schools, which he founded four years ago. The school initially offered free lessons, but is now funded by tuition and grants.

Operating out of a single classroom, the school has no formal syllabus. New students begin by designing basic computer games, but are free to learn at their own pace and develop their own projects. "It's individually tailored—there's no beginning or end," Wintriss says. "You keep on going as fast as you can learn." Projects tackled by his students include a father-son team's Asteroids game released for Android phones and robots programmed for the school's annual autonomous robotics competition. In the future, Wintriss hopes to secure more grants so he can codify a curriculum and establish other locations. "Many parents tell me that their kids wake up and say, 'Today's computer day!'" Wintriss says. "They want to go to school."

— Marc Campasano '11

weather and its culture, one of its best attributes is the fabulous Cornell Club. It is a very active bunch with its monthly meetings and many social gatherings. At any given time you are liable to run into both Lou and **Bob Dailey '53**, **Dean '52**, **MBA '56**, and **Barbara Green Bock '53**, past president **Ro Seelbinder Jung**, **Carol Lou Reid Lyons**, **Don '53**, **BCE '55**, and **Eloise Mix Unbekant**, **Arnie '52** and **Betty Brundage Huntress**, **Nancy Ranck Lee '53**, **Jesse '51** and **Betsy Zobel Hannan '51**, **Sandy and Dave Rossin '53**, and the list goes on. It is worth planning your visit south around their schedule of events. Lou said they would all be raising a toast to the Hill on Zinck's Night. In November Lou can be found in Tortola and St. Thomas and the annual boat show. The Sarasota group may have seen a few reunions, but they remain very active and busy.

Hopefully my next column will contain more of your adventures, as I know many of us are still volunteering, working, traveling, teaching, and planning for tomorrow. ✉ **Les Papenfus** Reed, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 **Rishon Stember** is still enjoying a light private medical practice of allergy/immunology and lives in Westport, CT, with his wife, Nancy, a portrait artist ("39 years of marriage—hard to believe!"). He is the chair of his NYU medical school class, which celebrated its 50th Reunion last spring in NYC, and has been in contact with Cornell and NYU medical school classmates **Harvey Gordon**, **Greg Siskind**, **Al Greisman**, and **Abe**

Jankowitz. When **Phil Harvey** was vacationing in Phoenix, he and a friend drove to Tucson for a day to see the marvelous Sonora Desert Museum. "This took us right past Marana, the small town where **Larry Lattomus** lives with his wife. We made a three-hour detour to visit with Larry and took him to lunch. He remains remarkably positive in his outlook, despite having been confined to a wheelchair for more than 40 years as a result of a 1960s auto accident. Larry and I had been freshman dormmates in Mennen Hall." Most of you will remember that Larry was on the Cornell relay team, which won at the big-time Penn Relays.

Phil noted that **Fred Weicker**, MBA '56, who was listed as "missing" on our class list, actually died not too long after graduation, after taking off from an aircraft carrier. Fred's sister, **Bea Weicker Baldauf**, was also a member of Class of '55. Phil is currently writing his memoirs, which revolve around the high number of unlikely coincidences that have occurred to him and his family over the years. Big news from **George Cohen**, LLB '57: "A funny thing happened on the way to the forum—President Obama appointed me director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service." After Senate approval, George was sworn in last fall, and "the new adventure has been even better than expected!" Mediators serve as impartial facilitators of collective bargaining disputes between labor and management, and George is responsible for the activities of 175 mediators throughout the US. Congratulations to you, George, on this prestigious appointment—and to both you and **Phyllis (Goody) '57** on your 50th anniversary.

"Attached is a letter from my favorite Uncle Mo, which might be of general interest," writes

Howard Brandwein. The advice to young people may be as relevant today as it was in 1951. "All the forks in the road and the inevitable stumbling blocks are small incidents in a journey that has a definite destination and an inevitable arrival. Fraternities, schedules, socials, dances are the interesting scenes in the road that you must pass, dwell upon, or give just a passing glance on this trip. In any event, the course will not be changed much. For it is my belief that you have a direction prompted by the character built up by the hard labor of your parents, friends, and yourself. This being my assumption, I was quite unperturbed by the reports of the earth-shaking doings of fraternities, the novelty of living away from home, and the considerable impact of college life in general." Uncle Mo concludes, "I have confidence in your ability to handle it all and arrive safely." Nearly 60 years later, Howard still cherishes this letter.

The last word we had from **Karl Wendt**, BArch '61, was in 2008. He'd been spending a month each winter in Costa Rica for 13 years and visiting his old buddy **Jorge Borbon**. "I finally saw the Panama Canal from a two-seat helicopter." **Rick Hort** has been retired for 16 years. Rick and Virginia spend summers at their townhome in Pagosa Springs, CO, and winters in Sierra Vista, AZ. "Now is our time to visit children and grandchildren [in Chicago, Fort Collins, CO, and Seattle]," Rick says. Golfer **Barbara O'Connor** Kenny and archer **Ann Busch** Githler were invited to campus in the spring of 2008 for a weekend honoring WAA members. That was the year, you remember, that both basketball teams (women's and men's) won the Ivy League. The dinner held at the Statler was "a beautiful affair," Bobbie reports. Attendees represented a wide range of different classes and sports, and all received Pendleton wool blankets with a big "C," just like today's varsity team members do. Bobbie's only complaint, and a valid one, was that "they still don't have a women's golf team. Unbelievable!"

We were sorry to learn that **Donald Huene** was widowed when his 50-year marriage to **Annette (Spittal) '56** ended with her death. Donald still practices orthopedic surgery and breeds and races thoroughbred horses. He also traveled "around the Horn" in South America. We also send our sympathy to **Dick Stanton**, MBA '58, whose wife, **Ann (Acklin) '59**, died in January 2010.

Bob '54 and **Wendy Witherell Hill** stay active with "family, Lake George, camping, biking, hiking, skiing, cutting wood, school board, traveling, and seeing friends." Wendy looks forward to a bike trip, now that she's come through hip-replacement and rehab. We were pleased to see **Libby Milliken** Klim, BFA '55, at Reunion. Having had "a bumpy year, healthwise," Libby writes that she found good medical care at Mass General Hospital and is doing "lots of R&R, as well as my art, and gathering friends for visits." In fact, "friends near and far are the best medicine!" Hope you continue to do well, Libby. ✉ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 A reminder to all that our 55th Reunion will be June 9-12, 2011 in Ithaca. Secondly, check out our website at <http://classof56.alumni.cornell.edu>. And thirdly, let us know your e-mail address. The website will be continually updated and we need your e-mail address so we can reach you with new information regarding our reunion.

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Watch your mail and *Cornell Alumni Magazine* for updates.

Roy Curtiss III (Paradise Valley, AZ) reports that earlier this year he took a round-the-world trip with visits and lectures in Israel, India, and China. He gave the keynote address at the World Congress on Vaccines in Beijing and was appointed an honorary professor at the East China U. of Science and Technology, where he will collaborate on developing vaccines to prevent infectious diseases of fish. Following that, Roy and his family spent five weeks in South Africa attending 25 of the 32 matches of the participating teams. He appeared on South African TV.

Paul Shane (Philadelphia, PA) is a professor of social work at Rutgers U. in Newark, NJ. He also serves on several boards for Jewish charities in Philadelphia. **Alice Platt Brooks** (Vestal, NY) retired from the Broome County Dept. of social Services in 1997. She has been very active in her local League of Women Voters, serving in many capacities. She reports on a birthday celebration for the three roommates in the corner room on the second floor of Sage: "**Barbara Barron Starr** (and husband Bob), **Margot Lurie Zimmerman** (and husband Paul), and I celebrated Margot's birthday at dinner earlier this month, sharing the food as we did those many years ago in the dorm's dining room."

Ed Berkowitz (Washington, DC) volunteers his time at the Smithsonian, teaching the many visitors from all over the world the true facts of American history. At one of his encounters in the American Civil War exhibit, he met a Spanish tourist, whom he asked if Spain had a museum about their Civil War. The Spaniard thought about it and explained that, no, it was just too soon in their history to think about doing that. Ed spends time supporting Cornell's Outdoor Education program, and traveling with his wife, Lois. While catching up at dinner here in NYC with **Judy Frankel** Woodfin, another Cornell group was seated at the next table, including **Joann Kleinman** Silverstein and **Elaine (Goldberg) '57** and **Hirschel Abelson '55**, MBA '56. At the time she wrote, **Barbara Rapoport** was off on her annual sojourn in Paris. We've heard from **Cidney Brandon** Spillman (Bethlehem, PA), whose family now lives in Seattle, Santa Fe, and Eugene, OR. She is saving her mileage to visit all of them.

Joe Manelski (McLean, VA) received Cornell's 2010 Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the CALS Alumni Assn. As you have seen mentioned in this column, Joe continues to help Cornell's Solar Decathlon program and host Cornellians in his home at many interesting events. **Stephen Kittenplan** and I would love to hear your news items for our future columns. ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 A note from **Judy Tischler** Rogers included a photo of herself and **Beth Ames** Swartz at one of two exhibits of Beth's paintings in Los Angeles last year. The first exhibit was at the Lawrence Asher Gallery; later in the year the collection was also displayed at ACA Galleries in New York City. In August, Judy took a 22-day music tour of Central Europe—a trip she planned in order to see places where many of the composers she most enjoys lived and worked. Major cities she and friends visited were Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, and Berlin. In addition to historical interest and cultural treasures in each city there was at least one concert. The musical highlights

included *Don Giovanni* at the Salzburg Festival, works by Beethoven at the Semper Opera House in Dresden, and the Schumann Mendelssohn Festival at the Gewandhaus in Leipzig. Judy also reports that her oldest son, Adam Goldstein, president and CEO of Royal Caribbean Int'l, was a keynote speaker at the Cornell Hospitality Research Inst. last October.

Also traveling abroad last summer were **Dave '54**, MS '55, and **Carol Cobb Diver**. It was a Cornell-organized trip to the Lake District in Italy. Dave and Carol live in Savannah, GA, and are involved in many volunteer organizations. "We still think we're young, like only in our 60s." The major focus of Carol's free time is the study of embroidery and the stitching involved—she loves it. In September, a number of classmates gathered in the Kinkeldy Room of the Uris Library to honor **Steve Weiss**. A portrait of Steve was unveiled. Present for the ceremony were **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, **Marj Nelson** Smart, **Mary Hobbie** Berkelman, **Gail Lautzenheiser** Cashen, **Marcia Wishegrad** Metzger, JD '60, **Marty Ballard** Lacy, **Connie Santagato** Hosterman, **Nan Krauthamer** Goldberg, **Vanne Shelley** Cowie, **Adrienne McNair**, MEd '61, and **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59.

Some 25 years ago I received a note from **Gil Schlerf '55** requesting the address of one of our classmates, someone he had dated at Cornell. Since I am unable to pass on such information without permission, I sent the note on to the intended recipient, **Barbara "Bobbie" Haglund**. Well, she and Gil got together, married, and had what Gil describes as "this wonderful love story." Barbara was secretary of the class from 1987 to 1992 and subsequently served the class as a regional vice-president. Gil and Barbara were regular attendees at all our reunions. Sadly, Barbara passed away in September from the effects of a stroke she had suffered earlier in the year. Our sympathies go out to Gil, Barbara's two sons, and her extended family. ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

Following up on Judy's column, the dedication of the portrait of **Steve Weiss** in the Kinkeldy Room in Uris Library last fall was a most memorable occasion. In attendance were **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, **Dick Lacy**, **Phil McIndoo**, **Charlie Parker**, BME '59, **Paul Tregurtha**, **Bob Watts**, **Bob Staley**, BME '58, MBA '59, and **Jim Broadhead**. It also brought together Cornell presidents (current and emeritus): David Skorton, Frank Rhodes, Dale Corson, and Hunter Rawlings, a most rare occurrence indeed. Steve served on the Board of Trustees for 28 years, eight of those as chairman. Dr. Rhodes detailed his close personal and professional relationship with Steve, touching in particular on our classmate's talents of intellect, patience, wisdom, and leadership. Suzanne then summed up what was in her and all our hearts—our individual and collective memories of Steve and how much she enjoyed being a "member of the class." Following remarks by **Dori Goudsmit** Albert and Bob Watts, the ceremony concluded with a rousing rendition of the Alma Mater.

Ted and **Pat Raab** spent nine weeks at Chataqua Inst. last summer for its annual season. Two of those weeks were in the company of five children and seven grandchildren. Ted plays a lot of golf and tennis when at home in Ft. Lauderdale. At its summer meeting in Atlanta, Jewish Healthcare Int'l elected **Stuart Fischman** as chairman, overseeing the mission to coordinate and deploy volunteer healthcare professionals to provide

hands-on service, equipment, education, and one-on-one training to healthcare personnel around the world. In the 11 years since its inception, JHI has sent almost 200 teams to consult with approximately 50,000 physicians and healthcare providers in every corner of the world.

After the crash of 1987, **John Herzog** founded the Museum of American Finance in NYC to preserve, exhibit, and teach about the nation's finances and financial history, including the Salad Oil and Teapot Dome scandals and memorable individuals such as Charles Ponzi and Bernie Madoff. John has stepped down as chairman, but will remain on the board and reports that the new location at 48 Wall Street attracts thousands of students and tourists to its many fascinating exhibits. **Joe '56**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger** visit the campus often, recently for the Frank H.T. Rhodes Awards ceremony. They commented on the beauty of the surroundings, especially the terrific view of the lake from the Kinkeldy Room. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 This will be a rather short column, as I do not have much news. Thanks to all of you who have sent in a News Form—because of the long lead times on these columns, they just hadn't reached Dick or me as of this writing. I do have a new e-mail address (janjarvie@gmail.com), so feel free to send me updates at any time. (Please include "1958 Cornell News" in the subject line.)

Albert Caines writes that he still loves fishing and raising wild animals. He has a pet raccoon that rides in the car with him and sits on his lap to watch TV. He also enjoys hockey and lacrosse. He still lives in Pennellville, NY, but may relocate to the South when his grandson—a star high school basketball player—graduates high school in 2011. **Ronni Schulbaum** Strell has a grandson born in January '09. She has done a lot of knitting for him and volunteers teaching knitting at a lifelong learning group. **Joyce Halsey** Lindley was doing a maternity-leave substituting job as an ESL teacher and helps a lot with her four grandkids who live nearby. Her other free time is spent volunteering as a progressive activist. She also volunteers for her local library.

Woody Bliss has retired from his third career—34 years at IBM, eight years as a consultant, and four terms (eight years) as first selectman of West- on, CT. (That title is Connecticut-talk for "mayor.") He says his courses in Government helped in his political career, and Computer Science, crude as it was, landed him at IBM. **Donald Summer** lives in Boca Raton and had open heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in June '09. Recovery was slower than he expected, so he no longer goes to Buffalo several times a month and only does work he can do from Florida. **Eleanor DeMov** Schaffer has been recovering from breast cancer. She says she is now fine after chemo and radiation and enjoys trips to Florida with her husband and spending time with her family, which includes eight grandchildren. She volunteers for the library and synagogue.

In March 2010 **Barbara Avery**, MA '59, retired from her position as director of the Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. She is now attending a physical anthropology class at Ohio State. She remembers fondly Myer Abrams's classes on British literature. She visited him in 2008 to tell him how uplifting his class was during her junior year, after she had learned of her mother's

breast cancer. That's it for now! Please send news!
✉ **Jan Arps Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com; **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com.

59 Some six years ago **Paddy Hurley** relocated to Ivoryton, CT, after 14 years teaching in Scarsdale, NY. "I am finally settling into a fairly balanced life of teaching, performing, and studying," she writes. "I continue to perform with the Norwalk (CT) Symphony Orchestra and Salt Marsh Opera as well as with my brass quartet. I re-affiliated with the music school that I founded 26 years ago, and started a beginning band for adults in 2009. The band is part of the New Horizons Program begun in 1991 at the Eastman School of Music (where I got my MM). There are 140 loosely affiliated chapters of this organization around the country. My first group consists mostly of folks our age, with a couple of young moms as well. I have done beginning bands in my career, but there is a different level of challenge with these folks, as arthritis and vision issues present some problems, but all are enthusiastic and dedicated." Paddy and two classmates in a French grammar and literature course traveled to France in June, spending a week in Paris, then a week at a friend's chateau in Normandy. "The highlight of the time in Paris was a reunion with Paul and **Mimi Niepold** Horne, whom I had not seen for at least 20 years. We met in their lovely apartment on Quai Montebello, just behind Notre Dame. They now reside in Alexandria, VA, but spend considerable time in Paris and other European cities due to Paul's consulting business. After our week near Fecamp on the English Channel, we stopped at Arronanches and Omaha Beach, which I found especially moving; the sites are so hauntingly beautiful that it is almost hard to wrap one's head around what happened there."

Those jackets from our 50th Reunion came in handy several months ago when **Ron** and **Sally Schwartz Muzii** (Miami, FL) and **Dex and Linda Pritchard Kimball** (Roswell, GA) were part of a Cornell "invasion" of Eastern Europe. Sally sent me a great photo of the four longtime friends—fraternity brothers and sorority sisters, too—clad in their jackets as they strolled around Vienna. The foursome enjoyed a river cruise on the Danube, stopping in Hungary, Slovakia, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Ron still has his business, Muzii & Associates, and checks in each day; he is a consultant in the hotel travel business and represents various hotels in the Caribbean and Florida. Sally does some computer programming ("under duress!") for Ron's office and a few accounts in North Carolina. "Mainly," she says, "I play golf and tennis—every day or when my back and knees permit. **Ron Jr. '83** is part-owner of the Bridge Hotel in Boca Raton. Mark is head of risk management for Hooter's of America, and **Greg '88** is a CPA in Miami. Our grandchildren range from kindergarten age to Chris, who is getting his master's in international business at the U. of Florida."

It's always lovely to hear from a classmate who hasn't appeared in a class column for a long time. **Brooke Morrison** Megrue finished one year at Cornell with us, then took off to raise her children. She eventually went to Yale to finish her BA, graduating in 1992. After a vagabond life that included living in several states as well as Scotland and England, the family settled in New Canaan, CT. After all the kids graduated from high school, they moved to neighboring Darien. Then some ten years

ago, Brooke moved to Rowayton, a nearby village on Long Island Sound. She sold real estate, mainly in Rowayton and Darien; "it was very successful for me and I enjoyed finding the home people loved and could afford." She has a condo on the water in Vero Beach, FL, and tries to squeeze in as much travel as possible. In the past three years she has been to Japan, China, Kenya, and South Africa. "At home it seems golf and duplicate bridge are starting to fill my days, and fortunately I have met some amazing friends through both. I dropped the skiing, shooting, and SCUBA this past year, deciding my body wasn't as agile as it once was. I have 12 amazing grandchildren, including one Amherst graduate and three at Dartmouth. Interestingly, those four all took a gap year before college. They explored the world, did amazing things, and had unbelievable experiences."

Diana Drake Cleland (Sarasota, FL) also enjoys bridge, travel, and grandkids (and their parents). Her recent travels included a return to Amman, Jordan, and Beirut, Lebanon, with a side trip to Petra. "Nostalgia everywhere," she recalls. Diana and her daughter are fashion consultants with Doncaster, which sells designer women's clothing and accessories. "Inquiries welcome!" she says (www.doncaster.com/ddcleland).

A recent Class of 1956 column presented a bucket list of 55 things to do before the 55th Reunion. Let's create our bucket list: send me items that are on your hope-to-do list and I'll put together a list for an upcoming column. ✉ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Heartening news that the creative energies of some classmates have not been affected by the passage of time: **Bob "Tiger" Foltin** sent word that he has published his fifth book of poetry, a volume of love poems entitled *A-Dor-Ed*. Bob, who lives in Latham, NY, also manages to play basketball and softball three times a week and to work on one or two major hazardous waste engineering jobs a year. We received an announcement that in September, **Jill Weber** (Brookline, MA) had a one-person show of her recent paintings at the Bromfield Gallery in Boston. Called "Structural Improvisations," the work reveals the extensive influence of her architectural training. Jill won the 2004 Maud Morgan Prize from the Museum of Fine Arts Boston and has also exhibited in New York at the Stephan Stoyanov Gallery, where she will have a solo show later in 2011.

An e-mail exchange and a visit to **Patricia Erb Reohr** at the light-filled house in Orleans, MA, on Cape Cod, where she and **Jack '57** spend five months each year, elicited a raft of news about other classmates and the Reohr family. Pat and Jack, both retired, have five children, all married. "Three of our four sons live in the Boston area," says Pat, "another son lives in Ridgefield, CT, and our only daughter, a physician, lives in Colorado." They have produced 18 grandchildren, some of them now in college. "We are thrilled with each and every one," she writes, "[though] just sending the birthday cards takes a fair amount of time. They come to the Cape to visit us often during the summer." Pat reports having had great fun at Reunion and good conversations with many, including **Alys Chew** Yeh, **Johanna "Toddy" Dwyer**, **Tussie Abbott** Williams, **Judy Rothenthaler** Potter, **Anne Woolf** Oney, **Gail Taylor** Hodges, and **Dacey Latham**. She also hears from **Sue Foote**

Browne, "who lives in Santa Barbara, CA, with her husband and comes east each year to a cottage on Lake Winnepesaukee for the summer, but the timing wasn't right this year for them to come to Ithaca," and from **Nan Jackson** Richart (Ann Arbor, MI) who, says Pat, "is married to an amazing golfer and I think spends a lot of time at golf tournaments." Pat and Jack enjoy traveling and in late October made a trip to Greece and Turkey, for which she prepared by "reading all summer about Turkey, Gertrude Bell, Mustafa Kemal," and other relevant topics. She added, "I was happy I don't have to be able to recall all that I read for a prelim!"

Someone who didn't put his or her name on the news sheet reported having visited **Antigone Kofou** Godi in Thessaloniki, Greece, recently. Antigone has retired from Anatolia College, a secondary school where she taught psychology and where her daughter Eleni is now a history teacher. Antigone's son owns a European translation business, says my anonymous reporter, and she also has three young grandchildren. **Gail Krantz** Glickman writes from Sarasota that she "is enjoying life in Florida. I work part-time as a human resource manager for Informa Support Services Inc., play tennis, and take classes in jazz and modern and ballroom dance." **Mohammed Sa'id Berigari** has retired after a long career as a soil scientist doing research and teaching in Iraq, Libya, and the US. With a master's in natural product chemistry and a doctorate in soil chemistry, Sa'id holds at least one US patent, has been listed in the *Who's Who of American Inventors*, and belongs to numerous professional and honor societies, including the American Society of Agronomy, the Soil Science Society of America, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Xi. Now an emeritus professor, Sa'id lives in Burke, VA, with his wife, Widad, a math teacher in the Fairfax County Public Schools.

Steve Davis, MD '64, writes, "I had a 40-year career as an orthopedic surgeon and tried to retire four years ago. One shot at the 'Today Show' left me scarred and I immediately looked for more rewarding challenges. I am now working full-time, providing education to attorneys on orthopedic topics, so as to facilitate the resolution of difficult medical-legal issues. My time is also occupied with grandchildren, sailing, skiing, golf, and recent election into the Society of American Magicians." Steve and wife Debby have lived for several decades in the Denver area.

I am deeply saddened to report the loss of two classmates who were with us in June for reunion. **Sandra Epstein Solomon** (Pittsfield, MA) died on September 10 after a long illness. A hearing specialist, Sandra was the founder of Solomon-Shotland Audiology, as well as a devoted wife, parent, and grandparent. Her survivors include her husband of 50 years, **Alan**, three children, and four grandchildren. **Michael Marks** (Cherry Hills Village, CO) died on October 5. According to **Mike Glueck**, who sent along the sad news, "He fought a determined and courageous fight against bone cancer (multiple myeloma) for the last six years. He was the toughest and bravest patient I ever saw. I had spoken to Mike several times in his last two weeks and he was able to maintain his wit and a positive attitude. He had lived most of his adult life in Honolulu, where he served for over 30 years as general counsel, senior VP, and treasurer for Alexander and Baldwin—the largest company in Hawaii. He is survived by his many close friends, classmates, and colleagues." Mike had retired to the Denver area in order to be closer to his three godsons and to cancer specialists with

expertise in his disease. In the words of Mike Glueck, "He was a bigger than life character and will be missed." Please send your news to: Judy Bryant Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Our 50th Reunion will be held June 9-12, 2011. Time creeps up on us rapidly and this premier event is now but a few months away. In my first class column following our 45th Reunion I reported, "Temperature 40 degrees F—feels like 37!" With global warming, we should fare better for our upcoming event.

Continuing the reunion planning process, **Doug Uhler**, one of our reunion co-chairs, sent a recap of the meeting held in mid-October in Scottsdale, AZ. "**Dick** and **Pat Tatlow** hosted a cocktail party and dinner at their beautiful home at the Boulders near Scottsdale, AZ, on Friday, October 15. It was great to spend time with friends and to catch up on new and old news. The following morning was spent in a class meeting held at El Pedregal in the Boulders Convention Center. Reunion chairs **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, **Neil Goldberger**, and **Doug Uhler** discussed the June 9-12, 2011 reunion planning schedule. Co-chair **Pauline Sutta Degenfelder** was missed, but excused, as she and husband **Joe '60** had just returned from a China trip that included a Yangtze River cruise. Pauline has been very active with the planning. Others who are involved with the planning are class president **Marshall Frank**; **Jay Treadwell** and **Rosanna Romanelli** Frank with Food; **Pat Laux** Richards with Affinity; **Jan Powell** Bidwell with Registration; **Janet Ballantyne**, PhD '76, with Marketing; **Ed Goldman** and **Jon Greenleaf** with the yearbook; **Lassie Tischler** Eicher with our questionnaire; and **Larry Wheeler** with our website. We still need some volunteers to assist Pat Richards with the various affinity groups and to help Jan Bidwell with registration. If you are willing to help us have a great reunion, please contact me, Doug Uhler, at duhler@verizon.net."

Doug continues: "After our reunion discussion, Marshall held a class meeting. The afternoon was spent by many with golf at the Boulders, arranged by Dick Tatlow. A class dinner followed at the Ton-to Bar & Grill in Cave Creek on Saturday evening. Dinner was on the patio terrace and we were visited by a herd of javelinas. The weekend ended with Sunday breakfast at the El Pedregal Bakery."

In early October, **Jack Neafsey**, BME '62, MBA '63, wrote, "Last week, **Phil** and **Jane Hodges**, **Pete** and **Donna Whiskeman**, **Robin Bissell**, and **Warren** and **Beth Newell Spicka '62** joined us at our home on Cape Cod for golf, beach, lobster, fishing, and fun. Good to all be together. Next week, Oct. 4-8, '61 Phi Gam's **Pete Meinig**, **Ken Blanchard**, PhD '67, **Robin Bissell**, **Dick Tatlow**, **Phil Hodges**, **John Sobke**, **Warren Spicka**, **Pete Whiskeman**, and I will journey to St. George, UT, for our 11th annual fall golf outing. In years past, we have been to Pinehurst, Pebble Beach, Williamsburg, and Myrtle Beach, to name a few. The golf gets worse, but the stories get better because we all know 'where all the bodies are buried.' We're looking forward to a great time!"

Two new class news forms arrived from Ithaca shortly before deadline. **Donald Coleman** writes from Kansas City that he is still piloting Angel Flights for the Mid-America chapter and has been elected president of the Riverside/Quindaro Bend Levee District. He and wife Diane have moved into a new home on Weatherly Lake and enjoy the new

location. **Marlene Alpert** Tein still resides in Boca Raton with husband Arnold. "Life at Camp Boca is good. We enjoy time with our children (one a Cornell grad) and grandchildren who live in the area. We keep busy with golf and water aerobics. I saw **Dale Abrams** Rakusin and she looks terrific! During my 'off season,' I volunteer through AARP and prepare income taxes for lower-income families. At the same time, I still have a small private tax practice." **Judy Rojas Bennett** sent the following: "**Jim '60**, **JD '63**, and I are both semi-retired, juggling three homes: one in Florida and two in New York (Garden City and Shelter Island). Both of us are playing lots of golf. I still manage to get into the club championships, but for the past two years have lost in the 36-hole final to an opponent 53 years younger than I and at least a foot taller, too! Expect to see her on tour after her golf scholarship to college is over. I am still waiting for our club

(1972), 15th (1977), and 45th (2007) reunions. Please send to jpr33@cornell.edu." Judy and husband **Bruce '60** planned a respite from her many hours on the history project to visit their daughter in London in October. **Stacey '93** is a vice president at Morgan Stanley there and spends her weekends biking "long distances up very big hills. Her absolute favorite ride is tracing the route of the Tour de France in the French Alps."

Financial planner **Frank Sundstrom**, MBA '64, and wife Judith live in Fairport, NY, from whence they enjoy travel, tennis, and gourmet cooking. A recent highlight was a riverboat trip on the Somme in France. Retired writer **Barbara Dean Stewart** (witters_s@yahoo.com) also calls Fairport home. She is recovering from a July 2009 stroke and spends lots of time with her daughter, Whitney. Barbara's fond memories of Cornell include field hockey. Memories for **Julie Peck** Burmeister

'Albert Caines has a pet racoon that rides in the car with him.'

Jan Arps Jarvie '58

to have a senior's event for the women! Jim is 'of course' and still manages to go to his various offices several times a week. We travel, but have limited our forays to the US as of now. Just returned from the state and national parks out west: Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, Dead Horse Canyon (which is a sleeper, but worth the detour). Looking forward to reunion, but let's forget the number."

In closing, our class co-correspondent for the last four-and-a-half years, **Joanna McCully**, is retiring. Joanna is resolving some personal matters and reluctantly giving up her responsibilities as class columnist. Joanna and I have worked well as a team starting with our 45th Reunion. I will miss her, but will still be encouraging all of you to continue your input. Regards to all. Doug Fuss, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 Happy New Year! I can now say that our big 50th Reunion is next year! Put June 7-10, 2012 on your calendar today! Up-to-date class and 50th Reunion information can be found on our class website: <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

Co-class historian **Judy Prenske Rich** reports that our history project is moving full speed ahead. "We already have more than 300 responses in hand and I suspect more will dribble in before we are finished researching, compiling, editing, and designing this material," she writes. "Our vision for this project is broad in scope, ranging from our years at Cornell up to the present, and will include, in addition to classmate profiles and photos, a summing up both in text and visually of our entire class history: gifts, leadership, reunions, and legacy. Classmates have shared thoughtful, moving, and funny stories of their lives, families, and experiences out in the real world and back on the Hill. Curiously, we (Judy and co-historian **Peter Slater**) are missing a few class reunion photos and hope someone can send us high-quality scans or provide the originals (which will, of course, be returned) for us to scan. Specifically, we're in search of the class group photos taken at our 10th

(julieburmeister@earthlink.net) include singing in Sage Chapel choir, walking on the beautiful campus, and using different libraries. Julie teaches science in a New York inner city high school and enjoys gardening and mentoring a robotics team.

Classmates recently elected to life membership on the Cornell Council include **Nancy Schlegel** Meinig, **Alex Vollmer**, MCE '64, **Dick Levine**, **Char Jones** Collister, **Fred Hart**, **Margo Hebal**, BArch '63, **Rudy Muenster**, **Steve Ploscowe**, LLB '65, **Nancy Williams** Clark, MEd '64, **Frank Quirk**, MBA '64, **Neil Schilke**, MME '64, **George Slocum**, MBA '67, **John Sullivan III**, BArch '63, **Stephen Ettinger**, DVM '64, **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler, **John Neuman**, and **Bob Wood**.

A "part-time family doc," **Nona Okun** Rowat describes herself as "full-time flake/hiker/reader." She and Peter divide their time between Vancouver, BC, and La Jolla, CA, and also enjoy skiing, biking, and music. The business card of **Elizabeth Pomada** and Michael Larsen (epml@aol.com) states that they have been helping writers launch careers since 1972. They are literary agents and members of the Assn. of Authors' Representatives. Elizabeth is director of the San Francisco Writers' Conference and the Writing for Change Conference. **George Telesh**, MD '67 (ggtelesh@aol.com) reports that he planted 15 citrus trees in his yard four years ago and all are now fully productive. A retired Navy captain, George is chief orthopedic surgeon for Florida Health Care Plans. He and Madelyn often spend time at their place in East Waterboro, ME.

That really was our own Pete and Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler you saw in October's *Money* magazine, with a photo of the couple hiking and some text in an article about best places to retire (Hanover, NH). In Ruth's words, "It's a nice article about Hanover and, all told, took about three hours of our time with the photographer and support staff (makeup, wardrobe, etc.) for the one little photo." **Phil**, BArch '64, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler '65** visited their son and his family in Seattle in October (phil@flyonwall.com; mphand@comcast.net). Their daughter **Alyssa '92** lives with her family in Beverly, MA, closer to the

Handlers' home in West Hartford, CT. Alyssa practices internal medicine at Beverly Hospital.

In October, **Stephen Ettinger**, DVM '64, was recognized with the Daniel Elmer Salmon Award for Distinguished Alumni Service by the Association of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell. The annual award recognizes and honors Veterinary college graduates who have distinguished themselves in service to the profession, their communities, or to the College. The award is named in honor of Cornell's first DVM graduate (1876), who is remembered for pioneering work in controlling contagious animal diseases in the early 20th century. He was awarded the first DVM degree to be earned in the US. Steve is a member of Cornell's Board of Trustees and the college's Dean's Leadership Council. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, and the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology and Internal Medicine). He serves as senior editor of the *Textbook of Veterinary Internal Medicine*. Steve partnered with several veterinarians to open the first group specialty referral practice in the nation in California in 1971.

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63 As I write this column I am enjoying the beauty of the aspens changing color in Telluride, CO. I encourage you all to send me an e-mail or write to me with news.

This is old news by now, but I heard from **Marjorie Walker** Sayer, BFA '63, whose paintings will be displayed at the Vermont Artisan Designs and Gallery 2 in Brattleboro, VT. The opening reception was October 1, 2010. Marjorie and husband Steve have a permanent home in the area. **Larry** and Nancy Caughey **LeVine** are in Poughkeepsie, NY. Larry is a retired financial advisor for Questar Capital and keeps busy gardening, reading, cross country skiing, and winemaking. He and Nancy's recent travels were to Ewing Island, Georgian Bay, in Ontario, Canada. Son **Christopher '93** is married to Erin Pender-LeVine and they have three children. The LeVines' other children are **Caren '96** and **Joseph '02**. **Elenita Eckberg** Brodie wrote that in June she took a scuba trip to Saba, a Dutch island near St. Martin. "It was a wonderful trip—pinnacle diving, different from anything else I've done." Elenita worked with the census and found it fascinating to see how the process works.

Sue Pozefsky Tepperberg, MS '86, is unwilling to give up her career as a travel writer just yet, although print outlets are disappearing. She has released her app "Greenwich Village Insider" on Apple iTunes. Sue has visited four continents since being widowed in 1999. Daughter **Suki Tepperberg** Stollow '89 is a physician in Boston, where she lives with her husband and two sons. Sue has four other children and two granddaughters who live in Manhattan and keep her busy when she is not traveling. **James** and Elaine **Collora** live in Coronado, CA. James retired in April 2008 and spends his time woodworking, bicycling, rowing, sailing, and playing the piano and guitar. The Colloras have three children and four grandchildren and had a family get-together and bike ride over the July 4th weekend in Bar Harbor, ME.

Judy Fischer Reinach (Key Biscayne, FL) was written up in the *Miami Herald* last summer for doing a 60-second free fall after jumping out of a Cessna at 13,500 feet. She said she likes adventure, but she also raised \$17,000 for her favorite

charity, Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, an emergency shelter for kids. According to the article, she wants to get her pilot's license next! From one of my "regular" contributors, **Madeleine Leston** Meehan, BFA '63, comes this news: "I still have two land line telephones and use snail mail—still a 'dinosaur,' but best friends forced me onto Facebook to show some of my 'Mostly Music Art.'" Madeleine still divides her time between the US Virgin Islands and East Hampton, Long Island. She cruises the Caribbean, "chilling with friends, painting, and exhibiting ALWAYS. Cornell friends in Ithaca helped revive my joie de vivre."

John Kennedy, BME '64, MBA '65 (Morrisville, NC) writes that his beloved wife, Marylou, died three years ago. His immediate family numbers 24; nine children and their families are thriving. Can you believe that when his last child graduated from the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, the event concluded 22 consecutive years of Kennedy children in college? All nine of John's children have bachelor's degrees. There are 11 grandchildren. John had a trip to Italy last spring with a daughter and son-in-law. Last January he spent three days in Pebble Beach with three of his sons. His leisure activities include golf at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary, NC, fitness, community and church involvement, babysitting, and the North Carolina Symphony. Last year he saw classmates and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers in Sarasota, FL.

Richard, DVM '65, and Kathy **Thackaberry** live in Stratford, CT. Dick is retired and had a knee replacement, but still likes to row and sail. They went to the Galapagos this past April with **Frank Quirk '62**, MBA '64. Dick and Kathy have two grandchildren. **Yunus Aslan** is retired and continues to live in Çesme-Izmir, Turkey. Çesme is a small seaside town 70 kilometers from Izmir. During the high season he works as a part-time consultant at the Pirlil Hotel. He also lectures sometimes at the EGE University in hotel management. He likes to keep in touch with his students in the hotel business. His daughter lives in London with her children Fuad, Diya, and Sara. Yunus's wife helps her daughter with the housekeeping. **Tom** and Caren **Newman** live in Tucson, AZ. Tom retired from practicing urology, is on the dean's board for the U. of Arizona College of Fine Arts, and is active on the Jewish Community Foundation board and the board of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He also plays golf and takes adult education classes at the U. of A. Travels included northern Spain and Normandy and Washington, DC, with a granddaughter. That's all for now. ☑ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 It's winter. Depending on where you are, you're buried in snow, basking in sun, or somewhere in between. This column reflects the month: something for everyone.

Congrats are in order for several classmates serving Cornell. **Thomas Kahn** and **Nancy Taylor** Butler have been elected to the Cornell University Council, Nancy as a life member. Continuing members, until 2013, are: **Kenneth Campia**, **Bart Mills**, and **Bruce Wagner**, MEE '65. Life members, besides Nancy, are: **Marcia Goldschlager** Epstein, **Stanford Goldman**, JD '67, **Emmett "Mac" MacCorkle**, and **James Munsell**.

Lois Beach Conrad, MEd '65, has that rarity among alums our age: a new career. She writes, "After 40 years teaching physics and physical science

in public school (and astronomy and physical science in college), I now teach chemistry at the local Catholic girls' school. Because chemistry is a required [course], I have the privilege of teaching every girl in the school!" Lois also writes that husband **John '63**, MS '69, still works as an engineer for Raytheon. In addition to still being active in careers ("our jobs are our hobbies"), the Conrads, who live in Thousand Oaks, CA, and have two daughters and four grandchildren, also find time to travel. In 2009, they celebrated their 44th anniversary with breakfast in Venice followed by dinner in Rome. They also visited friends in France, Spain, and Holland. For good measure, they threw in a Princess cruise to Antarctica. This past August, Lois and John celebrated their 45th anniversary in Sedona, AZ, at the wedding of the son of a Vietnamese family they had sponsored in 1980. The bridegroom's American name, David, was chosen by the Conrads at the behest of the young man's parents at the time he was born. Lois is also active with Cornell. She's been a CAAAN member since 1980 and has guided several of her students to Cornell.

Retired father of three **Tom Mueller**, ME '66 (Reston, VA) writes that the Washington, DC, area is a "wonderful place to live because classmates live here and visit here." Case in point: a reunion dinner last May with Tom's fraternity brothers included **Pete Kuck** and **Ron Baldrige**, ME '66, plus **Steve Hand '65** and **Bob Strahota '62**, MBA '64. **Beth Corson** Wagner, who lives in Venice, CA, with husband Wayne, writes that she continues to enjoy her "passion" for photography, and that her son (they also have a grown daughter) even gave her a self-named website to display her work. **Stephen Koli** reports a new address: P.O. Box AT 277, Achimota Market, Accra, Ghana, West Africa. He is a retired agronomist, but still engages in small-scale farming of corn, oil palms, cocoa, and oranges. Stephen and wife Alice have two grown sons. He enjoys swimming and church activities and travels for his Rotary Club to Togo and the Ivory Coast. **Barbara Conway Scheaffer** writes that she "loves being retired"; her husband, **Norman**, ME '67, still does land development engineering and CAD on a part-time basis. Barbara and Norm are very active in their respective hobbies; she in several aspects of quilting, he in model railroading. The Scheaffers, who live in Bellingham, WA, and have two grown daughters, spent 18 days in England in October 2009; the trip included a hike along a portion of Hadrian's Wall.

Ron Madaras, MS '65, retired last April from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He had worked there 35 years doing basic research as a high-energy elementary-particle physicist. Ron was a senior scientist, so participated in physics experiments at Stanford and Fermilab in addition to his work at Lawrence Berkeley. Most recently, he participated in the ATLAS experiment at the CERN Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Geneva, Switzerland. Ron writes that he will continue to participate in ATLAS, although at a reduced level. He and wife Karen sold their Berkeley house upon his retirement and bought a townhouse in Newport Beach, CA, to be closer to their two daughters and "our adorable, delightful granddaughter." Ron continues to run and bike; they both enjoy travel.

As 2010 was the year for us to celebrate our 50th high school reunions, I hope many of you had as good a time at yours as Jim and I did at mine in New Jersey. I especially enjoyed seeing high school and Cornell classmates **Pat Greene Bates**, BFA '64, and **Pete Marsac**. Pat and husband **Jerry**

'63 are in the process of moving from Alexandria, VA, to Williamsburg, VA. Pete and wife Peggy still live in the St. Louis suburb of Chesterfield, MO.

That's it for this issue. Please be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>, and to send me news at: [Bev Johns Lamont](mailto:BevJohnsLamont@comcast.net), 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 I'd like to start by welcoming **Joan Hens Johnson** as my fellow class correspondent for the next five years—leading up to our 50th Reunion and Cornell's 150th birthday. Much of this column was prepared by Joan.

By the time you read this, in the middle of winter, our very successful 45th Reunion will be just a memory. However, we would like to start this column with a report from **Maddy Gell Handler** involving a number of AAP grads (BArch '66). **Dell Worn Mitchell**, **Tad Mann**, and **Warren Schwartz**, joined Maddy and husband **Phil '62**, BArch '64, MArch '65, on the "Voices of 1965: A 2010 Reunion Event," which she spearheaded with Phil. In part because of this project, almost half of all the living members of the college's Class of 1965 attended reunion. **Ron Bogley**, **Jonathan Stoumen**, **Joel Perlman**, BFA '65, and **Peter Rosen**, returned and spoke extemporaneously after the screening of a 40-minute documentary about the AAP experience produced by the Handlers' Fly on the Wall Productions. Also in attendance at the screening were non-Architecture classmates **Carol Sacks Sekura**, **Francine Grace Plaza**, and **Steve Appell**.

Jill Munroe Fankhauser and husband David have a small farmstead in the Cincinnati area. Jill is an adjunct associate professor in the history of science and the history of music at the U. of Cincinnati. She also teaches piano. She reports that their best vacation was a trip to western Turkey, Troy, and Istanbul. They also loved Italy and enjoyed Macedonia. Jill would like to hear from **David Fineman**, **Paul Epstein**, **Ann Snitow**, **Francine Grace Plaza**, **Nancy Rosen** Sorokin, **Marilyn Kaplan** Eisenberg, **Bruce Bennett**, and **Trish Geppert** Woolcott. **Judy Alpern** Intraub and husband Saul split time between homes in Killington, VT, and Florida. They love the outdoors in both places. For fun they like to birdwatch, play tennis, swim, and kayak. **Michael Gimbrone Jr.** and wife Mary (Jamaica Plain, MA) traced family roots in Sicily and enjoyed a cooking school program with **Joe** and **Nancy Schaap Silvio '66**. Mike is a professor of pathology and chairman of the pathology department at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, part of Harvard Medical School. They would like to hear from **Julianna Ricci**, **Peter Jutro**, PhD '75, "Hat" **Serafini**, **Larry Levinson**, **Natalie Teich**, and **Wes Baumgardner**.

Christy Reppert Sacks and husband Stephen are retired. Christy sings in a community chorus and is a volunteer tutor and citizen lobbyist. She is also learning biblical Hebrew. **Donald Weiss**, an adjunct professor at the entrepreneurship program at Columbia's Graduate School of Business, lives with wife Alison in New York City. **David Dunn** and wife Nancy live in Macungie, PA. David continues to practice law—focusing on taxes and wills, bankruptcy, and business law. **Barry Cutler**, the immediate past class co-president, still practices law in Washington, DC. Barry and wife Marika spend most of their weekends at their getaway in West Virginia. But they may be spending less time there since they became grandparents twice

in a six-month period. To quote Barry, "Grandparenting is the only job in the world that isn't overrated." Recent travels included a business trip to San Francisco, a trip to Seattle for their grandson's birthday, and Ithaca for our 45th Reunion—which was "wonderful." In Ithaca, he and **Sharon Hegarty** Williams passed on the presidency of the Class of 1965 to **George Arangio**, MD '69. At Reunion, Marika met her cousins **Griscom** "Chip," ME '66, and **Patty Gros Bettle**.

From Maricopa, AZ, **Carlton Curtin** reports that he is a retired United Methodist pastor. He and wife Alma Jean have two children—a son who works for Whole Foods in White Plains, NY, and a daughter who is a stay-at-home mom in Illinois. They enjoyed an Alaskan cruise last June. Carlton recently saw **Byron Brought**.

It has been a busy year for your reporter **Ron Harris** and wife Marcia. Since becoming grandparents in December 2008 (triplets in Bethesda, MD) and April 2009 (a grandson in Chicago, IL—Noah's dad is **Andrew '98**) our world has changed. Splitting the year between West Bloomfield, MI, and Lake Worth, FL, we've found time to get to Bethesda and Chicago as well as hosting visits by our grandchildren to our homes in Florida and Michigan. In fact twice last year, with the assistance of daughter Elana's mother-in-law, we babysat David, Allison, and Zachary while Elana and husband Jonathan Schanzer were out of town. Taking care of the "trips" was quite an experience. In addition to grandchildren-related travel, Marcia and I took a Caribbean cruise in February and an exciting trip to Eastern Europe (Budapest, Vienna, and Prague) this past summer with friends from Florida. [Ron Harris](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu), rsh28@cornell.edu; **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanhjp@comcast.net.

66 Hello, everybody. As most of us shiver through winter (is it as cold and snowy as Ithaca winters?), we look ahead to our June 9-12, 2011 reunion. This month, we received one news item, plus two thoughtful notes: one from classmates **John**, MBA '68, and **Mary Loosbrock Miers**, and one from **Alice Katz** Berglas, our class co-president. First, the news. **Paul Anderson** (pkanderson@yahoo.com) has moved to Vancouver, WA. Paul is enjoying his new home and is planning to participate in various university programs with a supermarket executive focus. He wrote that he went back to Alaska this year, after last working there in 1986. This time, he was even able to get to Denali, something he had never been able to do before because of his work schedule.

We turn now to John and Mary's note:

Dear Class of 1966: Reunion is coming . . . and coming soon! June 9 (my birthday) through June 12, 2011. I don't have a countdown clock, but I'm starting to watch my radio-controlled wall clock. Are you coming? I hope so! My wife, Mary, and I were at Reunion in 2006, and we had a wonderful time. There were people to catch up with, places to visit, areas to shop, times to eat, and times to have fun, especially with other members of the class—some newly discovered, some friends from years past.

You may remember that Mary and I had a car accident on the way home that year. We hit a tree in upper Pennsylvania. I don't know if it's still there; we haven't been able to bring ourselves to go that way again—but we will in June 2011. It was awesome how many e-mails were sent to us after the accident. Thanks again for all your concerns. And those white Class of 1966 jackets (I

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"You going?"

"Of course, I'm going."

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think we got them for our 25th Reunion) . . . Mary and I each had ours on during the accident, and they had to be cut off in order to get us out of the car. The EMT apologized to us for that. When Mary was still in the hospital, I sent an e-mail to Alice Berglas and **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, explaining just what had occurred, and asked if we could buy new jackets. Well, they came. Dry cleaned and on hangers. Someone gave them to us—some one of you. You know who you are. We still don't. This is a belated thank you to you—and a belated thank you to the entire Class of 1966. We will wear those jackets to the 2011 Reunion. See you there! John and Mary Loosbrock Miers.

And now, a word from co-president Alice Berglas:

I'm adding a bit of California news to this column. It's mid-October, and I am spending a week visiting my granddaughters in Berkeley. My daughter Nancy is back at her doctoral program in public health at UC Berkeley, and my son-in-law is a political science professor at UC Davis. Life here is filled with fabulous vegetables, wine, sky, family, and little girls all in pink and purple. I also had time for two long lunches, one with **Richard**, PhD '74, and **Nan Wendt Rideout**, and the other with **John**, PhD '70, and **Meg Warne Monroe**, MS '68. After solving world peace, we spent time catching up personally, laughing, and thinking about the upcoming Reunion Weekend. What is truly wonderful for me is that of all the class officers and Class Council, I think I knew only four of five of them way back when. If you think your class officers are some long-formed clique—not true! Reunion brings friendships not dreamed of.

I missed out on a free lunch with **Chuck Weiss** (he offered me "meat on a stick" and said I would like it), but caught up with **Art Purcell** on a late-night call from San Francisco to L.A., and exchanged long e-mails with **Bruce Mansdorf**, also in L.A. Amazing how much easier it is when everyone is in the same time zone. Most of all, it felt great to connect and to look forward to sharing the East Coast time zone of Ithaca next June. If we have learned anything these past years, it is to let our feet take us where our heads would like to be: and to do it NOW. And so: Reunion. Come back because it's Cornell. Come back because it's '66. Come back because it's our 45th. Come for the old friends. Come for the Reunion friends you have made or will make. Come back because it's a university . . . Better: it's YOUR university. And the energy and intellect and fun and constant rhythm abounds. Come back for the one reason that matters most: it's yours—right now. Come back for the NOW. See you there! Alice.

Check our website often for updates on Reunion Weekend (June 9-12!), our class gift, and our 45th Reunion Campaign (<http://classof66.alumni.cornell.edu>). Registration materials will be in the mail in March. Thank you to each of you who are serving on committees and contacting friends/classmates. E-mail Alice (akb66@aol.com) if you would like to lend a hand. ☐ **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; and **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, dgg26@cornell.edu.

67 **Thomas Lambiase**, MBA '72 (Fairfax, VA; TJLambiase@verizon.net) notes under the "doing recently" spot: "Haiti relief work (LazarusProjectHaiti.org).

Come on out and help!" As I write, they're predicting yet another disaster for this troubled country—Tropical Storm Tomas. Here's hoping it turns out to be as insipid as my namesake a few weeks back: T.S. Richard. On that, I never recall that there were enough storms in the past to get to the R, much less the T—maybe it's because they now alternate between male and female names.

Senetta Hill Koch (Manhasset, NY; senetta.koch@yahoo.com) observes, "I can't believe we have been retired for four years—probably the best four years of our lives! We take cruises, travel on our own, and spend more time with family and friends. **Betty Chao** and I have been exchanging e-mails. I am active in CAAAN. Would like to hear from **Reva Noskowitz Potter**." **Noel Relyea**, PhD '73 (Cupertino, CA; NRelyea@yahoo.com) writes, "My husband, **William Wood '70**, and I joined our local volunteer fire department, which involves lots of training on both structural and wildland fires and also first-responder emergency medical aid. We have continued to expand our winery activities and expect to harvest late this year due to the cold summer weather. We sold out of our first (2008) vintages at a release party last spring. We continue to work with pygmy villages in Rwanda and are supporting three students for the upcoming school year."

"I was appointed president of Just Moulding Franchising LLC in Gaithersburg, MD," reports **Richard Hayman** (Potomac, MD; Richard@hayman.com). "Reconnected with my freshman roommate **Dennis Kakol**, ME '68. Just Moulding hosted a Cornell intern this summer. She was an international student from France who spent the last year at Cornell." **Liz Fein** (Brooklyn, NY; lizamy928@aol.com) "retired from the NYC Dept. of Education on July 1, 2010 after 25 years of service. Now I'm devoting myself to screenwriting." **Rita Siegel Freedman** (Silver Spring, MD; rfreedma@aft.org) reports: "My husband, **Joel '66**, and I met with **Arnie Berger '66**, PhD '71, when we were in Seattle, WA."

Richard Moore, ME '68, MBA '70 (Groton, NY; rgm4@cornell.edu) writes that he "retired from the Hotel school in 2002 as an emeritus professor. Kay and I have a choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm eight miles north of Ithaca. I am president of the National Christmas Tree Association. Kay and I were in Germany this June to discuss the 500th anniversary of the decorated Christmas tree 'celest' celebration with the Christmas Tree Growers Council of Europe. The first recorded decorated Christmas tree was in Riga, Latvia, in 1510." **Chuck Butler** (Helena, MT; chuckbutlr@aol.com) reports that he's been involved in "some media, communications, health policy, and PR consulting. I also do lots of volunteer work. Working in Helena with youth and our grandchildren, ages 3, 4, 7, and 8."

I made it to the 130th *Daily Sun* dinner in NYC in September, but missed Zinck's Night this time. We might just be the last class or so to remember munching on a roast-beef-on-weck accompanied by appropriate liquid refreshment at the last Zinck's next to the Ithaca Hotel, also R.I.P. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 No column this time, but more to come in the March/April issue. Happy New Year to all, and best wishes for 2011. Send news to: ☐ **Mary Hartman Schmidt**, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 Thanks for the great response via News Form and e-mail! **Doug Wright** writes, "I'm a senior tax partner with Holland & Knight here in Atlanta. I've been here 32 years after law school, the Navy, Vietnam, etc." **Donald Tofias**, BArch '70, has the life—spending winters in St. Barts and the Caribbean and summers in the Atlantic, sailing his "beautiful two W-76 yachts *Wild Horses* and *White Wings* with lots of guests and wonderful regattas. Just launched our new W-37 *Race Horse*. She is like the others: cold molded wood built at Brooklin Boat Yard in Brooklin, ME, by Steve White, the grandson of **E.B. White '21**." Looking for any crewmembers, Donald? Son Michael is a poli-sci professor at the U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Daughter Alissa lives and works in Manhattan in Internet advertising. **Kenneth Kohn** is a financial professional—financial, estate, and insurance planning—and finds time to play on two softball teams, one for players 40-and-over, another for 50-and-over. Daughter Kimberly lives in Ridgefield, CT, with her husband and Kenneth's grandson Zachery, who will be 2 at the end of July. They will be expanding their family shortly. Son Scott resides in Charlotte, NC; **Jonathan '05** resides in New York City.

Alan Cody reports that he is busy promoting micro-lending to low- and middle-income entrepreneurs as chair of the New England Advisory Board of ACCION USA, a nonprofit engaged in microfinance and financial literacy education. He also works frequently with ACCION's VP of development, **Valeria Perez-Ferreiro '89**. **Pete Coors** has lots of news. His seventh grandchild arrived recently—he now has three girls and four boys—and he now serves as chairman of both Molson Coors Brewing Co. and millercoops LLC. Wife **Marilyn (Gross)** is an associate professor in ethics and genetics at the U. of Colorado Health Sciences Center. They keep track of Cornell primarily through sons **Peter '99**, ME '00, and **David '04**. David is a player/coach of Team 21, a lacrosse team composed of Cornell players in memory of **George Boiardi '04** (#21).

Bill Robinett, MRP '71, proudly reports: "My biggest news is that we finally became grandparents with the birth of Tate Oliver Morgan, on April 6. He is the first child of our older daughter, Susie. Our son, Charlie, has taken a new position with EMC, with lots of travel to Army bases all over the country. He lives in the D.C. area when he's home, if ever. Younger daughter Laura has one more year of college at Drury U. in Springfield, MO.

Larry and Nancy Jenkins Krablin ([nj22@cornell.edu](mailto:njk22@cornell.edu)) are very busy. Nancy still teaches middle school science and over the summer was trying to complete as many "residential archaeology" projects as possible. She writes, "I keep fit and sane by riding a bicycle to anything less than 15 miles from home, including work, until darkness or ice make that unsafe," and also continues in her role as CAAAN No. 245 chair. "Larry continues to enjoy solving problems at Unisys and (finally) mentors a few new hires after the years of lay-offs that he survived. Our new passion is kites—flying them (we are improving), acquiring them (this is all too easy), and making them. Perhaps if we ever retire . . . ?" Nancy adds that chairs at the Baker Inst. for Animal Research were dedicated in honor of her parents, **Dubois, DVM '43**, and **Doris Holmes Jenkins '44**, should anyone visit that auditorium just off campus. Happy New Year to all! Keep in touch at: ☐ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl@optonline.net.

70 Can we really be into 2011 already? Seems like just yesterday we were all so worried about Y2K and here we are 11 years down the road, so to speak. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and will have a great and blessed and healthy new year!

Barbara Smith Kantor (bk87@cornell.edu) lives in Boulder, CO, with husband Michael. In answer to our query about what you remember most fondly about our time at Cornell, Barbara says there was a new idea and a new person every day. You just could not avoid broadening your mind, views, and heart. And you only realize this in its entirety a few generations out! She would like to hear from **Belen Samper**. **Rich Schneider** (rgschneider@comcast.net) lives with wife Sue in Swampscott, MA. Although he retired as an active partner from Deloitte Consulting in the summer of 2009, Rich remains active in several arenas. He is on the advisory council for the Johnson School at Cornell and on the part-time faculty there as a visiting lecturer in strategy. Rich is also an MBA coach at Harvard Business School. In addition, he is a director with Sage Partners, a firm that does executive counseling and venture development. Rich and Sue have lived in the Boston area for 35 years. Their older son, Geoff, is in law school and their younger son, Cory, plays professional ice hockey with the Vancouver Canucks in the NHL.

Joan Ellen Schmukler Posner (joanposner@gmail.com) is a family court judge for Dutchess County in New York State. She is also an integrated domestic violence court judge (acting Supreme Court judge presiding over this part). She lives in Poughkeepsie with husband David, who is managing partner with McCabe & Mach. Their daughter, Elizabeth, 31, is deputy director of development for foundation relations at Hillel Int'l in Washington, DC. Their son, Michael, 28, was studying for the New York Bar examination after his graduation from Harvard Law School in 2010. He works at the counsel's Office of Housing and Urban Development, also in Washington, DC. **Philip McNutt** (mcuttphil@aol.com) is an attorney with Hughes & Bentzen PLLC in Washington, DC. He specializes in commercial and real estate litigation, bankruptcy, and creditors' rights. He resides in Ashburn, VA, with wife Mary. "After hours," Philip is active with the Gonzaga DC Classic Basketball Tournament, a national high school contest for charity in the nation's capital.

Harry Brull (harry.brull@PDINinthhouse.com) reports that he is now officially half-retired, and that although he is doing a lousy job of it, it is nice to be wanted. He and his wife, **Myra Barrett, PhD '71**, did move their "center of gravity" from St. Paul, MN, to Salida, CO, a lovely mountain town with a population of 5,500 just 100 miles west of Colorado Springs. When work doesn't beckon, Harry spends his days bicycling. Salida sits at 7,000 feet and all rides involve climbing. Now their airport commute is three hours to Denver, when it was a mere eight minutes in St. Paul. They have grandkids in Minnesota and Oregon and all their children are gainfully employed. Life is good! **Naomi Gardner Kaffee** (Rockville, MD; naomikaffee@gmail.com) was a first-time reunion attendee and had a wonderful time at our 40th Reunion last June. She enjoyed renewing friendships as well as seeing original Rembrandt etchings at the Johnson Museum on campus. After Cornell, Naomi married **Stephen '69**, and had three wonderful children. Ten years ago, after 30 "dry" years, she started to paint again! Two years

ago, she separated from her husband and discovered that she had advanced lung cancer. She is in a clinical trial at Johns Hopkins and doing very well now. In the meantime, she still paints (had a solo show of her work), swims, and takes yoga classes.

Harry '69, PhD '76, and Ruth Sauberman Wachob live in San Jose, CA, and have children Sean and Rebecca. Sean had his second daughter, Dylan, in December 2009, and Rebecca had her first child, daughter Malia, in July 2009. Malia was only four-and-a-half pounds at birth, but is doing very well now. Ruth continues to be a teacher/director of the state preschool for low-income children for the Cupertino Union School District. Due to budget cuts from the State of California, the district will not continue the program, so Ruth will have to decide between changing grades or retiring in 2011. Harry is looking for a new job after Xoft downsized. In the summer of 2009, Ruth and Harry traveled in southern England (Oxford, the Cotswolds, Bath, Windsor) and did a 12-day Rick Steves tour of northern France. Highlights included seeing the Eiffel Tower twinkle at night from their hotel, watching the tides come in at Mont Saint-Michel—as well as the abbey lit up against the night sky—being awed by Stonehenge and Avebury, and photographing Monet's gardens at Giverny. ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 As we wish a Happy New Year to the Class of 1971, we'd like to encourage all our classmates to "Return, Renew, and Reconnect" at our 40th Reunion on June 9-12, 2011. We'll set up our class

headquarters and main housing at the West Campus Flora Rose House. Check out our website (<http://classof71.alumni.cornell.edu>) and watch your snail-mail for news of pre-reunion regional events, as well as reunion events and speakers. For more info, you can contact reunion co-chairs **Gilda Klein Linden** (GKL4@cornell.edu) and **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu). We also invite you to help improve our collective memory and Top 40 memories list by recalling "40 Things About Your Cornell Experience." E-mail your recollections to dale_cohen@yahoo.com.

We have some unreported news from the last batch of news and dues forms, so let's get to it. A few Massachusetts residents wrote in. **Victor Curran**, BA '73 (Maynard, MA; vcurran@precisiongraphics.com) reported that his work takes him to New York City on a regular basis and he would enjoy connecting with classmates in the area. Victor is East Coast representative for Illinois-based Precision Graphics, a design studio that specializes in educational and technical publications and multimedia. In nearby Sherborn, MA, **Wayne Jaquith** (jaquith@mindspring.com) runs the Peace Philanthropy Project and recently married Marcia Zais. He reported that the slowdown in philanthropic activities has meant more leisure time for him, which he has been spending with his new wife and tending to his growing garden. Over in the Berkshires, **Robert Brandt** (Leeds, MA) is a private practice clinical psychologist who is spending more time at the beach on Cape Cod. He enjoys Tai Chi when he isn't furnishing his new beach house.

Fellow clinical psychologist **Edward Hoffman** (elhoffma@yu.edu) spent fall 2009 as a visiting professor at the U. of Tokyo, reporting it as "a wonderful experience." He is a New York City resident

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— Charles Darwin

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and a member of the Yeshiva U. faculty. In his spare time, Edward loves swimming and playing the flute. **Melany Scherzer** Whitney, BFA '71 (red head195@aol.com) is president and founder of the Whitney Center for Permanent Cosmetics. She is a nationally recognized expert in the application and art of permanent makeup and has been featured on many TV news and feature broadcasts. Melany now works out of Boca Raton, FL. **Janna Shaffer** Lamboy (Geneva, NY; Janalamboy@earthlink.net) is associate professor of horticulture at Finger Lakes Community College, where she developed the new viticulture and wine technology program. In her spare time, she grows cut flowers to sell at farmers' markets. Color designer **Mary McMurray** (artfirstcolors@spiritone.com) helps people choose colors and designs for homes and businesses. In a recent project, she created designs for a restaurant with locations in six states. She and husband David live in Portland, OR.

Frequent contributor **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas (ekb7@cornell.edu) and husband **Art Spitzer** (artspitzer@aol.com) wrote in with their news. Art continues as legal director at the ACLU in D.C. Elisabeth reported that the past year was busy with travel to the Far East, including Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, as well as Russia and Mongolia. She stays busy with leadership roles in local organizations in and around the couple's home base in Chevy Chase, MD. Elisabeth is a member of the Montgomery County Community Foundation, her local synagogue board of directors, and several Cornell groups. She was elected to the Cornell Council and serves on the Library Advisory Council and the Washington Cornell Club Board.

Reports of Cornellian and classmate sightings arrived from class president **Laurie Berke-Weiss** (laurie71@bwp-law.com) and my co-correspondent **Linda Germaine-Miller**. Laurie reported that her travels have included visits with many Cornellians. She writes, "My husband, Brian Berke, and I visited with **Lori Schaffer** and husband Brian Colman at their home in London. At the end of the summer, Brian and I visited our daughter **Alex Berke '06** in Oregon, where **Cheryl Horton '06**, an environmental educator, guided us around the gorgeous Oregon coast." At the wedding of **Debbie Korenblatt** Matz's daughter Hayley, Laurie saw **Richard '70** and **Sandra Livingston Goldberg**, **Beth Shapiro** Stroul, and **Lynne Goldstein** Silverstein, BFA '71. Debbie, by the way, is chairman of the National Credit Union Administration. Linda Germaine-Miller and husband **Joe Miller '69** have been in touch with **Bob Baumwoll** and his wife, Martha. Bob is a physician at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Boston.

This time of year we have little or no news left. So watch your e-mail for the annual winter plea for news. Or you can avoid the winter blahs and punch up a newsy e-mail today. Send it to Linda or me. **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

72 **Harvey Teres** (hmteres@syr.edu) is an associate professor of English, director of the Judaic Studies Program, and a member of the board of trustees at Syracuse U. His book *The Word on the Street: Linking the Academy and the Common Reader* will be published by the U. of Michigan Press in November. **Diane Rockcastle** Wiessinger, MS '78 (dwiessin@baka.com) is one of three co-authors of *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding* (8th edition), published last summer by La Leche League Int'l.

"For those of you looking for a breastfeeding book for your daughter or daughter-in-law, I like to think there's never been a better one!" she says. **Laurence** (LTaylor@nec.edu) and **Deborah Long Taylor** (dtaylor@colby-sawyer.edu) are still hard at work at their respective institutions. Deborah is starting her 35th year at Colby-Sawyer College, where she is the academic vice president and dean of the faculty. Larry is a professor of psychology at New England College, starting his 34th year, and was chosen this past year as the professor of the year. "We kayak, sail, and chase our new grandson around when we are in his vicinity. Life is good," Larry says.

Jody Uttal, BFA '73 (jodyuttal@earthlink.net) still lives in the Venice Canals with husband Jeff Gold. Her youngest daughter recently began studies at Reed College, and her oldest just graduated from Reed and is headed to NYC for an internship at SculptureCenter. **Susan Farber** Straus (Owings Mills, MD) is a clinical psychologist working with children who have experienced abuse and neglect. She traveled to Italy and Korea last June, continues to be involved with a drama club and playing piano, and has a granddaughter Charlotte, 2.

Andrew Topus (ISELLHAM@aol.com) writes: "SmartPrice Sales & Marketing Inc. (smartprice sales.com), which I founded nine years ago to develop and market food products sold in the extreme value retail (\$1.00 Store) channel has been named by *Inc. Magazine* for two consecutive years as one of the fastest growing private companies in America (number 71 in 2009 and number 311 in 2010). We will attend the Inc. 2010 awards conference and banquet this year in Washington, DC. It appears my BS degree in Food Marketing and Distribution has paid off." Andy and wife Sarah have welcomed four grandchildren into the world during the past 18 months.

Margaret Geppert Walter, BA '71 (Hochdorf, Germany; MargyWalter@t-online.de) has been fondly recalling her years at Cornell and sent an update. Margy married **Dietmar '65** during her sophomore year at Cornell, in January 1970. After she graduated in 1972 they moved to Germany, intending to stay "only a year," since they thought they were headed to India for work in the Peace Corps (Margy's major was Asian Studies). But the trip to India never worked out. They ended up staying in Germany, where they've lived and worked happily for almost 40 years. Dietmar worked in various software development jobs; Margy started out mastering German and then doing translation work. Their children

were born in 1981, 1984, and 1986. By then both Dietmar and Margy were full-time freelancers, he in software consultation and she in German-English translations. Now their children are grown and out of the house. Daughter Carrie is a lawyer in England specializing in environmental law and this year married a British barrister; son Ingo studied geology in Munich and is now pursuing an advanced degree in Salt Lake City; and son Steve is a cellist who studied first in Oslo/Norway and now in Germany—he also founded a classical music festival in nearby Esslingen (see bilingual website at www.podiumfestival.de). Dietmar and Margy still work almost full-time, but enjoy daily

long bike rides to keep in shape and love going to classical music concerts in the Stuttgart area near where they live. They return to the USA once or twice a year to visit family.

Robert Wolpert (wolpert@STAT.Duke.edu) tells us: "Both our children have graduated from Cornell now—**Genevieve '07** spent her spring and summer doing relief work in Haiti and is now in medical school at UNC; **Kyle '10** has moved to the Park Slope neighborhood in Brooklyn and is exploring medical and bio-tech opportunities in New York. Luckily I've started collaborating with some Cornell faculty members, giving us an excuse to go back to Ithaca now and again even though the kids have moved on." **Steven Seifert** (Sseifert@salud.unm.edu) writes: "My wife, Sandy Mishkin, is a UW-Madison alumnus. I, of course, am a Cornell alumnus. Our daughter, **Sara '07**, did her freshman year at UW-Madison before transferring to, and graduating from, Cornell. Last year's men's NCAA basketball tournament match-up between Cornell and UW-Madison (which Cornell won!) exposed the problem of divided loyalties within a family. Fortunately, 'Go Big Red' works well in that situation." **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

73 Since "life happens," occasionally your class officers cover for one another. Hence this column is being written by your class president instead of one of your regular correspondents. It's a good chance for me to bring you up to date on the latest class plans. By the time you read this, our 60th birthday celebrations will have begun across the country. The first event was held in Oakland, CA, at the home of **Irene Kohan** Yesowitch. Of course, in typical '73 fashion, we weren't simply interested in getting together for drinks; we also had a moderated discussion on "What do I want to do in the next stage of my life?" coordinated by **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74. The discussion was started by **Alex Friedman**, PhD '80, **Jacqui**

Preziose Bower, MS '75, and **David Felderstein**, who, along with Jon, described their life changes and approach. In addition to the four discussion "starters," others enjoying the get-together in Oakland were: **John Cowan**, MFA '80, **Bette Caan** Mansbach, **Sharon Brook**, **Chuck Geber**, **Peter Yim**, **Bill Welker**, MBA '75, and **Irene Yesowitch**. Alex said that the discussion afforded him the opportunity to

compose his own statement—and that he walked away with a number of thoughts, particularly that "plans are useless, but planning is essential." It was also a chance to hear how differently those who had retired reacted to the change. Irene's comment was that if an event is planned in your area, "don't miss it!"

Additional birthday celebrations are being planned—e-mails and flyers will be sent to classmates in the various locales. If you travel, or are interested in knowing about the others, check the class website (address below) for the latest. Upcoming cities/areas include: Boston, NYC, Northern New Jersey, Boca Raton, Atlanta, Southern

‘Plans are useless, but planning is essential.’

Alex Friedman '73

California, Chicago, Philadelphia, and D.C. (which will be held in late January when Cornell hosts the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference and the class officers will be present). If you are interested in helping organize one of these events in your area (or one of those listed), please contact Jon Kaplan (jkaplan999@gmail.com) or **Fran Minnock** (fminnock@ispcorp.com).

The class officers were together in Ithaca in mid-September to begin the initial planning for our 40th Reunion and campaign. Those attending were: **Rick Saltz**, MBA '74, **Joan Spielholz**, **Paul Cashman**, **Larry Taylor**, **Eliot Greenwald**, **Fran Minnock**, **Carl Ferrentino**, MCE '74, **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, and **Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS '75; **Baer Connard** and **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorff dialed in. When we retired to the Statler Regent Lounge later, we encountered the die-hards from the Sprint (150-lb.) football team reunion, including **Dan Michel**, **Mark Clemente**, MPS '77, and **Jim Seeley** '75. Dan hasn't been involved with the class at all, even though he lives in central New York, so we convinced him to give it a try. Mark has served on the Class Council in prior years and is always available to lend a hand (or raise a glass at reunion!). Mark and Wendy have a home on Cayuga Lake, but he said that his practice is so busy he isn't able to spend as much time in Ithaca as he'd like. All of us would have liked to stay on campus longer for the poetry event at the Johnson Museum of Art featuring award-winning poet **Mary Gilliland**, MAT '80, a retired faculty member of the Knight Inst. for Writing in the Disciplines.

Your class officers have been busy mapping the course of our activities for the coming years. Hard to believe it's time (although we are turning 60!), but the class legacy has been debated thoroughly, with the result that we are taking a three-pronged approach: scholarship, mentoring, and public service. These are areas where we can and are making a difference at Cornell and in our communities. In the scholarship realm, did you know that there is a Class of 1973 Scholarship? We established it in 1987, and although we've never made a big deal of it, the contributions that have been made (mostly in conjunction with the payment of class dues), have added up to a respectable \$119,000! To show the value of an endowment, over the years we've been able to grant \$147,000 to 15 students with financial need—often for multiple years! Our most recent recipient is **Lucas Chang** '13, a Biology major in A&S. We are also assisting **Juan Castellanos** '10, a fifth-year double major in Architecture and CALS. A number of us have met these students and are continually amazed at the difference a Cornell education is making in their lives. Officers are mentoring these students as they navigate Cornell and will be working with them (including inviting them to the Leadership Conference in D.C.) to aid their transition from student to involved alum. There is also a Class of 1973 Book Fund (again primarily funded through additional contributions made at the time of dues payment), which has provided monies to Cornell libraries since 1993. The endowment has allowed the libraries to purchase research materials/manuscripts they would not otherwise be able to acquire, primarily in Religious Studies.

You've heard some about our quest for members of the class who have made a difference in their community (or the world!) through their career and/or volunteer involvement. **Rich Stearns**, featured in the Sept/Oct issue of this magazine, is one such individual—making a difference in Haiti, Myanmar, and other countries devastated

by natural disasters through his leadership at World Vision. But there are other classmates who are contributing at the local level, through their involvement in food pantries, youth programs, services to the elderly, etc., and we'd like to know who they are. Please identify fellow classmates (or yourself) by e-mailing **Phyllis Haight** Grummon (phg3@cornell.edu). These acts of public service don't have to have world impact, just impact on a classmate's world. We are creating a forum for recognizing these classmates as they exhibit public service (the third prong of our legacy). Already on our class website we have started to showcase these contributions. Stay tuned. And stay in touch—news is always welcome! ☑ **Marty Slye** Sherman, mjs27@cornell.edu; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof73.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

74 Thank you for all of your news items. Our numbers include award-winning writers and artists, philanthropists, historians, engineers, lawyers, teachers, and consultants, among many other professions, all reflecting the cornucopia of educational opportunities we experienced at Cornell. Consistent themes in your news items are a love of Cornell that has been passed down to your children and a desire to hear from classmates. So here goes.

Although **Jim Schoonmaker** lives in the Washington, DC, area, he has returned to Cornell six times since last year. In April 2009, he toured the campus with daughter Annalise and his mother, **Ethel Potteiger** Myers '35 (Hum Ec). He attended our 35th Reunion while his mother, age 97, attended her 75th. The high point of his mother's reunion was when her class was recognized during Cornellianna Night in Bailey Hall, as she was called by name and asked to stand and wave. **Annalise** is now part of the Class of 2014. Jim and family attended the gathering for new students at Chateau Rupert/Foote. When he is not at Cornell, Jim works for Alhurra TV, the US-financed network that broadcasts in Arabic to the Middle East from the Washington, DC, area.

David Smiley sends greetings from Dubuque, IA, where he works for IBM. He fondly remembers his friends from Cornell and would like to hear from them. He enjoys his contacts with **Gail Grooms** Lyon and her family in New Jersey. **David Eng** would also like to hear from his classmates. He vacationed with his family on the big island of Hawaii and would like to share information on vacation destinations. **Susan Niner** Janes muses how often Cornell is mentioned in the movies. For example, in *Up in the Air*, George Clooney's efficient assistant had an MBA from Cornell. In *Desperate Housewives*, Bree's son-in-law went to Cornell Law. And in *Starman*, the main character went to Cornell. Ray Milland's drunk in *The Lost Weekend* had a Cornell degree, too. Susan used her DEA background to create Petal Pairs, her paper craft punches for Tonic Studios. Her son is co-music editor of the *Cambridge Student* newspaper. Her daughter is an art student.

R.L. "Ben" Brungraber, a self-described "engineer/worrier," reports from Rhode Island that his older son finished his doctorate in structures (the third generation in what Ben describes as "this madness") and lives in San Diego. Ben's younger son is, in Ben's words, "dangerously" single and loving life in NYC. Ben describes his repair consulting work as a fight with gravity. "We can wait for the economy to turn around to fix this building,

or for gravity to turn off—your choice." Ben recently enjoyed a beer with **Dana Williams**, who teaches math at Dartmouth. I remember Ben fondly; he took pity on me in freshman Chemistry when I did not know how to use a slide rule.

Eric Roth remembers sitting behind me in David Danelski's course on Constitutional Law. Eric is a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York, and specializes in corporate and securities litigation. He is happily married to **Laurie (Michael) '75**. Laurie and Eric have two children who are Cornellians and have followed their father in the law. **Jason '05** is a litigation associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in NYC. **Ariel '08** is a second-year law student at Harvard and will work this summer at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in NYC. Eric has remained active in the Cornell community. He is a member of the Cornell University Council and engages in fundraising as a member of the President's Circle Committee. He and his wife have established a scholarship in the College of Arts and Sciences, and he encourages his classmates to do the same. He reports that it is gratifying to meet one's scholarship recipients and know that one has made a difference by providing them with the means to attend Cornell.

Cornell has been a recurring theme in **Mohammad Iqbal Qamar**, MCE '76's life as well. He earned his undergraduate and post-graduate education in Engineering, has sent two of his children to Cornell (**Natasha Renée '06** (A&S) and **Shaan Iqbal '08**, ME '09), and is co-chair of CAAAN Committee 861 in Pakistan. Over the years, Mohammad and wife Renée have traveled in Pakistan, the US, Nairobi, London, and Turkey (visiting Cornellians), and hope to continue to do so in the years ahead. They live in Ithaca, where their third child, Sonya Renée, is in tenth grade at Ithaca High. Mohammad describes his connections to Cornell and Ithaca as "central" to his life. **Stephen Banker** has practiced law in NYC in the mergers and acquisitions department of Skadden Arps for more than 33 years. For two years, he was part of Skadden's Tokyo office. His daughter, Meredith, is pursuing an acting career in L.A. and his son Benjamin is enjoying sixth grade. Stephen and wife Susan took a biking trip to Burgundy. He, too, would love to hear from fellow Cornellians. **Brian Beglin** reports that in April, he relocated to Bingham McCutcheon's Tokyo office, and will move next spring to open his law firm's office in Beijing.

In August, the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), the nation's largest business association for the engineering industry, reported that the ACEC Business Insurance Trust appointed **Gary Loesch**, ME '75, as a trustee. The Trust is responsible for overseeing a program that provides ACEC member firms with business and professional liability insurance coverage. Gary is executive vice president of the H2M Group (Holzmacher, McLendon & Murrell PC, H2M Labs Inc., H2M Associates Inc., and H2M Architects & Engineers). **Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol** teaches at the U. of Florida Levin College of Law, where she focuses on human rights. Her latest book is *Just Trade: A New Covenant Linking Trade and Human Rights* (with Stephen J. Powell), published in 2009 by the NYU Press. Her son, Nikolai, has started first grade. Berta's partner, Vivian, teaches Spanish and science at Nikolai's school. Berta cannot wait to hear from her classmates. **Wendy Goldberg-Hammond**, BFA '74, curated, designed, and installed the art exhibit "Drawing From Line to Shadow," a 13-artist drawing show in San Rafael, CA. She reports that her work is included

in the Achenbach Collection of Prints and Drawings in the San Francisco Legion of Honor Museum, the Haas Family Collection, Genentech Corp., the New York offices of Berkman, Bottger & Rodd LLP, and the viewing program of the Drawing Center. She adds that a book of her images, *Drawing Out the Light*, was published by Blurb. Wendy would love to hear from other '74 graduates of AAP.

Jim Grossman has moved from his position as VP for research and education at the Newberry Library in Chicago to become executive director of the American Historical Association. He is especially interested in increasing the role of history and historians in public culture and welcomes messages from classmates with an interest in history. He solicits suggestions as to how the American Historical Association might attract the interest of readers of history who are not professional historians. Stay tuned for more of your news items in our next column. [✉ Helen Bendix, hendix@verizon.net](mailto:hendix@verizon.net); [Betsy Moore, emoore@cazenovia.edu](mailto:emoore@cazenovia.edu); [Jack Jay Wind, jjw@mwllawfirm.com](mailto:jjw@mwllawfirm.com).

75 It's only been a short time since Reunion and I have more news remaining from the notepad I carried around! Right before Reunion, **Debbie Reading Mace** (deb.mace@gmail.com) finished her last exam (are we still going to school at our age?) and is now a Hotelier with a master's in architecture. She and husband **Ed '73** live in Colorado's Vail Valley. She doesn't ski, but lives for summers and golf. Her son Casey graduated from Georgetown and works for the State Dept. Son **Patrick '01**, MBA '09, and daughter **Courtney '03** followed Mom and Dad and both became Hoteliers! Fellow Hotelier **Caren Whiteman Kline** (Dallas, TX; cwkline@mac.com) and husband **Peter '69**, MS '71 (another Hotelier!) have daughters Catherine and Christina. Caren is a community volunteer and was very helpful at Reunion with fashion tips for me! **Vickie Thaler Vaclavik** (vicki.vaclavik@utsouthwestern.edu) also lives in Dallas with her husband. She has three children, earned her PhD, and teaches at the U. of Texas. Hotelier **Kathleen Kelley** lives outside of Boston, where she owns a small hotel and restaurant and likes to go rowing and swimming. She says she has "nudged" many a young person to attend Cornell. Keeping with the Hotel school, **Jeff Zimmerman** (jsz5@cornell.edu) lives in Bucks County, PA, with wife **Susan (Feinberg) '76**. Their daughter **Sarah '04** is married to **Ian Hegarty '03**, MRP '04. Jeff likes to cycle, play golf, and read.

Steffi Feit Gould (Hewlett, NY; gouldpjaks@aol.com) is married to **Perry '74**. She works at Rockville Racquet Club, plays tennis, is learning golf, and serves as president of the Hewlett-Woodmere Board of Education. Son **Andrew '05** lives in Seattle, WA, and works for Amazon, which is very helpful to Steffi, an avid Amazon customer. Son Jason is a second-year law student at St. John's in NYC; son Keith is a senior at Wisconsin, studying computer programming. **Mark and Ting Magill Kamon** (Chester Springs, PA; kamon75@yahoo.com) have grandchildren Matthew and Abby via son Jake. Son Mike finished his Army tour of duty after graduating from West Point and now works for Booz Allen. Daughter Emily received her master's in school psychology and has started her first position in a school district outside of Harrisburg, PA. Mark is VP at Carpenter Technology. He has finished building a fiber art studio for Ting at their home on the eastern shore of Maryland, where

they ultimately plan to retire. **Jim Thul** (Flemington, NJ) spent a large portion of this past spring traveling with wife Lorna to see son Garrett play lacrosse as a freshman at West Point. Army advanced to the NCAA playoffs until they met up with Cornell! However, Garrett was chosen by [Insidelacrosse.com](http://insidelacrosse.com) as the first-ever National Rookie of the Year! Daughter Lauren graduated from Gettysburg and lives and works in Boston.

Lisa Jensen Wingate, MA '85, reported on the fun she and husband **Ken** (kwingate@npbinc.com) had during Reunion; it was a time for touring campus and reminiscing, while the kids rolled their eyes since they couldn't imagine their parents had lives before marriage! While Ken played golf with **Dexter Dyer**, Lisa and the kids canoed on Beebe Lake and checked out the gorges. They all made sure they visited the fabulous Dairy Bar. Ken was able to connect with his FIJI frat brothers, while Lisa visited with grad school friends who still live in Ithaca. The Wingates live in Ellicott City, MD, where Ken is president of North Point Builders. **Jim Blumling** (Dix Hills, NY; blumling@telephonics.com) attended reunion with wife Shelley. Jim designs radar systems for telephones. He and Shelley have finished up with major renovations on their house and landscaping. Daughter **Chrissy '02** was married in August 2009 and their son is at UC San Diego, getting a PhD in bio-engineering. **Gwenn Tannenbaum Canfield** (Haverstraw, NY; gwenntc@aol.com) is a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the NYS Dept. of Education and active with CAAAN. She has two sons: a TV cameraman and a patent attorney. **Lisa Linder** (ljl4lsg@aol.com) is an eye surgeon who owns an ophthalmology practice in Newtown Square, PA. She and husband Louis Glass are proud parents of **Stephanie '12**, an AEM student, and Eric, a freshman at Penn State. **Ken and Elaine Johnson Ayres** live in Rockville, MD. She works at NIH in health information technology, while he is an attorney with Jones Day. Son **Jay '04** is married and living in Boston, and son **Brad '06** works for Morgan Stanley in NYC.

Betsy Grover (elizgrover@att.net) came to Ithaca from across the country. She retired as VP of human resources of VERITAS Software and now enjoys her free time in Palo Alto, CA. She teaches spin classes at the local Y (frankly, I am totally intimidated by the spinners in my gym!) and takes classes through Stanford continuing studies. She went on an archeological tour in Pompeii last year and to England this year. Her daughter graduated from Yale in '09 and her son is a sophomore at Cornell. **Renee Meredith** (Jamesville, NY; rlmeredith6008@gmail.com) has re-entered the field of dietetics. She was thrilled to attend the mini-reunion of the Nutrition majors held at our reunion and loved reconnecting with her Kappa sisters. She has sons **Christopher '05**, MS '09, and Jeremy, a sophomore in high school. **Peg Burgess, DVM '79** (Southampton, MA; peg@fyi.net) works at a small animal veterinary practice. Her family includes husband Mark Freise, son William, who graduated from UMass, and daughter Jennifer, at Dartmouth.

Martha Wild (mawild@sbcglobal.net) is a scientist at Anaphone, a small biotech startup. She calls contra dances, plays piano, rollerblades, and boogie boards in the summer. Her favorite memories of Reunion were canoeing, going on the zip line, bird watching at Sapsucker Woods, and finding a good dancer to swing dance with in the tents! **Barbara Koenig Kahn** (Briarcliff Manor, NY; barbaraakahn@gmail.com) is a counselor at

Eastchester High School; husband **Jim '74** is deputy university counsel at Weill Cornell Medical College. Son Adam is a PhD student in communications at USC, son Peter is a post-production/assistant editor in L.A., and son Zachary is a research analyst at the Center for Effective Philanthropy in Cambridge, MA. Barbara stays in touch with **Fran Melton-Levine**, **Lisa Grapek Drillich**, **Leslie Canfield Perlman**, and **Merie Atlas**. She loves coming to reunion, as it reminds her of the wonderful education and emotional-social experiences that have helped shaped the adults we have all become. She can't wait to come back for our 40th! I couldn't express it any better.

There is a bit more reunion news from a group of Sperry Hall alums who reconnected that weekend—that will wait for the next column! Keep your news coming and hope to see many of you before the next reunion. [✉ Deb Gellman, dsgellman@hotmail.com](mailto:dsgellman@hotmail.com); [Mitch Frank, mjfgator@gmail.com](mailto:mjfgator@gmail.com); [Karen DeMarco Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu](mailto:boroffka@shu.edu); [Joan Pease, japease1032@aol.com](mailto:japease1032@aol.com).

76 Thank you to those of you who filled out your News and Dues forms for the past (almost) 35 years! Reunion is coming up, June 9-12, and it gives us all another chance to catch up and to celebrate.

Kathryn Gollin Marshak's present day job is as a freelance editor; her husband, **Stephen**, is professor of geology and director of the School of Earth, Society, and Environment, U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Kathryn has been involved in the Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. and enjoys gardening and traveling. Stephen writes college textbooks and also enjoys traveling and photography. Their youngest child graduated from Cornell in May and they had one more wonderful visit to Ithaca. From her time at Cornell, Kathryn remembers the spectacular campus, growing intellectually, and being challenged with independence. She would like to hear from friends **Helen Anderson '78** and **Mary Taylor**.

Richard Neff left Geenberg Glusker, a well-known L.A. entertainment law firm, where he headed the tech and IP group, to found his own firm, Neff Law Firm, established in February 2010. The office is near his home in Manhattan Beach, CA. He represents tech, e-commerce, Internet, and media companies, and so far it is going well. He skied a lot this past winter at Lake Tahoe and Mammoth with his three children. Richard learned how to ski as his Cornell P.E. requirement at Greek Peak. Both his skiing and the mountains have improved markedly. Also, he has published articles on technology and copyright and he invites you to see his blog at www.Nefflaw.com. He thanks professors LeFeber, Kammen, Polenber, and Altschuler for his lifetime commitment to the study of history. As a board member of the Technology Council of Southern California and chair of the L.A. chapter, Richard puts together programs and events on the future of media, social networking as business strategy, trends in games, etc.

Gale Climenson Walters's present day job is Midwest sales manager for a food ingredient company, and she has been traveling more for work. She would rather be having a family vacation. She also cares for three dogs, runs, and does yoga and Pilates. Two things that she remembers fondly from her time at Cornell were learning cutting-edge science in the food processing arena and the amazing family feel of the Human Ecology program. She

would like to hear from **Lily Ramphal '75**, who was in the medical program and is now a doctor.

Wendy Alberg, BA '78, graduated A.A. in environmental science with a 4.0 GPA from the Schoenbrodt Honors program at Howard Community College in June, receiving one of the two awards to the 4.0 GPA students with the most challenging course load. She completed Howard Legacy Leadership in the Environment (HOLLIE) training in February 2010 and got a HOLLIE placement for 150 hours of volunteer service with the natural resources division of Howard County Recreation and Parks. Her summer projects included teaching workshops on stream health to fourth and fifth graders and conducting stream health surveys in the Middle Patuxent environmental area. Wendy remembers fondly the Sage Chapel Choir and Cornell Chorus from her years on campus. Some extracurricular activities for **Paul Keenan** are playing golf and preparing meals for patients at Hope Lodge in Pennsylvania. He is president of Keenan Cohen & Howard PC. Paul represents rail and motor carriers in commercial and interstate commerce matters. He would rather be playing golf at his place in Florida.

Ann Rosovsky Beaton is associate professor at SUNY College of Optometry. She is on the board of trustees and chair of the religious school committee for Congregation Rodeph Shalom. She is also the secretary for the co-op board of 250 East 87th Owners Corporation. A blue poison frog sticker and smiley face stickers decorated **Eliahu Halpern's** News and Dues forms, along with some interesting comments—including dissatisfaction with the current political leadership. He would like to hear from classmates and writes that we should "keep the faith!" I think this is the first news form I've ever seen that was decorated. Thanks, Eliahu. It made me smile. ✉ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net.

77 Entrepreneur **Jim Farrell**, ME '80 (Orinda, CA) spoke at the Hotel school in September as part of the Leland C. and Mary M. Pillsbury Inst. for Hospitality Entrepreneurship. Afterward, he was scheduled to dine with a group of students and meet the next day with students, staff, and faculty. Jim is president of f'REAL! Foods, a company he founded to promote a new approach to frozen blended beverages. There are now more than 5,000 of his company's patented blenders in retail locations in all 50 states and in Canada. Jim previously served as a general manager at Dreyer's/Edy's Grand Ice Cream and was a consultant at McKinsey & Co. Jim's first company—founded immediately after earning his two Cornell degrees in Agricultural Engineering—designed and manufactured insulation systems for commercial greenhouses; he received a patent for the design of the system in partnership with Cornell's technology transfer office.

Nancy Mayer (Durham, NC) wrote that she had plans to retire from the EPA on New Year's Day. She has a private law practice she's been managing evenings and weekends, and post-retirement she expected to focus full-time on the business. For fun, she teaches classes for the Red Cross, helps with disaster relief, and enjoys gourmet cooking. Her husband, **Dave Salman**, and **Gail Lacy** also work for the EPA. Also embarking on a post-retirement career, **Debbie Demske** (Potomac, MD; ddemske@comcast.net) sent an update: "I retired after 26 years with Hewlett-Packard to

write a screenplay and send my son to high school." Her husband, Harry Fox, is an executive at Kaiser-Permanente. The entire family are dedicated basketball fans; they follow the Big Red ("of course"), as well as the Washington Wizards, their hometown team.

Family and cosmetic dentist **David Hauss** (Long Beach, CA) has been visiting colleges with his son, a senior in high school. A recruited swimmer, he was invited to Harvard, Princeton, and Northwestern; the Big Red wasn't part of the equation. In his spare time, David volunteers with a clinic that provides free medical and dental services in Los Angeles. **Lawrence Cooper** (lawrencecooper@msn.com) lives nearby in Beverly Hills. "I was recently in the South Pacific along the Sydney, Australia, coast, catching kingfish, which were practically jumping into the boat," he writes. "Successfully grabbed dozens of wild salmon. Quite a treat!" He'd like to reconnect with **Mark Underberg**, JD '81. **Kenneth Myers** (Detroit, MI; kmyers@dia.org) serves as chief curator and Curator of American Art for the Detroit Inst. of Arts. His daughter **Sarah '13** majors in Natural Resources in the Ag college. He, too, would welcome news of Mark Underberg.

Mark Maysrohn made a ten-day trip to Scandinavia, where he saw Viking ships, the Van Gogh Museum, and Swedish castles. He sailed from Copenhagen to Oslo on the North Sea. "Still keep in touch with my friends from the Cayuga's Waiters," he writes, "and still sing and play 12-string guitar—mostly oldies." He'd be happy to hear from fellow Waiters and Phi Sigma Epsilon brothers. Attorney **Jonathan Thau**, JD '79 (New York, NY; jthau@luboathau.com) sent dues but no news. **Deborah Rose** has been working on her 11th children's book, *All the Seasons of the Year*, scheduled to be published last fall by Abrams Books for Young Readers. "My first book, *The People Who Hugged the Trees: An Environmental Folktale*, is now being included in a reading collection for schoolchildren in South Africa. I remember the beauty of nature all around during my time at Cornell, and this has influenced the books I write." **Steve Kranish** (Beverly, MA; sek29@cornell.edu) writes, "My children Samuel, 17, and Shoshana, 15, both attended Cornell Sports Camps last summer and really enjoyed the experience. At the same time, I was riding the Bon Ton Roulet, a week-long bicycle ride around the Finger Lakes. I was able to visit with them on campus, which brought back a lot of memories—even though so much has changed! Both children are attending Cheshire Academy in Connecticut."

John Longstreet is president and CEO of Quaker Steak & Lube in Sharon, PA. Remember our first business cards? No e-mail, no website URL. John's card even includes a plug for his company's Facebook page. How times have changed! That was the theme of the letter John sent with his News Form. Last year, he took early retirement from ClubCorp, started Hospitality Leaders Group, and landed some solid consulting contracts. Then the board of Quaker Steak—which runs 40 casual dining restaurants—asked John to take on its presidency. "After 27 years in the same city and 25 years in the same house (that may be Guinness Book-worthy for someone in the hotel industry), Brenda and I packed up our Texas home and moved to Sharon, PA, north of Pittsburgh, where the company is headquartered." Their kids had a mixed response to the upheaval. "**John Longstreet III '07**, in Manhattan as a senior analyst with Credit Suisse, was excited that

his parents would now be within 'driving distance.' **Liz '08**, a senior seafood buyer with Darden restaurants in Orlando, wasn't quite so excited—like all of us, she had become very attached to our Plano home." The Longstreets kept their place on Cayuga Lake. Over graduation weekend, they hosted Vera and **Larry Reinstein** and Cindy and **Bill Grant**. Over Labor Day, Mary Kay and **Mark Woodworth**, MPA '78, visited; **Greg Norkus**, MS '87, and Prof. Jack Corgel and wife **Connie Colbert '76** came by for a cookout and campfire.

Jeff Earickson, MS '80 (Waterville, ME; jaearick@colby.edu) serves as a senior administrator for UNIX Systems at Colby College. "I get to use my Civil Engineering degree again as a trustee for the Kennebec Water District, the oldest public drinking water district in the US," he writes. "Also went to Reunion last June and stayed with the Class of '80." Jeff responded emphatically to the News Form question about plans to relocate: "No way, José," he wrote. "Maine is a great place to live." **Howard Schechter** (HIS_55@yahoo.com) is president and CEO of ID8 Systems in New York City, where he lives with wife Jill. His business card omits a plug for Facebook, but does include his Skype address. ID8 is a software startup that, according to the website, uses social networking tools to create and manage ideas. In his off hours, Howard coaches his son's football team and volunteers at his kids' school. Thanks for all your news! More to come in future issues. Send updates any time of year to: ✉ **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 Happy 2011 to all! I'm currently between writing grant proposals and abstracts for scientific meetings. Believe it or not, writing the class column is a good decompression activity for me. Sometimes, writing about migraine can give one a headache—especially when we submitted a grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health with TEN MINUTES to spare.

Ann Marie Warner Lill, DVM '82 (Honeoye Falls; annlill@aol.com) and husband **Charles '79** have two sons in CALS and two children still at home. Former hockey player **Diana "Sunshine" Lorenz Weggler** (Northfield, VT) got to see the current women's team beat Harvard last winter. She's an editor in the office of development and alumni relations at Norwich U. "I have to say that my English degree has come in handy," she reports. In preparation for the soon-to-be-empty nest, she and husband **Bob** adopted two rescue dogs.

Sometimes news forms give your correspondents a chance to bring long-lost classmates together. **April Fischer** Kates (Rockville, MD; helloapril@verizon.net) has been teaching her son to drive, painting her townhouse, and "schlepping into D.C. on the cranky Red Line." One of the Cornell friends she wanted to hear from was **Margie Ferris-Morris**. Coincidentally, one of the news forms in my stack to incorporate into this column was from Margie (fma@dc.net), who now lives in Switzerland; her husband, **Peter Morris**, MPS '99, works at the World Health Organization. Once they became empty-nesters, they took their 25th anniversary trip to New Zealand. April would also like to hear from **Judy Yourish-Maurer '79** and **Lilian Tang** Soohoo; unfortunately, I don't have any news forms from them—yet.

Not everyone is of the empty nest persuasion these days. **Beth Cooper Kubinec** (Lancaster, PA)

and husband **John, JD '73**, have three older kids on their own and a fourth grader. Beth is a Mary Kay beauty consultant and will stay put until her youngest graduates from high school. She enjoyed seeing her DG sisters at our 30th Reunion and would like to get in touch with **Leslie Cancilla**. **Eric Shakin** (Great Neck, NY) is an ophthalmologist who says his time is occupied by "family, family, and more family." **Pam Savage-Roglich** is deep in the college search with her high school-aged son. **Gary Smotrich** (Titusville, NJ) enjoys telling his sons (aged 10 and 14) "to consider careers other than medicine." Gary has a plastic and reconstructive surgery practice, specializing in hand and microsurgery. He was elected president of the New Jersey Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Karen Wilk Rubin (Cooper City, FL) is a pediatric dietitian at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, FL. She was quoted in the April 2010 issue of *South Florida Parenting* magazine regarding food dyes and children's behavior. Back in New York, **Brian Meagher** was named president of the Chautauqua County Medical Society. He's a radiologist in Jamestown. In addition to his practice, he went to Steamboat Springs and Whistler for ski vacations.

Former class correspondent **Andre Martecchini**, ME '79 (Duxbury, MA; andre.martecchini@seacon.com) finished 12 years of service as a Duxbury selectman. He's "still involved in many committees and loving public service." His day job is as an engineering consultant. **Holly Hoffman** Brookstein (Larchmont, NY) is a fundraiser for a hospice and teaches English as a Second Language to people of Hispanic descent. She'd like to get in touch with **Abbe Goldberg** Kuhn. **Jord Poster** (Boston, MA; jposter@charity-partners.com) has started a national fundraising platform. He keeps in touch with many of his Sigma Phi brothers in the Boston area.

In April, my former roommate **Anne Sierk** (Shaker Heights, OH) and her husband, Kurt Stange, were in town en route to a meeting in Vancouver. We knew they were coming, so we gave them the locals' tour of the city. The hospital where Anne practices pathology was assimilated into the Cleveland Clinic system in 2010. She was visited over the summer by our other roommate from the summer of '77, **Suzanne Tougas Snedeker**, as Suzanne was schlepping son Daniel to his freshman year at Indiana U. Suzanne and husband **Jeff** live in Cayuga Heights, and Suzanne volunteered to assist with new student orientation at Cornell this year. Speaking of Ithaca, **Susanne Solomon** has moved from Cincinnati to Ithaca and now works at Cornell.

Sue Panetta (Whitesboro, NY) writes that she has been diagnosed with leukemia and is doing all of her treatments "alternative." She was involved in the women's community, Campus Girl Scouts, and the Cornell Catholic Community when we all were undergrads. She'd most like to hear from **Carol Thayer '77**. Sometimes you run into people you knew when you don't expect to do so. Back in August we were at the Cornell Club of Western Washington annual picnic to watch the Blue Angels air show over Lake Washington. I didn't see any '78ers there (and why not?), but I ran into **Patricia Enggaard Betz '79**, who was in Theatre Arts 280 with me back in the day. She lives just north of Seattle in Mill Creek, WA, with her husband and two children. That's all the news for this go-round. Keep posting on LinkedIn! **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 Thanks to everyone who answered my e-mail request for news. If your update is not below, please look for it in the March/April column. The outpouring of response is appreciated!

Ginny Hoyt provided news for the first time ever—what a treat to find out that she has an adventure/fantasy book trilogy under way for young adults and middle schoolers that adults like too! The first book, *The Last Crusaders*, is now available for purchase online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. The second book is finished, and Ginny, writing under the name V. L. Hoyt, is working on the third/last one. According to kids who have read the first book, if you like the Harry Potter and/or Percy Jackson series, you'll love these books. For more information, see her website: www.hoytbooks.com. Ginny hasn't given up her day job (yet) as vice president, labor counsel for NBC Universal. Ginny is married to the love of her life, Tom Paccioretti (13 years); they live in Santa Monica with their golden retriever Roxy, 5.

Sounds like quite a few classmates have kids attending Cornell and that the October Parents Weekend was a lot of fun. **Margie Wang's** son **Alexander '14** and daughter **Marlene '11** are both in the College of Arts and Sciences. While on campus, Margie attended the Ithaca Aid concert at Statler Hall, which was sponsored by Tri-Delt and TKE for the benefit of St. Jude's Hospital for Children. Margie saw **Ginger So** and her husband, who have a freshman daughter at Cornell. Margie mentioned that she met up in NYC with **Sally Weir** Fundakowski and **Young Mi Park**. Sally lives in the San Francisco area and Young Mi is in Westchester. Margie also keeps in touch with **Wendy Schaenen**, MD '83, **Amy Runsey** Clark '80, and **June Hamilton** Paul '80.

David and Jody Weiner Kauffman '81 took their younger daughters, Erica and Jennifer, to Parents Weekend and they all visited with daughter **Melanie '14**, a freshman in Engineering. **Brett Cohen**, his wife Kelly, and son Cody visited with son **Brandon '12**, who will be studying in Barcelona this spring. **Howard Goldman** and wife **Amy (Tayer) '83** of Needham, MA, have been back to campus to watch their son **Nathaniel '14** (Arts and Sciences) play rugby. **Amy Soudan** visited her niece **Kelsey Karys '12**. **Fred Frank** has three children at Cornell: **Meaghan '11**, **Gretchen '12**, and **Kyle '14**. The family winery, Dr. Konstantin Frank Wine Cellars, is winning awards in competitions, and Frank recently received the Outstanding Alumni Award from CALS.

David Halberstadter checked in to say that he and his Kappa Sig fraternity brothers **Wayne Meichner**, **Bruce Rogoff**, and **Brett Cohen** enjoy getting together and laughing about the "stupid things we used to do on campus" and how they hope their kids don't follow suit. David also sees **Robert Kruger**, a friend from elementary school right through Cornell, who has a consulting company that provides analysis of legislation and rule-making activities that impact companies whose business involves intellectual property (software, entertainment, and media content). David is an attorney in Los Angeles, focusing exclusively on litigation and advice to motion picture studios, production companies, TV networks and producers, and internet/new media companies. David has received various accolades for work in his field, including being recognized as a "Power Lawyer" on the *Hollywood Reporter's* list of the 100 most influential entertainment lawyers in the US and being listed as a Southern California "Super

Lawyer" for entertainment and sports and intellectual property law by various publications.

Leslie Lewit Milner and husband Larry are experiencing "empty-nesting," since all four of their kids are in college. Leslie's son Jacob is a freshman at the U. of Pittsburgh (a GREAT city to explore). She has three stepdaughters: **Dianne '11** is a senior at Cornell, Mariel is a sophomore at the U. of Wisconsin, and Lindsay is a freshman at the U. of Michigan. Leslie juggles her job as an interior designer with her volunteer work as the VP at Temple Sinai of Roslyn and as a Roslyn VP for the East Williston Roslyn Community Coalition, an organization working to prevent drug and alcohol use among children and educate parents about the drug trends their children face.

Mark Hallock reports that the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha had a 1970s and 1980s reunion on Homecoming weekend. The Class of 1979 was well represented with **Denis Barone**, **Mark Hallock**, **Scott Jacobs**, **Joe Kane**, **Mark Mendelson**, and **Ray Yasson** in attendance. On Friday, there was a golf outing followed by dinner and drinks in the Willard Straight Hall with their wives and girlfriends. Lots of tailgating at the football game on Saturday, along with inspecting the drinking establishments in Collegetown, made for a memorable weekend for all. **David Litman**, JD '82, and **Bob Diener**, JD '82, have started a new online hotel business, Getaroom.com. They offer amazing hotel rates in dozens of US and European cities. David invites classmates to check it out and let him know our thoughts. He and his wife live in Dallas, where their youngest is a junior in high school; their other two kids are off at college. David would be thrilled to hear from classmates at dlitman@wildflowerinvestments.com. **Richard Stearns** and his partners are opening up their third real-estate brokerage company, Partners Trust Residential, in Beverly Hills. They initially opened an office in September 2009 in Brentwood and opened a second office in 2010 in Santa Monica.

Isabel Weiss Wacker and husband Tom live in Park Slope, where Isabel is renovating their home, volunteering at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and playing squash for exercise. Their oldest daughter is a sophomore at MIT and their youngest daughter is a high school junior. Isabel retired from the legal profession ten years ago. In the summers, she is in Cutchogue on the North Fork of Long Island and would love to catch up with old friends. **Kathryn Gleason** returned to Cornell in 1996 to teach Landscape Architecture and Archaeology and research ancient gardens of the Mediterranean. Her work takes her on digs from Italy to Israel and Jordan and even India. She received a national honor award in research from the American Society of Landscape Architects. Kathy lives in Ithaca with husband Jeff Zorn and their son, Noah. Please keep the news coming! **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 Tubas. Big, shiny tubas. I've been thinking about tubas lately, ever since I razzed fellow correspondent **Dana Jerrard**, an accomplished tubist, just before one of the many tuba recitals he gives. (As an irrelevant aside, my spell-checker suggests "tubbiest" instead of "tubist." I suppose I could look into this, but I don't care enough.) It's a wonderful instrument, and deserves better than the ridicule I am wont to dish out. Plus, it's

fun to say: tuba, tuba, tuba. Try it. Anyway, hug a tuba player today. But wait until she or he puts down the tuba.

Julie Moline writes that she left Manhattan after 30 years to take up small-town life in Salem, NY, near the Vermont border. She formed a new venture, Avenue Three, a marketing communications business. She's on the board of the Historic Salem Courthouse Preservation Society. The 18th-century village is worth a visit, and sits amidst natural splendor. **Michael Totta** remembers Cornell as a university "with a big soul." He is a physician treating spinal and occupational disorders. He rows and participates in regattas near his home in coastal Yarmouth, ME. He would like to hear from **Michael Mulhern**. East of Maine is Nova Scotia, home of **Kristin Bieber** Domm, a faculty member at Mount Saint Vincent U., near Halifax, where she teaches undergraduate writing courses and graduate education courses. She writes children's books and plays bassoon in the Wyndrock Quintet. Her latest book, *Eagle of the Sea*, is the story of the eagle in Canada.

Grace Sharples Cooke is the director of development for Family Support Services, a nonprofit social services agency near Philadelphia. She writes that she maintains a conservation easement on her family property, where she labors to rid the 38-acre parcel of invasive plants. She enjoys listening to her son play the piano and serves on the boards of the William Penn Charter School and the Friends School Haverford. **John**, BArch '80, and **Kim Tracy Prokos '78** live near Boston, where John is an architect with the Gund Partnership, a nationally recognized leader in the design of sustainable and innovative buildings. He is interested in designing performing arts centers. He writes that he attended a Cornell 30th Reunion party hosted by **David Saltzman '79**, BArch '80, in the Boston area. He didn't say if the giveaways were as cool as the ones we got at the official reunion. I had to stop wearing my Cornell '80 shirt in our neighborhood in Washington, DC, because strangers would say "Hey! Cornell Class of '80!" and I, having forgotten I was wearing the shirt, would try desperately to remember the name of some random person I had never seen before.

Kendall Newman is a US magistrate judge in the Eastern District of California, where he lives with wife **Patricia (Lafraite) '81**, who writes children's books. Check out Patti's website at <http://patriciamnewman.com/>. Her latest book is *Nugget*, about a naval aviator. The Newman children, **Elise '11** and **Scott '14**, carry on the Cornell legacy. **Joan Scott**, an artist in Tucson, completed a well-received show called "Abstractions and Landscapes." Several of the pieces shown were from her time in upstate New York. **Stephanie Goldpin** writes that she is an ob/gyn in private practice in Stamford, CT. Her News Form is going into the Class Notes Hall of Fame. Under "extracurricular activities" she writes "college-bound son's football draft agent, bar mitzvah planner, dog handler, and bouncer at teenage son's spontaneous parties." She would rather be "rowing a boat on Beebe Lake." She reminisces about "the magnificent campus, the suspension bridge, the road to Collegetown, and the chimes." Here's my favorite part: her online username is "piggybones." There's a story there, and I wish I knew it.

After I wrote the above material on the tuba, I read an article in the *Washington Post* about the contrabassoon, which is very unlike the bassoon. It turns out that, ridiculous-wise, the tuba is to the contrabassoon as George Clooney is to Pee-Wee

Herman. If you Google "contrabassoon" and "flatulent" you get nearly 10,000 hits. You band and orchestra people probably knew this, but the rest of us wallowed in ignorance. Tuba people won't even sit next to contrabassoon people on the bus (the violin people ride in limos; the sopranos teleport). Also, contrabassoonists cut their own reeds for concerts—hundreds of them!—and most of the reeds don't work. Contrabassoonists throw out most of their reeds; it's just part of contrabassoonery. Being a contrabassoonist is probably a thankless job—and think of all the times you'd have to explain your business card.

Karen Benz Merns is a supervising psychologist at St. Luke's Hospital in New York. She writes that she has been spending time with her adult children Jillian, Daniel, and Olivia, and that she enjoys reconnecting with old friends. She recently saw **Debbie Zimmerman** Frankel '79 and **Valerie Litwin** Meyers '79 and would like to hear from **Bonnie Kanders '79**.

Thus spake Dik. Dana Jerrard is up next, so look for his column in the March/April issue. Rumor has it he is working on a new album of tuba favorites, including "Stairway to Heaven." ■ **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio**-Bianco, caa28 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky @ aol.com.

81 Happy New Year! Our 30th Reunion is only six months away. We hope you plan to visit gorgeous Ithaca during the weekend of June 9-12. Thanks to all of you who responded to my e-mail request with your exciting news.

Here in the New England area, **Andy Koenigsberg** is the lead applications developer for Evergreen Solar and helped the firm get their factory up and running. Andy keeps in touch with **Chan**, MS '84, and **Nancy Huang Verbeck** via Facebook. Chan works for Microsoft and they have a daughter at Cornell. Via LinkedIn, Andy contacted his freshman roommate, **Patrick Schnable**, who is now a professor of plant genetics at Iowa State. **Marc** and **Roberta Karon Laredo '82** live in Newton, MA, where Roberta is a dietitian in private practice and Marc is a partner in the law firm of Laredo & Smith LLP. They have children Josh, a junior at U. of Maryland; Matt, a senior in high school; and Emma, in kindergarten. In beautiful Kennebunkport, ME, **Debra Lennon** and her husband have become owners and operating partners in two new resorts. They currently own the Kennebunkport Inn and will now be part of Hidden

Pond and the Tides Beach Club. Both properties will open in May. Debbie and her young family enjoyed a trip to Disney World during Thanksgiving week. She stays in touch with **Maryann Faccenda** Simmons and **Lorraine Brennan**.

Paul Lyons and **Mary Ellen Galante '80** are empty-nesters for the first time and live in Cambridge, MA. Daughter Hannah is a junior at Harvard and son Isaiah is a freshman at Yale. I have to quote what Paul wrote, because it made me cry: "We are constantly asked, 'What is it like?' Parents with young children, hoping that someday they will be free from the burden of having toddlers around the house, expect us to say, 'It's great! Hang in there!' Older couples wonder if there will be some big change in our relationship. I can't tell if they are holding their breath . . . All you do is smile and say, 'It's different.' When the children were young, they broke our backs with the constant chores and urgent cares. Now they have moved out and they break our hearts. We miss them terribly and look forward to their next visit." Having the kids in college has inspired Paul and Mary Ellen to apply to graduate school and they are busy studying for the GREs. Living in Toronto for nearly 30 years, **Marianne Van Sicklin** Knight is the mother of kids ages 28, 26, and 24. She is an IT director for a nonprofit organization providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Marianne would love to hear from classmates or alumni in the Toronto area.

Other empty-nesters are **Kim '82** and **Sandy Mitchell Kelly**, who live in the D.C. area. They were thrilled to watch their son **Brett '10** as his class's banner bearer for the School of Hotel Administration. Brett now works in NYC for Lazard, and daughter Shawna (UNC '08) works at the Pediatric AIDS Foundation in D.C. Sandy took an early out from Freddie Mac in 2008 and has been consulting, traveling, and enjoying life. She reports having had dinner with **Renee Miller-Mizia**. **Joan Kleinman** continues to serve as district director to Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen. She and husband Sam Witten have kids Ben at U. of Rochester, Ari at U. of Maryland, and Molly, a high school sophomore. In October, Joan spent a weekend in the Berkshires with her senior-year roommates **Amy Selwyn**, **Mindy Roseman '82**, and **Donna Avrach** Rosen '82, MBA '83. It was the first time they had been together since 1985! **Jim Kent** spends lots of time driving from Virginia to Ithaca, where son **John '13** is a sophomore. Jim writes, "We're anxiously waiting for hockey season, 7as John has season tix again. Daughter Eleanor is possibly interested in 'anywhere warmer' than Cornell. Ha!" Jim is active in the Cornell Alumni



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Admissions Ambassador Network and is trying to get more students from his part of Virginia interested. In Bucks County, PA, **Rich Lovely** is VP of global human resources for Houghton Int'l, a specialty chemical company. Rich and wife Donna, a fine arts photographer, have two teenage children. His daughter is a star trombone player who plays in multiple bands.

"Kids in college?! Mine is in first grade," reports **Peggy Kump**, BS HE '84, whose beautiful daughter, Annie, was born in China. **Deborah Jeon** writes that her daughter, Karena Laufer, 7, won first prize in a contest asking students to design bookmarks on the theme of conflict resolution. **Tim Lewis** and his business partners at Chesapeake Corporate Advisors just celebrated their fifth anniversary. Planning a month-long vacation with her mother in February, **Iris Koren** will cruise the South China Sea and tour Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, and Myanmar. In Palo Alto, CA, **Eduardo Llach** is CEO of Krome Photos, the fourth company he has founded since graduation. Eduardo relived his '81 bike ride across the US by joining a four-man relay team on the Race Across America, where the group came in first in their age group of 50-plus.

There was a very Cornell wedding in Steamboat Springs, CO, in 2010. **Leslie Rosenthal** and **Scott Jacobs '79** were the proud parents of the bride, **Lauren Jacobs Benjamin '05**. The groom

was **Joshua Benjamin '99**, son of **Robert '67** and **Susan Selton Benjamin '68**. **Jonathan Landsman** and Katrina Wyman are the proud parents of son Jeremiah born in January 2010. Jonathan and Katrina married in June 2008. Cornellians in attendance included Jonathan's sister, **Phyllis Landsman Schatz '74** and her partner **Ray Benzing '74**, **Stephen Oreil**, **Vincent Gentile**, **Neil** and **Shari Rabinowitz Reig '83**, and **James Loprest '82**. Jonathan formed his own law practice in Manhattan in 1993 after six years with a large firm. Katrina is a professor of law at New York U. School of Law.

Will Lindenmayer and wife Jennifer have been married for 18 years and live in St. Louis. Will, a former golf professional and cancer survivor, started his own private equity firm in 2008. The Lindenmayers have a 10-year-old daughter who is diagnosed with autism. Will writes, "She has a mind like a steel trap, a beautiful singing voice, an imagination that would put most fiction writers to shame, and never met a person she can't befriend instantly. While living with her special issues is a challenge, honestly there is nothing that I would change about her if it meant her unique qualities would be compromised." Will looks forward to our 30th this summer . . . See you then! 📧 **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

82 Tracy Stone brought us up to speed regarding what she's been busy with these past 20 years: she's the principal in her own architecture firm, which she opened in Los Angeles in 1991. They are a full-service architectural firm emphasizing sustainable design in a modernist context. In addition, she organizes the yearly Frogtown Artwalk, teaches design at Woodbury U. in the interior architecture department, and is one of the current chairs of the AIA Committee on the Environment. In response to what she would rather be doing now, Tracy mentions camping in Death Valley and Saline Hot Springs (as long as it's not summer!). Writing from her home in Skokie, IL, **Shoshannah Sabban** Seidman sent a short update to tell us that she's working in the Northwestern U. library, where she specializes in Jewish studies as well as cataloging foreign language books. In addition, Shoshannah volunteers in two librarian associations and a Jewish women's organization. She notes that while they haven't moved in some time, she wouldn't mind getting an apartment in NYC to be closer to her son, Eytan, who was married this past March in New Rochelle.

Stephen Lamboy splits his time between Canandaigua and Brescia, Italy. He's managing a consulting business focusing on marketing and product development and wants the current ILR students to know that the Economics and Collective Bargaining courses he took as a student continue to play a relevant role in his professional life.

Lisa Avazian Saunders works as a media and publications specialist in Mystic, CT, where she moved in July due to a job transfer with Pfizer for husband **Jim '81**. Making an announcement that I'm seeing with increasing frequency in our class, Lisa told me that their daughter Jackie was married in September. **Susan Spanton** Blum lives in Armonk, NY, with husband Bruce. In December, she changed the name of her practice from the Center for Nutritional Medicine to the Blum Center for Health and relocated from White Plains to Rye Brook. With this name change comes an expansion, including a lifestyle education center, where they will teach cooking, nutrition, and mind-body classes.

Manuel Choy reports from Saratoga Springs, NY, where he lives with his wife, Cynthia, and sons Orion, 17, Halley, 15, and Hunter, 11. Professionally, he's busy working as a wealth management advisor at DLG Wealth Management in Clifton Park, NY, but notes that he's careful to make the time for vacations and coaching, specifically his sons' teams in soccer, basketball, and baseball. This summer, his family made a wonderful trip to Yosemite National Park that included time in San Francisco and a train ride from California to Chicago. Now he's back at home and is hip-deep helping Orion make his college plans. Manuel shouts out to **Greg Hilt** and **Nancy Butler '83**, from whom he'd like to hear. **Scott Ferguson** lives in lower Manhattan with wife Beth Dary and their son,

Drumming Up Business

Mark Feldman '84

When Mark Feldman was thirteen, he heard a solo by Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham—and he "freaked out." "I thought it was the coolest thing in the world," he recalls, "and I just had to learn how to do it." Now, as the founder and sole instructor at Bang! The Drum School, Feldman hopes to cultivate the same enthusiasm in his students. Located in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, the school attracts a wide variety of aspiring musicians; on an average day, Feldman might teach a nine-year-old who dreams of playing jazz at Lincoln Center and a sixty-year-old who hasn't touched the drums in thirty years.

On the Hill, the CALS economics major worked for the Cornell Concert Commission and played drums in a student band called the Naked Eye. During his professional career, he played with bluegrass star Alison Krauss, singer-songwriter Marshall Crenshaw, and "Saturday Night Live" bandleader G. E. Smith. After earning an MBA from Columbia, Feldman spent a decade at Columbia Records, promoting artists like Bob Dylan, Pink Floyd, and Aerosmith.

Feldman left the business side of the music industry as it began to decline with the rise of illegal downloading—but he notes that today, a different kind of technological innovation is fueling his career. He says that many of his students are inspired to learn the drums by playing Rock Band, a video game that features simplified versions of instruments. "People aren't buying records like they used to," he says, "but they're still excited about music."

— Mark Fischer '08



9, but plans to move soon to Dumbo in Brooklyn to re-take his view of the NYC waterfront, which was stolen by the construction of a new building. He's been producing films for theater and television, most recently winning an Emmy Award for "Temple Grandin," which he produced for HBO. Scott credits Cornell with planting seeds of ideas through nearly every class he took, but wants to especially mention the class that changed his life: 16mm filmmaking with **Marilyn Rivchin, MFA '91**. Whenever possible, Scott likes to bring his new films to Cornell to benefit Cornell Cinema and to mentor students and graduates interested in film careers. **David Phelps**, if you're reading this, Scott would like to hear from you.

Rich Berkowitz and wife Bobbie have relocated to Manhattan after 28 years in Seattle. Bobbie accepted the dean of nursing position at Columbia while Rich, who is director of Pacific coast operations for the Transportation Inst., will continue in this position as he begins the life of a bi-coastal commuter. Speaking of nursing, I heard from **Andréa Sonenberg**, who is an assistant professor of nursing at Pace U. Andréa is busy teaching undergraduate and graduate nursing and nurse practitioner students. She's also developing a framework for introducing new healthcare delivery models in developing countries. Andréa and partner Carlos Pereira live in Putnam Valley, NY. **Leon Smart, BS HE '84**, is program director at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College, Columbia University Medical Center, and Harlem Children's Health Project. It is for this latter position that he was featured in the Spring 2010 issue of *LINK*, the Human Ecology alumni magazine. Through the project, Leon aims to address the health disparities affecting kids who live in Harlem.

Steve Thomson appears to be living proof that while Hotelies had loads of fun while at Cornell, they're still having fun. Steve lives in Bermuda and has returned from Kathmandu, where he made an eight-day charity hike through the Himalayas. He also attended Hotel Ezra Cornell at the Hotel school, where he had a fabulous time bringing back many old memories. Cornellians whom Steve sees often include **Tracey Thatcher '83, Tim Terceira '79**, and **Steve Martin, MPS '78**.

Lastly, since I seem to have a bit of space left, I'll note proudly that my oldest daughter, **Lindsey '10**, graduated in May; my wife, **Lisa Mummery Crump**, and I were able to spend a wonderful weekend in Ithaca celebrating that occasion. While perhaps not the highlight of the weekend, it was nonetheless memorable to see Speaker Pelosi emerge from a fully tinted black Suburban, flanked by large men wearing sunglasses and dark suits, pressing the heels of their hands to their ears, as she arrived at Schoellkopf to give the Convocation address. I began looking around for Will Smith, Matt Damon, or some other action figure, but had to settle for President Skorton.

Later in the summer we were able to see **Andy Bjork, Rick Eno**, and **Nina Kondo**, too. Rick told me that in May he was in Ojai, CA, for **Chris Gardner's** wedding reception. Chris, who is CEO of Vitesse Semiconductor, had just married Lynn Jones in the Seychelles. Other classmates present for Chris's wedding were **Craig Wheeler, MS '84, Neil Robertson**, and **Bill Snow**. Rick made the observation that he plays golf better when he goes three years between rounds. To all of our classmates out there, please keep the news coming. ☐ **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; and **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@nprmlaw.com.

83 I hope everyone had a great holiday season! We have plenty of news for this New Year's edition.

There were a number of Cornell events that classmates wrote in about, as well as news on relocations, marriages, new business ventures, promotions, and even some 25th wedding anniversaries!

The Classes of the '80s Homecoming Tailgate Party on the Hill this past autumn was wildly successful. Fun was had by all. Classmates spent the day catching up on old times and swapping new stories. The Class of '83 was well represented by **John Skawski, BS '85** (vhill@twcny.rr.com), **Mark and Kim Osborn Rhodes** (mkrhodes@comcast.net), **Jim** and **Wendy Prout** and their freshman daughter, and several other classmates and their families. International Zinck's Night in October also brought many classmates together across the country. If you've got any stories about reconnecting with old friends and classmates at Zinck's, please let us know!

Linda Lovero-Waterhouse (LL257@cornell.edu) and **Nancy Gilroy** (njg28@cornell.edu) attended the One Day University held at the Hilton Hotel in NYC last autumn. It was a fun and interesting day with noteworthy speakers from top universities. Nancy Gilroy and **Dana Gordon** (djg26@cornell.edu) attended the presentation entitled, The Moosewood Restaurant and Its Role in the Vegetarian Movement, sponsored by the Cornell Library Salon at the Fashion Inst. of Technology in NYC. Moosewood has donated its earliest menus, cookbook drafts, drawings, and ads to the Cornell Library.

On the international front, **Bryan Mundell, PhD '94** (bryan.mundell@adventerragames.com) moved from Italy to Switzerland with his wife, Anna, and daughter Sabrina, 12. He left his faculty position at Bocconi U. Graduate School of Management in Milan a few years back and now works for an investment fund. He is also an inventor of environmental board games. Adventerra Games teach about energy and water conservation and the recycling of solid waste. Bryan says Lugano feels a lot like his hometown of Ithaca (except for Cornell, of course!). **Jeffrey "Jay" Solomon** (jayspatiocafe@comcast.net) moved to Denver 12 years ago with wife **Emily (Robin), MS '97**, and they absolutely love Colorado. Jay has opened his third restaurant, Jay's Hot Ticket Café, at the Denver Center for Performing Arts. Jay and Emily have four children ages 10, 8 (twins), and 1. Jay keeps extremely busy between his restaurant business and coaching youth baseball and soccer.

Ronald Dreifuss (rdreifuss@chnpnet.org) was promoted to director of interventional radiology at St. Luke's Hospital in NYC and associate director of the fellowship program. He still maintains his private practice through offices in the Columbus Circle and Union Square areas of Manhattan. He finished decorating his new penthouse in the Punta Pacifica Region of Panama City, Panama, and looks forward to practicing his Spanish on vacations. **Aric Lasher, BArch '84** (arlash@sbcglobal.net) became director of design and CEO at Hammond Beebey Rupert Ainge Architects in Chicago. Aric joined the firm in 1985, and also pursued an MFA degree in film from the U. of Southern California. Over the course of his tenure at the firm he has designed sets for several motion pictures and collaborated on the Bass Library at Yale and the US Federal Building and Courthouse in Tuscaloosa, AL. He also co-authored *Plans of Chicago*, published last year by Architects Research Foundation.

Nancy Braun (nancy@showcaserealty.net) has been in real estate for the past 14 years, since

practicing law and owning a restaurant. In 2008 Nancy opened her own real estate company in Charlotte, NC. It's growing, with four divisions (general brokerage, foreclosure properties, short sales, and property management). She is in the process of opening a second office. **Marilyn Wilson-Lund** (Arroyo Grande, CA; marilyn@wavgroup.com) and hubby Victor are busy launching a new online portal called REtechnology.com, a one-stop shop for information and support for real estate technology serving the residential market. Marilyn would love to hear from friends from the class and Pi Beta Phi.

Judi Binderman (Mesa, AZ; jeb41@cornell.edu) is the proud grandmother of six (ages 1 through 15)! She was married last May, honeymooned in Hawaii, and then traveled cross-country with her new hubby. Judi is interim CMIO of Catholic Health Initiatives. **Kathleen "Kate" Daly** (kdaly@psav.com) and hubby **Bob Stelletello** (Wheaton, IL; bobstell283@cs.com) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They threw a big party for family and friends and fellow Cornell buddies in Chicago. Both Kate and Bob keep busy with work and their kids, ages 20, 17, and 14. **Alicia Berthoud Torrey** (ast1@cornell.edu) and husband **Carl '83, BA '86, MBA '05** (cbt3@cornell.edu) also celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Alicia serves as director of the Cornell Alumni-Student Mentoring Program and Carl as associate director of development for the Cornell Law School. They have children ages 23, 20, and 13.

Wendy Ford (Eustis, FL; wendy.j.ford@gmail.com) was a finalist in the Florida Star singing competition. She has been a music teacher in Lake County for some time. Her sons, 13 and 11, have returned from visiting their dad in Australia. **Linda Newman** (lknewman@myway.com) wrote to update her e-mail address. She'd love to hear from classmates and old friends. Keep sending your news and contact information to either me or Alyssa. Wishing you a healthy, happy New Year! ☐ **Lynn Buffamante**, LB325@cornell.edu; **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 A nor'easter is lashing New York as I rush to finish this column. **Tamara Pulsts** has no such problem in sunny Larkspur, CA. She is president of ecoReserve, a company based in San Francisco. According to the fabulous website Tamara has launched (www.ecoreserve.org), "[T]he mission of ecoReserve is to restore and protect endangered land, support sustainable livelihoods, and spawn a new grassroots movement for micro-conservation by providing an engaging online platform for individuals of any means to create their own nature reserves around the world." When she's not devoting herself to micro-conservation, Tamara is hiking around the mountain in her backyard and tasting wine in Sonoma. She has fond memories of the film club and working at the *Cornell Daily Sun*.

Brenda Simon Smith (Oak Ridge, NJ) teaches child development at the high school level. When she's not working, she's sewing, gardening, and doing lots of home projects. She still plays volleyball whenever she can, has fond memories of Wilderness Reflections, and continues to enjoy hiking, canoeing, and camping. She volunteers at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, which she describes as "a beautiful area with small mom-and-pop businesses that could use your tourist dollars!" E-mail her at bss45@cornell.edu if you'd like

more information. She would love to hear from **Meghan Willis '84**. **Anne Mattson Czymmek** and husband **Karl '86** are renovating their 1860s farmhouse in Lansing, NY, and raising three children, ages 10 to 15. Anne also teaches for Head Start. She enjoys working with the children and finds the organizational structure challenging. She volunteers at the Lansing United Methodist Church and still attends sporting events (lacrosse, hockey, and basketball) and theatrical performances on the Hill.

Milagros Valentin is a psychiatrist for the Dept. of Defense and loves her work in Columbia, SC. She treats post-combat soldiers and considers it an honor to work with the servicemen and women. She has fond memories of the cultural groups at Cornell, the diversity she was exposed to, and the global view it gave her. She would love to hear from **Janet Pagan Sutton** and **Jose Rodriguez**.

Brian DeLahunta is now a director of project procurement for Related Companies in New York, NY. Is he leaving Las Vegas? No matter, because what happens in Vegas—well, you know the rest. He is working on the construction of a new UK-based luxury pod hotel consisting of infrastructure design, business center concept and design, and hospitality systems consultation and ownership representation. New York City-based **Vanessa Noel Ginley**, BFA '86, is a hotelier and designer and manufacturer of gorgeous shoes (www.vanessanoel.com) who puts the design skills and painting she studied at Cornell to quite extensive use. She has two retail stores: one in New York City and one in Nantucket, MA. Her fabulous designs are on the feet of Gwyneth Paltrow and famed shoe-lover Sarah Jessica Parker. Once you check out the website, you'll want them on your own feet, too! Her signature design, the Bell, is a chic 1-1/2-inch-high slide that comes in a lot of different fabrics, including a suede leopard print. Vanessa has two boutique hotels on Nantucket Island (Vanessa Noel Hotel, www.vanessanoelhotel.com, and Hotel Green, www.vanessanoelhotelgreen.com) and is the owner of the Seven Seas Gallery, also on Nantucket.

Tomorrow I am off to Atlanta for a girls' weekend with **Jeanne Richards Timmons**, **Glenis Barr '83**, and **Rosemarie Aurigemma '82**. Just wish I had some new shoes to take with me! To all who sent news, many thanks. To all who have not yet sent in news, please send it on! ☑ **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Karla Sievers** [McManus, Klorax@comcast.net](mailto:McManus_Klorax@comcast.net). Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 As we march ever onward toward the milestone of our half-century birthdays (gasp!), we can take modest comfort in the fact that we've a handful of medical experts among us who will always have our backs . . . or whatever else it is that starts to ail us. **Nicholas Theodore** is chief of the spine section in the Division of Neurological Surgery at the Barrow Neurological Inst. in Arizona. Dr. Theodore's own spine is apparently in fine fettle, because, when not running after kids Costa and John, he plays "sand volleyball" and treks through Machu Picchu and the Galápagos Islands. The classmate he'd like to hear from is the ageless **Tim Norris**. (I'm hoping that last bit of shameless flattery will make up for the kerfuffle that Tim and I had about Drew Brees vs. Tom Brady. Probably not, though.)

G. Michael Ortiz is a urologist with Capital Region Urological Surgeons in Saratoga Springs. Michael describes himself as a "soccer and lacrosse

dad" who is "attending too many meetings" and would rather be doing "anything outdoors." He'd like to hear from **Sean Kenny**. **Mindy Manley** Comstock is a cardiac rehabilitation nurse in Texas; she spends much of her "spare" time chauffeuring her children, Joey and Hannah, to and from hockey practice and games. (Here's hoping she hasn't yet taught her young children the Lynah Rink chants!) Mindy has vacationed in nearby South Padre, TX, but she reports that, on the whole, she'd "rather be in Paris." *Moi aussi, mon amie.*

Jesse Wagner, MD '89, shared two pieces of great doctor news: he was named vice chairman of the Dept. of Medicine at Middlesex Hospital in Connecticut and was also named a senior fellow of hospital medicine by the Society of Hospital Medicine. Bravo, Dr. Wagner! Jesse may be a senior fellow, but he still had a junior fellow's youthful energy when he "biked all over Ithaca and around Cayuga Lake" last June. This nostalgic tour prompted a wish to hear from **Jerri Kraus**, **Judy Loitherstein** Kalisker, and **Jeff Lebowitz**. For those classmates who'd like to fight the aging process altogether, Dr. **Julie Jerome** McCallen may be the answer. Julie practices "age management medicine" with Genegenics in Denver. The curious are invited to see her website—www.genegenics-drmccallen.com—which explains that age management is "an individually designed program of nutrition, supplements, exercise, and bio-identical hormone balancing designed to increase vitality, cognitive function, and physicality."

Honestly, who among our middle-aged legion couldn't use a little increase in "vitality, cognitive function, and physicality," especially when chasing kids around all day? Even the ever-vivacious **Carolyn Walter** Calupca wrote this in response to all three of our questions about "day job," "extracurricular activities," and "what I've been doing recently": "Mother of boys, 4 and 6, and wife of the third 'boy.'" That, indeed, is a full-time job, hobby, and preoccupation, so when Carolyn says she'd like to hear from **Elizabeth Leach** Buckley, we should cross fingers and toes that Elizabeth will pick up the phone and give Carolyn a respite, STAT! **Marjorie Riemer** Setchko stumped me for about 30 seconds when she listed her "day job" as "SAHM to four amazing kids, ages 10, 8, 5, and 1." Employing the critical thinking skills that I am paid to teach to impressionable students here at Cornell, I finally deduced that this meant "Stay At Home Mom." (Please hold your applause until the end of the performance.) Marjorie notes that she is teaching herself "how to cook beyond hot dogs and mac 'n cheese" and teaching her kids how to "clean a bathroom and fold laundry." You're my hero, Marjorie. I hope you get your wish to reconnect with **Nancy Byrne** Connolly and **Maureen Sherry**. Whether it's four kids or one, a mother's work is never done. Learning firsthand the joy behind that truism is **Laura Clark**, who manages both investment portfolios for clients and maternal duties for son Jack. Laura notes, "While many of my college roommates are on the college-tour circuit with their children, I'm on the pre-K tour circuit!"

One way to streamline that "college tour circuit," of course, is simply to hum the Alma Mater ceaselessly to your child while he or she is still in the crib stage and then hope the subliminal messaging takes so that you only have to visit one campus—the best. I'm guessing that's what **Dave '83** and **Marnie Olt Mertz** and **Scott Bookner** did. Marnie and Dave note that they will be in Ithaca this summer because their "high school junior son has Cornell on his short list." Scott already visited

campus with his daughter, Ilana, and claims that he "felt the presence of some ghosts walking through Uris Library." I'm not sure what this says about recreational activities in which Scott might have indulged as a youthful undergraduate, but I'll go ahead and give him the benefit of the doubt here, seeing as how he is a responsible and successful Scarsdale, NY, pediatrician, dispensing kindness and smart advice to kids and parents alike.

That's the great thing about contemporary middle age, isn't it? We have enough experience to be at least a little wise, and yet we are far from giving up the ghosts. As Emily Dickinson beautifully put it, "We turn not older with years, but newer every day." Please send us your new tales of derring-do. We look forward to hearing them.

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86 Are you ready for our 25th Reunion? It's fast approaching on June 10-12. Join the Class of '86 Reunion Facebook page to see who's attending. You can also get Twitter updates at twitter.com/CornellClass86.

Kevin Crooks will be there. Last summer, Kevin was further from home, spending the summer in Hong Kong with his wife and two teenage boys. Back on the home front, Kevin is a managing director at State Street Bank. **Elisabeth van den Brink-de'Ath** reports that some of our classmates had their own mini-reunion last summer at **Michael Malaga's** marriage to Jasmine Stirling in Tiburon, CA. The wedding party included Elisabeth's husband, **Nigel**, as well as **Duncan Wood**, **Kevin Cornacchio**, **Mike Lally**, and **Steve Pozzobon**. The best man was **Scott Malaga '89**. It was a gorgeous ceremony on a beautiful day, with the reception at the Corinthian Yacht Club overlooking the bay. **John Conti** gets to enjoy the California weather year-round. He lives in Sebastopol, CA, with wife Debbie and kids Sophia, 12, Sam, 10, and Marco, 5. He is a VP for MSCI Inc., managing North American sales for the financial engineering associates business.

I recently heard from a couple of classmates working at US military hospitals abroad. **Susan Carter** Davis is an environmental engineer working on the drinking water program at the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in Europe. In her free time she enjoys volunteering with the Red Cross to teach their CPR/babysitting course. **Kathleen Raffloer** Nishida has been living in Japan, where she volunteered as a nurse-midwife at the US Naval Hospital in Yokosuka. She was also adjunct faculty at St. Luke's College of Nursing in Tokyo. Recently, she and husband Wataru relocated to Philadelphia, where Kathleen is pursuing a PhD in nursing. When not tending to others, Kathleen enjoys ashtanga yoga and drinking green smoothies. Neonatologist **Melissa Tsai** lives in NYC with husband Joshua Kraus; she would love to hear from **Deborah Kreiss**.

Check out our classmates' latest non-fiction publications: **David Dudar** had travel dispatches on Nicaragua, Colombia, Panama, Guatemala, and Mexico published on traveijos.com and latinflyer.com. **Carolyn Call**, PhD '04's first book, *Spiritually Healthy Divorce*, was published by Skylight Paths Publishing. The book includes first-person narratives from qualitative research Carolyn conducted during the last academic year. Carolyn is director

of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN. After years working in the NYC financial industry, **Christine O'Sullivan**, MBA '92, has relocated to Boston and launched a new career as a project manager for Blu Homes (www.bluhomes.com). The company builds energy efficient, pre-fab green homes. I look forward to connecting with Christine, as my husband, **Steve Howell '84**, and I also work in this industry in the Boston area. We own a custom home building company and have become Certified Green Professionals as well as independent representatives for Timberpeg, a company that creates post-and-beam homes (one of the oldest forms of sustainable construction). In our free time, Steve and I are members of the board of directors for our local Habitat for Humanity. We're enjoying working together on on-site builds in Lawrence, MA, as well as participating in the business planning for a soon-to-open Habitat ReStore. ReStore is a home improvement outlet store that sells used and new merchandise to the public at 75 percent off retail prices. Especially exciting is that the store will significantly impact local recycling efforts by soliciting donations of usable surplus, slightly damaged, and used building materials, diverting these items from local landfills. All proceeds are put toward affordable housing in our local area.

That's all the news to date. I look forward to seeing everyone in June! In the meantime, please send your updates to: [Susan Seligsohn](mailto:gsusan@cornell.edu) Howell, susan@cornell.edu; or [Laura Nieboer](mailto:lauracornell@sbcbglobal.net) Hine, lauracornell@sbcbglobal.net.

87 Lots of news this month. From **Albert Chu**: "We very much enjoyed our first trip to Beijing this past summer. For two weeks, I think we saw and ate everything possible. More recently, I traded my 6-year-old Motorola cell phone (I think that qualifies as an antique) for an iPhone so I can communicate with my daughter via text messaging."

Liza Pflug Burney (Portland, OR) writes that her present day job involves being a practitioner of pranic healing. Through her business, Heart to Heart Healing, Liza works with animals, people, and environments and helps individuals understand their amazing capacity for self-healing. Check out her website at www.heart-to-heart-healing.com. Liza enjoys riding her Dutch Warmblood horse, Wally, both in local dressage shows and out on the open trail. **Rich Friedman** dropped me a line to tell of attending a surprise 45th birthday party for **Gail Stoller Baer**, put on by her husband, **Mike '88**, MBA '89, at Lucky Strike Bowling in Manhattan. Also in attendance were **Lisa Nishman** Knoop, **Doug Mazlish '86**, **Craig Geller '88**, **Andrew McDonald '88**, **Andrea Meadow** Danziger '88, and **Wendy Myers** Cambor '88. Rich still has his own company, Friedman & Partners, a management consultancy to the design and environmental consulting industries, and lives in Wayland, MA, with his girls Arielle and Lindsey.

Via Facebook **Bob Clendenin '86**, BS ORIE '87, writes, "Right now I'm enjoying a recurring guest star role on 'Cougar Town,' playing the slightly off-center neighbor Tom. I also had a lovely write-up in the Sept/Oct issue of this magazine." **Lisa Gaines** coaches a team of eighth grade girls for Destination Imagination, raising funds for the Friends of the Beachwood Orchestra, selling real estate in Northeast Ohio, and raising kids ages 8, 10, and 13. Our own **Dave Price** finally tied the knot with Jacqueline Klinger in August 2010. Not to be

outdone by his good friend **Gabriel Boyar**, Dave and his wife are hoping for at least seven kids.

Phil Lam sent along his latest news: "After a few years trying my hand at producing independent films, I went back to my roots in the interactive world, joining digital design company Hot Studio (www.hotstudio.com) as principal and general manager for New York. Our focus is on high-stakes design challenges focused on Web and mobile applications. Have spent a lot of time in the San Francisco Bay Area (where Hot Studio is headquartered) and have kept in touch with **Karl Townsend**, who is now a big shot hardware engineer in Silicon Valley. Also got together with **Mark** and **Elizabeth Hwang Levenson** in Washington, DC, for the first time since graduation more than 23 years ago—thanks, Facebook! Am always interested in reconnecting with old classmates. I live in Closter, NJ, and work in New York City."

Kevin and **Karen Morel Joostema** have relocated to Great Falls, VA, for Kevin's new job at Volkswagen of America; they spent the previous 18 years in Southern California. **Fred Barber** reports that he helped out with interviews for the Telluride Association Summer Program this past spring. "TASP was my introduction to Cornell in the summer of 1982, but I hadn't done anything for the Association in the past 25 years. It was a very rewarding experience meeting some bright high school juniors." Based on his experience in South Africa, Fred was asked to put together a panel on democratic social change in the developing world for a Telluride summer seminar on Democracy and Diversity and spent two fun-filled days in Ithaca as a result. As one of the participating students was from Macedonia, he pulled **Gligor Tashkovich**, MBA '91, onto the panel. From Gligor himself

comes this news: "I traveled to Bosnia from September 28 to October 5 on a secondment from the State Dept. to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE, www.osce.org/odihr) to monitor the elections in Bosnia on October 3. Then it was back to Washington on October 8 for my first meeting of the Int'l Council of the Bretton Woods Committee."

Heather Behn Hedden (Carlisle, MA) sends news that she published a professional book, *The Accidental Taxonomist* (Information Today Inc., 2010) in May 2010. Additionally, Heather started a new job, as taxonomy manager at First Wind, a wind energy company in Boston, this past June. **Kellie Reynolds** Bosenberg writes that she and her family relocated to Guilford, CT, in 2008. "My husband took a job at Yale, so we are now Elis. Kids hated us for the first year of our move (daughters 16, 14, and 10), but seem to have adjusted to our new life with new friends in Connecticut. I'm still a stay-at-home mom contemplating the next phase of my life!" **Ann Madigan Campbell** and husband **Steve**, MBA '95, won a \$50,000 Pepsi Refresh Everything grant for a community playground project located in Corning, NY (an Ithaca Leathers Associates project), which was constructed in early October. Ann also participated in a two-day workshop, sponsored by Pepsi, called "How to Turn a Place Around." Writes Ann: "It's been a wild ride, but we are thrilled to have spearheaded such an amazing community project."

Well, that's all for now. Continue sending us your news through the link on our Class of '87 website, through our Facebook Group, "Cornell University Class of 1987," or by filling out and mailing those nifty forms that Alumni Affairs sends out when they solicit your dues. **Heidi**

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88 It is the middle of October as I write this column and the change of seasons is truly beautiful in Connecticut. It makes me think that Ithaca must be truly magnificent right now. Of course, by the time you read this we will be buried in snow, and Ithaca no doubt will be as well. The other day at one of my children's schools, the principal saw me wearing my Cornell jacket and asked if I had gone to school there. She has been going to see her son play football at Ithaca College, and asked: "What is there to do in Ithaca?" I gave her some things to do and places to go, and I have been more nostalgic than ever.

We're low on updates since it has been a while since our last class mailing. But there are now many ways to communicate with each other, and we would love to hear from you. It is still fun to sit down and read this magazine and see your name or your friends' names in print. Look for the annual News and Dues mailing coming this spring, and send us your news on the enclosed form. Or write any of us at any time of year at the addresses below.

In California, **Meea Kang**, BFA '92, is the president of Domus Development and living in San Francisco. **Malcolm Humphrey** and his spouse, Dawn, are in Pleasanton. From Palo Alto, **Aileen Cleary** Cohen reported that she just got back from three weeks of hiking and visiting in Switzerland and Austria. She volunteers at Stanford Children's Hospital as an attending physician in the pediatric oncology clinic. From the East Coast we got news from **Simon Miller**, a partnership lawyer. He has joined the New York office of Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in the Business Litigation practice group.

Have you ever seen the show "Healthy Appetite" on the Food Network? Well, one of our own, **Ellie Krieger**, is the nutrition guru and host of that show. She is also the 2010 recipient of the Nutrition Science Media Award from the American Society for Nutrition. The award honors a person for his or her achievements in helping to foster the public's understanding of current nutrition issues based on science. She is also an author and has appeared as a guest expert on many TV programs.

Cynthia Knudson Crech works at OnX Enterprise Solutions Ltd. in Atlanta, GA: "After a short break from working during which I got certified to teach yoga, I am back at it in I.T. sales." Per their website, OnX designs, builds, and operates complex computing and data center solutions, helping organizations optimize their use of technology. Cynthia and husband Ron live in Alpharetta, GA.

Have you reconnected with someone through Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn? Let us know about it! What have you been up to, and who would you like to hear from? Stay in touch and let us add your news to the class column. **Sharon Numan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu.

89 Lacking news, I was going to fill this column with a discussion of this year's New Student Reading Assignment, *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, but our editor's brilliant mass e-mail idea filled my inbox with updates. (If you're interested in the book discussion, go to www.reading.cornell.edu.) Thanks to all who wrote in! If you don't see your news this time, it's been saved for the next issue.

First, news from the two classmates who took the trouble to write on one of those green forms, put it in an envelope, and lick a stamp. **Douglas Girgenti** (Yorktown Heights, NY) works in vaccine clinical research development at Pfizer, as the clinical lead of the *Staphylococcus aureus* vaccine program. His Cornell coursework in Microbiology, Genetics, and Biochemistry remains essential to his work. His friends from Phi Sigma Kappa remain close. **Debra Schneider** Toy (Niskayuna, NY) says, "With boys ages 14, 11, and 6, I spend most of my time on either the baseball field or the soccer field. Last summer, our family visited Alaska, which was a wonderful experience I highly recommend." Debra enjoys being part of her children's religious education by volunteering at their synagogue and substitute-teaching religious school.

Now to those who hit "reply" to send their news. **Gregory Poulos** is a director at V-Bar, a long-standing wind energy consultancy (www.v-bar.net). "A fantastic industry!" he raves. **Audrey Chin** Palma moved to Maine with her husband, Joe, and children Samantha, 8, and Amanda, 7. The Palmas opened a yoga studio, Maine Street Yoga Inc., in Brunswick, and Audrey hopes to start a Maine Cornell Alumni chapter. **Deborah Silverman** Shames wrote, "We celebrated the bar mitzvah of my oldest son, Jonathan, last March. Cornellians attending included my parents, **Robert '60** and **Toby Jossem Silverman '60**; my aunt **Susan Jossem Mitloff '67**; my cousin **Jeff Tartikoff '91**; my brother **Steven '92** and his wife, **Heather Nelson Silverman '92**; and friends **Irina Krislav Kamis '91**, **MS '95**, **Jennifer Gise Zeligson**, and **Mike '85** and **Joyce Kottick Greenberg '87**. My two younger ones (Matthew, 11, and Rachel, 7) happily joined in the festivities and can't wait for their turns! My private college counseling business (www.CollegeCoachDeb.com) keeps me

busy! My husband, **Martin**, still works as a finance manager at PSEG in New Jersey; in his free time he runs the Boy Scout program in our town of Upper Saddle River, NJ."

More e-mails: **Armand Velez** is a prosecutor in New Mexico and has handled more than 60 jury trials in the last seven years, including homicide and other serious violent crimes. He has served as chair for the Southern New Mexico

Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network for the last two years. **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan has launched Morgan Language Services (www.morganlanguages.com), a small, woman-owned business that specializes in written translation, oral interpreting, and website translation. **Shannon Gallivan** was married in August in Nags Head: "It was awesome—most wonderful day of my life. I married Dave Bol and was lucky enough to marry him and his children, Katie and Connor. Cornellians there were my brother, **Ryan Gallivan '94**,

BS '93, and my brother-in-law, **David Bullock, MBA '91**." A September reception followed with **Karen Leshowitz** Colonna and **Dianne Nersesian** McGuire, as well as **Mike McGowan '86** and **Bill Eaton '61**.

An update from **Jill Kasprowitz** Vizza: "After a long hiatus at home with the three kids, I decided to re-enter the workforce—as an elementary school teacher! I received my MS Ed from Penn last May and started this fall as a fifth-grade teacher in Central Bucks School District, outside Philadelphia. It has been an adventure greater than running a \$50M marketing division!" **Michelle Fried** Berti (Hong Kong) works for JP Morgan and enjoys dragon boat racing and yoga in her spare time. She welcomes the opportunity to get together with fellow alums in Hong Kong. **Rob O'Keefe** and his wife, Lynn Ann Casey, have a daughter, 5, who lights up their lives. Rob and Lynn own Arc Aspicio, a management and technical consulting company focused on homeland security, which was ranked in the Inc. 500 list of fastest-growing private companies in the US.

Alan and **Jamie Ottenwelder Roberts** moved from Rochester, NY, to Waunakee, WI, where Alan is now director of financial planning and analysis for Covance's food and nutritional chemistry business. Alan wrote, "My boss here has the best last name in the world: Cornell. We have a 12-year-old ice hockey defenseman named Jim who debates whether Cornell or Wisconsin hockey camp is better. We also have a 10-month-old, 100-pound Newfoundland named Isa who comes from an Ithaca-area breeder and bloodlines. Jamie stays at home and enjoys tutoring kids in math." **Cathleen Martin** Sheils, MPS '99, became director of undergraduate admissions for Cornell's ILR school last April, and e-mailed, "Love being a part of my alma mater on a daily basis and working to recruit those who will become Cornell alums in the future." **Karen Dahlby** Tallentire sent a short, sweet e-mail: "I'm very busy with three boys 5 and under. But I'm also having the time of my life!" **Tom Nemeth** proudly reports that he is still a better violinist than his daughter, Lucy, 8; they have both been taking lessons for three years. "That she will surpass me is inevitable, but I am determined to stave her off as long as possible." Videos of both are on YouTube so you can verify his claims, if you like.

A couple of e-mails highlighted a stage many of us are entering. **Susan Ward** writes, "I've reached the stage in life where I'm looking at colleges for my kids. My daughter is a high school senior and my son is a junior. Of course we would love for them to go to Cornell, but from a financial perspective they will probably go to a state school. During our college visits, I've been impressed with the services and scholastic programs the schools had to offer. It made me want to go back! Another update my fellow Cornellians may be interested in is that we've decided to go solar." **Tracey Souza** Cook reports, "I just came back from visiting my daughter in Jameson Hall (I only knew this as one of the High Rises) over Fall Break. She is a freshman, Class of 2014, in the College of Engineering. Some highlights: ate bo burger at RPCC (formerly RPU) and ate the freshest bagel at Collegetown Bagel; lowlights: Cornell Dairy was closed for refurbishing and the new express cafe that sells Cornell ice cream was closed for Fall Break and I couldn't find the great Greek-style pizza in Collegetown. The weather was absolutely fantastic, though!"

Now some classmates who could have children in the class of 2032: Congratulations to **Dina Stein**

‘I think we saw and ate everything possible.’

Albert Chu '87

Propp and husband Doug, who welcomed their third child, Daniel Nathan, on May 14, 2010. He joins sister Ilana, 6, and brother Jeremy, 5. And to **Alan Hirzel**, MS '91, MBA '97, who e-mailed, "My wife, Valerie, and I just had our first children and did it in grand fashion with twin boys. We are smitten. Life continues well for us in London." ■ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 Once again I bring news of your classmates near and far. We'll start this time close to the alma mater. **Keith Dayton** is Cortland County public defender. And that's all he wrote, except that he lives in Dryden. Also in the Finger Lakes are **Ted and Anna Henderson Endreny**, MAT '91, who live these days in Syracuse. Ted is a professor of water resources at SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Anna is chair of the science department at Jamesville-Dewitt Middle School. They have two kids and a puppy. A little farther north, Buffalo is home to **Mariam Landau** Goodrich, who describes her job as "college instructor, science educator." Sorry to hear that last August Mariam was recovering from a car accident—hope she's fully healed now. She fondly recalls biology professor Joe Novak and would like to hear from **Alice Roberts '88**.

Moving south to the Big Apple, home to a big corps (har!) of Cornellians: **Neera Rellan** Stacy is counsel at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. Outside the office, she enjoys baking and spending time with son Declan, 7, and husband Michael. Dermatologist **Michael Eidelman** is medical director of Chelsea Skin & Laser, a private practice dermatology center that he designed and opened. Michael is also raising twins Katie and Connor, 4, with his partner, AJ Vincent. In answer to the question "What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell?" Michael wrote, "The great friendships I have made." **Marc Goldman** is executive director of the career development center at Yeshiva U. He and wife Cara Smith welcomed Ian Benjamin Goldman-Smith to their family. Marc writes, "Big sister Olivia Cate is thrilled to have a little brother. And she can't wait to teach him the 'Let's Go Red' chant!" In the next state over, **Aileen Cahill** Blass is a manager at Project Solutions Consulting and lives in Summit, NJ, with husband Brett.

Up in New England, **Claudia Eisinger** Candio lives in Colchester, VT. "Consultant—qualitative marketing research and practitioner of holding and facilitating groups. Using 'Art of Convening': strategic planning, creative inspiration, plan implementation." She's also part of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation's Vermont Interfaith in Action group, which is trying to obtain affordable and universal access to healthcare in Vermont. She and husband Joe are boat owners and when she wrote in April, she was looking forward to sailing in the British Virgin Islands. She fondly remembers Friday and Saturday nights in College-town. **Jennifer Harlan** Sisca lives in Northampton, MA, with spouse Joy Rain. Jennifer is director of training solutions at Column 5, whose website describes it as "a consulting firm that helps CFOs reinvent how they plan and manage their business." Jennifer says her favorite memory of Cornell is "everything."

Heading into the interior: **George Fogg** and wife Vanessa live in Michigan, where George is a pediatric infectious diseases subspecialist at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. George says his life has been "mainly working," as a new children's hospital is being built in Grand Rapids, with a scheduled 2011 opening. When not working, he's busy "wrangling"—his word!—his 3- and 5-year-old children. He has vivid memories of one course I'd rather forget: Chem 207. Or rather, he has memories of "being consistently late to Chem 207, having to sit in the nosebleed section, and looking down at the empty second-row seat **Wendy Chung**, MD '98, dutifully saved for me." In Missouri, **David Olson** and wife Amy are raising sons ages 15, 12, and 8 (as of last May). David is IT manager for Monsanto and is involved in charitable activities around St. Louis, in his parish, and for the archdiocese. He fondly remembers football in the snow and would like to hear from **Dave Dembouski**. Heading westward for a Rocky Mountain High: **Jennifer Agnello** Long owns the Red Lion restaurant in Vail, CO. She keeps busy with golf, skiing, cooking, and parenting. Her favorite Cornell memories include Willard Straight Hall.

Alumni on the Left Coast! In Fresno, CA, **Michael Gen** is a cardiologist and chairman of cardiology at Cardiovascular Consultants Heart Center. He relaxes with tennis, racquetball, cycling, and games with the kids. He fondly remembers friends, fraternity (Sigma Nu), and sports from his time at Cornell. In Menlo Park, CA, **Kimberly Bazar** is on the clinical faculty in the Stanford School of Medicine's Dept. of Dermatology. She learned to surf in Hawaii over her son's spring break!

I have to stop there, but watch this space for more news—and keep it comin'! ■ **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kroberson@lightswitch.net.

91 I received an overwhelming response to my e-mail blast seeking news, including two first-time updates. **Douglas Kelly** earned an MBA from the Yale School of Management in 2000 and received the Dept. of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Award in 2005 to pursue research at the Center for Cyber Security & Research on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) in Dayton, OH. In 2009, he earned a PhD in computer science from the Air Force Inst. of Technology. Douglas is now Cyber Team Lead for the Air Force Research Laboratory on WPAFB, where he conducts cyber defense science and technology research and development and manages programs to enhance or create new military capabilities. In early 2010, Douglas traveled to the Philippines for an "all-in-one 25-year friendship celebration, host family and in-law reunion, wedding/reception/honeymoon, and mini-vacation." He married his quarter-century friend and five-year sweetheart, whom he met in 1985 when he was a Rotary Exchange student. Douglas, Marilyn, and their son Mark, 4, reside in Dayton, OH.

Morgan Rider has lived in Portland, OR, since 1993 and works for Ecology & Environment, an environmental consulting firm, with **Eric White '89** and **Jonathan Russell '93**, MBA '94. At the time she wrote, Morgan was looking forward to visiting **Kathleen Novak** Murray in Boston during an upcoming business trip. Morgan hopes to attend reunion and looks forward to seeing Judy Small,

with whom she worked at Cornell's Undergraduate Admissions Office, and **Betsy Mead** Noel '86, who lives and practices dentistry in Ithaca.

Simon Atkins has been busy: first, from his home base in Montana, he has added premium material to his global weather site; there's also a free membership level at www.AFCrisk.com; second, he started a spiritual institute with a twist centered on how to optimize one's abundance, at www.Lhatong.org; and third, since starting his doctorate in alternative medicine in 2004, he's finally on the dissertation stage and will finish in October 2011 with a trip to India to receive his degree and trek into Nepal. His dissertation is on biometoelectromagnetics, and combines the future of medicine—energetics—with spiritual health and climate change. If you figure out how those three fields are related, e-mail Simon at sra10@cornell.edu.

Katrina Schreiber Firlisk is co-founder and chief medical officer of HealthPrize Technologies (www.HealthPrize.com), an Internet-based software company that addresses the \$290 billion-a-year problem of poor compliance with prescription medications. After perfecting the art of brain surgery, she decided to take on the more difficult challenge of getting people to follow doctors' orders and actually stick with their medications. **Deb Moreau** Dihel launched a new app for Android Smartphones called GeoReader, which reads aloud historical markers as you drive by them. It also allows you to make your own talking points and share your knowledge about local landmarks and events. You can download the free app at Android Market. For her day job, Deb is a food scientist with ConAgra Foods developing new French fries. **Megan Elias** is a research associate at the Five Colleges Women's Studies Research Center. She is working on a history of American cookbooks and food magazines and enjoys the beautiful (but not as beautiful as Cornell) Mount Holyoke campus.

Geoffrey Moskowitz recently celebrated 13 years in Moscow with a record heat wave and choking smoke. He and wife Madelaine continue to build their industrial cleaning empire. Tip-Top Industrial Solutions has provided hi-tech cleaning for factories for seven years. Kids Ivan, 10, and Mikaela, 8, are native Russian speakers who never understood American TV or Taco Bell. The Moskowitz family looks forward to our reunion and is ready to stand in line to buy tickets! **Rich Levy** has lived and worked in Washington, DC, for the past 12 years. Rich is director of research at the National Multi Housing Council. He keeps in touch with **Shara Kabak**, who lives nearby. Last summer, Rich visited freshman roommate **Marc Bloomstein** and his family in the Boston area, and **Mark '92** and **Jessica Benjoya Mandell '93** and their family in the Roanoke area.

Geneva Chong and husband Dave Barnett have moved to Boulder, CO. Viva works for the US Geological Survey, Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center, based in Jackson, WY. Their son Bard was born on April 16, 2009. Viva won't make it to our reunion because she will be in Ithaca for her sister's graduation from the Hotel school, and she can't stay that long. She hasn't returned since 1991 and hopes to visit roommates **Pamela Mischen '90** and **Danielle Haynes** Feerick, who live in the area.

Class of '91 families continue to expand. On April 27, 2009, **Howard Wolkow** welcomed daughter Abigail. In March 2010, **Eileen Bowden** Feeley and husband David welcomed James Colm. On March 26, 2010, **Nancy Beninati** and her husband welcomed twins William and Zachary. Nancy is a

deputy attorney general for the California Attorney General's Civil Rights Enforcement Section in Oakland, CA. **Doug Fambrough** and **Kimberly Moy** welcomed their second child, Torin Douglas, on August 30, 2010. Kim is at home with the kids and Doug is CEO of a small biotechnology company in Boston.

Start making plans for our 20th Reunion, the weekend of June 9-12! Check out our Cornell '91 page on Facebook for the latest updates and to let us know how we can make it the best reunion ever! If your news didn't make it into this column, please look for it in the next. **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, ams14@cornell.edu; **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, sheslam@berkshirepartners.com; **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, klk22@cornell.edu.

92 Thanks to all of you who responded to our e-mail request for news. Wow—what a lot we all have going on. Keep it coming. As I write, my husband **John Torrance '90** and I are planning a fall trip back to the Hill to visit the Dept. of Entomology's annual Insectapalooza event. Our daughter, budding arachnologist Emily, 8, sincerely hopes to return from Ithaca with a tarantula. I'm not sure I'm ready for this.

Lots of news from New Jersey! My former apartment-mate **Linda LaMagra** Holmes is a senior financial analyst at Honeywell. Her children Justin, 7, and Jamie, 3, have their mom's eyes and manage to keep her busy! If the kids are lucky, their mom's still as good a cook as she was 19 years ago. **Paul Matz** is a pediatrician in Mullica Hill, NJ, which probably serves him well as he has three daughters now: Rebecca, 5, Eliana, 2, and baby Lilah. In May, **Annie Rojas** had a son, Alejandro Jerome Jacobs. It has been a whirlwind of dirty diapers, sleep deprivation, and unbridled joy ever since. (It gets even better, Annie!) She and her husband live in Collingswood, NJ, just over the bridge from Philadelphia.

In other former roommate news, **Mitch Hartley** lived with my husband at AGR back in the day. Now he's in Maine with wife **Gabrielle (Mollo)** and their two sons. Mitch works for the US Fish and Wildlife Service; Gabrielle is a lawyer. Based on the rest of his e-mail to me, Mitch is pursuing an alternate career in comedy writing. Ahem. But, mark his words: the Hartleys will "most definitely" be at our 20th Reunion. Our class has some real writers, too. Case in point: **John Murphy** has a mystery novel coming out in January, *Murder Your Darlings*. "One morning, legendary wit Dorothy Parker discovers someone under Manhattan's famed Algonquin Round Table. A little early for being passed out drunk, isn't it? But he's not dead drunk—just dead. When a charming writer from Mississippi named Billy Faulkner becomes a suspect in the murder, Dorothy decides to dabble in a little detective work." Find out more at John's website: www.roundtablemysteries.com. **Sue Eisenfeld** (Arlington, VA) is the recipient of the 2010 Goldfarb Family Fellowship for nonfiction writers at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. The fellowship is a two-week residency awarded annually to the top creative non-fiction applicant. She'll be one of about 25 fellows working on their own creative projects at this working retreat for visual artists, writers, and composers. Kind of like being on campus, but with no schedules, obligations, or prelims! Sue's work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Gettysburg Review*, *Potomac Review*, the *Washington Post*, *Washingtonian*, and a number of

other publications. She's also appeared in *The Best American Essays 2009*. She specializes in personal essays and memoirs in nature and science, history, travel, health and medicine, and food.

Congratulations are in order to **Matthew Goldberg**, who was elected to the Cornell University Council for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2010. Council members are elected based upon their leadership in Cornell volunteer activities, business and professional endeavors, and community and charity involvement. Many thanks go to our classmates who are continuing as members of the Council. They are **Stephen Mong**, ME '93, MBA '02, **Meredith Rosenberg**, **Petula Brown**, **Terrance Horner Jr.**, PhD '98, and **Betty Eng**.

Class president **Karen McCalley** spent five weeks studying at Oxford U. this past summer as part of her graduate program with the Bread Loaf School of English. She followed that with a week in Germany visiting old friends in Berlin. When she returned, she visited **Jessica Aronofsky** Schwartzberg in Ocean, NJ. She and husband Paul are busy with their kids, Hannah and Daniel, and house renovations. Karen's not the only one going back to school. **Pete Wahl** has moved his family (wife **Parul Desai '91** and children Vijay and Maiya) up to Boston to pursue a belated doctorate in pharmacoepidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health. He's finding that being a student again is both exciting and a bit humbling. If that's not enough, he hopes to publish a novel next summer!

David Atkins is now a Korean Buddhist monk known as Myong Haeng Sunim. He serves as vice abbot of the Korean temple Chogyesa in Manhattan. Their website is www.nychogyesa.org. **Kathy Houggy** Ross and her family moved from Atlanta, GA, to Barrington, IL (near Chicago), in August with her company, ADP. Kathy is now the general manager for the Midwest Small Business Payroll Services division, based in Elk Grove Village, IL. The Ross family faces the daunting challenge of adjusting to Midwest winters! And speaking of life adjustments: **Lisa Martin** Henrickson and husband Roy welcomed daughter Madelynn Michelle on May 26. She's a type A like her parents—rolling over, cutting teeth, and crawling on or ahead of plan. After her maternity leave, Lisa returned to work as assistant general counsel at Verizon Business, where she negotiates large, complex service and outsourcing agreements for Verizon's large corporate customers.

After recruiting for 13 years, in March 2009 **Lisa Nelson** Rangel launched Chameleon Resumes (www.chameleonresumes.com), a resume writing job search consultancy to help job seekers land their next position. She says that entrepreneurship has its own set of challenges, but she wouldn't trade it for anything else. **Azhar Khan** has got serial entrepreneurship down to a science. After graduation, he joined a startup called Ithaca Software that was bought by Autodesk. He then started Cubus, which got bought by Citadon/Soward Group. Then he started Riya/Like.com, which was bought by Google in August 2010. Now he serves on the advisory board of Cornell's Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering and is starting a new company called ChallengeDating.com. As if this weren't enough to keep one busy, Azhar managed to get a master's at Stanford Business School, worked in London and Bangalore, and married Zainab. The Khans have children Riya and Rafay and live in San Francisco.

Keep the news coming, if for no other reason than that it will help me keep my mind off the tarantula in our house. **Megan Fee** Torrance,

mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

93 Happy New Year! Welcome to 2011. This is the year many of us will turn the big 4-0! Are you looking forward to it? Dreading it? Doing something special to celebrate? Let us and your classmates know!

We start off by catching up on six years of news for **J.P. Freeley**. He writes, "My wife, Kasia, and I were married in Warsaw, Poland, in August 2004. We have wonderful kids Claire, 3-1/2, and Andrew, 1. I'm president of my own company, BlueBlastMedia, an out-of-home marketing firm that provides technology to Fortune 500 out-of-home campaigns. We recently upped our home in Forest Hills (Queens) for our expanding family and are enjoying the process of making it our own. This past summer, my family visited with longtime friend (since freshman orientation) and best man **Dan Erickson**, his wife Dr. **Melissa Brandes-Erickson**, and their two kids at their home near Burlington, VT. It was a quick but long-overdue trip that everyone enjoyed."

Congratulations go out to a few of our classmates with some recent accomplishments. **Jon Labovitz** e-mailed to say that he left private practice in July 2010 to become an associate professor and department chair of medicine, surgery, and biomechanics at the new College of Podiatric Medicine at Western U. of Health Sciences. In September 2010 he was elected into the National Academies of Practice. An official induction will follow in Washington, DC, in March 2011. **Seth Kestenbaum** continues to live in NYC and work in the real estate advisory services world. He was named one of Costar's "Power Brokers" and he continues to teach real estate finance as an adjunct professor through various CUNY undergraduate and graduate programs. Seth has rediscovered cycling and spent the summer and fall preparing for a century ride that he hoped to make this past November. Congratulations also go out to **Wayde Jester**, who in October 2010 finished the Denver Rock 'n Roll Marathon in a great time of 3:08.45!

David Kroll sent in a professional update, along with some news of a recent reunion. He writes, "I finished my MBA at the U. of Nebraska, and Angie and I moved with our kids Howie, 9, and Johanna (Joey), 6, from Nebraska back to Ohio. Currently, I work as a project manager for Cargill Flavor Systems, and Angie and I are helping our friend Stacey market and manufacture a board game case called 'Game Hero.' You can learn more about it at www.beginnerbusinesswoman.info. I was just back for Homecoming last month, along with (coincidentally) 93 other trombone players and their families. **Eric Jones**, **Craig Bloom '91**, **BS '93**, and **Andy Vitolins** were there with their families, as well as a few dozen alumni from earlier and later classes. Aside from the tailgate and football game, we sailed, hiked, went to the science center, and toured the wine trail. The highlight for me was the new distillery on the east side of Seneca." David, did you know that Finger Lakes Distilling was co-founded by **Brian McKenzie '99**?

We continue to add to our ever-expanding Class of '93 descendants. **Anastasia "Stacey" Malacos** Lafollette (Mamaroneck, NY) is director of the New York Meetings Program at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City. In October 2009, she welcomed daughter Vera. She also has a son,

Nicholas, 4-1/2. **Kelly Bey Lind**, JD '96, and husband **Daniel**, MPS '94, welcomed son Mark Joseph on July 24, 2009. **Kelly Horl** and husband Rich welcomed daughter Grace Florence on June 10, 2010. She writes, "Her big brother, Ryan, 3-1/2, is beyond thrilled that she is here and very much enjoying being a big brother. Just spent this last weekend in Pittsburgh with **Sima Asad Ali**, **Laurie Appel Barkman**, and **Jackie Finkel Kauff**. Sima, Jackie, and I joined Laurie at her home for a visit."

I had my own mini-reunion in October 2010. I got together with **Lauren Bailyn Sapira**, MBA '94, **Greg**, DVM '94, and **Andrea Sarkany Riskin**, and **Gabriel** and **Tammi Miller Fox '94** and their families at a park in New Jersey. Lauren and husband Valdi live in Hoboken, NJ, with Josh, 6, and Samantha, 4. Lauren changed jobs and now commutes into New York City to work for the McGraw-Hill Companies as a senior online editor. Andrea and Greg live in Fair Lawn, NJ, with their children Deborah, 11, Michael, 7, and Eden, 3. Andrea is a psychologist at both West Bergen Mental Health-care and at Advanced Psychological Specialists. Tammi and Gabriel live in Montebello, NY, with sons Zeke, 4, and Micah, 2. Tammi still works for JP Morgan, but changed departments and is now a VP of project management. As for me, I've been in White Plains for about 2-1/2 years. I am a principal at Buck Consultants in NYC, doing health-care consulting and I love spending time with my three guys—husband Sandy and sons Jonathan, 4, and Ari, 1-1/2. I'll turn 40 in May, but with two little boys in the house, I haven't had too much time to even think about it. I had a great 30th birthday and it kicked off a great decade, so here's to another great decade for all of us! ☑ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Melissa Carver Sottile**, mtcstottile@yahoo.com.

94 Ready to feel old? The members of the Class of 2011 were born during our senior year of high school. Yipes! In the meantime, our classmates continue to bring new future Cornellians into the world. My freshman year roommate, **Sharmi Das Skipper**, and her husband, Anthony, welcomed son Damien Reese on July 21, 2010. Damien also has a big sister, 2-year-old Jordan. By the powers of Facebook, I was inspired to dig out all of the Cornelliana my sons had been gifted as babies and pass them on to a good Cornell home, and now Damien and Jordan both have some additional outfits to carry on the Big Red tradition. **Lisa Keswick** welcomed a son, Elliot, on April 21, 2010. She proudly reports, "He is a great baby and we are delighted parents." Lisa continues to enjoy practicing pediatrics in Rhode Island. Hooray for the legacies of the Class of (ready to feel even older?) 2031!

Psychologist **Cara Mendelow** reports that she has relocated her practice to 41 Park Avenue in NYC. Describing her practice, Cara writes, "I provide individual and group psychotherapy services, and also offer mind-body interventions including yoga, meditation, and other stress-reduction strategies. I work with many Cornell alumnae living and working in NYC and the surrounding suburbs who are seeking to enhance their personal and professional development and am available for consultation around issues related to health, career, family, and relationships." **Dave Goodridge** has now been in Nashville for ten years and would love to visit with classmates traveling in his area. He was recently

promoted to Eastern Regional Director for National IPA, a startup that helps governmental agencies save money with volume-priced contracts. Dave enjoys the quality of life Nashville has to offer and loves the music offered all around. It's not just country! Locally, Dave visits Dan McGuinness, a local Irish pub operated by another Hotelie, **Quinn O'Sullivan '96**, and sees **Jan Freitag '97** often.

Kaila Colbin is keeping busy running a "virtual world for good green kids," www.minimonos.com. She reports that the site "has been growing by leaps and bounds as 7- to 14-year-olds around the world discover it." Kaila currently calls Christchurch, New Zealand, home, though she is looking forward to a stateside visit in February. **Donald Patterson**, ME '95, is a professor at UC Irvine. His areas of research interest lie at the intersection of artificial intelligence and ubiquitous computing and he has applied this work to transportation and activity assistance. He also

fish (Jeff made me give the turtle away before our trek)—from the North to the South, and our lives have changed in strange and wondrous ways. We now have Mardi Gras as a holiday because it is not like anyone in New Orleans is going to work that day or the day after, and I also respond to any and all questions with "Who dat!" Mardi Gras is a perfect time to buy books from Maple Street Book Shop (www.maplestreetbookshop.com), where I am now a bookseller and social medium (coined this one myself). In my spare time (ha!), I teach online high school and middle school English through the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School/VLACS (www.vlacs.org), perform an occasional wedding ceremony, and am supposed to be working on my novel's sequel. Jeff is a professor at Tulane.

One of the many perks of living in NOLA is having had the opportunity to spend time with **Christopher "Bazooka" Morris '96**, who gave my husband and me a tour of restoration projects on

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reports that he recently adopted a son from the Philippines and that his after-hours extracurricular activities now consist of "running kids around to their extracurricular activities." I am sure that sounds familiar to many!

Rachelle Bernacki and **John Schmucker '84** of Cambridge, MA, got married this summer, and it was a very Cornell wedding indeed. Rachelle received her MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and an MA from the U. of Chicago. She is currently a faculty member at Harvard Medical School and director of quality initiatives in the Dept. of Palliative Care at Dana Farber Cancer Inst. and the Division of Aging at Brigham and Women's Hospital. After graduating from Cornell, John received an MBA from the U. of Chicago Graduate School of Business. After working for Compaq and Siemens in Munich, Germany, for a decade, he is now an independent business consultant based in Cambridge, MA. The Cornellians in attendance ranged from the law school Class of 1953—the mother of the groom, **Jean Glenn Schmucker, JD '53**—to the Class of 1997. **Lou Bergholz, Dave Berger, Allison Fishman, Cindy Morrison Phoele, Rik Wehbring '93**, ME '94, **John Folger**, ME '95, and **Pete Joson '93** also attended.

Finally, the folks at Cornell's Adult University passed along the news that **Carlin MacDougall**, BArch '99, MArch '00, took a tennis clinic through CAU this past summer. What a fun way to practice skills and spend some time on campus! Send us your news! ☑ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, Jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com.

95 I have some Big Red shoes to fill since **Alison Torriilo** French (now our president) passed her half of the class correspondent duties to me. In the midst of accepting this new responsibility, my husband of five years, Jeff Sigler (UVA/Yale), and I have moved—with three cats and a Seussian

which he was working for the National World War II Museum. This is a must-see, should you visit NOLA (www.nationalww2museum.org). Christopher also attempted to super-size us at one of Emeril's restaurants.

The power of social media continues to enthrall me, Malcolm Gladwell's commentary aside. Weren't we the first class to have e-mail accounts? I planned my reunion interactions via Facebook (not with the raptors, though), and we even had a Twitter hashtag going for tweeters to report on their reunion activities. I met up with **Jeff Kline, Kerry Duffy, Patrick and Angela Ruggieri Omilian '97, Tom Hughes** and his wife, **Kelly Gonzalez-Hughes '96**, and **Eric Krug** and Rebecca Zielinski-Krug (Texas A&M). Most of us met when we lived in Ecology House our freshman year; Kerry is an Alpha Phi sorority sister who nearly took out this class correspondent with her VW Beetle.

Tom and Kelly introduced me to the beautiful twins they adopted from Ethiopia right before Reunion. We hung out at the Ithaca Farmers' Market for a couple of hours. Tom and Kelly will never let me babysit the girls because of my inability to feed them tiny-human-sized portions. While attending Reunion, Alison Torriilo French and I were thrilled when **Stephanie Campbell** Kosier linked up with us on Facebook, as we had been searching for her for a while. Leaving Cornell, I took fond thoughts and a paint-stained pair of pants I had worn to our class craft table. Ithaca seemed bigger than I remembered it, by the way.

One of the first people to send news my way was **Micah Donahue**: "After graduating Cornell, Micah got his start in advertising in Minneapolis. After moving back East to Boston, he met and married wife Kristen Shea (Middlebury) in 2001. Micah and Kristen bounced around Cambridge and Boston's North Shore before settling in Newburyport, MA. The family includes Max, 3, and Lucy, born Sept. 3, 2010. Micah is a principal at Mechanica (www.mechanicausa.com)—a boutique branding/marketing firm based in Newburyport—and a home improvement addict." Micah's latest

projects have included “installing a new water heater, adding radiant floors, and installing 15 (only six to go) new windows.” He has also had a few Chevy-Chase-as-Clark-Griswold moments with a family of squirrels, but he has won the battle, for the time being.

Suzanne Ehlers, while carrying her second future Cornellian, Dahlia Louise, born on June 3, 2010, became president and CEO of Population Action Int’l (www.populationaction.org). Thus Suzanne could not attend Reunion. PAI, where Suzanne has been working for seven years, is “an

never had enough tread on them.” She invites anyone traveling to Vegas or Southern California to be in touch if you want to catch up in person.

Eric Helmy (eric@nwbusinesslawgroup.com) is in Portland, OR, with his wife, Heather. He is a managing partner at Northwest Business Law Group, which does business litigation, intellectual property, employment, and tax law. In his spare time he is a dad and trains for the Ironman triathlon! **Michael Kelly** (Denver, CO; michael.kelly@ucdenver.edu) married wife Erin in November 2009. He is a gynecologic oncologist at

government, presently on disaster operations in the Gulf Coast. After-hours he is volunteering to help restore the P.T. 305 at the National WWII Museum. **Paul Lester**, ME ’98 (Nutley, NJ; PBL1@cornell.edu) works for Prudential Financial. He is married to Yue Zhang. **Constance “Tanzi” Wehe Craig** (ckwcraig@gmail.com) is developing a new website, SoloParentsGuide.com. She envisions it as a community forum and resource for parents who are running households solo. Tanzi is also “building a partnership with a wine-tasting company that provides turnkey fundraiser events for local schools and nonprofits. I was recently appointed to the Alumnae Advisory Council for a new Pi Phi chapter at Johns Hopkins U. The girls remind me of myself in the early 1990s. It’s fun to see how times have changed. Future Cornellians and Pi Phis Amanda and Alli have busy schedules, too, so running around to their schools and activities takes up the rest of my time.” Thanks, everyone, for writing with all of your updates! **Carin Lustig Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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international nonprofit working in family planning and reproductive health.” Dahlia Louise joins big sister Paloma Rose, 3, who is, Suzanne reports, “delighted with her new role as big sister.” Suzanne, her girls, and husband Laurent Abelin (Antioch) reside in Washington, DC, which seems to be a Cornell South of sorts.

Your class officers have been phone conferencing to debrief about the 15th Reunion and, of course, to plan for the coming 20th (already!). One of the exciting things on the horizon is the class council we are developing. Being an officer can seem like an overwhelming commitment, and the class council will provide people with an opportunity to get involved at their particular comfort levels. Stay tuned for more information; if you think you are interested, please let Alison know at amt7@cornell.edu.

Thanks to those of you who shared the changes in your world. You can find our class website here: <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>, and we also have a Facebook page. Search for “Cornell Class of 1995.” Your correspondents await more news. **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; and **Abra Benson Perrie**, amb8@cornell.edu.

96 I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year. Just because we are coming upon our 15th Reunion doesn’t mean that we are old! **Paul Belcher** (city2mntns@yahoo.com) is living in San Francisco and is the assistant VP of underwriting for ACE Ltd. He is training for his fifth season of triathlons (!) and hopes to be an age-group contender this year. Recalling the wonderful Ithaca climate, he remembers “walking to class in weather that shuts down many major cities.” Paul got married on September 6, 2009 in the historic Presidio of San Francisco and then honeymooned in Japan and Indonesia. **Justine Harrison** (jah2@cornell.edu) writes from a new address in Las Vegas, where she recently decided to take a long sabbatical to travel and volunteer. She is currently training for a half-marathon with **Andrea Foster** and recently traveled to reconnect with friends in the South and along the East Coast, to Alaska for hiking and dog sledding, and to France for the summer. Her most prominent Cornell memory: “My eyelashes freezing together while trudging up Libe Slope in the winter, wearing shoes that

the U. of Colorado Health Science Center in Aurora, and after hours he runs, hikes, and spends time with his family. Michael and Erin welcomed daughter Rose Elizabeth on June 2, 2010. Writes, Michael, “I am enjoying the ‘Colorado life.’” **Lauren Wein Mank** (lwein@groveatlantic.com) is happy to report that she and husband **Rob** had their third daughter in June. Baby Olive joins sisters Sadie, 5, and Tessa, 3. They are living in New York City where Rob is a news producer and Lauren is a book editor.

Heidi Mochari ’97 and **Dave Greenberger** (heidoanddave@me.com) welcomed their first child, Emma Ruth, in New York City on September 17, 2010. **Lisa Drayer** (lisadrayer@me.com) also writes from New York, where she is enjoying motherhood with her beautiful 9-month-old daughter Brooke Sadie. She and her husband are planning Brooke’s first birthday party at the Cornell Club in New York! **Ali Davis** (traveling_ali@hotmail.com) has been living in NYC since 2007 and works for Arup as an urban transport planner. She reports, “I just got back from two and a half weeks in southern Africa—South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe. Unfortunately, I just missed **Josh Friedman**, JD ’99, in Victoria Falls (he now lives in Harare, Zimbabwe). Back in August, I traveled to France to celebrate the wedding of **Nick Grego** and Anne Marceau. Other Cornell attendees were **Rob Winger**, ME ’97, **Jose Machuca**, ME ’97, **Chetna Bansal**, ME ’97, and **Aravind Narasimhan** ’97. The wedding was in Ferretve, a small town in Burgundy, so we were able to put our wines knowledge to good use.”

Monica Rodriguez Quirch, BArch ’96, is living in Miami, where she welcomed a fourth child—a daughter (“finally, after three boys”) named Cecilia, in November 2009. She and her husband spent their summer fishing, spearfishing/diving, wakeboarding, and paddleboarding in the Bahamas. **Carolyn Broadhead** (CMBroadhead@comcast.net) also wrote in from the Sunshine State: “My year in Florida turned into five years! My daughter Heidi is 8, and the two of us enjoy being close to my parents. I work part-time for Palm Beach Public Relations doing marketing and events. I love the flexibility (lots of volunteer work!), but I miss my days as a recruiter! I traveled quite a lot in 2010 for work and play and hope to fill 2011 with lots of skiing!”

Christopher P. Morris (cm14@cornell.edu) is based in Ithaca and on deployment for the US

97 Once, our biggest choices were whether or not to show for that 8 a.m. class or which bar/restaurant to frequent in Collegetown. As we’ve moved from the Hill, we’ve seen our options expand as well. Where should we live and work? Where should we travel? Should we go back to school? Read on to see some of the decisions your classmates are making.

Renu Giyanani Schmoyer sent news of a relocation to Vicenza, Italy. She and her husband are excited about his overseas assignment, but will certainly miss friends in Washington, DC. She had one last celebration stateside in NYC with **Kristin Powers Goppel**, **Jenny Kapelyan**, **Divya Gupta**, **Foram Desai**, **Shailee Lala**, and **Suchi Sanagavarapu**. She reports that everyone is doing great. Best of luck, Renu, in your transition! The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation reports that **Kristen DiNorscia** Jellison has received a 2010 Lindbergh Grant in water conservation and health for her project “Optimizing the Biosand Filter for Treating Household Drinking Water in Developing Countries.” Kristen is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Lehigh U. and earned her doctorate from MIT. The Lindbergh grants are awarded in the amount of \$10,580—the amount it cost to build Charles Lindbergh’s plane the “Spirit of St. Louis”—and focus on projects that balance nature and scientific innovation. Congratulations go out to **William Trenchard** on his new appointment to the Cornell Council and to **Liz Everett** for her continuation on the Council.

A few classmates sent in news of trips overseas. **Mike Alsko** and wife Gillian celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary with a cruise in the eastern Mediterranean. The pictures were breathtaking—congrats on ten years! **Nick Halverson** has been splitting his time between Minnesota and Costa Rica since he now owns a 150-acre real estate development there (www.VillageCostRica.com). When he is back stateside (about six months out of the year) he has the chance to see **Doug Hassell**, who is also in Minnesota, and has even been around enough to be elected president of the Cornell Club of Minnesota. Congrats, Nick. It

sounds like you are staying busy. Journeying across the Atlantic from the UK is **Meghan Thompson**, who joined us stateside for the October 11 wedding of **Patricia Sexton** in the Catskills. Meghan is staying busy as mom to Conall, who just turned 1, and as a writer for rebelmom.com.

Heather Ziegler Weitzel and husband **Brian '99** welcomed daughter Hannah Christine in September 2009. Hannah joins big brothers Noah and Ethan, bringing some much welcomed estrogen to a house full of boys! Heather has decided to take a break from teaching in the Pittsburgh area to stay home with the kids while Brian is studying for his executive MBA at Katz Business School at the U. of Pittsburgh and working at Westinghouse Electric Co. Congrats, Weitzel family! Also welcoming a new addition is **Mary Anna Denman**. Daughter Caitlin Marie Ching joins big brother John in keeping Mary Anna on her toes. The family is still in Portland, OR, and loving the Pacific Northwest. Lastly, congrats to fellow Theta **Holly Gurian** on her June 2010 wedding in Cape Cod. **Alison Weick**, **Heidi Dillmann Davis**, and **Ruby Huang** joined the celebration, as did **Rebecca Fraioli '96**. Thanks to the power of Facebook, I was able to see some great pictures from the wedding! Holly has gone back to school part-time to work on her law degree. Best of luck!

Send in some news—we always want to know what you are up to! Did you take a fun trip? Change jobs? Relocate? Make it back to Ithaca recently? ☒ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu/>; Facebook: Cornell Class of 1997.

98 Congratulations to the Class of 1998 on submitting more news than we have space to print! In honor of that, I will get straight to the business of sharing it.

Matthew and **Amy Adams Nieman** (Ashburn, VA) had a daughter, Samantha Adams Nieman, on Dec. 22, '09. Matt and Amy celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary in December. Matt is an attorney at Jackson Lewis LLP and Amy is a senior managing consultant with IBM, but when she wrote, she was on a leave of absence to spend time with Samantha. Congratulations!

Mary Goll has started as a faculty member in the developmental biology program at Sloan-Kettering Inst. in New York City, with a joint appointment at Weill Cornell. Congratulations, Mary! **Meredith Negrin** is also in NYC, working as a school guidance counselor at Stuyvesant High School, from which she is "proudly sending up to 50 grads each year to Cornell!" Meredith is also adjunct faculty in the Teachers College's counseling psychology program and enrolled in Hunter College's School Leadership program. She does private SAT tutoring and college counseling on the side and regularly sees **Laura Lopez** Keegan, **Dyan Kempe** Shenn, **Anissa Karp** Klein, **Elyssa Cohen** Gaffin, **Jennifer Sandler** Shrier, **Shari Dickstein**, **Jordan Alpert**, and **Amy Wilcox** Voigt.

We heard from **Abraham Burickson**, an artist-in-residence at Cornell University! How cool is that?! In April, he will put on a 24-hr. performance in New York City with his group, Odyssey Works. Abraham was selected for the *Best New Poets 2008* anthology, and his chapbook of poems, *Charlie*, is available now on Codhill Press (Codhill.com). **Erica Frenay** is also in the Ithaca area, working for Cornell's Small Farms

Program. "Four years ago we launched the Beginning Farmer Project in response to a resurgence in interest by new farmers, and late last year we were thrilled to receive a \$750,000 grant from the USDA to continue and expand our support for new farmers," she writes. Erica, husband Craig Modisher, and daughter Rowan, 3, are starting their own diversified farm in Caroline, south-east of Ithaca. Erica was happy to share news about her friend **Julie Sherman**, who opened her own graphic design studio in Brookline and is experiencing great success. Check out her business at: <http://jshermanstudio.com>.

Liz Levin writes that she is a senior producer at the "Colbert Report" with **Meredith Scardino**, BFA '98, who is a writer for the show. **Vicci Lau** has been busy since graduation! She is back in her native Hong Kong after studying law in the UK at Cambridge U., where she earned a second bachelor's degree. She works for Morgan Stanley in the transaction management group, fixed income division. Vicci and husband Kelvin have a boy, 2, and a girl, 6 months. **Raenna Cranbourne** writes that she finished her third half-Ironman triathlon in the Philippines in August and was busy training for her third marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon in October. She has been on vacation to Osaka and Kyoto, Japan, for a week to go temple-hopping, and will go to Vientiane and Luang Prabang, Laos, in October for the Cornell Hotel Society Asia Pacific annual meeting. She is busy with work, developing luxury resorts and restaurants in the Philippines. She says, "Anyone coming to visit Manila, let me know!"

Christopher Gruszczyński, JD '08, and wife Lydia Barker (daughter of Prof. **Randy Barker '53** of the Ag school) celebrated their first anniversary. They were married in Sage Chapel on July 4, '09. Christopher is an associate in the corporate department at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York, where he has been since graduating from the Law School. **Amy Peterson** and her family still live in San Francisco, where she started a new job as a project manager in engineering at SAY Media, an online media company. Daughter Avery (Class of 2031?) will turn 2 on Thanksgiving and Amy says, "I can't believe she's that old already!" Amy had a mini-Cornell reunion in June with **Jon**, PhD '03, and **Gabby Sfiligoi Hughes**, DVM '02, and **Michelle Pangborn**. "We had a great time and laughed a ton, but we really missed all our other friends. We are already planning another mini-reunion in California in June 2011!"

Also in California: **Brendon Harrington** and wife **Cindy (Moore) '99** moved this summer after living almost ten years in Denver. Brendon is a transportation programs manager, overseeing a number of programs including the day-to-day operations of Google's famous employee commuter shuttle program. The Harringtons welcomed son Colin this past February and report that his big sister Kelsey, who started kindergarten this fall, adores him greatly. Finally, the biggest news of the year! **Devika Patel** has a new cell phone. She hates it.

Keep sharing your news—we absolutely adore printing it! ☒ **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu.

99 On an episode of "The Office," fictional Cornell alum Andy Bernard (the hilarious Ed Helms)

is reading his Class Notes column and learns that his classmate and fellow a cappella member Broccoli Rob has been jamming with Trey Anastasio. At first Andy gets jealous, but then he gets motivated to spend time working on his music, his true passion. After learning about all of the great achievements of the Class of '99, I hope you'll feel inspired too.

Dana Chieco (Washington, DC) received a master's in urban and environmental planning from the U. of Virginia in 2006. Since graduate school, she has worked in economic development and land use planning for the District of Columbia government, the Urban Land Inst., and a business improvement district. She is currently employed by the Brookings Institution's metropolitan policy program as a development specialist. **Kristin Schmidt** and husband David Hicks have relocated to Bandung, Indonesia, where they both work as chiropractors who specialize in correcting scoliosis. "We are really enjoying the experience of the Indonesian culture," Kristin writes. "The people are sooo friendly and life is so much simpler here." **Peter**, ME '00, and **Meredith Glah Coors** moved from Denver to Pasadena, CA, last year for Peter's job as packaging quality manager at the Irwindale Brewery for MillerCoors. Meredith stays at home with their kids: Peter, 7, Caroline, 5, Maggie, 3, and James, 1. Meredith writes: "We are doing great, enjoy seeing other Cornellians around L.A., and recently traveled to Balloon Fiesta in New Mexico with **Barrett Yates-Mack '00** and **Tim Mack**."

Greg Sawicky lives in Durham, NC, with wife Katia Koelle. They met in grad school at the U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2003 and married in October 2009. They are now both assistant professors; Greg is a member of the biomedical engineering department at UNC-Chapel Hill/NC State and Katia teaches biology at Duke. On Sept. 20, 2010, lawyer **Kevin Law Orloski** became a first-time dad when wife Maraleen Shields gave birth to a son, Cole Law Orloski. The new parents were feted at a baby shower in August, where guests included **Christa Fossee Johnson '93**, who attended Pitt Law School with Kevin and Maraleen. Also in attendance were Kevin's brother, **Richard Law Orloski '94**, his wife, Alicia Forward, and their daughter Isabel, 9 months old. **Karen Weigel** Everett (Ashburn, VA) gave birth to a beautiful son, Cash Nelson, on Sept. 8, 2010.

Melissa Trepiccione Losquadro fills us in on what she and husband Bill have been up to: "Our big news is that we just relocated back to New York from Chicago. Bill finished a fellowship there in facial plastic surgery and joined a practice in Westchester as a facial plastic surgeon. A long road, but definitely exciting to be on this part of it now! Our daughter Lia has turned 2, and we are all definitely enjoying being back in New York, closer to family and friends." **Caryn Chase Rakov** and husband **Brad '98** also moved back to their home state of New York. They're happy to be in the beautiful Hudson Valley area, after spending two years in Quantico, VA, and a six-year tour in Okinawa. Brad, an aircrew training officer in charge, is a KC-130 pilot with the Marine Corps. Caryn is a part-time teacher at Nature Center, where son Brayden, 3, goes to preschool. She's also teaching online with American Military U. as a professor of a foundations of online learning/writing/research class.

Kate Velasquez-Heller was married last spring to Luis Fernando Velasquez-Garcia. Kate is an environmental attorney at Goulston & Storrs and

Luis is a principal research scientist at MIT. Kate says that they plan to stay around the Boston area, but make regular visits to Colombia, which is where Luis's family resides. On Sept. 9, **Ilana Kubel Engel** (Sands Point, NY) presented her son, Joshua, 2, with a little sister, Sydney Rebecca. Ilana says that she feels very lucky to have one of her old roommates, **Amy Nathanson Nash**, right in town. Amy's kids Zach and Gabe are best buddies with Josh and Sydney. When asked what she'd rather be doing, Ilana responded: "Nothing! Life is pretty good right now, although I do miss the Palms and Hot Truck." What does she remember most about her time from Cornell? Her answer is certainly familiar to anyone with young children: "I remember sleeping way more than I do these days!"

Marissa Tannenbaum McClintock sent this update: "After **Scott**, MBA '08, finished at the Johnson School, we moved back to the Boston area. On May 26, 2010, I gave birth to our second son, Alex. He joined us, Finley, 2, and our dog, Cayuga, whom we got from the SPCA in Ithaca. I am busy chasing the kids and have also returned to work part-time as a physician assistant, while Scott works up the street at Nexamp, a renewable energy startup. We are all doing well and love catching up with our Cornell friends (and their children) as often as we can." Send your news to: [Liz Borod](mailto:Liz.Borod@gmail.com) Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Brady Russell**, bradydale@thistoowillpass.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; or **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com.



Here's to a new year, Class of 2000! We've got lots of exciting news to get 2011 started off with a bang. **Shelby Nariss Younge** is now enjoying life in Lakewood, IL. After living for seven years in the big cities of Denver, L.A., and Chicago, Shelby and her family made a big move to the outskirts of the Chicagoland area. They love having so much more space. Her daughter Avery has turned 2 and son Evan is almost 5, so the kids keep Shelby very busy. Shelby and husband **Bryan '98** still made time to attend our 10th Reunion back in Ithaca last June, and the two had an absolute blast catching up with everyone. They ran into lots of old friends and spent the majority of the weekend with Shelby's old roommates on Eddy Street: **Liz Branning**, **Megan Everett**, **Natalie Hagee**, **Cindy Levine**, and **Taryn Rosenthal**. The group had fun wine touring, reminiscing, and eating their way through the weekend. According to Shelby, the Palms hasn't changed one bit!

In addition to her own news, Shelby shared lots of great updates about all of the Hotelies in our class who are moving, shaking, and making great waves in the business world. First was Shelby's freshman roommate in Class of '17, **Meljalani James**. Meli's company, Nirvino, launched a wine iPhone application called "Wine Ratings Guide" that helps make wine buying easy. It has been the #1 wine app since it launched six months ago; Meli was featured on ABC7's "View from the Bay" in San Francisco! **Erin Guttenplan** just founded Edge of Seven, a nonprofit that sends American volunteers to Nepal, India, Thailand, and Cambodia. She has spent the last five months in Asia researching existing projects that are both sustainable and possess a genuine need for Edge of Seven support. Erin wrote us from Cambodia last year about Edge of Seven's first big project in rural Nepal. The

group worked side-by-side with local villagers to rebuild a primary school that had gone unnoticed by the government and was on its way to collapse. Erin is currently raising the \$15,000 needed for building materials for this project, and encourages people to check out the cause at <http://www.facebook.com/L/02b2e;nepalprimaryschool.chipin.com/shree-bhawani-primary-school>. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time, e-mail Erin (eringuttenplan1@gmail.com). This is amazing work you do, Erin. You make Cornell proud!

Allison Binnion was in touch as well. Until recently, Allison lived in Seattle, selling both of Hyatt's luxury properties—the Grand Hyatt Seattle and the brand new, LEED-certified Hyatt at Olive 8. It was a great adventure for her to open Seattle's and Hyatt's first truly "green" hotel. Once those doors were open Allison knew it was time to take the next step in her career, so she moved to San Francisco where she is selling the Hyatt Regency San Francisco at the Embarcadero. According to Allison, "It's been a crazy transition moving from luxury business hotels to a conventional 'big box' hotel, but every day I learn something new."

Hotelies aren't the only ones making headlines. We also have award-winning writers in our midst. Both **Rattawut Lapcharoensap** and **Lydia Peelle** received a 2010 Whiting Writers' Award on October 27, 2010 at a ceremony in New York City. This prestigious \$50,000 award recognizes ten young writers for their extraordinary talent and promise, and is one of the most coveted prizes for up-and-coming writers. Rattawut's collection of short stories, *Sightseeing* (Grove, 2004), won the Asian American Literary Award and was a finalist for the Guardian First Book Award. He was chosen for the National Book Foundation's inaugural "5 Under 35" honor and was named by *Granta Magazine* as one of the Best Young American Novelists. Lydia Peelle's stories have appeared in *Granta*, *Orion*, and *The Sun*, among others, and were collected in *Reasons for and Advantages of Breathing* (Harper Perennial, 2009). She has won two Pushcart Prizes and an O. Henry Award and has twice been included in *Best New American Voices*. The Whiting selectors admired "her beautiful prose, gorgeous sentences, and flawless ear." What a fantastic achievement—kudos to you both!

Finally, it is with immense sadness that I write you about the death of **Jonathan Page** and his wife, Yulin Wang. The couple died together in a tragic car accident on September 10, 2010. The two had met while Yulin was a graduate student at Cornell and Jonathan was working at Cornell's High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS). After their time at Cornell, the couple moved to California's Silicon Valley to establish their careers. Both engineers, Yulin went into chemical engineering, while Jonathan worked on projects in satellite communications. One of Jonathan's most recent tasks was developing microwave equipment used to protect Navy ships. "His work was so important for the world. He was saving lives," his mother, Nancy, said. "They had a wonderful, wonderful life." To the Page and Wang families, on behalf of the entire Cornell community, we offer our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. It is truly a great loss for us all.

To our classmates, we love hearing from you and we love writing for you, so, as always, please keep in touch. [Andrea M. Chan](mailto:Andrea.M.Chan@cornell.edu), amc32@cornell.edu; and **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Happy New Year, Class of 2001! We hope that the New Year finds you well and that you're off to a great start!

Congratulations to **Dana Cohen '00**, BS HE '01, who completed a residency in psychiatry at Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse, which is also where she went to medical school. She met her husband, Vadim Izgur, in the residency program and they transitioned smoothly from dating to engagement to wedded bliss! They both served as chief residents of the program and after graduation moved to Long Island, where they have begun their full-time jobs as attendings. Dana is working as an outpatient psychiatrist at the Northport Veterans Administration Hospital. In addition to their new jobs and new house, Dana gave birth on July 14, 2010 to their son, Ari Daniel Izgur. So many life changes—and so much to appreciate and enjoy!

Anna Chung checks in with us from Los Angeles. She graduated from Columbia Business School last year and married James Stockdale, who works in the hotels group at Jones Lang LaSalle. They were married over New Year's last year in Pasadena, CA, at the Langham Hotel. The ceremony was in the outdoor gardens and the dinner reception in the Georgian Ballroom. They honeymooned in Bora Bora, French Polynesia, and stayed at the Four Seasons Resort. When Anna wrote, she and James were looking to buy their first home together and hoped to stay in the Pasadena area, where they currently live. Anna works in Wells Fargo's Hospitality Finance Group.

Congratulations to husband and wife veterinarian team Drs. **Jed** and Laci **Schaible** on the launch of www.VetLIVE.com. This brings in a new standard in pet care by offering an opportunity for pet owners to ask questions, get a second opinion, or chat live from the comfort of their own home, whenever they want, all at an affordable price. They saw the need for such a service and decided to fill that need. Together, through the experience of navigating the confusing and costly hospital healthcare system after learning their beloved family dog Madison had terminal cancer, Jed and Laci realized how overwhelming, confusing, and expensive veterinary medicine can be for pet owners. "Six months after Madison died, we realized there was a need for pet owners to have a way to communicate and interact with veterinarians without the drawbacks that are tied to an office visit," writes Laci. "There was a need for pet owners to have sound, unbiased guidance for their pet's health care beyond their busy veterinarian with office hours." One core principal to the VetLIVE mission is charity. VetLIVE offers pet owners the opportunity to donate one dollar or more at checkout. These funds are collected and donated to charities that pet owners choose from a list that includes Days End Horse Rescue, the American Humane Association, and World Vets. Jed and Laci met when he interviewed her for a job. She got the job and they said their vows in Santorini, Greece, one year later. The couple agrees it was love at first sight. They reside in Bethlehem, PA, and their only children, yet, are the four-legged kind.

Such great news from all of our classmates. Please share your good news too! E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. We hope that all is well with each of you—and let us know about it! Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous, and exciting start to 2011! [Lauren Wallach](mailto:Lauren.Wallach@cornell.edu) Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu; **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu.

02 Happy 2011! We received word that **Michael Bronstein** was named a “rising star” by *Politics Magazine*, as well as one of Pennsylvania’s “Top Ten Political Consultants” by PA2010.com. Congratulations, Michael! **Elisabeth Cohen** wrote in from Princeton, NJ: “My husband, Jonathan Saari, and I moved here so I could attend graduate school.” **Thad ‘98** and **Jane Terrell Paul** welcomed their first child, Henry Gordon, on July 6, 2010. **David Boyce** recently moved from Westchester County, NY, to Boston, MA. Perhaps he can meet at Boston Beer Works for a drink with **Craig Gaites** and **Melanie Vanderhoof ‘04**. Craig writes: “Melanie and I recently moved to Boston, MA. She has started a doctoral program at Clark U., and I have started a new job as a management consultant at Bain & Co. Both Melanie and I are looking forward to reconnecting with our friends from the Cornell track and cross country teams.”

Joseph LeVine moved back to Brooklyn last summer after taking a year off to travel and ski in Jackson, WY, and the Chugach Range of Alaska. “Now that I’m back in NYC and working again, I’ve begun studying improv comedy and performing at the PIT Theater. I love Brooklyn, but also miss the mountains.” Joseph also made a point to mention how the Hotel school continues to impress him with its alumni network. From another side of Brooklyn, we got a quick hello from **Matthew Murphy** and his wife, **Maura Rockcastle**, BFA ‘02. (We’ll take it!) Just a few stops north on the L, **Amit Gupta** attached his RBC Capital Markets business card. He is an associate in investment banking here in New York. Soon to leave the Big Apple, **Sara Roccisano** was recently promoted to director of the Investment Banking Dept. at UBS Investment Bank and will be transitioning to their Global Environmental Advisory Group based in London. “This is a dream job for me,” exclaimed Sara. “I’ve also traveled the world scuba diving; I’ve been to the Maldives, Costa Rica, Colombia, and the Cayman Islands in 2010, where I swam with manta rays and whale sharks.”

Susan Cohen and **David Davidson** are happy to announce their marriage on July 4, 2010 in New York. Cornellians in attendance were **Sarah Mann**, **Katie Hurley**, **Sarah Miller**, **Lauren McSherry**, **Erica Levin**, **Carolyn Deckinger**, **Jeremy Lang ‘00**, **Marc Kaplan ‘01**, **Liz Kaplan ‘03**, and **Russ Agdem ‘99**. Susan and David reside in Astoria, NY.

And, as we have known each other since 1986, it is keeping with tradition that I soon followed my dear friend Susan. Carolyn Deckinger and Jeremy Lang ‘00 were thrilled to have married each other on September 11, 2010 in Westchester, NY. We were lucky to have many of my Theta sisters and our Cornell Tae Kwon Do fight teammates with us that day from across the US, including maids of honor **Marise D’Souza** and **Amanda Sena ‘01**, bridesmaid **Sherry Lai ‘01**, ME ‘02, studly groomsmen **Phil Yen ‘98**, ME ‘99, **Conway Yee ‘00**, **Patrick Parault ‘00**, ME ‘01, and **Parag Patel ‘00**, and a killer entourage with Susan Cohen, **Nathan Pettit**, MPS ‘03, **Ellen Brosius**, **Joanna McNeil**, **Mehreen Yousaf ‘01**, **Amy Liesenfeld**, **Jen Kohler**, **Mao Fujisaki** Hughes, **Julia Ramey** Serazio, **Kate Bennett**, **Alice Cho**, **Corey Worcester ‘99**, and **Yasmine Legendre ‘01**. Best day ever. Send news to: [✉ Carolyn Deckinger, cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:CarolynDeckinger.cmd35@cornell.edu); [Jeffrey Barker, jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:JeffreyBarker.jrb41@cornell.edu).

03 Greetings, Class of ‘03! As I sit here and write, I can’t help but look out the window and admire a gorgeous fall day. There is a brisk chill to the air, the sun is out, and the leaves are bursting with color. I hope all of you enjoyed the beautiful autumn as you headed into the holiday season!

I had the pleasure of briefly catching up with **Yujin Chung**, ME ‘04, and **Sudha Nandagopal**. Yujin has joined Andreesen Horowitz in the Bay Area and was traveling through Seattle. It is always so great to see familiar faces from Cornell! Another Cornellian living in Seattle, **Alexa Barron** (alexa_barron@yahoo.com), reports, “I am still living in Seattle and working for Microsoft. I’ve also started a company, www.lexcosmetics.com, that allows fans to create the colors—and I give \$1 from each bottle to a nonprofit that the creator chooses.”

Nina Kryuk Grigoriev (nina@charcoalproject.org) and husband **Dmitry** live in Staten Island, NY. Nina wrote, “I received a master’s in public policy at the U. of Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain, and am currently seeking international development, regional public policy analysis, or communications work. The courses on human sexuality and human bonding in HumEc played a large role in my decision to go back for graduate work. I am a co-founder of the Charcoal Project (www.charcoalproject.org), a nonprofit that disseminates information about issues regarding energy poverty. I’d love to hear from **Martin Skup ‘02**.” **Jamie Beilin Joseph** (JJoseph@corcoran.com) is a senior associate at Corcoran Group Real Estate in New York City. She wrote, “I got married over Memorial Day weekend to **Chris Joseph**, in Napa Valley, CA. The wedding party included **Julie Feldman**, **Susie Snyder**, **Nicole Ware** Slavitt, **Heather Boose-Weiss**, **Brian West**, **David Newman**, and **Brett Goldblatt**.” She adds, “I volunteer for the New York Junior League and the Spence School (where I attended K-12).”

Rachel Barnes Denton (Kansas City, MO; rachel.barnes@gmail.com) wrote, “Even though I’m about 1,500 miles away from many Cornellians, I do my best to keep in touch. **Michelle Finnegan**, **Michelle Upton ‘04**, **Sara Lenet** Stauber ‘04, and I took a girls’ trip to Vegas in January 2010. This past September, my husband, Jeff, and I, along with Michelle Finnegan and **Daniel Lewis**, spent a long weekend in New Orleans. Although I’m far from Ithaca now, reuniting with Cornellians always takes me back—it seems as if we never left!” **Piper Titus** (ptitus@pagetrucking.com) shared that she has “been promoted to CFO from controller at Page Transportation. Sales have grown 20 percent this summer and keeping pace has been a challenge. We’ve also purchased a new home in Baldwinsville, NY. The education courses at Cornell continue to play a part in my life; I’m still being a teacher in my roles. Regarding volunteer work, I was appointed controller to our community recreation board. It’s very fulfilling giving back to the community.”

Daniel Luzer shared news of the marriage of **Luke Collin** to Victoria Wilson on Oct. 9, 2010 in Exeter, NH. The wedding party included **Matthew Collin ‘07**, Daniel Luzer, and **Justin Peters**. Other guests included **Maryrose Anthes-Washburn**, **David Collin**, **JD ‘75**, **Alexa Mills**, **Caroline Hegarty** Mahoney, MS ‘04, **Sarah Martin**, **Brian Perusse ‘01**, and **Lauren Sommer**. **Elizabeth Vassallo-DeLuca** (elizabethvassallo@gmail.com) also attended the Collin-Wilson wedding and reports, “It was great to see our Cornell crew.”

Elizabeth has been busy working on her residency in internal medicine at UMDNJ-NJMS in Newark, NJ, which she started in July. **Elizabeth Paddock** (paddock.elizabeth@fammed.wisc.edu) wrote that she has “nine months left of a family medicine residency in Madison, WI. I ran my fifth marathon in a personal best of 3 hrs., 2 mins., 10 secs. I was married (to Tim Caramore) and got to see a few great friends at the wedding: **Alicia Smith**, DVM ‘07, **Lauren Putnam**, **Lena Matthews ‘02**, and **Mandy DeRoche ‘00**. We love being in Madison. I’m staying one year longer to do an academic fellowship and am unsure of the next location!” Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Kate Cornell (Washington, DC, kate.e.cornell@gmail.com) wrote, “I’m currently in my second year at Georgetown U.’s McDonagh School of Business. My fiancé, Scott Harvey, is also in business school. The women’s equestrian team and Delta Gamma sorority are still very important organizations in my life.” **Simon Tanksley** (Columbia, SC; stanksley@gmail.com) wrote that he plans to relocate upon completion of his residency at Palmetto Health, Family Medicine Center, and has been busy volunteering at a free medical clinic. Many thanks again to all those folks who shared news for the column. We hope you will keep in touch! [✉ Samantha Buckingham Noonan, swnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:SamanthaBuckinghamNoonan.swnoonan@gmail.com); and [Sudha Nandagopal, sn58@cornell.edu](mailto:SudhaNandagopal.sn58@cornell.edu).

04 ‘Tis the season! Cheers to so many of our classmates who are tying the knot—at Cornell, no less! In addition to class president **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, check out these couples who recently said “I do.”

On Saturday, June 5, 2010, **Carissa Mirasol** and **Kevin Nee ‘05** were married at Sage Chapel by Father Dan McMullin. The reception was held at the Alice Cook House atrium on West Campus. Former varsity athletes for the Big Red, Carissa was an All-American field hockey player and Kevin was an All-Ivy lacrosse player. Their wedding party included former teammates and friends **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, **Kimmy Gardner**, **Kaitlin Tierney**, **Brandon Ross**, **David Pittard**, and **Kyle Miller ‘06**. Carissa is pursuing her master’s degree in public communication at American U. and works at BAE Systems on a federal government contract. Kevin is pursuing his MBA at the U. of Maryland and works with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. Carissa and Kevin reside in Washington, DC.

Your correspondent, **Anne Jones**, married Tom Leeson in Sage Chapel on the crisp autumn afternoon of Oct. 9, 2010. Father Dan McMullin of the Cornell Catholic Community led the ceremony with university organists Annette Richards and David Yearsley leading virtuosic musical selections. The wedding party sang Anton Bruckner’s “Locus Iste” to commemorate their time singing with the Cornell University Chorus. Members included **Lisa Stechschulte** and **Kristin Dermody** Maggi, as well as Chorus alumnae **Jacqueline Conti ‘05** and **Aja Falker ‘05**. Guests at the wedding and the Statler Hotel reception included **Robert Shapiro**, **Megan Lemley ‘03**, **Julie Markant ‘02**, **Caitlin Wilke ‘06**, **Kim Rice ‘06**, and **Julie Huang ‘05**. Anne and Tom are family medicine physicians who work and reside in Maine. Tom proposed to Anne on the Suspension Bridge during her 5th Reunion.

When **Ronya Foy**, MPA ‘05, wrote last July, she was excited to be working as a student employee for the Dept. of State. “I’m living, working,

and going to school in Washington, DC . . . away from home sweet home NYC. I graduated with my MSW in May 2010 and am entering my third year of the PhD program at Howard U.'s School of Social Work. My concentration is international social work and community development through women's social entrepreneurship. I traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, on an Int'l Service Learning program and gathered some good information for future research. While in D.C., I became a board member of the newly formed Banneker City Little League in D.C.'s Ward 1 (BannekerCityLL.org). I also planned a fundraising event for the non-profit NGO Basics Int'l, operating in Ghana, West Africa, and dedicated to alleviating child trafficking (BasicsInternational.org). That's what's been going on!"

Liz Fish, DVM '08, recently started her own veterinary practice, Shadowrock Equine Veterinary Services PLLC, in Dutchess County, NY. "My fiancé, Brian Pinkey, is the brother of my best friend, fellow veterinarian and classmate **Kim Pinkey**." **Zachary Hollander** wrote us in July: "I am currently a student at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern U. in Chicago, where I am the president of the student body." At the time, he was also a summer associate at Bain & Co. in New York City.

Paul El-Meouchy '03, BA '04, and his mother, Lina, planned to participate in the ING NYC Marathon on Sunday, Nov. 7, '10. They were to run with Team Animal League for Sari, Jaja, Soukha, Lucky, Apollo, Princess, Leo, Maui, Snowflake, Blaco, Minyon, and the other animals that have touched their lives. They spent the weeks and months leading up to the event raising funds to support North Shore Animal League America, the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization. Since 1944, North Shore Animal League America has been working to rescue, nurture, and adopt pets into permanent, loving homes. To date, they have rescued close to 1 million dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens. Congrats, Paul and Lina!

Sara Parker writes, "I defended my PhD in materials science and engineering from the U. of Illinois in April and then promptly moved to central New Jersey. I've already started my new job as a postdoctoral researcher at Rutgers U., which should transition to a position at the startup company that is currently funding me. And somewhere along the way, I got married! Congrats to all who are finishing a degree, a school year, or just starting a new chapter in their lives!" Congrats to you too, Sara!

Our very own **Esther Tang** was instrumental in planning the first "Promise of a Generation China-UAE Forum," June 26-July 1. Directly from the press release: "The forum, held in Beijing and Shanghai, will build new cross-cultural relationships and enhance understanding between Emirati and Chinese leaders of tomorrow. The mission of Promise of a Generation (POAG) is to facilitate these goals through a new, open exchange of ideas, experiences, and concerns designed to fulfill the promise of every generation to improve our world. POAG will build on a wide array of government-to-government commitments referred to as 'a strategic step for the future' by President Hu Jintao of China and His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, during an official state visit in Fall 2009." While they were both in China, Esther and **Sara Pettengill** got to meet up! ☑ **Anne Jones**, iamannejones@gmail.com.

05 Happy New Year, Class of 2005! I am happy to begin this year's Class Notes by introducing you to two new co-class correspondents: **Johnny Chen** and **Hilary Johnson**. I am excited to work with them! Allow me to let them introduce themselves. From Johnny: "Since graduation, I've been working with L'Oreal USA. I started off in Little Rock, AR, as a project engineer, designing and purchasing automation equipment for Maybelline lipstick packaging lines. Then I was a logistics planner, managing component inventory for Maybelline powders and subcontracting products. Then I transferred to Cincinnati, OH, as a production manager overseeing Garnier/L'Oreal shampoo and conditioner packaging line operations. In 2009, I transferred to Somerset, NJ, as a processing manager and overseeing all L'Oreal/Maybelline cosmetic manufacturing operations."

From Hilary: "I moved to Seattle, WA, from Albany, NY, in January 2009. I have since started a master's in teaching program at Seattle U., a small Jesuit university. The program focuses on social justice in education. I will graduate in June and will be endorsed to teach grades 5-12 in social studies. I am also currently the director of operations at SeattleRentals.com, a highly trafficked website for housing rentals in the Seattle metro area. The company handles all of the relocation services for new Microsoft, Amazon, and Boeing employees relocating to the area. I have also become highly involved in the North American Scrabble Players Association and the Seattle Scrabble Club and have been competing in national Scrabble tournaments in Washington, British Columbia, and New York."

Now on to other updates from our classmates, who are up to equally exciting things, both professionally and personally. **Dave Mack** is the administrative assistant to the dean of the School of Theater at the California Inst. of the Arts. He is also the associate producer of a TV pilot, "The Prince of New York"; and the managing director of Watts Village Theater Co.; and the founder/CEO of Artist Magnet LLC, an online social network for theatre people. **Savneet Singh** founded Gold Bullion Int'l (GBI), a physical precious metals service that enables financial advisors and investment funds to buy and store specific bars of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium in an efficient, secure, and cost-effective manner. Savneet writes, "GBI's operating platform makes acquiring physical precious metals as seamless as purchasing a stock or bond." He is very proud that the firm is led by industry veterans and advisors including retired general Wesley Clark, former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, and former SEC chairman Arthur Levitt. **Kelley Rowe** (ILR) has started the MBA program at the Wharton School at the U. of Pennsylvania and will graduate in 2012. He is double majoring in entrepreneurial management and finance. As a native Philadelphian myself, I am happy to report that Kelley loves Philly so far!

Alexandra Tursi was named a "Rising Star" by *Vermont Business Magazine*. The list comprises 40 winners under the age of 40 who were selected by a panel of judges for their commitment to business growth, professional excellence, and involvement in their communities. Alexandra is a senior public relations associate at Kelliher Samets Volk, where she manages PR and social media campaigns for clients. She also continues to sing and has joined the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus. She is excited that the Cornell Chorus will visit Vermont in March 2011. **Fitz Collings** writes, "**Nicole Browne** and I are in our last year of law school at William

& Mary; next semester we will be studying abroad in Australia and New Zealand. In the meantime, I'm continuing work on the Law Pod, a series of iPhone and Blackberry apps for lawyers and law students (www.thelawpod.com), now in its third year." As part of the Johnson School's Marketing Association, **Naijia Huang** helped plan last October's "Battle of the Brands" marketing competition, which featured keynote speaker **Scot Safon**, MBA '84, the executive vice president of CNN Worldwide and general manager of HLN. Naijia pointed out that this was Scot's first return to campus since graduation. Scot spoke about "Marketing in the Digital Age." Congrats on planning a great event!

A belated congratulations goes out to **Basil Newburn**, who married his Cornell sweetheart, **Jessica Snyder '07**, in Dana Point, CA, on June 26. Guests included fellow Cayuga's Waiters **Lamar Newburn '03** (the groom's brother), best man **John Johnson**, and **David Todd**, BFA '06, as well as several of Jessica's teammates from the women's soccer team. It was a beautiful Southern California day overlooking the ocean and the groom's unrehearsed evening rendition of James Brown's "Get Up" with the reception band won over his new family, prompting the mother of the bride to conclude, "I'm so proud my new son-in-law is a . . . well, you know . . ." After a Caribbean honeymoon, Jess and Basil returned to their home in the San Francisco area. ☑ **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu, **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

06 The babies are coming! **Dennis** and **Ashley Adler Dunegan** welcomed adorable Lucas Ezra into the world on Sept. 16, '10. As Dennis says, "Man, can he scream!" Just a few days before Lucas Ezra was born, on Sept. 11, 2010, **Patrick Neville**, MILR '06, and wife **Neida Doctolero**, MBA/MILR '07, welcomed beautiful son George Mateo.

Silvia Korchumova worked as a paralegal for the US Attorney's Office in New York City for two and a half years after graduation, then spent four months teaching documentary film to youth in Bulgaria, her native land, through a project in which the students made short films about pressing community problems. In 2009, Silvia went back to school and began a two-year master's in public administration at Columbia's School of Int'l and Public Affairs in New York. This summer she did an internship in management consulting for the federal government with Deloitte in Washington, DC. Silvia graduates from Columbia in May and the rest is still to be decided. **Mike Lerario** started his neurology residency at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell and lives in NYC. Mike's fiancée, **Casara Ferretti**, is working as a research coordinator for the psychiatry department at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. **Bryan McGowan** is back at Cornell for his MBA. **Scott James** is finishing up law school at Northwestern and will be taking a job with a law firm next fall. **Matt Thomas** and **Laura Schoenle** were married on July 10, 2010.

Meghan Kappus moved to Lund, Sweden, in August 2010 to begin a two-year master's in international development and management from Lund U. She plans a five-month field study in Sub-Saharan Africa to look at microfinance and small business development efforts. She still works as a contractor for a social enterprise consulting firm called Community Wealth Ventures in Washington, DC, where she has worked for the past four years. **Josh Katcher** works in NYC as a

litigation associate at the law firm of Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft. He has been appointed to the alumni board of directors for Sigma Pi. He also ran and completed his first Warrior Dash. **Josh Keegan** lives in New Haven and is a Yale Emergency Medicine intern.

Adam Kerin was fortunate enough to complete an international rotation managing Intel's performance lab for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He has since returned to the company's HQ in Silicon Valley, leading the mobile performance team. Adam is always looking for brave souls to join the kiteboarding club! **Ryan Morris**, ME '08, lives in Ithaca and New York, running an investment partnership, looking for deep value in misunderstood companies. He is also working on VideoNote, which he founded in 2008 to record lectures at Cornell and make them searchable online. Congratulations, Ryan! **Guillermo Malvaez** lives in Santa Barbara, CA, where he works for a robotics company called InTouch Health. **Alicia Macklin** graduated from USC Law School in 2009, took and passed the California Bar, and now works as an associate at Arnold & Porter LLP in downtown Los Angeles. She plans to stick around L.A. for a few more years and then maybe head to San Francisco or Denver.

After three years of consulting at Oliver Wyman's financial services group, **Anna Rosenman** decided to head to business school. "I'm in my second year at MIT Sloan, Class of 2011," she writes. **Paul Ibrahim** has happily established PJI Law in Fairfax, VA, and writes, "I warmly welcome Cornell alums in particular to my practice. It is a lot of hard work and is keeping me busy, but I haven't looked back." **John Rawlins III**, under the stage name "JRtheThird," released "Prelude," his contemporary R&B/Pop EP, as an independent release. He produces, writes, and records for himself and other artists. He continues to develop his live show performances and looks forward to performing in the spring. Visit jrthethird.bandcamp.com for a free download of his EP featuring collaborations with Cornell undergraduates and graduate students. He works as the assistant director of the Office of Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs at Ithaca College, as well as the director of worship/minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church in Ithaca.

After finishing her master's in economics at the U. of Copenhagen in Denmark, **Jennifer Robinson** works as a competitive intelligence specialist for Lundbeck A/S, a global pharmaceutical company. She lives with her Danish boyfriend in the heart of Copenhagen, does a ton of bikram yoga, and loves life in Copenhagen. After **Alex Lee** discovered an undergrad degree in psychology doesn't take so well in the real world, his full-time hobby of programming turned into his full-time career. Though Alex loves his neighborhood now (Park Slope in Brooklyn), he can't help but feel a bad case of the Hipster coming on. [✉ Nicole DeGrace, ngd4@cornell.edu;](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu) [Kate DiCicco, kad46@cornell.edu.](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu)

07 4,262 miles, 71 days, ten states. That's the distance two Cornellians cycled this past summer to support a worthy cause. **David Drabkin** and **Elliot Singer '08** took to the TransAmerica Trail to raise funds for Feeding America, a nonprofit that works with a network of food banks to feed America's hungry. The journey took David and Elliot biking from Astoria, OR, to Yorktown, VA; at last count

they had raised about \$4,000, the equivalent of 36,000 lbs. of groceries for families in need. In addition to making a charitable contribution, they set out to highlight inequalities and give voice to America's hungry. You can read more about their adventure at www.milesformeals.net.

Post-graduation, **Cassandra Beatty** worked with an environmental engineering company designing municipal wastewater treatment plants in Portland, OR, for about a year and a half. Shifting gears, she decided to head back to school and earned a master's degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M. She is currently pursuing a PhD in petroleum engineering at Texas A&M. **Erica Ogoe** returned from Peace Corps service in Morocco in May 2010. She lives in the greater D.C. area, where she is working on a master's in public policy at the Georgetown Public Policy Inst. **Nate Beach-Westmoreland** spent last summer in Italy, where he interned at the American embassy in Rome. He is finishing his master's in international relations at Yale's Jackson Inst. for Global Affairs. In Boston, **Janna Koretz** is a fourth-year doctoral student in clinical psychology at Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, specializing in adolescent major mental illness and neuropsychology. **Georgia Giannopoulos** works as a clinical dietician at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center and says she "absolutely loves it!"

In June 2010 **Kate McGinnis** married **Erfan Parvez**, BS '06, at Sage Chapel. Kate and Erfan had frequently reminisced about Ithaca and were overjoyed to have a mini-reunion of some of their Cornell friends at their wedding. The happy couple lives just outside Washington, DC; both work in the aerospace industry. **Daniel Herr** has been extremely busy since graduation. He has developed a 2,177-acre residential resort property, chased tornadic supercells in Oklahoma with **Owen Shieh**, surfed throughout Maui, coached high school junior varsity and varsity basketball for two years, backpacked through New Zealand, and now works as VP of engineering and operations for his third startup business. Started in April 2008, Clean Energy Center LLC is based in Reno, NV, and focuses on design, engineering, installation, and operation of wind, solar PV, solar thermal, ground source heat, and hydro-electric renewable energy systems in northern Nevada and California for residential, commercial, and community markets. Daniel is also a founding board member of Life More Natural, a nonprofit with a goal of "making it cool to volunteer." Life More Natural has promoted more than 1,000 local volunteer hours over the past two years. Daniel says, "I am glad to be getting back to the basics and focusing on what really matters and establishing organizations with a real triple-bottom-line."

Since graduation, **Megs DiDario** has worked in the magazine publishing industry for Time Inc., in their consumer marketing department. She spent the first two years in Stamford, CT, and transferred to the NYC headquarters last year. This past year she has kept busy training for the NYC marathon on Nov. 7. **Jesi Bender** had her very first chapbook of poetry, *Glossolalia* (MFG Imprint, 2010) published last year. Jesi is attending Pratt Inst. in New York City for a master's in library and information sciences. Self-proclaimed foodie **Kathryn Jose** eases her work stress by sampling NYC restaurants and wine bars a few times a week, takes cooking classes, and attends festivals such as the Vendies in New York or the Phantom Food Festival in Boston. Her 9-to-5 is a sales management

position for eMarketer, a company that provides business intelligence specific to digital media and marketing. She has been working primarily with startup businesses, and Kathryn says she is in a great environment for learning since she has to be accountable for just about everything.

Since her move back to NYC in the fall, **Christina Chang** has been enjoying running into Cornellians all over the city. She works as an assistant buyer for Bloomingdale's. Prior to her move, Christina was working in finance and studying international business management in London through the Mountbatten Inst. postgraduate program. Following graduation, **David Eisler** was commissioned as an officer in the US Army through the Cornell Army ROTC and then assigned to the 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck, Germany. The following year he served as a platoon leader in Diyala, Iraq, then returned to Germany until 2010. In June, David was deployed to Zabul, Afghanistan, where he is a captain serving as explosives intelligence cell leader for a combined team of American and Romanian soldiers as part of the Int'l Security Assistance Forces (ISAF). David says, "It's certainly a far cry from my undergraduate background [in Astronomy], but the experiences I've gained and the lessons I've learned have made me a better person and given me a perspective on the world that I otherwise would not have had." Thank you for sending in your updates for our column, and please keep 'em coming! Just shoot an e-mail anytime to your class correspondents: [✉ Marianna Gomez, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com;](mailto:MariannaAGomez@gmail.com) [Deborah Skolnick, drs45@cornell.edu.](mailto:drs45@cornell.edu)

08 Happy 2011! January finds us at the two-and-a-half-year mark since graduation; we are officially halfway to our first reunion! Mark your calendars and save the date for June 6-9, 2013—five years will have passed before you can sing "Hail, all hail, Cornell!"

The news from our classmates writing from far and wide features some common themes: the Class of 2008 is working hard, playing hard, and continuing to move at a million miles a minute! **Marina Pushkash** (Brooklyn, NY) is "nearly finished with an accelerated nursing program, where she is getting a bachelor's degree in nursing," and she even manages to "babysit in what little spare time" she has. As an incentive to get her to the program's end, she's planning a post-graduation celebratory trip to Europe. Being back in an academic setting has made her wistful for Cornell. She remembers two things most fondly about her time on the Hill: "watching a hawk swoop down on a field mouse during a walk to Morrison" and, of course, that irresistible landmark near Morrison Hall, the Dairy Bar. Marina also writes that she'd rather be lying on the beach, a sentiment shared by many classmates, including **Jennifer Soffen**. Jennifer is a Googler, living in San Francisco and working in marketing. She has launched a website about installing fiber in communities, (<http://www.fiberforcommunities.com>), which allows communities to apply for Google to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks in their location. Her "Thank You!" video for the Google Fiber for Communities project has had more than 60,000 views on YouTube. When she's not at work in Mountain View, Jennifer keeps busy with Spinsters of San Francisco, teaching tech classes at community centers, helping senior citizens learn how to best utilize technology, and running. She also

misses her time at Cornell and fondly remembers her connections with her professors.

Kinnari Shah (New York, NY) would rather be “sitting on a beach somewhere with white sand, with a piña colada in my hand” right now! In her day job, Kinnari is the director of New York catering sales at Ome Caterers. Although she’s working a lot, she is also planning “a big European winter vacation.” When she’s not at work, her “after hours” extracurricular activities include Cornell Hotel Society New York, boxing, and cooking. Kinnari has managed to stay connected to Cornell, but she still misses her time at the Hotel school—“especially Giuseppe,” she writes—and she’d love to hear from **Rebecca Ruiz**. New Yorker Hotelier **Christopher Gleason**, BS Hotel ‘07, writes from Astoria, NY, that he reflects often on “the strong bond of Hotelies and the numerous great people who were both friends and mentors at the Statler Hotel and the School of Hotel Management.” He’d love to hear from “all of his friends from his time on the Hill.” Chris was until recently the senior restaurant manager of Maze by Gordon Ramsay and the London Bar at the London Hotel, NYC, which is a luxury resorts company. He was promoted to the director of in-room dining and private dining at the London Hotel. Although he has no time for extracurriculars (when not working, he sleeps), Chris has moved from New Jersey to Queens and is enjoying city life; he went on a cruise to Bermuda last August. He’d also rather be taking a food or restaurant vacation right now.

Alanna Beckman (New York City) is a program assistant at the Families and Work Inst., “a nonprofit, non-partisan think-tank.” As of last fall, she was “working on a report that will inform and promote the nationwide expansion of school-based healthcare as part of the work that we do to connect low- to middle income families with public and private supports.” **Arthur Maas** is collaborating with four other Cornell alumni to create Distinguished Social Ventures, a business that will hire people employers often overlook—those who have been incarcerated or are chronically homeless. The team has built a business that recycles mattresses, and Arthur says that he’s found that “people really have a desire to help with a cause that can have a tangible and direct impact on marginalized people and their families.” Keep up the noble work, guys!

Adam Fleisher (Budd Lake, NJ) is a high school chemistry teacher in Chester, NJ. **Natasha Kostek** would rather be working as an elementary school teacher at a charter school right now, but her current day job is as a sessions assistant at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. When she’s not working, she finds time to “sample NYC’s extraordinary cuisine, visit various museum exhibits, frequent the ballet and Broadway, and enjoy several free summer activities!” Natasha managed to keep busy this summer by visiting **Kevin Dieterle**, BS HE ‘07, in Washington, DC, going tubing with Cornell friends in Pennsylvania, and taking beach trips with family. Natasha longs for late-night Wingz Over Ithaca runs and would love to hear from **Kelly Kosco**. The great Class of 2008 is up to amazing things. Share them with us: [Elana Beale](mailto:Elana.Beale@cornell.edu), erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

09 **Lillie Davis** took a year off after graduating and worked as a veterinary assistant at a small animal practice in New York City. In the winter of

2010 she got accepted to Cornell’s Vet college and promptly returned to good ol’ Ithaca. She’s very happy to finally learn everything there is to learn about the dog . . . literally, everything. **Maria Debye-Saxinger** is working on her final year of her Master of Landscape Architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design. Over the summer she worked on a historic preservation project documenting an old Cabot Estate called Green Plains in Virginia as part of a fellowship with the Garden Club of Virginia. She can’t wait to graduate in the spring and finally get a job.

Katerina De Vito is currently a master’s student in the Dept. of Society, Human Development, and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Over the summer she did consulting for a doctor’s office and evaluated their billing department procedures; she also designed and implemented strategies to increase efficiency and raise insurance claim approval. Last year she taught math and science at St. Martin de Porres Academy, a middle school dedicated to providing a tuition-free education for girls and boys from low-income families in the New Haven, CT, area. If there are any Cornellians in Boston or Cambridge, she would love to meet up!

Brian Donovan is a week away from finishing his MS in materials science and engineering at Stanford and will be starting a job as an applications engineer for KLA-Tencor in Silicon Valley. Although it is nice to be living in warm, sunny weather and to have a winning football team, he still misses Cornell hockey and living in Ithaca. **Amber Mathews** has opened her own veterinary consulting practice in Western New York. Her day is filled with all types of animals. She is grateful for the information she learned during her time at Cornell’s pre-Vet program!

Elizabeth Hartmann is an analyst at an energy consulting firm in San Francisco, CA. She works with utilities companies across the US and abroad on various issues, including curbing electricity demand to prevent blackouts and estimating impacts of the adoption of plug-in hybrid vehicles. She was fondly reminded of her senior year at Cornell recently when her revised honors thesis was published in the September issue of the *Social Science Research Journal* with Prof. Sassler. Send news to: [Julie Cantor](mailto:Julie.Cantor@cornell.edu), jlc252@cornell.edu; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu.

10 As of late, your faithful correspondents have been unpacking our winter clothes, stricken both with sadness and relief that yet another Ithaca winter does not await us. Gone are the days of flash-frostbite upon leaving Uris Library or planning a morning route that requires walking through every single building on the Engineering Quad in order to arrive, warm, in the Hotel school. Yet fear not; if the season chills you to the bone and you yearn for a cup of hot apple cider from the Cornell Orchards, perhaps news of your fellow classmates will warm you on a cool and dreary day.

We start this note by taking a look at Cornellians who have joined the ranks of the unsung heroes of America: the teachers. Numerous members of the Class of 2010 have traded their student textbooks for faculty editions and joined Teach For America. Charlotte, NC, TFA member **Zoë Samuel** writes, “I teach sixth grade language arts at an enormous middle school. The work is very challenging and I work harder than I ever have before, but it is also the most rewarding thing I

have ever done. My students provide me with daily inspiration—even the students who challenge me.” Zoë’s fellow TFA corps members include **Antony Kironji** (Baltimore, MD); **Clara Ng-Quinn** and **Chris Basil** (New Orleans, LA); **Kristina Weems** (Atlanta, GA); and **Nick Diaz**, **Albert Lee**, and **Micah Bell** (Miami, FL). Not to be forgotten: **Rachel Mack**, **Aleshadye Getachew**, **Amanda Colon**, **Christian Owusu**, **Meaghann Noelle Lawson**, **Cara Rader**, and **Drew Milligan** also answered the call and joined the TFA corps to educate the underprivileged children of America.

Of course, you don’t have to be a member of TFA to answer the noble call of teaching. **Tim Fasano** is molding kindergartners in Westport, CT. A tad more remote, **Logan Pierce** and **Alia Jones** are in South Korea teaching English. Even more distant, **Forrest Elliot** went “straight from homecoming to Philadelphia to his departure for Mozambique, where he will be a math teacher.” Last but not least, **Marc Hem Lee** teaches New Yorkers how to save others. He writes, “I’m coordinating CPR classes through the FDNY, across the five boroughs. We plan to raise awareness about how important and valuable a quick first response is to sudden cardiac arrest.”

Teachers are useless without students and members of the Class of 2010 have flocked to the classroom to further advance their education. We’re well represented at NYU Law by **Chad Sandler** and **Vanish Grover**. Plaudits also go to Vanish on his election as the 1L student representative. **Jeffrey Shane** is a first-year master’s student at the U. of Michigan, “staying busy and keeping out of trouble.” **Vinay Patel**, BS ‘09, staying true to the Big Red, has enrolled in Weill Cornell Medical College. **Hyunjin Kim**, BS ‘09, is in Seoul as a first-year medical student. Many graduate students can’t escape the siren call of Ithaca’s East Hill: **Chas Kossar**, BS ‘09, is studying for his master’s in Aerospace Engineering, and **Sarah Khatibzadeh** is working hard at Cornell’s Vet college.

Learning, of course, isn’t confined to the classroom and some of the Class of 2010 is learning that first-hand. **Alma Aldrich** and **Shelby Rajkovich** have joined the Peace Corps in Niger. Alma will serve as a community health agent, and Shelby will work as an agroforestry extension volunteer. **Sea Sin** is attending the Youth With a Mission Discipleship Training School. He writes, “I will spend two months overseas in either Thailand or Burma. On the outreach front, I will interact with and help street kids, sex slaves, AIDS orphans, slum communities, and refugees.” **Emily Goldsmith** will serve as a natural resource management volunteer in Togo.

Many Class of 2010ers are learning on the job as well. **Raihan Faruqi** works as a research assistant at the Multiple Sclerosis Research Center of New York. **Adam Escalante** researches formulation drug development for Regeneron Pharmaceutical. **Moirá Ceconi** is based in New York City, but travels the globe for her consulting work. **Camille Emma** has joined managed markets services at IMS Health, focusing primarily on government and commercial pricing and contracting in the healthcare industry. Lastly, **Alyson Intihar**, after traveling out west, learned that she loves New England; she lives in Boston and works for the IT security company RSA.

Your class correspondents have learned a lot writing this column, but would, of course, like to learn more. Send your notes to: [Mike Beyman](mailto:Mike.Beyman@cornell.edu), mjb262@cornell.edu; and **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu.

'35 **BS Ag**—**Joseph J. Davis** of Frederick, MD, October 25, 2008; active in alumni affairs.

'38 **BEE**—**John A. Pistor** of Marco Island, FL, August 28, 2010; worldwide coordinator, Motion Picture and Education Market division, Kodak; helped develop the bombsight for the Enola Gay; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'43 **BS Ag, PhD '48**—**Everett W. Jameson Jr.** of Roseville, CA, August 11, 2010; zoology professor, UC Davis; expert on chiggers; author; falconer; active in professional affairs. Delta Phi.

'43, **BArch '47**—**Bertrand C. Johnson** of Chatham, NJ, August 14, 2010; architect; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

'44 **MD**—**George Knauer Jr.** of Naples, FL, May 12, 2008; ob/gyn; partner, Elizabeth Obstetric Group; assoc. professor of obstetrics and gynecology, New Jersey College of Medicine; chair, dept. of ob/gyn, Elizabeth General Medical Center; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'44—**Frances Lucha** (Sister Mary Englebert) of Latham, NY, August 23, 2010; sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet; therapeutic, dietetic, and clinical instructor, St. Mary's Hospital; supervisor of dietary dept., manager of crafts, and staff in central supply, St. Joseph's Provincial House; active in religious affairs.

'44—**Edmund J. Talott** of Saint David, AZ, November 12, 2008. Theta Xi.

'45 **BME**—**Mason Britton Jr.** of Southport, ME, August 12, 2010; founder, Britton Industries and Britton of Southport; also worked for Grumman Aircraft and Cincinnati Milling Machine Co.; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'45—**Nancy Clark Cox** of Lakeland, FL, November 14, 2008.

'45—**Charles R. Eble** of Homosassa, FL, October 4, 2008. Sigma Nu.

'45, **BS Chem E '44, B Chem E '47**—**Harry L. Hilleary Jr.** of St. Louis, MO, August 18, 2010; partner, Flaming Pit steak houses; attorney; also worked for Standard Oil; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'45, **BEE '48**—**Winthrop E. Mange Jr.** of Pompton Plains, NJ, August 19, 2010; retired PSE&G VP of corporate services; veteran; active in community affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'45, **BCE '46**—**Robert A. Olmstead** of Jackson Heights, NY, August 16, 2010; former planning director, MTA; veteran; active in alumni affairs.

'45—**John H. Updegrove** of Easton, PA, August 21, 2010; chief of surgery, Easton Hospital;

veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'46 **MS HE**—**Velma J. Laird** of Lockport, NY, August 21, 2010; home economics teacher; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'47 **DVM**—**Calvin B. Roper** of Menlo Park, CA, August 11, 2007; veterinarian; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'48 **MA**—**Donald P. Dietrich** of Ithaca, NY, August 1, 2007.

'48 **BS Hotel**—**Viola K. Kleindienst** of Bellingham, WA, August 11, 2010; real estate broker; chair of physical education, U. of Maine; assoc. professor, U. of Missouri; asst. professor, U. of Montana; instructor, Connecticut U.; public school teacher; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'49 **BEE**—**William R. Elmendorf** of Frederick, MD, August 31, 2006. Acacia.

'50 **BS Hotel**—**John J. Carr** of Bridgeville, PA, August 10, 2010; hotel and restaurant manager; veteran.

'50 **BEE**—**James M. Meeker** of Spring Lake, NJ, August 10, 2010; business owner; electrical engineer; veteran. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'50 **BA**—**Alphonse A. Satkus** of Ventnor, NJ, March 25, 2007; insurance adjuster; artist; veteran.

'51 **BS Ag**—**Donald W. Burton** of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Cobleskill, NY, August 13, 2010; real estate agent; professor of horse science, SUNY Cobleskill; extension agent; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Doris (Van Eps) '50.

'53-54 **SP Ag**—**Ruby McDonald Price** (Mrs. Floyd W., '53-54 SP Ag) of Meridian, MS, August 24, 2010; elementary school teacher; United Methodist missionary; active in community and religious affairs.

'53 **BS Ag**—**Henry C. Shapley** of Stafford, TX, January 22, 2006.

'53—**Alan A. Steinberg** of Bala Cynwyd, PA, December 2, 2006; worked for American Steel Engr. Co. Beta Sigma Rho.

'53, **BCE '54**—**Robert Strehlow IV** of Captiva, FL, and Bainbridge Island, WA, formerly of Miami, FL, and Peoria, IL, August 17, 2010; president, V. Jobst and Sons; also worked with HCB Contractors; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'55 **BA**—**James L. Freeman** of Tryon, NC, August 15, 2010; president, Connecticut Printers; certified financial planner; also worked for R. R. Donnelley & Sons, Houghton-Mifflin, and W. A.

Krueger; jazz musician; active in civic and community affairs. Acacia.

'56 **BS Ag**—**Barbara Woods Russell** of Ashland, OR, formerly of Arcata, CA, June 13, 2006. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, John B. Russell, PhD '56.

'58 **BA**—**Jay L. Cunningham** of Las Vegas, NV, November 5, 2007. Theta Xi.

'59 **BS HE**—**Roberta Harvey Cuddy** of Bath, NY, July 15, 2010; worked at Dresser-Rand; active in community affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'60 **BA**—**Stephen G. Rothschild** of Alamo, CA, August 11, 2010; senior VP and portfolio manager, Salomon Smith Barney; CEO, Arneson Products; also worked for Procter & Gamble, Warner Lambert, Hunt Wesson, American Cyanamid, and Del Monte; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'60 **PhD**—**Bhag S. Sidhu** of Winston-Salem, NC, August 22, 2010; retired professor of biological sciences, Winston-Salem State U.; plant breeding expert, UNESCO; also taught at Punjab U.; competitive race walker; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'61 **PhD**—**J. Richards Chase** of Carol Stream, IL, August 20, 2010; former president, Wheaton College; president and speech professor, Biola College; also taught at Tyndale Seminary; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'61-62 **GR**—**Keith P. West** of Broomall, PA, October 22, 2008.

'65 **MD**—**Richard F. Greninger** of Leesburg, FL, August 26, 2010; chief of plastic surgery, Memorial Hospital West; associate professor of plastic surgery, U. of Albany; author; repaired cleft palates for the poor in South America; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'65, **BS Ag '66, DVM '68**—**Kenneth P. Seeber** of Glenfield, NY, August 23, 2010; equine veterinarian; leading trainer of harness horses; founder, Adirondack Cattle Co.; raised Wagyu cattle; active in community and professional affairs. Chi Phi.

'70 **MS Ag**—**Theodore J. Szymanski** of Trumansburg, NY, August 21, 2010; mathematics professor, Tompkins County Community College; taught scientific journalism at Cornell U.; adjunct instructor, NYS Academy of Fire Science and Nat'l Fire Academy; also taught at George Junior Republic and Ithaca High School; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'72 **BA**—**Allen M. Kalik** of Manchester, NH, August 14, 2010; president/owner, Professional Teledata; active in community affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'78 **BS Ag**—**Paul J. Sadowski** of Webster, NY, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the November/December '10 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

'85 **BS Hotel**—**William A. Levine** of Valley Village, CA, August 13, 2010; CPA.

'13—**Khalil King** of Charlotte, NC, August 29, 2010; sophomore student in Architecture, Art and Planning; rapper; dancer; artist.

Glass House

For Liberty Hyde Bailey’s vintage conservatory, the end appears near

Extending from the Plant Science Building toward Tower Road, Purple Conservatory No. 1023A is remarkable for its curved eaves and overlapping rows of windowpanes bearing love notes and other sentiments rubbed on the whitewashed glass. But on the crooked front door, a more official note states it is closed indefinitely. And by the time you read this, it may well be on its way to the junk heap.

A glimpse through window cracks doesn’t tell the viewer much, except that Purple Conservatory No. 1023A is in an advanced state of neglect. The rarest and most valuable plants have been moved, but less lucky flora are toppled over or hanging in terra cotta pots that dangle like relics from a bygone colonial age.

Despite the ignominious title and sorry state of disrepair, the building is the conservatory of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Hortorium—a term coined by the famed Cornell botanist as a “place for the scientific study of garden plants, for their naming and their classification, and for their documentation.” Today, the curved glass panes that give the building its distinctive shape have succumbed to time and the elements. The cypress molding is decayed, paint is peeling, metal frameworks and mechanical devices rusting. But before Ithaca’s weather had its way, the conservatory’s collections were a marvelous teaching exhibit of rare plants from around the world. A vast array of species were housed here—ferns, lycopods, horsetails, and of course Bailey’s beloved palms, which reached the peak of the two-story-high conservatory. In fact, partly owing to Bailey’s specimens, Cornell’s experts wrote the definitive taxonomy of palms; not bad

for a college in the middle of post-glacial New York.

Botanists like Bailey considered these spaces “living laboratories.” Under his direction as dean (1903–13), the original College of Agriculture built more than a dozen greenhouses. But only two plant conservatories—structures that differ from greenhouses both in size and height to accommodate shrubs and trees—ever existed on campus. The first was a grand structure attached to Sage Hall that resembled, in miniature, the facilities at London’s Kew Gardens; it was torn down without much fuss in 1923.

Purple Conservatory No. 1023A was built in 1931 by premier American conservatory architects Lord & Burnham. It was Bailey’s baby, but planned in keeping with the times. “He was a very frugal man, and—aware of the Depression—kept the building modest,” says CALS research support specialist Edward Cobb ’73, who has enrolled a growing list of supporters hoping to save the conservatory. “We are working hard to ensure that Bailey’s vision remains central to the campus.” Cobb has sent out mass e-mailings, including one in mid-November that appealed for help to save the conservatory “for future generations.” “If enough money can be raised, the best situation would be to totally renovate the conservatory greenhouse,” he wrote. “This is an historic structure.”

Historic to Cornell, yes. But the greenhouse is not on the State Historic Preservation Office’s list of designated landmarks—so Cobb is spearheading an eleventh-hour battle to put it there.

CALS has \$1.8 million available for a new greenhouse on the site of Purple 1023A, and bids to restore the original came in at twice that. Even Cobb concedes that the conservatory is dilapidated. But in addition to fearing that the structure will be torn down, he and his supporters worry that a replacement would be located on the outskirts of campus, far from plant science’s teaching and research center.

The college’s administration is clear that the building “will be razed,” says senior associate dean Jan Nyrop. However, he added, “CALS is committed to providing a greenhouse conservatory in close proximity to the Plant Science Building,” and is now studying its feasibility. But in a Q&A on the CALS website, administrators hedged their bets. Given the overall need to renew CALS greenhouses, it says, “rebuilding the conservatory on its current site may not be the best option or the best use of funds.”

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Growing pains: The Bailey Hortorium is facing the wrecking ball. Left: A Thirties-era ad for architects Lord & Burnham.



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