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BETH SAULNIER

For two decades, Frank Robinson has been director of the Johnson Museum, a post that marries his many talents—from management to fundraising to cheerleading to looking good in a Santa suit. He'll step down at the end of June, segueing to a part-time position in development. To mark his retirement, CAM asked Robinson to take readers on a mini-tour of his favorite works of art at the museum—including a certain sculpture that the University refused to part with, even for a cool \$104 million.

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BRAD HERZOG '90

To the roster of top-flight Cornell sports like hockey and lacrosse, add one more: wrestling. With its own training facility and a singularly dedicated coach, the program has been on the rise over the past decade. In March, the Big Red sent nine wrestlers to Philadelphia for the NCAA Championships, where the grapplers faced traditional Midwest powerhouses as well as rivals closer to home. Could they top last year's second-place finish?

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ADRIENNE ZABLE '11

As technology alters countless aspects of society, it is inevitably transforming the student experience. These days, few undergrads have known a world without the Internet—and some aspects of college, both social and academic, hardly resemble university life of years past. (Remember pay phones? Letters home? Waiting in line for course enrollment?) A student journalist explores Cornell in the age of the Internet, mobile computing, and social networking.

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University Governance: An Alumni Tradition

On January 1, 2012, Peter Meinig '61 will complete twenty years as a Cornell trustee, including his extraordinary leadership and service as the Board's chair since July 2002. We will then welcome a distinguished new leader, Robert Harrison '76, as chair. I'll have more on that transition—and on Pete Meinig's remarkable legacy—in a future issue.

The transition to new Board leadership and the recently completed election for alumni-elected trustees provide an occasion to reflect more broadly on the role that Cornell alumni have played in governing our university. Time and again, over a span of 137 years, they have stepped up to the challenge—not for financial gain or personal glory, but out of deep love for the institution and the desire to guide it to an even better future.

A year after the University's founding, President Andrew Dickson White noted in his "Plan of Organization" that when the alumni body reached a sufficient number it should annually choose a representative to serve on the Board of Trustees. That "sufficient number" became available six years later, in 1872, and provision was made for the "Associate Alumni" to elect a trustee—making Cornell one of the very first American universities to have alumni representation on its governing board.

The first alumni-elected trustee was Samuel Halliday of the Class of 1870, elected in 1874, and Cornell alumni have had substantial responsibility for the governance of the University ever since.

This year's alumni trustee election gave us the youngest and most geographically diverse candidates for alumni-elected trustees in Cornell's history. Mitchell Lee '90, JD '96, Rana Glasgal '87, ME '92, Gregory Galvin, PhD '84, and Eva Sage-Gavin '80 exemplify the range of backgrounds and diversity of leadership roles that our alumni are willing to assume in their regions, for their classes, for their colleges, and for the University as a whole. The election stimulated the highest voter turnout ever, and I have no doubt that the newly elected trustees, Glasgal and Galvin, will carry forward the tradition of exemplary alumni leadership in the governance of the University throughout their terms.

The current Board of Trustees comprises sixty-four voting members: some are appointed by the governor with confirmation by the State Senate; some, including the governor and state legislative leaders, are ex-officio; one is the eldest lineal descendant of Ezra Cornell; but the vast majority—fifty-six trustees—may be "selected in such manner and for such terms as the Board of Trustees may determine" as long as those selected include at least two members each from the fields of agriculture, business, and labor in New York State; two faculty-elected trustees; two student-elected trustees; one employee-elected (i.e., non-faculty staff) trustee; and eight trustees elected by the alumni body as a whole. In practice, most of the other board-elected trustees are also alumni.



ROBERT BARKER / UP

Trustees have fiduciary responsibility in overseeing the University's programs and assets, are charged with selecting its president, and give the final approval of tenure decisions and of faculty elected to named chairs, among other responsibilities. Our trustees also represent a wealth of talent and expertise that has been especially important in these difficult economic times. In general, the old maxim of "Noses in, fingers out" aptly describes the Board's responsibility to provide high-level oversight rather than day-to-day decision making. However, in the face of the unprecedented financial challenges that Cornell faced during the Great Recession, I greatly appreciated the experience and expertise in fiscal management that many of our trustees possess. At the administration's request, the Board formed task forces to participate as teams with senior administrators to formulate responses to the challenges of the recession, and I believe that our current position of relative financial strength is due, to a substantial degree, to the teamwork between the administration and the trustees.

All of us on Cornell's campuses—faculty, staff, and students—should be grateful for the devotion, expertise, and deep commitment of our Board of Trustees, and for the alumni leadership it represents. As we welcome new alumni-elected trustees to the Board for terms that begin on July 1 and prepare for the transition in leadership next January, I invite all alumni to share in Cornell's governance by continuing to vote for alumni-elected trustees and by participating in activities that provide pathways to alumni leadership posts.

— President David Skorton
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At the 110th Dragon Day in March, the eponymous beast was an aesthetic departure from years past. Made of cool gray steel, the minimalist dragon was suspended from four towers connected to a frame mounted to the chassis of a Volkswagen Microbus. Accompanied by first-year architecture students, it swayed its way across campus to face the engineers' traditional phoenix. UPHOTO

School Daze

The education debate continues

The interviews with Michelle Rhee '92 and Randi Weingarten '80 were interesting, enlightening, and disturbing ("Pop Quiz," March/April 2011). I have worked in union and non-union manufacturing facilities, and have seen an evolution in the attitude between labor and management over the past fifty years. In those environments—industrial, academic, and governmental—in which a collaborative attitude is fostered, the organization prospers. And it does not matter what services or products are produced. Everyone from the CEO to the janitor has a stake in the health of every organization. Many of us have learned that the poor working conditions in the early twentieth century that led to the powerful labor union movement and continual confrontation between labor and management is ancient history. Cooperation is now the name of the game. Everyone wins when everyone works toward a common goal. If Rhee believes that the union workers in the automobile industry do not have the responsibility to help produce a cheaper and better car, she does not belong in any position in which it is essential to work jointly with everyone to produce a better product (improved reading, mathematical, and thinking skills).

I have a second career, teaching chemistry in a community college. I see every day the results of our failing school system. Students cannot read and cannot think, and too many of them have no understanding that learning anything requires time and effort. Many of us agree on the definition of the problem. What none of us can agree upon are the root causes. I do not really know if I am a good teacher, because I do not know how to evaluate my performance. I learn a little more each time I stand in front of a class, but how do you measure that? This

past fall I gave an exam and the average grade was 75; I gave virtually the same exam two weeks ago and even made it a little easier (or so I thought)—and the average was 64. Who was responsible? Me? The students? When either Rhee or Weingarten has an answer for that, please let me know. Until I have an answer, my frustrations will continue, and I will still look for ways to convince students that chemistry is important.

*William Eisen '56
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

I have tried and failed to find an idea in your interview with Michelle Rhee. I do, however, find a dubious assertion that a great teacher can as a general rule overcome the dreadful effects on children of extreme urban poverty. No evidence is cited and rural poverty is ignored, but these "great teachers," however defined, are presented almost as saviors of society. This kind of thing diverts attention from our country's serious ills by posing cheap and easy cures. I find, too, a repeated assertion that children come first, but I cannot find what this is supposed to mean. I note, however, that most of what Ms. Rhee has actually done as a school system official is to indulge in corporate-style top-down governance at its worst.

As one who spent thirty years at a state college known for its teacher-ed programs, let me make a few positive suggestions: Revise certification requirements so that undergraduates preparing to be public school teachers spend far less time in education courses than they do now; many of these courses are of doubtful practical or intellectual value. Along the way, abolish P-12 certification and with it the idiotic

notion that someone deemed competent to teach chemistry to high school seniors should at the same time be licensed to introduce elementary school pupils to the rudiments of science. Treat teachers like the professionals they are, professionals involved in a curious activity that creates no product but is itself a process. That process must indeed have results, some immediately tangible and hence subject to testing, but others, often more important, that are lodged deep within students' minds and are thus impossible to identify, much less quantify, on the spot.

Teachers' pay must, of course, be on a par with that of similarly qualified people in roughly analogous professions. It is disgraceful that this should still need to be said. And the right to unionize is fundamental. As unionized faculties in public universities have long demonstrated, unions and the most rigorous profession-



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alism can easily coexist.

No one, not even Michelle Rhee, really knows what makes a “great teacher.” (Identifying a truly poor one is much easier.) Because it is so difficult to evaluate teachers beyond the most superficial characteristics, serious evaluations, however desirable they may be considered, are exceptionally dangerous; it is largely for this reason that peer review within a system of shared governance is as essential to schools as it is to universities.

Finally—and this is a positive point though I begin by expressing it negatively—let us stop behaving as if we considered the public schools the sole agency of society and demand that they bring us to a sort of secular New Jerusalem. We might then be more motivated to get to work on what really ails us.

*Donald Mintz '49, PhD '60
Trumansburg, New York*

Partial Eclipse

One of my fondest memories of the good old days on the Hill was the sight of the distinguished English professors Arthur Mizener and M. H. “Mike” Abrams heading across campus together to various Cornell games, notably football, in the early Fifties. So it was neat to see former President Dale Corson’s fine photo of Mike along with the report that Athletic Director Andy Noel and his staff had honored Mike with a plaque in Bartels Hall on the occasion of his ninety-eighth birthday (Currents, March/April 2011). Alas, the photo eclipsed the portion of the plaque that named Mike Cornell’s #1 fan.

*Jim Hanchett '53
New York, New York*

Not Coming

I thought about going to the 50th Reunion of my class in June, but decided not to after receiving the program. It was mostly hoopla of a kind that I—and, I suspect, many other graduates—would not care for. My idea of a reunion would be to make it primarily a learning experience. I would welcome getting together with other majors in my department from years past, along with any available professors and instructors from that time, to informally discuss and evaluate our learning then and what we have learned since that could make future courses better. The rest of the time would be unscheduled leisure to tour in and around campus, and join with other graduates as we pleased to further converse and socialize. I am sorry that is not the case.

*Gerald Schneider '61
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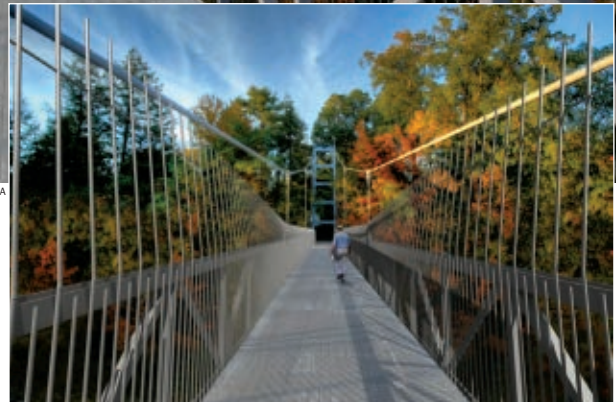


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From the Hill



Means restriction: Potential methods for preventing suicides on the Suspension Bridge include fine wire mesh fencing (above) and vertical barriers (right).



Bridge Barrier Designs Unveiled

In a series of public presentations on campus in early March, the architects hired to design suicide-prevention barriers on seven bridges on and near campus unveiled their concepts. The architects, Nader Tehrani and Dan Gallagher of the Boston-based firm NADAAA, offered several designs for each bridge; they include such elements as tempered glass walls, fine steel mesh fencing, curved vertical barriers, and under-bridge netting.

Bridge fences were first erected in spring 2010 after a trio of gorge suicides in the span of a few weeks, including two on consecutive days. Originally made of chain link (eventually replaced with less obtrusive black wire mesh), they sparked a debate on campus and in town about the efficacy of such barriers in prevent-

ing suicide—and the difficulty of balancing public safety with natural beauty. After a panel of experts tapped by Cornell issued a report endorsing so-called means restriction as a way to save lives, the University pledged to make the barriers permanent, and hired Tehrani's firm to design aesthetically pleasing solutions.

Since the concepts were made public, the University has been collecting feedback from the community; once the final designs are chosen, Cornell will file for site plan review with the city planning board. The deadline is May 31, the date by which—according to a unanimous vote last summer by Ithaca's Common Council—Cornell must either submit permanent designs or remove the current fencing.

Another Way to Read CAM

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon

LISA BANLAKI FRANK

Fraternity Banned Following Sophomore's Death

The University has withdrawn recognition of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity following the alcohol-related death of a sophomore. In February, nineteen-year-old human ecology student and Brooklyn resident George Desdunes died after being found unresponsive at the fraternity house, located on McGraw Place. "Even though the members and associate members recognized the condition Desdunes was in, they failed to call for medical care," vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, said in a statement. Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be banned from campus for at least five years; if and when it is reinstated, it would be on probation for an additional three years. Desdune's death came on the same weekend as another alcohol-related student fatality in town: Ithaca College freshman Victoria Cheng was found dead in a snow bank near the IC campus, having apparently passed out and died of exposure.

Harrison Named Board Chair

Robert Harrison '76, CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative, has been unanimously elected chair of Cornell's Board of Trustees. His two-and-a-half-year term begins January 1, when he succeeds Peter Meinig '61, who has served as chair since 2002. A college scholar at Cornell, Harrison studied politics, philosophy, and economics at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and earned a JD from Yale. He practiced corporate law with the firm Davis Polk & Wardwell and is a retired partner and managing director at Goldman Sachs. President David Skorton called Harrison "an enormously capable leader whose expertise and mentorship have been invaluable to me personally and to Cornell."



Robert Harrison '76

Africana Center Budget to Rise

In the wake of controversy over administrative shifts at the Africana Studies and Research Center that sparked campus protests, the University has announced that the center's annual budget will increase more than 50 percent over the next five years, from \$2.3 million to \$3.5 million. The center will also receive a one-time infusion of \$2 million to recruit faculty, support research, and develop a PhD program. Since its founding in 1969, the center has been an independent unit reporting to the provost's office. But in December, Provost Kent Fuchs announced that it would merge with the College of Arts and Sciences effective July 1. Protests immediately erupted—with many objecting not only to the move but to the way it was done, saying that the provost had failed to consult with faculty and students before announcing his decision. Professor Robert Harris resigned as the center's director, though he rescinded his resignation two days later at the urging of the Africana faculty.

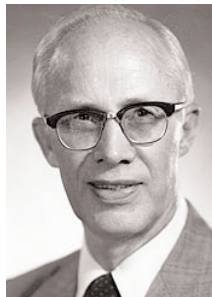
Fuchs has said that the move will help ensure the future success of the Africana program, which will be classified as both a center and an academic department. In announcing the funding increase in late March, he stated that he had reviewed the budget with Harris and Arts and Sciences dean Peter Lepage. "We are committed to Cornell's Africana Center becoming a top-five program in the nation," he said, "and this support will help make that possible."

Vet College Is Tops in the Nation (Again)

For the fourth time in a row, the Vet college has been ranked number one by *U.S. News and World Report*. The college has held the top spot since 2000; the rankings come out every four years. *U.S. News* also rated health care management programs, placing Cornell's Sloan Program in Health Administration at number fourteen, up from twenty-fifth place four years ago. In other *U.S. News* ratings, the Engineering college had seven graduate programs in the top ten, and the college itself was ranked tenth in the nation. The Law School was ranked thirteenth, the Johnson School sixteenth, and the Medical college seventeenth. In a new ranking based on the opinions of decision-makers on hiring at law firms, the Law School ranked eighth.

Provost Emeritus Keith Kennedy Dies

W. Keith Kennedy, PhD '47, provost emeritus and former CALS dean, died February 18. He was ninety-two. A professor of agronomy on the Hill since the late Forties, Kennedy—who grew up on a plum farm in Washington State—held various administrative posts at Cornell, including director of the Geneva Ag station. He served as provost from 1978 until his retirement in 1984; at that time, then-President Frank Rhodes called him “as generous and sensitive an individual as he is forthright, perceptive, and capable as an administrator.” In 1990, the new CALS administrative building was named in his honor. Kennedy is survived by two sons and their families. His wife, Barbara Barber Kennedy, MS '40, predeceased him.



Keith Kennedy



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Canine cosmonauts: This 1961 Christmas candy box from the Soviet Union, depicting two mixed-breed dogs who were the first living creatures to spend a full day in space (aboard *Sputnik 5*), is among the items on display in Kroch Library's exhibit "Animal Legends: From the Trojan Horse to Godzilla." The show, which explores why and how humans elevate certain animals or species to exalted status, runs through the end of September.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

President Emeritus **Hunter Rawlings III**, named president of the Association of American Universities.

Cornell's student-led **Committee for the Advancement of Muslim Culture**, winner of the University's annual Perkins Prize for Interracial Harmony and Understanding.

Labor history professor **Jefferson Cowie**, whose book *Stayin' Alive: The 1970s and the Last Days of the Working Class* won the Merle Curti Award, given annually by the Organization of American Historians for the best book published in American social or intellectual history.

Computer science professor **Fred Schneider '75**, elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

Michael Gründler '10, a herpetologist at Archbold Biological Station in Florida, and **Perla Parra**, a master's candidate in public

affairs, winners of Luce Scholarships for one year of study in Asia.

President **David Skorton**, named to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Professors **Johannes Gehrke** (computer science) and **David Williamson** (operations research and information engineering), winners of Humboldt Research Awards, which support up to a year of collaborative research with colleagues in Germany.

Professors **Serena DeBeer** (chemistry and chemical biology), **Alon Keinan** (biological statistics and computational biology), **Rafael Pass** (computer science), **Ashutosh Saxena** (computer science), **Mukund Vengalattore** (physics), and **Hakim Weatherspoon** (computer science), named Sloan Research Fellows.

Linda Gadsby '88, vice president and deputy general counsel of Scholastic, Inc., named one of the twenty-five most influential black women in business by the *Network Journal*.

English professor **Alice Fulton, MFA '82**, winner of an Arts and Letters Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.



Prof.
Tom Eisner

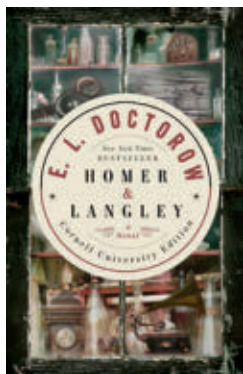
'Father of Chemical Ecology' Tom Eisner, 81

Thomas Eisner, a distinguished biologist considered the father of chemical ecology, died in Ithaca on March 25. He was eighty-one and suffered from Parkinson's disease. Eisner was born in Berlin; his family settled in the United States in the Forties after stints in Spain and Uruguay. He earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Harvard—Cornell rejected his undergraduate application, and for decades Eisner proudly displayed the "ding letter" on his office wall—and joined the Cornell entomology faculty in 1957. With his longtime collaborator and Cornell colleague Jerrold Meinwald, GR '52, he explored how insects use chemicals to defend themselves and facilitate reproduction. His wide-ranging interests included nature photography, and he published several books on the subject, including *Chromatic Fantasy: Leaves in the Midst of Change* and *Eisner's World: Life Through Many Lenses*. At the time of his death, he was the Jacob Gould Schurman professor emeritus of chemical ecology. Eisner is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Maria Eisner, an expert in electron microscopy who worked on his research team, and three daughters and their families.

Reading Project Taps Doctorow Book

The E. L. Doctorow novel *Homer & Langley* has been chosen for this year's New Student Reading Project. Published in 2009 and loosely based on a true story, the book follows two New York City brothers whose parents die in the 1918 flu pandemic. They create their own world in the family mansion on Fifth Avenue, their personal stories echoing the developments of twentieth-century America. "*Homer & Langley* is an interesting choice, first because it is based on a real New York story and thus raises

issues about fictionalizing the news," says Charlotte Rosen, PhD '79, a senior lecturer in management and a member of the selection committee. "I believe that a community read should reflect something about belonging to (or rejecting) a community, and this thread runs throughout the brothers' tale." To participate in the project, which includes discussions and events open to the community, go to reading.cornell.edu.



R&D

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Watching local TV news can make people feel powerless against cancer because the programs tend to cover causes of the disease as opposed to treatment or prevention, finds communication professor Jeff Niederdeppe.

Cornell potato breeders have released two new varieties. Called Waneta and Lamoka (after twin lakes in the Finger Lakes region), the spuds have undergone thirteen years of testing and are ideal for potato chips.

Immunologists in the Vet college are gaining understanding of Crohn's disease by studying how the immune system responds to a common parasite, *Toxoplasma gondii*.

The U.K.'s Department for International Development and the Gates Foundation have pledged \$40 million over five years to an effort, led by Cornell, to combat a wheat pathogen that threatens global food security.

Facebook "walls" have a positive effect on college students' self-image, finds communication professor Jeff Hancock and former grad student Amy Gonzales, PhD '10. The pages, Hancock says, allow users to put their best face forward.

Researchers in the Engineering college are working to develop a more compact source of tetrahertz radiation. The technology, now used in airport body scanners, could have applications in portable medical diagnostic equipment; currently the radiation is generated by bulky lasers and vacuum tubes.

In a first-ever study published in the *American Journal of Political Science*, government professor Thomas Pepinsky and colleagues have shown that aerial bombing of Vietnamese civilians by U.S. and allied forces during the Vietnam War was ineffective and ill-conceived, driving previously neutral citizens to support the Viet Cong.

In what government professor Suzanne Mettler, PhD '94, calls "a striking disconnect," many Americans decry federal programs without realizing how much they benefit from them. In a nationwide survey of 1,400 people, she found that almost half of those who'd reaped benefits such as student loans reported they had never used a government social program.

Nutritional sciences professor Patrick Stover and colleagues have identified a gene in mice that causes neural tube defects such as spina bifida and anencephaly.

Newly discovered proteins that are transferred during mating in mosquitoes could offer targets for combating diseases that the insects spread. The findings could help control dengue fever, yellow fever, West Nile virus, and more.

The lab of biological and environmental engineering professor John March has devised an artificial intestine to aid investigations of gut bacteria related to the treatment of diabetes.

As NCAA Tournament brackets were being analyzed in March, Jon Jaques '10 would smile as he kept hearing the same question: who will be this year's Cornell? "Teams were aspiring to do what we had accomplished," Jaques, who is playing professionally in Israel, wrote in an e-mail. "That's a great feeling."

More than a year has passed since the end of the Big Red's run to the Sweet Sixteen. Four players—Jaques, Ryan Wittman '10, Louis Dale '10, and Jeff Foote '10—have continued their basketball careers professionally, while former head coach Steve Donahue was hired to be the head coach at Boston College. We caught up with them to talk about their lives post-Sweet Sixteen.

Ryan Wittman, Cornell's all-time leading scorer, joined the Fort Wayne Mad Ants of the NBA Development League in February after several months playing for the Italian professional team in Forli, about an hour south of Bologna. Joining the Fort Wayne team late in the season, he says, was not easy.

"Being at Cornell and playing with those guys—we had such familiarity on the court, such great chemistry," says Wittman, who's averaging 5.6 points per game. He followed Cornell's progress this year, staying up late in Italy to watch their games. And when March came around, Wittman says, he began feeling nostalgic. "For all of us who have graduated and moved on, we kind of realize how special a team we had. The friendships we made, the experiences we went through together—you don't get that with every team."

Louis Dale signed with BG Goettingen, a first-division German club. He said via e-mail that he chose Goettingen over teams in Belgium and Australia, though he admitted the adjustment has been tough. "There is greater pressure to win games and perform well," Dale wrote. "The wear and tear on your body is another thing I've had to adjust to."

Dale is averaging 18.1 minutes and 8.1 points per game as a starting guard. He says that he chats with his three former teammates regularly via Skype. "In many cases, if one guy was dealing with a certain situation, it was great to know that three of your best friends are going through it, too," he reports.



PATRICK SHANAHAN

Still Sweet

Players and coach recall Cornell's remarkable 2009-10 basketball season

Lately, Dale has caught himself reflecting more and more on what he achieved in his four-year Cornell career. "Coach Donahue would often tell us that the experience we were having playing together would be some of the best moments of our lives. Not being able to play in the tournament this year has really made me appreciate the time I had playing Cornell basketball."

Jeff Foote has been playing for the Spanish club Melilla Baloncesto since mid-November, on what he calls a "loan" from the Israeli pro team Maccabi Tel-Aviv. "I feel like a freshman in college again," Foote wrote in an e-mail. "Every day is a new adventure."

Foote signed a two-year deal with Maccabi. Because he was not expected to play much in Israel, Maccabi lent him to Baloncesto for the season. Foote says he had not felt homesick until early March,

when the NCAA Tournament brackets were being announced. "Not a day passes where I don't think of the Kentucky game, and how I know we were capable of more," Foote wrote. "The memory of that game will always drive me."

Jon Jaques has been playing for the Ironi Ashkelon basketball team in the Israeli Super League, the top division of Israeli basketball since August. Getting playing time has been a struggle, but Jaques views this opportunity to continue his career as a blessing. He wasn't expecting to get a call from a club overseas. "I figured I couldn't pass it up," he says. "Playing basketball for a year abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of thing."

Jaques has contributed articles to the "Quad" blog of the *New York Times* and to SportsIllustrated.com, and he currently writes for the online edition of *Slam* magazine. Watching from afar has not always

One year ago: Head coach Steve Donahue and Ryan Wittman '10 (hand on Donahue's shoulder) watch the clock run out at the end of Cornell's defeat of Wisconsin in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. The victory advanced the Big Red to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time in school history.

been easy, though. “I wish I was still playing college basketball,” Jaques wrote. “Watching these games just reminds me of how I felt during our run last year and how unreal those few weeks were.”

Steve Donahue says he has no regrets about leaving Cornell after a 21-13 first season at Boston College. But reflecting on that decision still stirs up emotion.

“My wife and I talked about that last week—we sat back and thought about how fortunate we were to go through that,” Donahue says of his ten-year stay in Ithaca. “There’s a little sadness because it was such a special time. It was special for a lot of reasons, but the main reason was the great people around the program, in the program, in the Cornell community.”

Donahue’s BC team finished in a tie for fourth place in the ACC and was not invited to this year’s NCAA tournament. They lost to Northwestern in the second round of the NIT. Donahue says that he and his family have enjoyed living in Boston, and they might soon expect a few summer visitors—four of them, at least. For Wittman, Dale, Jaques, Foote, and Coach Donahue, it’s never too soon for a reunion. “I follow their careers daily, and they follow mine,” Donahue says. “And we all follow Cornell.”

— Zach Schonbrun

Champions!

Congratulations to the gymnastics and women’s hockey teams, winners of ECAC championships. For the gymnasts, it was their first league title ever. In the championship meet, Cornell finished with a score of 191.675 to edge Penn (191.175) for the title. The Big Red had five individual champions: **McKenna Archer ‘13** and **Emily San- toro ‘11** tied for first in vault, **Alexis Schupp ‘14** and **Maddie Pearsall ‘11** shared the title on bars, and **Melanie Standridge ‘12** was tops on the beam. The women’s hockey team repeated as ECAC champions after losing only one league game all year and then cruising past Dartmouth 3-0 to win the title. They advanced to the NCAA tournament, where they again defeated Dartmouth—this time by a 7-1 score—before losing to Boston University 4-1 in the national semifinal. The Big Red women finished the year with a record of 31-3-1, joining the 2002-03 men’s team as the only Cornell hockey squads to post 30-win seasons.

CORNELL ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS



DARL ZEHR

Sports Shorts

KICK START Some friends of Cornell rugby are looking for help. Faded Red, the alumni rugby association, is asking former players and fans to join the group. According to President **Avi Giladi ‘04**, the association currently has about 40 active members and had about 20 people on hand for the Alumni Weekend last fall. Because of a recent reorganization of college rugby that has Cornell competing against Ivy League teams instead of the New York teams they had been playing in recent years, the program needs financial support. For more information, contact Giladi at avalope@yahoo.com or go to the group’s website at www.FadedRedRugby.com.

ISLAND TIME Forward **Matthew Bouraee ‘10** has signed a contract with the Puerto Rico Islanders in the North American Soccer League, which begins play this spring (and is not related to an older league of the same name). An All-Ivy first-team pick at Cornell, Bouraee spent last season with the New York Red Bulls developmental team in the National Premier Soccer

League, a top amateur league. He also spent time training with the New York Red Bulls MLS squad and professional teams in Austria and the United Arab Emirates.

TIE-BREAK TITLE Cornell was the top seed for the ECAC Men’s Tennis Indoor Championships, but the competition went down to the wire. With the title match against Binghamton University tied at 3-3, the Big Red needed a victory at No. 4 singles. **Evan Bernstein ‘11**, who had lost the first set, rallied to take the second set 6-1 and then delivered the winning margin with a 7-3 tie break victory after the third set finished 6-6.

SQUASH STARS Men’s squash player **Nick Sachvie ‘13** was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year after posting a 12-3 record at number one and taking second in the College Squash Association’s individual championships. Two of Sachvie’s three losses came to Princeton’s Todd Harrity, the Ivy Player of the Year. Sachvie was joined on the All-Ivy squad by teammates **Alex Domenick ‘12** and **Thomas Spettigue ‘13**—the first time Cornell has had three players earn All-Ivy honors. On the women’s team, **Jaime Laird ‘13** was the

first Cornell player to earn All-Ivy honors since 2002 and was also named second-team All-American.

Winter Teams

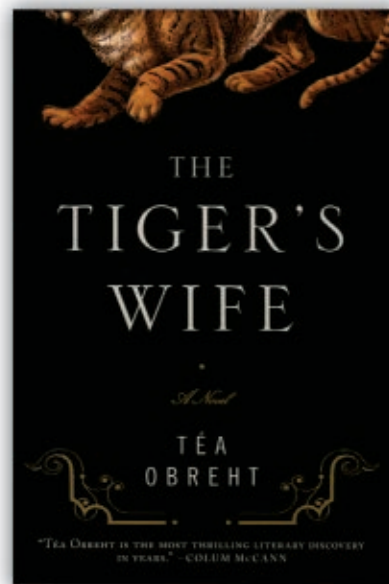
Final Records

Men’s Basketball	10-18; 6-8 Ivy (T-5th)
Women’s Basketball	6-22; 3-11 Ivy (8th)
Fencing	9-8; 2-4 Ivy (5th)
Gymnastics	4-2
Men’s Hockey	16-15-3; 11-9-2 ECAC (T-4th)
Women’s Hockey	31-3-1; 20-1-1 ECAC (1st)
Men’s Polo	14-4
Women’s Polo	19-0
Men’s Squash	10-6; 4-2 Ivy (3rd)
Women’s Squash	6-7; 2-4 Ivy (5th)
Men’s Swimming	6-3; 4-3 Ivy (T-3rd)
Women’s Swimming	1-8; 0-7 Ivy (8th)
Wrestling	13-1; 5-0 Ivy (1st)

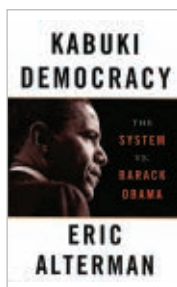
Burning Bright

The Tiger's Wife by Téa Obreht, MFA '08 (Random House)

Natalia, a young doctor in an unnamed Balkan country, seeks answers about her grandfather's death while she delivers medicine to an orphanage on the other side of the border. She experiences the volatile atmosphere of a city during civil war, and recalls her grandfather's eerie stories of a tiger that wandered from a bombed-out zoo into his childhood village during World War II and his encounters with "the deathless man." Obreht, the youngest writer selected for the *New Yorker's* "Best 20 Under 40," interweaves myth and memory in this debut novel.



Kabuki Democracy by Eric Alterman '82 (Nation Books). Despite the passage of health reform, financial reform, equal pay legislation, and the economic stimulus, the Obama presidency has been a disappointment to many progressives, argues Alterman, a columnist for the *Nation* and professor of English and journalism at Brooklyn College and CUNY. While he regrets Obama's decision to become a dealmaker, he places greater blame on our dysfunctional political system for blocking progressive change. What presidents cannot do, he writes, "even with supermajorities in both houses of Congress behind them, is pass the kind of transformative legislation that Barack Obama promised in his 2008 presidential campaign."



Touch by Alexi Zentner, MFA '08 (Norton). As his mother lies dying, an Anglican priest recounts his family's history in Sawgamet, a lumber town founded by his near-legendary grandfather deep in Canada's western woods. Magic and mortality are intertwined in this place where the narrator's father and sister disappear under the ice, evil spirits lurk, men die in logjams, snow buries the town until summer, and gold-dusted caribou appear. In his first novel, Zentner evokes the danger and beauty of the wilderness, and the way he delves into his characters' memories recalls Faulkner's adage: "The past is never dead. It's not even past."



Out of Practice by Frederick M. Barken '77, BA '76, MS '77 (Cornell). In 2007, after practicing medicine for almost twenty-five years, Dr. Barken, who now lectures on health-care issues at Ithaca College, made the decision to leave his profession. He had become disillusioned with the bureaucracy of the health insurance industry, price controls, and restrictive regulations. "I was recast as a gatekeeper," he writes, "the fellow at the turnstile of a veritable health-care amusement park where those with a ticket (a valid health insurance card) could spend an afternoon with a specialist, take a ride in the MRI scanner, or visit the X-ray funhouse."



Sacred Landscapes by A. T. Mann '65, BArch '66, photographs by Lynn Davis (Sterling). Certain places evoke the sacred in us, argues Mann, and act as a threshold between the human and the divine. "They differ from our usual world in magical and powerful ways," he writes, "resonating with our deeper self, challenging us by their mere presence, and creating such awe in us that we come away feeling ourselves part of a wondrous natural world." The architect and author of *Sacred Sexuality* juxtaposes photographs of natural formations such as Ayers Rock and Luray Caverns against such man-made structures as the Pyramids, Teotihuacán, and the temple of Angkor Wat.



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Fiction

Beyond the Islands by Alicia Yáñez Cossío, translated by Amalia Gladhart, PhD '95 (Uno). An associate professor of Spanish at the University of Oregon translates Ecuadorian novelist Yanez Cossío's fictional meditation on the history and people of the Galápagos Islands.

Children's

Argus by Michelle Knudsen '95, illustrated by Andréa Wesson (Candlewick). Sally and her classmates are given eggs to hatch for a science project, but when hers opens it's not a yellow chick but a scaly green dragon that would rather eat the other chicks. In the course of raising the dragon, Sally learns to love what is different.

Non-Fiction

The End of Fundraising by Jason Saul '91 (Jossey-Bass). The CEO of Mission Measurement calls for a change in the way non-profits raise money. "We continue to market to donors who 'feel good' about our work, rather than mainstream economic actors who 'value' our work," he writes. "We continue to fundraise outside the walls of the economy, when we could be selling our impact within."

Counter Realignment by Howard Reiter '67 and Jeffrey M. Stonecash (Cambridge). The Northeast was once a bastion of the Republican Party. An emeritus professor of political science at the University of Connecticut focuses on how the party, at the same time it gained ground in the South, lost its former stronghold.

Becoming a Mensch by Ronald Pies '74 (Hamilton). Weaving together examples from the Talmud, literature, and philosophy, Pies, a clinical professor of psychiatry at Tufts University School of Medicine and editor-in-chief emeritus of *Psychiatric Times*, shows how to live ethically in the modern world.

Building Blocks by Gretchen Horlacher '84 (Oxford). An associate professor of music at Indiana University argues against the assessment that Stravinsky's work is static and discontinuous. She demonstrates that while the composer used repetitive textures and dissonance, he grounded his work in traditional ideas of melody and harmony.

Excellence with an Edge by Michael T. Harris '84 (Fire Starter). "Practicing good business lets you in turn practice good medicine," writes Harris, the vice chair of surgery at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He provides tips on avoiding pitfalls and mastering the business side of health care.

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Case Closed

After two decades, David and Ann Scoville finally bring their daughter's killer to justice

When David Scoville '61 and Ann Vanorder Scoville '61 watched their daughter, Patricia, graduate from Cornell in 1986, they were thrilled. Their class years were exactly twenty-five years apart, so no matter where they were in life, they could all count on getting together in Ithaca every five years.

This June marks David and Ann's 50th Reunion. Patty—who, like her mother, majored in human development and family studies in the College of Human Ecology—would have celebrated her twenty-fifth. But this spring the Scovilles will again go to Ithaca without their daughter: she was raped and murdered in the woods outside Stowe, Vermont, in October 1991, at age twenty-eight. Patty's death changed her parents' lives forever, launching the couple on a thirteen-year search for her murderer and transforming them into dogged advocates for the reform of DNA profiling legislation. Now that their daughter's killer has been sentenced, that journey has finally ended; this June, David says, "we want people to know it's over."

As recounted in a CAM feature in July/August 2006, the killing of Patty Scoville became a case study in the power and limitations of forensic DNA evidence. Eight days after her murder, searchers discovered Patty's body, which had been buried in a shallow grave. Investigators collected a semen sample from her clothing and isolated a distinctive DNA "fingerprint" that pointed to the unknown assailant. But at that time, Vermont was one of two states that lacked a forensic database of DNA drawn from crime scenes and convicted offenders, and police were unable to find a match among the more than a hundred suspects who, through both consent and court order, donated samples to investigators.

For years, the case languished. But Ann, a retired Girl Scout Council field team manager, and David, a retired language arts teacher, traveled to Vermont from their home in Canandaigua, New York, every October—an annual pilgrimage to keep Patty's story in the public eye and remind investigators that they weren't giving up. After five years of frustration, they turned their energies to advocacy, writing letters and testifying in support of expanding the use of DNA evidence. The goal: urge Vermont lawmakers to establish a DNA databank for convicted offenders and join the national Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), a network of DNA databases that allows investigators to share genetic evidence among jurisdictions.

The use of these forensic DNA libraries was—and remains—

controversial, with civil libertarians expressing concerns about privacy, misuse of genetic information, and the possible deepening of racial disparities in criminal justice. But the Scovilles—soft-spoken but tenacious—were instrumental in the 1998 passage of a bill that gave Vermont access to CODIS. The bill also established the state's own DNA database for violent offenders—a library of genetic profiles that, in March 2005, finally yielded a match for the sample found on Patty.

The arrest of that suspect, a fifty-eight-year-old contractor named Howard Godfrey, finally brought the Scovilles a measure of justice. It would take another three years for Godfrey's trial, which David and Ann attended. "It was difficult to hear the details," Ann recalls. "But I pulled up my strength and said, 'I'm going to be there, because I want you to see me.'" It took a jury less than two hours to convict Godfrey, who was sentenced to life without parole in 2008. "That was what we were after," David Scoville says. "We felt comfortable knowing he was going to be put away, and he's never going to get out."

The trial and sentencing brought the Scovilles a fresh round of publicity, including stories in the *New York Times* and a segment on CBS's "48 Hours." It also brought another milestone in their daughter's case: the day before Godfrey's sentencing, Vermont dedicated its forensic DNA lab in Patty's name. Last October, the Patricia Scoville Memorial CODIS Laboratory moved to its new home in a state-of-the-art forensic facility in Waterbury. "That was a really positive note to finish on," Ann says. "To say, 'There—there's a tribute to Patty.' It helped us withdraw a little, bit by little bit. You hear people talk about 'closure.' I wouldn't call it closure. But it does bring it to a kind of end."

Now the couple are unofficially winding up their advocacy efforts, though they still make occasional appearances in support of expanding DNA legislation in other states. "We've gone back to being retired people," David says with a chuckle. It's a welcome transition, but a slow one. "All that time we waited and waited tempered us a little bit," David adds. "You see people whose kids get murdered, they get so angry at the whole world. Somehow, we were able to get over that." Says Ann: "Time is a gift."

David describes sitting in the Vermont statehouse on the day of the lab dedication, knowing that his daughter's killer was in a cell not far away, and that he would never again be a free man. The feeling, he says, was simple: relief. "We set out to do something," he says. "And we got it done."

— David Dudley



At long last: Seventeen years after their daughter's death, David Scoville '61 and Ann Scoville '61 were in court to see her killer convicted thanks to a DNA match.

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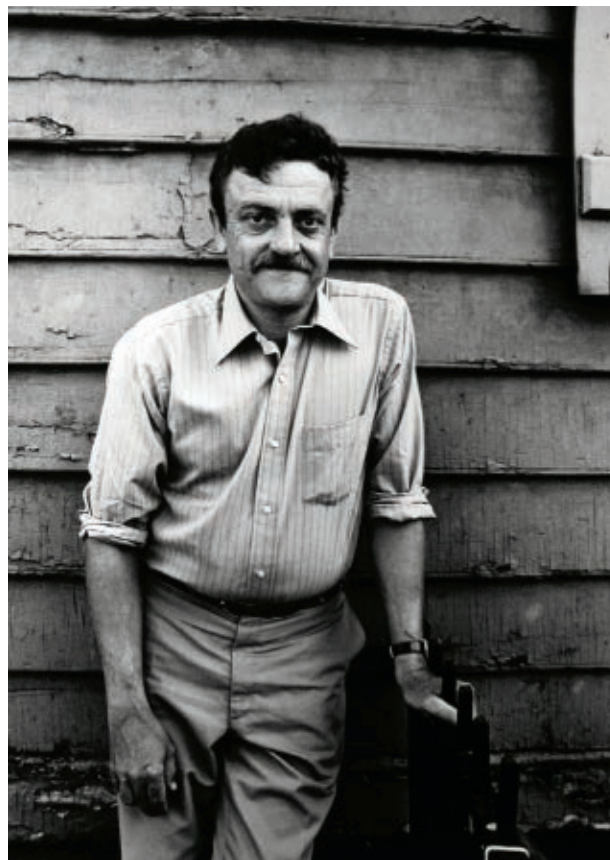
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Bedtime Stories

A new collection of short fiction by Kurt Vonnegut '44 offers moral messages



JACK MITCHELL

That mortal coil: Kurt Vonnegut in 1970

Held by the Nazis in an underground meat locker in a building called Slaughterhouse Five, Kurt Vonnegut '44 was one of the few prisoners of war to survive the fire-bombing of Dresden. He never forgot "the carnage unfathomable" visited on the citizens of that city. Little wonder, then, that Vonnegut often observed that "the Dark Ages haven't ended yet."

In well over a dozen novels and hundreds of short stories, Vonnegut wrote about the madness of war and about alienation in the modern, machine age. Some readers found him sarcastic, shrill, and simplistic. But when he died in 2007, Vonnegut was acclaimed as a great American writer with a signature style: in unadorned prose, he explored a simple conflict and delivered a solution encased

in a surprise ending.

While Mortals Sleep, from Delacorte Press, is the second collection of previously unpublished short stories by Vonnegut. Written early in his career, they are concerned less with war and corporate malfeasance than with the pursuit of success, happiness, and love. Vintage Vonnegut, for better and worse, they put characters, settings, and stories in the service of moral messages.

At their best, these messages achieve a simple—and powerful—eloquence. In "The Man Without No Kiddies," an elderly gentleman, newly arrived in Florida, grows angry when his uneducated ninety-four-year-old bench-mate interrupts his perusal of Shakespeare's sonnets, prattling on about spleens, sphincters, gallstones, and kidneys. Reminders that human beings are "nothing but buckets of guts,"

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he exclaims, “make life of the spirit impossible.” He learns he’s wrong, losing a bet and winning a friend by admitting that he’s a “two-kiddley man.”

Vonnegut can be very funny—especially when he’s skewering the super-rich. In “Tango,” he writes that the Latin music that wandered through the ears of young Robert Brewer “found nobody at home under his crew cut, and took command of his long, thin body.” His partner, “a plain, wholesome girl with three million dollars and a low center of gravity, struggled in embarrassment, and then, seeing the fierce look in Robert’s eyes, succumbed.” It “simply wasn’t done” in posh Pisquontuit.

Even when they are funny, however, some of these stories seem dated—and not only because they are set in manufacturing plants like the Montezuma Forge and Foundry Company and the General Household Appliance Company. An awful lot of women in *While Mortals Sleep* are spinsters or widows, searching, with varying degrees of desperation, for a nice man. And unhappy until they find one.

To be sure, Vonnegut gives the back of his hand to Earl Harrison (in “With His Hand on the Throttle”), a thirty-something road-builder, who plays with model trains instead of spending time with his wife. Women “have got the vote and free access to saloons,” Earl exclaims. “What do they want now—to enter the men’s shot put?” He gets his come-uppance, but the oh-so-Fifties moral of the story seems to be that wives should be more than content if they get common courtesy and a bit more attention from their hubbies.

Dave Eggers, the editor of this collection, writes that the literature of moral instruction—at one time “popular, if not dominant”—has become unfashionable. It’s easy to see why. Some of Vonnegut’s lessons—that wealthy people were happier when they had nothing; that we often ignore the real meaning of Christmas—seem trite or untrue.

But, then again, in an age of relativism, cynicism, and self-absorption, we may well need sentimental, self-evident truths, and reminders that “love and friendship and doing good really are the big things.” Especially when they come, as they often do in *While Mortals Sleep*, in artful, mordantly witty tales.

— Glenn Altschuler

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HAVE TRUNK WILL TRAVEL



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Trunk line: Linda and Jim Peddie with (from left) Rosie, Tucker, and JP. Left: Actor Robert Pattinson with co-star Tai in *Water for Elephants*.

Hooray for Howlywood

The lead pachyderm in *Water for Elephants* is the latest star patient for movie vets Jim Peddie, DVM '65, and Linda Peddie, DVM '65

A few days before the two animal actors sharing the role of Two Socks, Kevin Costner's lupine companion in the 1990 Best Picture winner *Dances with Wolves*, were scheduled to travel to the set, they got into what their veterinarian calls "one hell of a fight." Their keepers called Jim Peddie, DVM '65, in a panic. "Buck had gotten ahold of Teddy's tail and stripped the plume right off—there were four inches of fur left and

the rest was a bony sprig," Peddie recalls. "And Teddy got ahold of Buck's right ear and took two-thirds of it off."

When Peddie arrived to examine his patients, he was greeted with plastic bags containing the tail and ear fragments, with a request that he sew them back on. "Well," he recalls with an amused sigh, "there was no way in the world." All he could do was amputate the remains of the tail, treat the damaged ear, and send the wolves off to movie stardom. "In the film,

when you see a wolf running with a big plumy tail, that's Buck," Peddie says. "And when you see one with both ears upright, that's Teddy." And when you see one with both ears and tail intact, it's movie magic. "They did some green-screening where they pieced the images together," he says, "but the back end doesn't quite follow the front."

For more than two decades, Peddie and his wife, Linda Reeve Peddie, DVM '65, have been veterinarians to the stars—the four-legged (or, in the case of the title character in the B-grade horror flick *Anaconda*, no-legged) variety. They've treated such patients as the komodo dragon scheduled to become a banquet meal in *The Freshman*, Shirley MacLaine's St. Bernard in *Steel Magnolias*, the mice in *Mouse Hunt*, the big cats in *Out of Africa*, the wily Jack Russell terrier on "Frasier," and a whole menagerie for the sequel to *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*. After preview audiences complained that Disney's live-action version of *101 Dal-*

matians didn't have enough puppy shots, Linda did physicals on the 120 or so pooches brought in for additional photography. When the elephant starring in *Operation Dumbo Drop* developed stomach problems and stopped eating, the Peddies arranged to have the animal's preferred nosh—California-grown oat hay—air freighted to the set in Thailand via 747. As Jim puts it: "We did the most expensive hayride in the world."

These days the Peddies are mostly retired, but they've retained one client—a California organization, Have Trunk Will Travel, that raises and trains elephants for Hollywood productions and other events like fairs and traditional Indian weddings. "The work that Linda and Jim have done with animals in the movie business in general, and this cluster of elephants in particular, is quite extraordinary," says Don Smith, former dean of the Vet college and a longtime friend. "It's not just that they look after the elephants' medical needs well, but they do it in a creative manner. They work with researchers across the country and try to understand the best way to manage elephant problems."

Last year, the Peddies' work with Have Trunk Will Travel brought them to the set of one of this spring's most anticipated films: *Water for Elephants*, the movie version of Sara Gruen's best-selling novel. Released April 22, the film stars *Twilight* heartthrob Robert Pattinson as a Cornell vet student who's about to sit for his final exams when his parents are killed in a car accident, prompting him to drop out and join a Depression-era traveling circus. Although the Peddies had been to dozens of film and TV shoots over the years, Linda says, they'd never seen anything quite like the media frenzy attending Pattinson's every move. "You would not believe the number of paparazzi," recalls Linda. "The set was in a field, and the surrounding hills were alive with cameras with the longest lenses I've ever seen. You feel sorry for him. He can't move without somebody following him."

In addition to treating Have Trunk Will Travel's six elephants, the Peddies are working to raise awareness of a disease that is devastating the species: elephant endotheliotropic herpes virus (EEHV), which has killed some 25 percent of the Asian elephants born in America since 1978. The disease, which has a mortality rate of 80 to 90 percent, took the life of JP, a three-year-old elephant born at Have Trunk Will Travel—and named after Jim Peddie—who passed away in the summer of 2010. "This is a disease that goes from the patient looking normal in the morn-

ing to being dead in the afternoon," says Jim, who was so heartbroken at the loss of JP that he asked his wife to remove the animal's image from their screen-saver. "We have little opportunity to do anything but stand back and watch it progress so terribly fast."

The Peddies both entered Cornell's Ag school as undergrads, in an era when students could apply to transfer to the Vet college after two years. When they met, the odds of wooing his future wife were not in Jim's favor: she was the only woman in their Vet class of sixty. They married over spring break of their fourth year, and Jim was drafted into the Army

after graduation, serving as post veterinarian at a base in Virginia. They eventually settled in Southern California and were in private practice for two decades before segueing to film work, starting as in-house vets for Universal Studios. In all, they've worked on some seventy movies and two dozen TV shows, plus assorted commercial shoots—including one where, most memorably, they were called in to treat an elephant with a whopping case of diarrhea. "We had it under control in twelve hours," Jim recalls. "We bought about four gallons of Pepto Bismol, which the elephant loved."

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A Cornell Grad Is: Furbush attended Cornell in the '60s – a turbulent time. "It was an eye opener for a student whose whole world centered on sports, fraternity and school," he says, "My Cornell experience exposed me to so many diverse and interesting viewpoints that I would never have otherwise experienced. Cornell changed my life and helped me find my center – who I was."

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Weed Wacky

Nancy Gift, PhD '02, pleads the case for
'plants out of place'



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Green revolution: Nancy Gift advocates for the benefits of weeds such as heal-all flower, a medicinal plant.

Come spring, Nancy Gift, PhD '02, liberates the manual push mower from her garage and sets to work tending her half-acre lawn in the Pittsburgh suburbs. Despite her enthusiasm for the chore that doubles as a summertime exercise regimen, Gift rarely plots a straight course across the yard. A love of weeds—from creeping violet to goldenrod—guides her path. This time of year, she steers clear of the mountain bluets, a clumping relative of the gardenia bearing pale blue blossoms on eight-inch stems. Later in the summer, hawkweed—a perennial relative of the sunflower—gets a pass. "I get excited about leaving something audacious in the front lawn," she says, noting that every so often, her husband uses the family's gas-powered mower to tame the effect. "The nature of weeds is totally individual."

As a graduate student in crop and soil sciences on the Hill, Gift memorized the common and Latin names of hundreds of weed species, learning to identify them in their earliest stages of growth, all the better to eradicate them with uniquely tailored herbicidal cocktails. Today she campaigns for the preservation of what she calls "plants out of place," the mosses, wildflowers, and dandelions that suburbanites battle with an arsenal of carcinogenic chemicals. "I end up advocating organic lawn management because people are not willing to read the small print on herbicide labels or learn how they differ from one another," she says, recalling an Ithaca neighbor who wore only shorts and tennis shoes when treating his lawn. "A farmer has to have a license and learn something [to legally apply herbicides], but homeowners don't."

This winter, St. Lynn's Press released *Good Weed, Bad Weed*, a wire-bound, laminated guide, complete with full-color photos of forty-three species common throughout the Northeast, Pacific Northwest, and Canada. It's Gift's latest salvo in her campaign for a gentler approach to lawn care. Her first book, *A Weed by Any Other Name*, was published in 2009. Subtitled *The Virtues of a Messy Lawn, or Learning to Love the Plants We Don't Plant*, the light-hearted collection of essays is a paean to the weeds of Gift's youth in the hills of Kentucky, a meditation on the hazards of indiscriminate chemical use, and a chronicle of her efforts to make peace with both the weeds of Pittsburgh and neighbors who don't necessarily share her aesthetics.

Gift may have subtitled her latest book *Who's Who, What to Do, and Why Some*

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Deserve a Second Chance, but the Chatham University assistant professor of ecology has her limits. She despises crabgrass and musters little more than grudging respect for multiflora rose, despite the Vitamin C-rich hips she savors in tea. While one chapter of *A Weed by Any Other Name* details the joy of home-brewed dandelion wine shared with fellow graduate students, another recounts how, in one of her first acts as a new homeowner, she wielded a bottle of Roundup to eradicate the poison ivy vining its way up a hedgerow where her two daughters play. In *Good Weed, Bad Weed*, which also offers recipes for the edibles common to lawns, Japanese knotweed serves as a stand-in for rhubarb in a strawberry pie and garlic mustard features in pesto—but culinary redemption wasn't enough to bump the two invasives from the category of the condemned. "My publisher was surprised because I included recipes for them, but neither deserve a second chance," she says. "When I take them to eat, there's a sense of vengeance."

For her dissertation, Gift investigated whether quackgrass, a perennial weed ubiquitous in agriculture throughout the Northeast, could be maintained as a cover crop in corn fields, reducing herbicide use and coaxing value from the plant. "The idea behind her research was, this weed isn't all bad," says her former adviser, crop and soil sciences professor Russell Hahn. "If we could learn to manage it, we could prevent erosion, reduce runoff, and suck up nitrogen that might be left over from the growing season." Gift's nuanced approach to assessing the thresholds at which individual weed species cause harm or create value makes as much sense for homeowners as it does for farmers, says Hahn. "I get upset when people say they're going to eradicate a weed," he says. "It's almost impossible and probably unnecessary."

Soon after the publication of *A Weed By Any Other Name*, the author received the latest notice from her daughters' school about upcoming herbicide and pesticide applications. She didn't like what she read: plans to spray the lawns with a chemical implicated in both childhood leukemia and breast cancer. Her protesting e-mails went viral, and the school adopted a one-year pilot plan to go herbicide free. "A couple of the parents who got involved ended up making me sound reasonable," recalls Gift. "They didn't want anything sprayed, ever. It made my approach of saying, 'Let's look at the label and the toxicity,' seem sane."

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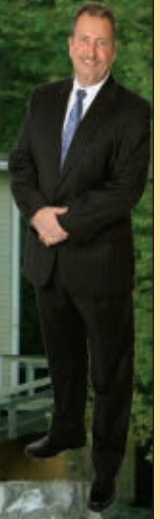
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After two decades at the helm of the Johnson Museum, Frank Robinson—director, cheerleader, and occasional Easter Bunny—retires. The good news is, he’s not going far.

By Beth Saulnier

Frank Robinson’s father was an eminent classics scholar, a professor of ancient Greek and Roman history at Brown who published some two dozen books in his field—works so authoritative, his son notes, the family is still receiving royalties more than forty-five years after his death. But the senior Robinson never craved the role of administrator; although he was offered high-level leadership positions over the years, including a college presidency, he always turned them down. “He died without really knowing the guts of an institution—the weeds,” Robinson says.

His son, on the other hand, revels in the details of running the Johnson Museum of Art, a position he has held for two decades. “I love dusting the cases, clearing the sidewalks,” he says, “getting to know electricians and plumbers and custodians, how good they are, how important. You can’t run a museum without guards in the galleries—who may hate the art they’re guarding but feel a responsibility to protect it.” By embracing the quotidian minutiae as well as the big picture, he says, “you really understand how an institution works, maybe how a society works.”



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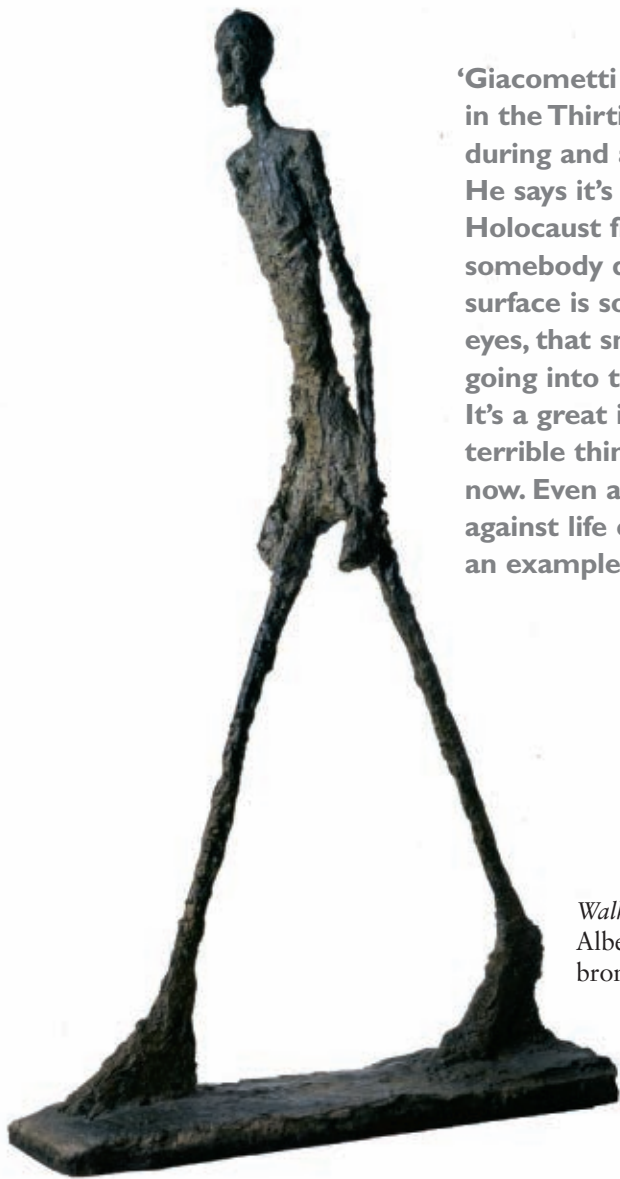
One minute, Robinson can expound on the first piece he ever bought on behalf of the University (*Houses, Roofs, Towers*, a 1920 oil painting by Squire Vickers); the next, he's quoting the weekly rental cost (\$10,000) for the giant crane hefting portions of the museum's new wing. As he walks through the building he greets every employee by name, from the woman pushing the cleaning cart to the receptionist in the lobby. When that fact is pointed out to him, he seems genuinely unimpressed with himself; of course he knows everyone who works for him. How could he not? "Nobody is unimportant," Robinson says, then adds with his signature deadpan wit: "Show me somebody whose job is unimportant and I'll get rid of that job, because we need the money."

Since Robinson took the helm of the museum in 1992, he has been its public face and most ardent advocate—a tireless fundraiser and unabashed cheerleader whose favorite word seems to be "wonderful." (That might come across as cloying—except that every time he says it, you get the feeling that he means it.) He is that rarest of creatures, a maven of high culture with precious few pretensions; the man who did his Harvard PhD thesis on seventeenth-century Dutch painter Gabriel Metsu has been known, on more than one occasion, to dress up in a bunny suit for Easter.

In short, it's hard to imagine the Johnson Museum without

Frank Robinson. But at the end of June, after three and a half decades in museum administration, Robinson is retiring from his position as the Richard J. Schwartz Director. He says he's content with the state in which he's leaving the institution—on firm footing and with the expansion slated for completion in October. "It's good to leave at your peak," he says. "The place is stabilized financially. It has a new wing, wonderful staff, wonderful support from our Museum Advisory Council." (There's that word again.)

Why is Robinson leaving just a few months shy of its long-awaited expansion? Well, that wasn't his original plan; construction was initially supposed to be finished before the end of this academic year, but the completion date was postponed and Robinson opted not to push back his retirement. And in fact, Robinson will remain on campus: in September he's starting a part-time job as a fundraiser in the development office. He'll also continue his regional museum tours and Cornell's Adult University trips, including a May 2012 excursion to London. He says that he and his wife, Margaret—they've been married "forty-two years, poor woman," and have one son, a former rock musician who's now a Web designer—have no desire to decamp from Ithaca to warmer climes. "I really love the snow," says Robinson, who previously taught art history at Dartmouth and Williams, which have plenty of it. "It's strange, I know."



‘Giacometti was a Swiss who lived in Paris in the Thirties, Forties, and Fifties, so during and after the Second World War. He says it’s *Walking Man*, not that it’s a Holocaust figure; he doesn’t need to. It’s somebody devastated, withered away. The surface is so frightening, and those staring eyes, that small head, the very thick feet going into the base so he can barely walk. It’s a great image of the devastation, of terrible things that happened, then and now. Even a great work of art that’s against life can enhance life, and this is an example.’

Walking Man II,
Alberto Giacometti,
bronze, 1959–60

Piece of the Pei: The famed architect’s firm returned to design the new wing.



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One of five museum directors in his family—including Margaret, former head of the Wellesley College museum—Robinson fell hard for the art world at thirteen, when his father took the family to Rome on a one-year teaching assignment. “It was a vulnerable age,” he says. “It was overwhelming to walk down one block and have three great churches. Rome is overflowing with art, with architecture, with the world of the imagination. I just fell in love with it. By the end of that year I knew I had to spend the rest of my life in art.”

His first museum directorship came in 1976, at Williams; from there he went to the Rhode Island School of Design, then to Cornell. “I love the variety,” he says of his job. “You’re there for everybody. One minute you’re talking to somebody about the leak in the roof, the next you’re talking to an architect about the new wing, the next you’re talking to a reporter, the next you’re talking to a curator about acquiring a Tang Dynasty bowl. In comes a kindergarten kid who’s learning about shapes and colors, and it’s wonderful. In the next gallery there’s a group of Alzheimer’s

patients and their caregivers, then in comes an engineering student who wants to know about contemporary art. Then you’re talking with a major donor with hair as white as mine, and she wants to help you buy a work or endow a position. You have this whole range of things.”

In addition to the art itself, Robinson revels in how a museum can act as a great equalizer. “Our society has exploded,” he says. “There’s so little common ground, so little glue, so few places where we all come together. Well, a museum is one of those places. In our case, close to 100,000 visitors a year come in and they’re rubbing shoulders independent of level of education, income, age, even independent of interests; some people come in just for the view.” And as a university museum, he says, the Johnson can help instill a love of art in the next generation. “Half of our visitors are Cornell students,” Robinson says. “They’re coming to look at the views, or on a date, or to show their parents around—but also they’re coming to look at the art. Somewhere inside them they know this is *their* museum. They can come on impulse, an extra hour at lunch time. It’s something for the rest of their lives, and that’s what we’re here for—to enhance people’s lives.”

When the Johnson opened in 1973, its I. M. Pei-designed glass-and-concrete structure housed 9,000 objects; that number



Bust of a Boy,
unknown Roman, marble, 140–145 AD

‘It’s a lovely work, imperial—from Rome itself, not just from the Roman Empire. It’s a child, and you can see the baby fat. Wonderful hair. The whole thing is a beautiful conception, a vision of youth. It’s in great condition, except for the nose. It has lost its nose, as they always do; it was almost certainly buried at some point. It’s a portrait, probably part of a series on an affluent family at the time of the Emperor Antoninus Pius.’

has since grown to 32,000. Current gallery space allows for the display of about 765 pieces, or 2.5 percent of the collection. “That’s another reason why we had to grow,” says Robinson, noting that the museum first started contemplating an expansion in the Nineties. “We were bursting at the seams.” Once construction is completed, the number will increase to 2,000. (About 20,000 items in the collection are works on paper that, for preservation reasons, can’t be displayed regularly.) “The greatest work of art we have is our building,” Robinson says. “It’s beautiful, and it embodies the two ideals of a museum. On the one hand, preservation and protection. There are these massive concrete walls; what could be more powerful? At the same time it’s public, and the whole point is to be open—and we have all that glass, the sculpture court, the skylights, wonderful views out long windows on all four sides. So the balance of openness and protection is wonderful.”

The building’s original plans—by the firm of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, with John Sullivan ’62, BArch ’63, as architect-in-charge—included an underground portion that would have stretched north into the adjacent gorge. At the

time, it was eliminated for financial reasons; today, environmental regulations would prohibit it. But the expansion now under way echoes that design, with a three-floor, above- and below-ground addition that will add some 16,000 square feet to the existing 61,000. “We want to keep the integrity and artistic unity of the old building intact,” Robinson says. “We’re trying to move forward but respect the past.” He notes that, fortuitously, all the principals behind the design four decades ago remain at the firm—including Pei himself, now ninety-four. “If we had waited five years,” he notes, “it couldn’t have been done.”

The additional space has allowed the museum to reconfigure its fifth floor—popular not only for its much-admired Asian collection, but its sweeping views. (During construction, the trustee meeting room on the sixth floor—which boasts some more-than-respectable views of its own—has been open to visitors; the fifth floor will reopen in time for Commencement and Reunion.) By relocating curatorial and storage areas, the amount of gallery space will increase by half—allowing, for example, Japanese screens to be displayed in pairs rather than singly. In a renovated room in the original building, an “open storage” area will put hundreds more objects on public view. (“Open storage is a big thing now,” Robinson says, noting that the Metropolitan Museum’s American Wing now has such a facility.) Other features of the expanded museum will include an outdoor Japanese garden, a photography center, designated space for contempo-



The Communion,
Gari Melchers, oil on board, 1888

'It was shown at a big exhibition in Paris, which A. D. White attended; in his diary he said the best work of art was *The Communion* by Gari Melchers, an American expatriate. Twenty-two years later the work was given to Cornell, and the artist was persuaded to come place it on campus. He put it in Goldwin Smith, and it was there until around twenty years ago. It's a beautiful example of the cult of the peasant in nineteenth-century art. It's a Dutch scene; Melchers had a summer home in the Netherlands. It's a very simple church, unlike what you might expect of a Roman Catholic church—a chair, a bench, real people.'

rary art, two viewing rooms for video installations, and a 150-seat lecture hall. "We've been talking about a new wing," he says, "but really it's a new museum."

Ask Robinson to identify his favorite works in the Johnson collection, and he'll start off by saying that there are so many wonderful things—but ultimately admit that some are particularly dear to him. Even after a lifetime in the art world, he marvels at the fact that a few steps from his office are more than thirty etchings pulled from their copper plates by Rembrandt himself nearly half a millennium ago. "From the plate he would take fifty or sixty impressions," Robinson says, admiring a self-portrait from 1639. "Many of them disappeared, decayed, or were destroyed, but here we have one of them in Ithaca, New York. It's unbelievable. It's staggering."

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Another of the director's most beloved pieces: Alberto Giacometti's *Walking Man II*. Given to the museum by the Uris family in 1976, the bronze encapsulates the horrors of World War II in a single tortured figure. For Robinson, the sculpture is not just a remarkable work of art; it's evidence of the University's commitment to the museum. In February 2010, he explains, another cast of *Walking Man* sold at auction in London for \$104 million. A reputable dealer called Robinson and offered to pay the same whopping sum for the Johnson's piece. "I said, after talking with people here, 'If we had \$104 million, we'd go out and buy something really great—like *Walking Man*,'" he recalls with a smile. "So the answer was no." A week or so later, the dealer repeated his offer in writing—directly to President Skorton. "Skorton, to his eternal blessed credit, consulted me," Robinson says, smile broadening as he gazes at the Giacometti masterpiece. "He had the senior vice provost [John Siliciano '75] write back; he didn't write back himself, because that would dignify the offer. And he said, 'We really believe in art and we're not going to sell. No matter what it's worth, we're going to keep this.'" Yes, Robinson admits, an infusion of \$104 million "could have solved a lot of problems"—but selling an artistic treasure is no way for a museum to pay the bills.

It's a striking anecdote—particularly in an era where some institutions (most famously, Brandeis), have sought to balance the budget by putting their art collections on the auction block. Depending on your point of view, turning down a quick \$104 million is either an act of artistic valor or the most quixotic fiscal foolishness. So all things considered, is Robinson comfortable sharing the tale with the public? Does he wish he'd stipulated it was off the record? "Go ahead and tell it," he says. "Everybody in this building knows that story. It's a wonderful story." ■

The Big Grapple

By Brad Herzog

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In March, Cornell wrestlers went to Philadelphia aiming to cap their squad's decade-long renaissance with an NCAA championship.

With thousands in attendance, the Big Red faced off against Midwest titans as well as East Coast rival Penn State. Could Cornell score the ultimate takedown?

For decades, hockey and lacrosse have been the University's iconic sports, its teams going toe-to-toe with the nation's finest programs. But in the past ten years, a third powerhouse has emerged: wrestling. Last year, at the NCAA Championships, the Big Red finished second—behind only the University of Iowa, a perennial Goliath. This year, Cornell was ranked number one for most of the season. Heading into the national tournament in March, many experts thought maybe, for the first time in fifty-eight years, a team from outside the Heartland had a chance to win it all. Here's how the three-day event unfolded—and how the Cornell program rose to become a national contender.

All-Americans: The top eight wrestlers in each weight class were honored on the last day of the competition.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 11 a.m.

It's St. Patrick's Day, but there's a dearth of green. Instead, Philadelphia's Wells Fargo Center is a rainbow of allegiances. More than 17,000 fans, largely distinguished by school color (nearly 1,000 of them in carnelian and white), are riveted to simultaneous action on eight mats. In all, over the three days of competition, they will view 640 matches featuring 330 wrestlers (thirty-three in each of ten weight classes) from eighty-six schools. Cornell has qualified nine grapplers for the double-elimination tournament, in every class but heavyweight.

With big crowds in attendance and the national championship on the line, it's an intimidating environment. So yesterday, while the arena was comparatively empty, Big Red coach Rob Koll offered a lesson straight out of *Hoosiers*. In the movie, Gene Hackman, playing a role based on the real-life basketball coach of tiny Milan High, leads his team into the cavernous arena on the day before the state championship game and points out that the distance from the floor to the rim is still ten feet, just like in their tiny home gym. Koll didn't bother measuring the mat, but he wanted the team to have a feel for the place.

After winning the prestigious National Duals in January and earning its fifth straight Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championship in early March, Cornell is one of the teams to beat. That's a different kind of pressure, and the competition is fierce. Oklahoma State (winner of thirty-four team titles) and Iowa (three-time defending national champion) are coming on strong. Penn State—the last Eastern team to win a title, more than a half-century ago—is very, very good.

11:29 a.m.

As Koll and his assistant coaches move from mat to mat over the course of nine first-round matches, Frank Perrelli '11, a 125-pounder, nabs Cornell's first win over a wrestler from North Dakota State. "After a day of competition, I'm so emotionally spent that I'm exhausted," says Koll, a former NCAA champion at the University of North Carolina. "And I haven't even wrestled."

Koll had planned on a nomadic career, expecting Cornell to be a stepping-stone. He was out of town teaching a clinic when Big Red head coach Jack Spates called his North Carolina home in 1989 to offer him an assistant's job. "Jack is a smart salesman. He talked to the wife," says Rachel Koll, who essentially accepted on her husband's behalf. Just a week earlier, they'd been rooting around the floor of their Ford Escort, looking for loose change so they could buy lunch. It was an easy decision.

"Are we any good?" Koll asked Spates.

"No," Spates replied, "but we will be."

Cornell has a fine wrestling tradition; it won Ivy League titles under previous head coach (and current athletic director) Andy Noel, but it hadn't won an Eastern championship in more than four decades. By 1993, the year Spates left





for the University of Oklahoma, the Big Red was first in the East and tenth in the nation.

When Koll took over the reins, he admits, he made “an amazing number of mistakes.” He tried to attract wrestlers who had little chance of earning acceptance to the University instead of focusing on battles that could be won. He didn’t yet understand how to turn Cornell’s academic diversity into a recruiting advantage. “I was stubborn and proud,” he recalls. He also needed to stop thinking of Ithaca as a stop on the way to somewhere else. “I became a much more effective coach,” he says, “when I stopped trying to look for a great job and started trying to make Cornell a great job.”

In the process, he has turned the program into a national model. Imagine if the men’s basketball team, as good as it was in recent years, could consistently outplay Duke and Kansas; that’s what Koll has achieved. Heading into March, Cornell had produced twenty-four All-Americans in the previous six years (compared with just eleven in the four decades before Koll arrived). The team has finished among the nation’s top dozen teams every year since 2003, and Koll is now Cornell’s all-time winningest wrestling coach, with more than 200 dual-meet victories. Two decades later, how does he feel about his record?

“Old,” he says.

2:56 p.m.

Championships often start out with some major upsets. Not so today; seven of nine Big Red wrestlers have won their first-round matches. In the standings following the first of what will be

six mid-day and evening sessions, Cornell is in third place, behind Iowa and Penn State.

6:24 p.m.

After a University of Buffalo wrestler sings a stirring rendition of the national anthem, a Red grappler out-points a white-and-blue-adorned opponent from Millersville University. For Corey Manson ’10, a fifth-year senior from Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, the consolation-bracket triumph is his first national-level win in his final tournament. In the race for the team title, every point counts.

8:30 p.m.

It has been a very good half-hour for Cornell fans watching the action on mat number five. First, 174-pounder Mack Lewnes ’11, last year’s NCAA runner-up, pins his opponent from Ohio University. Then 184-pounder Steve Bosak ’12 repeats the feat against an Arizona State wrestler and waves his arms to turn up the crowd’s volume. Minutes later, Cam Simaz ’12, the top-seeded 197-pounder and the unanimous Ivy League Wrestler of the Year, wins a decision against a Nebraska opponent. At the end of the day, Penn State leads the team standings with 30.5 points. Cornell is second, 1.5 points behind.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 10:58 a.m.

The second day is under way, and as a couple of Cornell wrestlers lose their matches, a huge roar erupts from the Philadelphia crowd. On another mat, a Penn Stater has pinned his opponent to reach the semifinals. Uh-oh.

But then Kyle Dake ’13, the defending

national champion at 141 pounds now wrestling at 149, earns a 3-0 decision over an Oklahoma State opponent to reach the semifinals and nail down an All-America berth (given to the top eight wrestlers in each weight class). Dake, who grew up five miles from East Hill, always wanted to go to Cornell. But Lewnes, whose match begins about a half-hour later, was a more challenging recruit. His older brother wrestled for Oklahoma State and he was set on following him there—until he got a look at the Friedman Wrestling Center.

When the \$4.5 million center opened in 2002, it was the nation's first standalone facility devoted to collegiate wrestling, offering 15,000 feet of training and office space. A team that not long ago shared a mat with the gymnastics squad and a weight room with the rest of the University now had the luxury of 6,300 feet of mat space and its own strength and conditioning center. The facility was made possible by donations from a number of Big Red alumni, including a lead gift from Stephen Friedman '59, former chairman of Goldman Sachs and once a Big Red grappler, and his wife, trustee emeritus Barbara Benioff Friedman '59.

It was not a slam dunk, this notion of a building devoted to a single nonrevenue sport. But *Amateur Wrestling News* has credited the Friedman Center with starting what it described as the sport's "current facility boom" at schools from Missouri to Maryland. In an era when Title IX concerns and budget cuts have led to the demise of some 40 percent of Division I wrestling programs in recent decades (including at Yale, Dart-

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mouth, and Syracuse), Koll calls it "probably our greatest contribution to collegiate wrestling—showing that it's OK to spend money on the sport." Ironically, one of the programs that benefited most is Penn State, which modeled its new wrestling complex on Cornell's; Koll, who gave a tour to Penn State's coach, now jokes that he "should have showed them our old facility."

11:45 a.m.

Lewnes holds a school-record 148 career victories for Cornell heading into this quarterfinals match. Make that 149, as he outpoints his Central Michigan foe. Then Bosak wins 16-0, followed by Simaz, who records a first-period pin. In less than ninety minutes, Cornell has racked up four All-Americans and semifinalists. But so has Penn State.

2:20 p.m.

Fifth-year senior Justin Kerber '10 is about to start his consolation-round match. Just before the bout begins, former Cornell president (and current professor of classics and history) Hunter Rawlings III takes a seat in the Cornell box on

Best in class: Kyle Dake '13 (above left) was last year's national champion at 141 pounds and competed at 149 this year. Mack Lewnes '11 (below) holds the Cornell record for career victories.





the stadium's club level. Appropriately, Kerber's opponent is a student at Iowa, where as president from 1988 to 1995 Rawlings fed a wrestling bug that he'd caught as a high school student in Norfolk, Virginia. "It's a religion in Iowa," he says. "It's one of the few times when, as president of a university, you can go to an athletic event and know you're going to win." Indeed, Iowa has come to be regarded as something of wrestling's Evil Empire, winning twenty-three national titles since 1975. But Rawlings, who arrived on the Hill hoping Cornell had a good wrestling team and oversaw development of the Friedman Center during his tenure, isn't coy about his allegiances. "Get up! Get up!" he mutters, as Kerber finds himself face down on the mat.

Kerber ultimately loses to his opponent—Aaron Janssen, his close friend and high school teammate from Emmetsburg, Iowa. Janssen stayed in-state to wrestle and Kerber was expected to do the same. After all, his father, Jeff, was a four-time Iowa state champion, and his uncle, Randy Lewis, won two NCAA titles there. But then Kerber visited Ithaca in the summer of 2006. He chatted with Koll, who pointed out (as he often does) that an Ivy League degree and a

nontraditional, at least compared to the sport's drill sergeant norms. At first, Koll played the part, driving away wrestlers who couldn't keep up. But then he realized that the angst didn't jibe with his instincts and that misery doesn't necessarily translate into mastery on the mat. Says Koll, whose father was a longtime coach (at, yes, Penn State): "We're working as hard as anyone else. But I think we have a good perspective on what's important in life."

After talking with psychology professor and sleep expert James Maas, PhD '66, Koll decided to do away with a wrestling staple: crack-of-dawn practices. "Why do I have to make guys get up at five and six in the morning when they're in pre-med or engineering and they're up until three a.m. studying?" he says. That doesn't mean they practice less, just more practically. Most practices begin with a joke of the day, a bit of fun before the serious grappling.

7:29 p.m.

Mike Grey '11 is fighting back, which is something of a theme for his career. "I don't think there's a person on the team I'd be happier to see succeed," says Koll. After placing sixth nationally as a freshman, Grey has twice fallen short of regaining his All-American status. Then he missed the first semester of competition this season after tearing his ACL. But he came back, went undefeated in eleven matches, and won the Eastern championships at 133 pounds, qualifying for his fourth straight NCAA tournament. "Hopefully, this time," he says, "I'll reach my ultimate goal."

It didn't look that way on Day One, when Grey lost a quarterfinal bout against the eventual national champion from Oklahoma State. But in the consolation round, Grey won his first match, and now the senior with the torn ACL ekes out a 5-4 win, his fourth of the tournament—meaning he is once again an All-American. In a couple of days, he'll have surgery on his knee.

7:56 p.m.

Immediately after Grey's bout, a Penn State wrestler loses a match; then so does an Iowa wrestler, then two more Penn Staters. The fans in the Cornell box can't help themselves. They're cheering wildly for the opponents of Cornell's top rivals.

Then "Redman" makes an appearance. Koll calls him "the spawn of Harvard and Penn grads who cast him out in a wicker basket on the shores of Cayuga Lake." In reality, he is a former Cornell wrestler (his identity kept somewhat secret) dressed in a red bodysuit, a white singlet, and aviator sunglasses—an effort, Koll says, to bring energy and a bit of levity to the matches. In a few short years, Redman has become a viral star, thanks to a series of YouTube videos filmed by assistant coach Jeremy Spates (Jack's son)—which show, for instance, Redman playing Cyrano to assist a wrestler on a first date. "Every recruit I've spoken to this year knows who Redman is," says



Let's go Red: Redman (above) exhorts Cornell fans during the competition. Mike Grey '11 (below) battled adversity all year. Above right: Head coach Rob Koll congratulates Steve Bosak '12 as assistant coach Damion Hahn looks on.

solid postgraduate job can ultimately prove more lucrative than a four-year scholarship. As Kerber told *WIN* magazine: "It was a place where I didn't think I would have to prioritize between my passions: wrestling and finance. I could have the best of both worlds." He now has a job lined up with Goldman Sachs.

3:20 p.m.

The Cornell wrestling Facebook page (8,883 friends and counting) posts an update: "At the end of Session III, Cornell sits in the lead with 61 points, Penn State is in second with 60.5 points, and Iowa is in third with 52.0 points."

The Facebook strategy is just one of the ways in which Koll might be considered the modern face of wrestling. His coaching style is decidedly

Koll. “For us, that’s huge branding.” The mascot is just one way in which the team has worked to draw fans to its matches; there have also been halftime dancers, pee-wee wrestling tournaments, and raffles for plasma TVs. “This is wrestling,” he explains. “We have to work twice as hard to get half the people.”

Redman has the crowd cheering, “Let’s go Red! Let’s go Red!” And it appears to work, as Dake shuts out his opponent to earn a trip to the finals for the second year in a row. But then Cornell’s big three of Lewnes, Bosak, and Simaz—each with national title aspirations—lose three achingly close matches consecutively. Lots of red-clad fans are hanging their heads. Penn State now has a significant lead over second-place Cornell. Even Redman can’t help.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

11:38 a.m.

The eight mats on the arena floor are now down to four, and at the moment three of them feature Cornell wrestlers—Lewnes, Bosak, and Simaz—in simultaneous consolation-round matches. Simaz pins his Stanford opponent, Lewnes earns a 12-5 win, and Bosak dominates in a 12-0 decision. That means each will be competing for third place in afternoon matches. But only Simaz will go on to win his; Lewnes loses to Penn State and Bosak to Iowa, neither of which helps the team point race.

7:00 p.m.

Rob Koll has a little black book filled with the names of alumni and friends of Cornell wrestling. His greatest strength may lie in cultivating those relationships, which translate not only to hundreds of thousands of dollars raised annually for the program, but also to what he believes is an exponential spread of Big Red fandom. At the moment, the black book contains 887 names. Many of those fans are in the stands tonight, watching the five Big Red wrestlers participate in the traditional Parade of All-Americans atop what is now a single mat set up for the final matches on a platform above the arena floor. Stephen Friedman nods toward the scene and admits that, while he hoped his eponymous wrestling center would help the team improve, “this is at the upper end of my expectation range, maybe even higher.”

At the Friedman Center, dual meets are held in Niemand Arena—named for Arno Niemand ’56, the retired founder of Body Bar Systems and a varsity starter back in the day. Last year he wrote a book, *The Dream Team of 1947*, about a tiny liberal arts institution in Iowa that



managed to win an NCAA wrestling championship. That school was Cornell College. A decade ago, Niemand’s hopes for Cornell University seemed nearly as absurd. “I figured if we could finish in the top three in the country,” he recalls, “that would be incredible.”

Cornell has once again done that. But Penn State has placed three wrestlers in the finals, Cornell only one. An Eastern team has finally won a national wrestling team championship, but it’s the school in State College. Still, there is a chance for redemption. Cornell can clinch another second-place finish if Dake wins a second straight NCAA title as a sophomore. His opponent is from Penn State.

8:25 p.m.

With nearly 18,000 sets of eyes on him (including Cornell’s only other two-time national champs, Travis Lee ’05 and recent National Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee Dave Auble ’60), as well as a live ESPN audience, Dake slaps his coaches’ hands and walks to the center of the mat. He is the only wrestler in the tournament who has not yet allowed a single point. In this match, Koll marvels, “he’s the best I’ve seen him all year.” Although his opponent is credited with one point after a referee’s call of an illegal move, Dake utterly dominates.

First period: Dake forces his opponent to the mat for a takedown; two points for

Cornell. Second period: Dake comes close to pinning his foe (a “near fall”), earning three more points. The crowd is chanting, “Big Red! Big Red!” Third period: Dake starts in the bottom position, but with a quick move he gains control—a reversal garnering two more points.

Hunter Rawlings stands to his full six-foot-seven height, arms raised in triumph. At the end, Dake receives an additional point for riding time—the time each wrestler controls his opponent on the mat, earning a point for anything over fifty-nine seconds. In this seven-minute match, Dake tallies 6:17 of riding time—all but forty-three seconds of the entire bout. “I’ve never seen anything like that,” says Koll, “certainly not in a national championship.”

So while it is a sign of just how far the Cornell program has come that second place carries the whiff of disappointment, the event ends on a high note. “We had a record five All-Americans. We had another national champion. We scored more points [93.5, fourteen behind Penn State] in an NCAA tournament than Cornell has ever scored. We beat Iowa for the first time ever,” says Koll. “But probably the most important thing that happened was we had about 1,500 people here to watch Cornell wrestlers.” ■

CAM contributing editor Brad Herzog ’90 likes to wrestle, but only with his own demons.



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When Bailey Hall was renovated in 2004, the architects asked psychology professor James Maas, PhD '66—whose popular Psych 101 course brings 1,300 students to the concert hall for thrice-weekly lectures—what kinds of technology he would like to see incorporated into the design. He suggested \$75,000 worth of equipment, a proposal that he was certain would never make it through the budget process. The response was not what he expected. “They looked at me and laughed,” Maas remembers with a grin. “They said, ‘We’re not talking about this year or next year, we’re talking about the next quarter century.’ And they came back with a list of equipment that was well in excess of a half million dollars.”

Maas, who has taught on the Hill since 1964, remembers a time when staying ahead of the technology curve meant juggling slide carousels and canisters of 16mm film. For many of his current students, however, “slide” refers only to the individual units of a PowerPoint presentation. “Now,” he says, “I can take a jump drive with all the slides, films, music, everything, in the palm of my hand.” These days, thanks to technological innovations, Maas can teach students on the Qatar campus via distance learning, take attendance using wireless remote controls, and tap a dizzying variety of online resources to enrich his lectures in real time. Such innovations are emblematic of how academia is evol-

Generation Tech

By Adrienne Zable

How is the student experience changing in the digital age?

ing as it tries to keep up with the fast-paced digital world. These days, few students have known life without the Internet—and some aspects of the college experience, both social and academic, hardly resemble university life of a few decades ago.

Semi-retired professor Brian Earle '67, MPS '71, who arrived on the Hill as a student in 1963, has seen the evolution from analog to digital firsthand. "When I started teaching, you read your notes and used the blackboard; occasionally you had an overhead projector with acetates that you could write on, or you could write on the glass and erase it," Earle recalls. "If you were really high-tech, you could have overheads made by media services on campus. That meant that a lot of faculty would have graphs or charts put together, and you would see the same overheads two or three years after the end of the graph line because professors didn't want to throw away those valuable overheads." In the communication classes Earle teaches now, he uses PowerPoint slides to convey lecture notes so he can easily make last-minute changes to reflect the most up-to-date information. And thanks to the course management website Blackboard.com, he can disseminate class materials without killing trees.

New technology has not just changed the way lectures are presented, but also the way they are digested. Gone are the days of spiral notebooks, often made illegible by the haste with which notes were taken in lectures. In fact, students today can complete an entire semester while hardly ever putting pen to paper. Some, like Jessica Lopez '12, have essentially abandoned paper altogether. "I take my laptop to class and take notes on my computer," she says. "It's more organized than when I take notes by hand, and it also helps me keep up with the professor in lecture." Much of Lopez's academic work can be done digitally as well. If she misses a class, she can download lecture slides or daily readings from Blackboard.com. Nearly all of the communication major's assignments are typed in Microsoft Word and submitted via e-mail or Blackboard.com's digital dropbox, and she is more likely to ask a question in an e-mail to a professor than drop by during office hours. And while blue books are still used in some exams, many professors now prefer take-home tests, final papers, or projects that are completed digitally.

Most students rely heavily on technology in their academic lives, but there is no universal rule when it comes to how they use it. Lopez may prefer toting her laptop around campus, but Arts and Sciences senior Tony Manfred isn't ready to give up his notebooks just yet. "Usually I take notes by hand," he says, "because it's easier for me to organize my ideas and get everything down." But Manfred is no Luddite—the self-confessed BlackBerry addict checks his smartphone constantly, using it to text with friends about social plans as well as to correspond with professors and classmates about coursework. "At this point it's almost impulsive," says the English and American studies double major. "Sometimes I get backlogged and have to go on e-mail binges."

Professors, too, are putting in plenty of screen time. Many classrooms are outfitted with advanced audiovisual equipment, allowing faculty to plug in laptops and project lecture materials; daily classroom preparation can include assembling a PowerPoint slideshow or updating the course website to reflect syllabus changes. These tools allow faculty to include clips from YouTube in their lectures to illustrate a point, or to immediately evaluate whether or not the class has understood a concept through a quick survey via hand-held remotes called iClickers.

The increasing dependence on technology has its downsides.

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As academia goes digital, more and more material is created and stored online—and technical snafus can mean big problems. A Blackboard.com server crash during study week last fall caused a panic among students who feared that they would not be able to access important material in time for finals, and a three-day e-mail outage in 2008 derailed communications for many students, faculty, and staff. The University has several fail-safes to guard against such crashes, but that doesn't mean that the campus Internet works 100 percent of the time. "There are a lot of backups," says CIT senior technical consultant Mark Anbinder '89. "There are connections from campus to Syracuse, to Geneva, to Rochester, to New York City. So if our main connection goes down there will still be some flow of traffic." Campus e-mail is backed up on two servers, one in Rhodes Hall and one in the computing center, so if one dies or a connection fails the other will take over. "The odds are overwhelmingly against everything failing at once," says Anbinder. "But every once in a while that's going to happen."

Another challenge that CIT must address is the cost of upkeep. New technology is constantly emerging, rendering old systems obsolete (remember floppy disks?). But software and hardware upgrades are frequent and expensive, and many departments lack the funds to keep up with the fast rate of change. "At CIT, we have to keep replacing our own equipment and upgrading our own software, but we also have to push other departments to do so," says Anbinder. "If we're supporting old technologies, it gets more expensive for us to have three different versions of operating systems that we have to test everything with and train our staff to handle."

As higher education increasingly relies on the Internet, members of the Cornell community want to be plugged in to their academic lives wherever they are. Many departments are developing their own smartphone and iPad apps; there is already one for the University Library that allows users to reserve books, check account information, and renew books from their phones. An upgrade to Blackboard.com scheduled for later this year will include mobile options that allow students to view course materials on the go, says CIT assistant director of academic technologies Clare Van Den Blink. "Mobile technology and smartphones are definitely the next wave," she says. "As content gets portable for students, we are taking things beyond podcasts. Now you can even use smartphones instead of iClickers."

To those who graduated from college long before the Internet, envisioning an undergrad experience where so much can be accomplished online and on-the-go may seem ideal—but in reality, there is a tradeoff. Students are spending so much time online that it's interfering with important aspects of their daily routine, like sleeping and studying, says sleep expert Maas. "Technology allows us to do a lot more in a shorter period of time, but I do think that it has put more distance between people," he says. "I don't think students are used to carrying on long in-person conversations. I look out the window, and two, maybe three out of four students are on their cell phones. Often they're walking with people, but they're not talking to them."

Greg Eells, too, worries about the prevalence of the Internet in students' social and academic lives. The director of counseling and psychological services at Gannett Health Services, Eells wonders how always being plugged in impacts mental health, both short- and long-term. "There are assumptions inherent in most technologies—often, that faster is better," Eells says. "But we've got thousands of years of spiritual tradition that says that

slowing things down is often better in terms of learning to manage your internal landscape." Because students are so used to constantly doing something, be it listening to music or texting a friend, they report feeling uncomfortable concentrating on just one experience at a time, says Eells. "For people who have never known the world without cell phones or text messages, to whom e-mail seems like ancient technology, slowing things down and sitting with their internal experiences is fairly new—and it's a hard thing to do."

Many students reserve phone calls for family, preferring e-mail, instant messaging, texting, or Facebook as their primary means of maintaining most other relationships. That can mean that although they're able to have many more friendships than in the past, those relationships are less substantive. Earle notes that today, many student experiences that were once necessarily shared can be had individually. He remembers, for example, that

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when he started teaching in the Seventies, students would gather in Willard Straight to watch afternoon soap operas. "The main floor, where the television was, would be jammed because you didn't have media in your dorm room," Earle recalls.

Technology has also replaced some of the face-to-face interaction between students and faculty; when students can ask questions via e-mail, they may not bother trekking to campus for office hours. Many faculty members report seeing fewer students in their offices and spending more time answering questions via e-mail—Maas receives more than 100 per night. Jokes genetics professor Tom Fox '71: "Sometimes I feel like professors now get paid, to a large extent, to answer e-mails."

From ‘Shh...’ to [Click]

In the digital age, libraries face big changes—
and tough decisions



Out of the stacks: Wired students pack the Olin Library cafe.

Since the earliest days of higher education, the library has functioned as a campus’s central information and study hub. But with advances in technology, the role of the University Library is changing fast. With 24/7 Internet access through smartphones, laptops, and computer labs throughout campus, college students have an immense wealth of information at their fingertips—meaning that much of the information once housed solely in the physical space of the libraries is now available in cyberspace. “Rather than having to come here and use a physical card catalog, students can access our catalog remotely, or they can find the materials through a Google search or other mechanisms,” says Dean Krafft, PhD ’81, the libraries’ chief technology specialist. “We also license a huge number of scholarly articles and resources that students can access directly from their computers.”

If students are stuck, they can text or instant message a librarian for help, while services like BorrowDirect link Cornell’s physical collection with those of other universities around the country, so that nearly any book is available on campus in less than five days. And there are multiple projects currently under way to digitize the University archives and periodicals, as well as many of the libraries’ special collections. Combined with the fact that wireless Internet access and computer labs are available throughout campus, fewer and fewer students feel the need to set foot in the library.

Take Dave Rodriguez, a sophomore in the College of Engineering. The applied and engineering physics major from Long Island can hardly recall the last time he went to the library. “Pure silence kind of creeps me out,” he explains, “so I feel more comfortable working at home.” While in the past students might have had to leave the comfort of their apartments to conduct research or check out books, Rodriguez can easily do all of his work remotely. His Collegetown apartment’s wireless connection allows him to access all the information he needs on his MacBook Pro, making trips to campus largely unnecessary.

As student needs have evolved, the library has changed as well. Computers now take up a large portion of the physical space, and cubicles and desks come equipped with outlets for laptops. Students can check the availability of books online without venturing into the stacks—and with the electronic budget accounting for 30 to 40 percent of the library’s overall expenditures, tough decisions are being made about the future of the physical collections. Last year head librarian Anne Kenney made the controversial decision to sell the duplicate undergraduate collection to free up funds for new titles, and the physical collections of the Johnson School, Hotel school, and ILR libraries are in the process of being consolidated.

Kenney stresses that although the library now sees more online traffic than physical, students still need a quiet space to work. “I’ve asked students why they come to the library when they can study anywhere,” says Kenney. “They say that it focuses the mind—when you come in, you are here to do serious work.” So while the definition of what a library is may be changing, the demand for such a space will likely always exist. “It’s no longer the little old lady with glasses saying ‘shh’ behind the desk,” says Krafft, who notes that the very fact that the library employs a chief technology specialist is evidence of how it has changed. “But it’s still about preserving knowledge and making it accessible to the community.”

Tech Speak

A glossary of new pedagogical tools

The introduction of information technology to academia has brought with it a new vocabulary, with students and faculty using a variety of media in their academic lives. Here are some of the most common:

Blackboard.com This course-management website provides a central platform for course communication and materials. Professors can upload syllabi and readings, accessible to anyone registered for the class. Other features include an interactive discussion board, a messaging system, a “digital dropbox” where students can submit assignments, and a page where grades can be recorded and viewed.

iClicker This wireless response system allows professors to get immediate feedback from 750 students per second. The professor can use the small white remotes (\$40 at the Cornell Store) to track attendance or gauge understanding through in-class quizzes. iClickers are especially prevalent in large lecture courses, where taking attendance or monitoring individual students’ understanding is impractical.

Turnitin.com With the ubiquity of websites offering essay-writing services, more and more students are submitting research papers they didn’t write, at least in part. To counter this, websites such as Turnitin.com allow professors to check a student’s work against material on the Web, helping them catch plagiarism.

Ratemyprofessor.com This site allows students from more than 6,000 schools to post reviews of their professors and courses, so peers can check them out before they enroll. Students can rate professors in categories such as clarity, helpfulness, and easiness—even physical appearance—on a scale of 1 to 5.

Cornell E-recruiting Today’s seniors need not spend hours looking through job and internship binders in Barnes Hall; instead, they can log on to this online database. Students can access job listings, upload resumes and cover letters, sign up for interviews, apply for positions, and receive e-mail bulletins about job and internship opportunities.

Virtual Student Center Enrolling for classes used to be a tortuous process, requiring that students run around campus for faculty and administrative approvals and signatures to change their schedules. Now they can easily set and change schedules online through Cornell’s virtual Student Center. The site lets students add and drop classes, view transcripts, and access tuition information.

Facebook The social networking site is one of the primary ways that students socialize, and some professors are experimenting with it as a classroom tool. Students can get course updates, discuss assignments, and help each other with sample exam questions.

Blogs Like Facebook pages, blogs are sometimes used to share ideas and promote discussion in a less formal setting. They are especially common in language classes, where some professors have students show their command of the language by maintaining a blog that classmates can read and comment on.

Podcasts It’s hard to go a whole semester without missing a single class, and now some students have an easy way to catch up on missed material. With audio and video podcasts, professors can record lectures and upload them to Blackboard.com.

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State of the art: The Macintosh computer lab in Architecture, Art, and Planning’s Tjaden Hall





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Some, like Earle, see the proliferation of e-mail as a boon to the student-professor relationship. “When I started teaching, the only times that students really communicated with you was before and after class, through an appointment, or during office hours,” he recalls. “That generally meant that you got to know a small group of students pretty well, and the rest were more anonymous. With e-mail, I’ve gotten to know more students.” But others worry that it makes students less vigilant about the tone they take with professors. “It’s easier now, through e-mail, for a student to voice an opinion—good, bad, or indifferent—because it’s impersonal,” says marketing professor Debra Perosio ’79, PhD ’95. “While an e-mail is quick and efficient, it also provides an easy out. Students say things online that they would never say in person.”

One of the most problematic effects of students’ constant connection is distraction. When they spend all day hopping from one website to the next, from smartphone to laptop, from Facebook to Twitter, their ability to stay focused decreases dramatically. “The more you play the piano, the better you’ll get at playing the piano,” Eells notes. “The more you practice diverting your attention, the less focused you’re going to be.” Indeed, between computers and smartphones, some students are plugged in nearly all their waking hours. “I feel like I’m a little too connected,” admits Lopez. “Sometimes I’d like to be disconnected. I want to disable Facebook on my BlackBerry, because notifications come right to my phone as soon as someone comments on

a picture or something. And as soon as I get a notification, I have to check it out, and then I end up wasting hours on Facebook.”

Perosio notes that many of her students seem to be connected constantly—even, she laments, during class. “It’s hard for students to go fifty minutes without checking their phones,” she says. Some professors have banned laptops to guard against the likelihood that students are checking Facebook instead of taking notes. But since most students have an easily concealed phone, it’s an uphill battle. Then there’s the fact that students assume that everyone else is as connected as they are. “Students expect 24/7 availability,” says Kate McCullough, a professor of feminist, gender, and sexuality studies. “I have to make a big deal about announcing in class that I only get on e-mail once a day, and sometimes on the weekends I don’t get on at all, because I have three small kids.”

The bottom line, says Eells, is that too much connectivity can hinder personal development at a time when students are segueing from adolescence to adulthood. “In psychology,” he notes, “a hallmark of maturity is the ability to delay gratification.” While technology is a wonderful tool, he says, it will never replace the life experience that comes with the college years. “One of the great things about going to office hours is the conversation you have with professors, and not necessarily about academics,” he says. “Technology robs us of opportunities for serendipity, for all kinds of things that are unplanned. If you’re on your cell phone or texting when you’re walking across the quad, you don’t know what you’re missing.” **C**

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Meeting of the Minds

Second Annual Alumni Leadership Conference Draws More than 800

By Scott Pesner '87

After attending the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) both this year and last, Enrique Vila-Biaggi '94, MEng '95, knows one thing for sure: he'll be back in 2012. "You get more than 800 engaged alumni and staff together, provide them with incredible, entertaining, and informative speakers, and add wonderful educational tracks," says Vila-Biaggi, who traveled from his home in warm Puerto Rico to a snowy Washington, D.C. "What more can you ask for?"

CALC was launched in 2010 to expand the popular Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers, which had been held annually for more than a century. Last year, attendees included local club officers and CAAAN leaders and volunteers. This year, the invitation list was expanded to include alumni leaders from the Greek system and several college alumni associations, as well as any alumni volunteer leaders who wanted to attend. In addition, more than fifty current students participated, including members of the 2011 Senior Class Campaign. On top of attending board meetings, attendees took part in sessions on personal improvement, such as "Balancing Act: Home, Career, and Volunteerism" and "Career Advice: Turning Avocation into a Vocation," as well as those that helped them become more effective alumni leaders.

In "Volunteers Leading Volunteers," Risa Mish '85, JD '88, director of the leadership skills program in the Johnson School, spoke about how alumni



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volunteers can lead effectively without "formal power." "We know that no volunteer can compel another volunteer to perform," said Mish, "but that doesn't mean that effective volunteer leadership is a question of whim and luck." She said a good team leader must be able to answer four questions: Why are we here? Where are we going? How will we get there? and What's in it for me? Mish said that leaders who can answer effectively will earn their teams' commitment because members will know their time and talent are being well used.

Another popular session, "What's Next with Social Media?," featured three alumni with expertise in that area: CALS assistant professor of communication

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Keynote speaker: Alumni and guests filled the Marriott's ballroom for President Skorton's talk at Saturday's lunch.



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Roaring good time: The Big Red Bear gets in on the fun.

Class and Human Ecology Leaders Honored

At this year's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), several alumni were recognized for their outstanding service to the University.

Jane Little Hardy '53 was the recipient of this year's Bill Vanneman '31 Award, given to an alumnus who graduated at least thirty-five years ago in recognition of volunteer work as a class officer. A former class vice president, Hardy co-chaired her 50th Reunion and served for ten years on the board of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO). She is also a former lecturer in the Department of Communication in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

In an acceptance speech that touched on her reasons for leaving her home in Canada to study at Cornell as well as her experiences advising students, Hardy called upon those in attendance to continue their volunteer efforts on behalf of the university. "When someone asks you to do something for Cornell, say yes," she said. "Find a way to do it and do your best. The results will be substantial in terms of friendship, in terms of satisfaction."

At the Friday luncheon, the Human Ecology Alumni Association (HEAA) presented its annual achievement awards. Rebecca Morgan '60 received the Helen Bull Vandervort Achievement Award, given annually to a graduate who upholds the mission and values of the college in his or her life, career, and volunteer activities. Morgan is a former Cornell trustee, California state senator, and a co-founder of Teen Success, a national program helping teenage mothers complete their education.

HEAA's Recent Alumni Achievement Award went to Silvestre Arcos '00. Arcos teaches math and Spanish at the Laboratory School for Finance and Technology, a middle school in the South Bronx. In 2010, 97 percent of his sixth- and seventh-grade students demonstrated proficiency on the New York State Math Test, prompting a 2010 School of Distinction in Mathematics honor from Intel. Arcos also founded the school's unique dual-language program, which has become a model for its promotion of cross-cultural learning and Spanish language development. Rounding out the honors, HEAA presented Ashley Jeanlus '11 with its Outstanding Senior Award.



Top volunteer: Jane Hardy '53 accepts the 2011 Bill Vanneman '31 Award from CACO President Rob Rosenberg '88.



The winners: Human Ecology Dean Alan Mathios (second from left) with award recipients Ashley Jeanlus '11, Rebecca Morgan '60, and Silvestre Arcos '00.

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Lee Humphreys '99; Adam Hirsch '04, COO of Mashable.com; and Laura Fitton '94, author of *Twitter for Dummies*. The three discussed the impact and future of social media, with Fitton encouraging employers to allow the use of social media in the workplace, as it's beneficial for the company.

In addition to these sessions, discussions focused on such topics as current events on campus, what Cornell needs from its volunteers, and the faculty/student experience. Sessions included "What Every Volunteer Leader Should Know About Giving to Cornell," "Diversity at Cornell," and "A Conversation with Cornell's Alumni-Elected Trustees." At the Saturday breakfast, vice president of student and academic services Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, talked about the state of student mental health and University initiatives in that area; President David Skorton gave a speech at the Saturday lunch, followed by a Q&A.

Beyond hearing from Cornell and its leadership, attendees were reminded of what makes the Cornell experience unique: the relationship between

students and faculty. In "You Changed My Life," moderated by Engineering college dean Lance Collins, two alumni discussed the mentorship of their former professors. David Goldston '78, director of government affairs for the National Resources Defense Council, spoke about Richard Polenberg, the Marie Underhill Noll Professor of History; Jocelyn Beach '04, a fourth-year medical student, praised Marjolein van der Meulen, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering.

While many sessions were geared to a broad audience, breakout groups focused on particular interests of alumni leaders. CAAAN chairs and volunteers participated in a simulated admissions panel; fraternity and sorority leaders got an update on the Greek system; Reunion planners discussed plans for June; and club leaders learned about the current discussion on eliminating membership dues. "I had an amazing time," said Lauren Beller '86, a club officer and CAAAN chair who was attending for the first time. "The best part was meeting all these alumni leaders who share your enthusiasm. I'm looking forward to next year."



Detail work: Members of the Class of 2006 meet to the plan their 5th Reunion.



Night Life: Hip-hopper Jeremy Dussolliet '10, BS '08, entertains at the young alumni party.

CAA and CACO Elect New Board Members

The Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) and the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) elected new officers during their meetings at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in January. CAA elected a new executive committee, with incoming president Stephanie Keene Fox '89 succeeding Nancy Abrams Dreier '86. The rest of the executive committee will consist of five vice presidents: Tom Cummings '75, Laura Fratt '81, Shana Chacko Mueller '95, Scott Pesner '87, and Steve Siegel '68.

Several new directors from the regions were elected to first-year terms. They were: Kim Jones '98, MBA '02 (Mid-Atlantic); Shane Dunn '07 (North-east); Marie-Jouvelle Aubourg '06 (Metro NY); Theresa Flores '93 (Southwest/Mountain); and Stephanie Grise '98 (Midwest). In addition, Janet Fallon '76 (New York/Ontario) and Charles Wu '91 (Western) were elected to second two-year terms. Five new directors-at-large were appointed, and two additional directors were given second terms. Katherine Ward Feld, MBA '82, JD '83, Sam Pollack '99, Jon Simon '92, Andrea Wasserman '00, and Heather Wells '02 were appointed to their first terms, while Krishna Collie '96 and Mollie Pulver '80 were approved for second terms.

On the CACO side, Rob Rosenberg '88 was elected to a second term as



Stephanie Keene Fox '89



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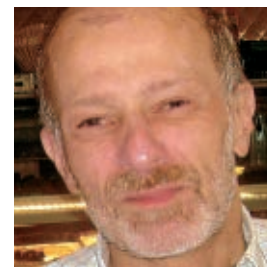
Laura Fratt '81



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Steve Siegel '68

president, while Jay Waks '68, JD '71, and Charles Stuppard '82 were elected to the executive committee as vice president, diversity and inclusion, and vice president, students and young alumni, respectively. In addition, six alumni—Mike Avery '55, Paul Cashman '73, Stan Rodwin '50, Debra Schaffel '89, Nancy Sverdlik '79, and Andrea Vidler '07, MPA '08—joined the CACO Board as directors-at-large.



Rob Rosenberg '88

We'll All Have Drinks . . . on the Danube



Sea rations: Alumni celebrate Spirit of Zinck's Night on the MS Amadeus.

Each fall, on the third Thursday in October, thousands of Cornellians gather in cities around the world as part of International Spirit of Zinck's Night, remembering the downtown Ithaca bar and the weekly revelries long celebrated by Cornell seniors. But what if you're traveling with a group of Big Red alumni? Well, you hold an impromptu Zinck's Night right where you are.

That's what participants in the Cornell Alumni Travel Program did as they were enjoying a cruise along the Danube on the MS *Amadeus Diamond* between Austria and Germany, en route to Prague. Some twenty alumni added a truly international flare to Zinck's Night by celebrating on board with the help of Julie Featherstone of Alumni Affairs and Development, who traveled with the group. Not only did everyone have a great time, but many of the more senior alumni were able to share stories of the actual Zinck's.

39 **Milton Esman** details his early career, including a PhD from Princeton and four years as a GI during WWII. In the final year, he served in MacArthur's headquarters in Japan, where he participated in the drafting of that country's current constitution. Not surprisingly, he went on to work in the State Dept., as a professor of public and international affairs at the U. of Pittsburgh, and with the Ford Foundation in Malaysia. From 1969 until his retirement in 1989, Milton served as a Government professor and John S. Knight Professor of Int'l Studies on the Hill. He concludes: "During retirement, I have been fully occupied with research and writing, having published individually and jointly with colleagues eight books on international development and on ethnic politics, as well as several articles in refereed journals and chapters in edited books. I am currently completing a manuscript on the emergence of the American garrison state."

Sadly, we have two deaths to report. **Helga Einset** Skodvin, MS '49's daughter Astrid wrote from Norway to inform us that her mother died in July 2008. And Fred Wright notified us that his mother, **Ella Thompson** Wright, MA '41, passed away on February 13, 2011. Fred shares the following: "At Cornell, Ella was the women's editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. During WWII she served in the Red Cross Hospital Service in France, and immediately after the war she worked for the UN Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Germany. Later she relocated to Washington, DC, where she married and worked as an editor for various organizations, including the Int'l Monetary Fund, from which she retired in 1983." Our condolences to both families.

In the no-news-must-be-good-news category, **Morris Erdheim**, DVM '39, resides with wife Jean in Boca Raton, FL, but didn't provide any additional details on the news form. **Otto Poirier** (Walnut Creek, CA) writes that he had the pleasure of lunch with **Austin Kiplinger** on July 31. "Kip was his usual, outgoing self with stories and conversation." **Sally Steinman** Harms is still alive and well. She exchanges telephone calls with **Bill '42** and **Betty Luxford Webster** often. She now lives in a retirement community in Amherst, MA, near her daughter Tekla and not far from her daughter Christy. Sally writes that she still enjoys a good recorded mystery story and a martini at night.

Mona Brierly Carvajal sent news of several trips in 2010—summer in Vermont; golf with her daughter **Nancy Carvajal** Lang '64 in Stony Brook ("I was really amazed to see a turtle and an alligator on the edge of a pond facing each other as if having afternoon tea"); a visit to son Fred and family in Texas; and back to Boca Raton, FL, in November for holiday visits from daughter Juliet, as well as Fred and Nancy, who is a grandmother to two lovely baby girls, born in 2010. Mona now has 13 great-grandchildren. Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of classmate **Evelyn** "Teddy" **Wilson** Monroe, sent news on her mother's behalf from Cokesbury Village in Hockessin, DE. Teddy's four children live around the country: Elizabeth (Lutherville, MD), twins Melody (Louisville, KY) and Cynthia (Zanesville, OH); and son Tom (Ormond

Beach, FL). They have given her eight grandchildren—and one great-grandchild.

We have bittersweet news from **Margaret Haswell** of New Bedford, MA. Peggy writes, "I lead a quiet life in my hometown. All of my family, my local friends, and my Cornell friends (**Mary Kate Gilliams** Fitzpatrick, **Jane Frost**, and **Dalphine MacMillan**) have gone—I miss them, every one. But the Red Sox and the Patriots are all great. Fond memories of Cornell days and years in Ithaca are never forgotten and always held dear." **Sylvia Small** Wheeler (La Mesa, CA) sent news, along with a photo from the San Diego Zoo! Sylvia has downsized to a smaller assisted-living apartment in her retirement complex—with wheelchair, etc., available for arthritis. She is glad to be near her daughter Gail, who lives in San Diego, and stays in close touch with daughter Lynn of Westport, CT. Her first great-grandchildren—twins Sebastian and Miles—were born on her birthday in 2009. She closes with this: "To Sally, Ruth, and Betty: Thank you! I remember." Send news anytime to: **Class of 1939**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

40 Thanks to **Anne Strahan** Kuchler, **John Weiner**, and **Mary Durfey** Hewitt for sending your latest news. Anne Kuchler's three children are in Arizona, Florida, and California, but she has no plans to relocate from LaGrangeville, NY. "I'm 95—plan to stay here." She's part of a senior citizens group, where she enjoys playing bridge, and has volunteered at the local library for more than 25 years!

John Weiner continues to help his wife, Lynne, promote her book, *Sigmund Freud Through Lehman's Lens*, about her father's studies with and analysis by Freud, 1928-29. The photos in the book, from movies taken by Dr. Lehman, include rare shots of Freud and his colleagues in Vienna. John, too, is staying put in White Plains, NY: "Too much to move and books to be read." He also continues to write letters to the editor—using what he learned in History class with Carl Becker. John has worked with Grace Church Community Center homeless programs, and created a bookstore that gave away books for free. "Made \$170,000 for homeless programs from donations."

We caught Mary Hewitt right in the middle of moving—"from an outside cottage to an inside apartment—all in a muddle!" Send news! We want to hear from you. **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.

41 To prepare to write this message to all of you I decided to re-read my reports beginning with our 65th Reunion. We had 15 attendees at the 2006 reunion and I feel we should aim to beat that number at our 70th in June. There were eight Arts and Sciences grads, four from Home Ec, and

three Agriculture on the official list. Let's even the score.

I hope to see some of those whose personal news notes have kept me going over the last five years. **Marjorie Lee** Treadwell, **Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon, **Gloria Brown** Mithers, **Edith Lewis** Periman-Allen, **Ruth Marshall** Kibbey, **Elaine Yaxis** Reinke, **Jane Frier** Bertrand, **Dorothy Newman** Seligman, **Dolores Dirlam** Daudt, **Isabelle Richards** McDermid, **Audrey Bernichon** Glacken, **Carol Ogle** Woods, **Sylvia Jaffe** Abrams, and **Alene Cushing** Knibloe. Thanks to all, including our late, great president, **Jean Way** Schoonover, for sharing lifestyle changes, decluttering, delimiting, closing and selling family homes, and some of the joys that we still have with family and friends.

I was delighted to have a letter and phone call from class VP **Eleanor Slack Randles**, MS '78, reassuring all of us that she is gradually returning to her busy and productive life after a bad hip/leg break in 2007. Her husband, **Joe '43**, is recuperating from surgery, but Eleanor does plan to attend our 70th. With six Cornell grads in the Foster clan and two in the Randles, I'm sure she will make it.

Twelve of our class have died since our last reunion and I greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of family members who have shared special ways of celebrating their lives. There will be a memorial service at Sage Chapel during reunion, which will give us a chance to remember these classmates. See you in June! **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY, 12054; e-mail, KID12054@netzero.com.

The last several months have not yielded any News Forms from you men, so this time around, I don't have much to talk about. However, I can at least follow Shirley's lead to the extent of recalling the guys who attended our 65th Reunion. There were 12 Engineering types, nine from Arts and Sciences, two from the Ag school, two Hotelies, and one from Architecture—26 in all. Four of our classmates have died in the interim, but we can hope that all the rest of the 22 will be at reunion in June, plus a number of others as well.

Those of you that were here in 2006 know how well we were taken care of—great accommodations and great food in Statler Hall and buses or limos to take us door-to-door, wherever on the campus we wanted to go. There's even a commercial bus service running between Manhattan and the Ithaca campus now, which takes around four hours! If you can make it to the Statler somehow, I think you're really going to enjoy yourselves. See you there! **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlanling@bellsouth.net.

42 **Ed Markham** (Bainbridge Island, WA; crsmark@msn.com) and wife Yoshiko continue attending the Pacific Northwest Ballet and Seattle Symphony performances and still enjoy leading local garden tours at the senior center. Their products range from cabbage to cut flowers. They look forward to the 70th Reunion and thank class president **Liz Schlam** Eddy (NYC) for all her dedication. **Bertram**

and Beatrice **King** (Aventura, FL; BertKing1930@webtv.net) may move to Nashville, TN, to be near their son and grandchildren. Bert is taking courses at Florida Int'l U. and is proud of his son, an associate professor of gastroenterology at Vanderbilt U. A retired optometrist, Bert was volunteering at a subnormal vision clinic, but has now given that up. "Now 90, I'm hibernating and becoming an armchair traveler."

Evelyn Kassman Greenspan (Ft. Myers, FL) belies her 90 years by taking two trips to San Francisco and one to Chicago, plus traveling often to Columbus, OH. She works out twice a week with a personal trainer in her son's fitness studio, but what she enjoys most is singing with the Seven Lakes Chorus—especially when they go to nursing homes. She is an inspiration to all of us. **Robert, MS '49**, and **Nancy Jessup Underwood '43**, MEd '43, moved to Lenoir City, TX, three years ago. Bob fell and broke his left leg, putting him in the hospital and necessitating two months of therapy—as he says, "complicating life." **Flora Mullin** Briggs (Liverpool, NY) has enjoyed the past two years at her small retirement community. She visits her two kids in Boston often and has plans to go to South Africa to visit her grandson and great-grandson—arthritis permitting. It's her greatest challenge. As she states, "Being one of the youngest in our class doesn't make much difference now." **Berle Neuwirth** Geronemus (Hollywood, FL) still likes to travel. She flew to South Africa to see Victoria Falls and to Argentina, where she visited Iguazu Falls. Both were great trips.

Jean Pardee Cole (Chesterfield, MO) is recovering from a cracked pelvis and is back in her villa after weeks in assisted living. Falling down is a bummer. I'm so sorry to hear that **Dick Thomas** (Meadville, PA) is in a nursing home. Need more info on him. Also sadly, **Lynn Timmerman** (Brighton Beach, FL) tried to phone fraternity brother **Bill Bright** (Vero Beach, FL), only to learn from his wife that he had passed away. After celebrating her 90th birthday, **Barbara Gerlach Frey** (Sonoma, CA) passed away with 22 family members at her bedside.

An interesting article in the *New Yorker* about Eleanor Roosevelt revealed this bit of info: She visited Cornell's Home Economics department in the 1920s and discovered a radical movement—to create scientific homemakers. The key to American progress would be intelligent housekeeping. In her first book, *Family Health*, she says, "Don't eat too much," and goes on to present Cornell luncheon recipes she served at the White House costing 7.5 cents per serving. She wanted to provide "good and well-cooked food." Ernest Hemingway, after dinner in 1937, said the food was the worst he'd ever eaten. His wife had three sandwiches before their flight and told him the rule was, "When invited to the White House, eat before you go." How things have changed.

Annette Fox Levitt (New York City) also loves to travel and took the Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Vladivostok. Now that's a trip! Amazingly, all her children and grands are doctors, although her great-granddaughter, 2, is not yet registered for medical school. Annette sure is proud of them. She still enjoys her literature courses and the many fine teachers who continue to enrich her life. **Paula Collins** Preller (Vancouver, WA) lost her husband, Arno, after 32 years, so she has been busy adjusting to living alone. They had moved back to Vancouver in 2007 from Denver (where they met in 1956) and have many family and friends. Paula helps out in her

church and thinks fondly of Cornellians who have passed on. **Harriet Toan** (Perry, NY) doesn't do as much volunteer work as she used to, but is glad to be well and happy. **Nathalie Schulze** Shapiro (Ellicott City, MD) enjoys the independent living facility where she has lived for five years to be near one of her five daughters. She is active and has chaired many committees.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support our class and for sending in information about your lives. This column exists because we want to hear about our "old" friends. So do keep in touch with me throughout the year. Notice my address and e-mail and also my phone. I'd love to hear from you. Hope you are all doing well. ☐ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net; tel., (253) 326-4608.

43 Chantal Champagne, Cornell's director of donor relations, tells me that **Phil Gibson** has established the Anson W. and Dorothy Gibson Memorial Scholarship. It provides scholarship support for students enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, with preference given to students who are members of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Makes sense to me. Here's what I learned from the good folk on the Hill: **Anson Wright Gibson** graduated from Cornell in 1917. His wife, Dorothy, did not. He was raised on a small farm in Greenville, NY, a short distance from Albany (his father was engaged in small-scale farming and a wholesale egg business). He received both BS and MS degrees from Cornell. For almost half a century, prior to and subsequent to his retirement, he served Cornell and particularly the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, with devotion and distinction. He was director of the Office of Instruction, 1940-60, national president of Alpha Gamma Rho for two years, and secretary-treasurer of the local chapter of the Corporation Board. Even this English major could figure out that AGR might rush a few future farmers of America and now and then a Big Red ski captain.

Here's **Bud Bradt** (Vero Beach, FL): "Two reasons for this e-mail. First: We checked into the Fairmont Hotel in Santa Monica, CA, and found in the bathroom several amenities, i.e., shampoo, body lotion, etc., all with the Miller Harris label. All from England. Is that your family? [I wish! It's a Brit fragrance genius named Lyn Harris who, by using my name, has googled me off the bloody planet.] Second: When we got home and read the latest *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, you noted that **Gene Saks** called you from the Hamptons asking who of our classmates were still kicking. We, Peggy (my better half) and I—still kicking—spend the summer in the East Hampton area. Is Gene nearby? If so I'll try to contact him next summer. Hope all's well with you. We have two sons, both married, and each has three children. One family in Stamford, CT, and one in Rye, NY."

From now-notorious Tucson, AZ, **Katherine Petzold Victor** sends a 1993 photo of poor quality but rich memory—a smiling couple: **Clarence '48** and his aforementioned '43 wife, who treasures the pic because five months later, alas, Vic died. And Susan Dale writes: "Sadly I inform you of the death of my father, **Scott Brown**. At the memorial we shared many of his college pictures and played the Cornell fight song. It was a wonderful celebration."

Avon has a loyal employee in **Constance Austin** Misener (Niagara Falls, NY), who's been flogging the Product for 60-plus years now. She's justly proud of artist grandson Jeremy Mora, whose miniature sculptures I enjoyed viewing on the Internet. From Marblehead, MA, **Gladys Haslett** Poor reports that granddaughter **Liza Dingle '14** is now on the Hill as a freshman. **Mary Alice Dietrich** Evans, PhD '53 (Crawford, CO) visited her Larامية, WY, daughter and family. Sounds close, right? Actually, it's a week of ten-hour days ambling atop Old Paint at four miles an hour. Plus stops for water and glutamine-free oats.

"Doing as little as I can," writes **Charles Swezey** (Palo Alto, CA), "but haven't been able to give up my legal writing." [Ed. note: Or wife **Betty Ann (Bischoff)**.] Their 21 grandchildren help keep them young, off the streets, out of trouble. From Venice, FL, **Dave Mertz** reminds us: "I flew a small observation plane in the ETO. Got into this line of work because Uncle paid an extra \$75/month. Advancement was rapid. I made captain in 90 days and ended up at war's end with the great 82nd Airborne in Berlin." Dave fails to mention the several Piper Cubs he crashed, or that his CO told him: "You're wrecking 'em faster than we can build 'em!" Innate modesty, proly.

This from class VP **Caroline Norfleet** Church (Lenox, MA): "When you get older, Miller, you'll know that older equals slower. Here I am writing in the last week of 2010. Worse yet, I needed a reminder to pay class dues. I was a bit more prompt replying to Cornell's letter inviting me to the class officers meeting at the Wardman Park Hotel in D.C., which, when I was a toddler living six blocks up Connecticut Avenue, housed a branch post office. My mom used to take me there in a stroller. I didn't buy any stamps, but I think they cost less in those days. How I wish I could go! But I'm not all that eager to juggle carry-on or take my shoes off while trying to keep my balance with my cane lest I fall in a heap. Shoeless. I feel like a useless non-participant. It's a wonder you don't kick me off the officers' list on the '43 letterhead." Wot, gal! Spend all them rupees on new stationery! ☐ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

44 **Betty Scheidelman** Droz (Old Forge, NY) wrote last June that she had a trip to New York City with her son Martin. They attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, ice skated (briefly) at Rockefeller Center, saw *The Miracle Worker* (about Helen Keller) on Broadway, and ate at L'Ecole, the restaurant of the French Culinary Inst. Later they flew to Las Vegas, rented a motor home, and visited another son, Philippe. Betty still spends long summers in the Adirondacks, where she is active lecturing at her church, staying involved in local activities, and swimming five days a week. Betty also sent a news clipping with a photo of herself beside a six-foot white pine statue of St. Damien of Molokai (1840-89), which stands on the Droz family property on First Lake. Father Damien, a Belgian priest, ministered to lepers on Molokai; Betty attributes the recovery of another of her sons—from two decades of hospitalization—to vigilant prayers to the saint.

Otis Purdie, B Chem E '47 (Fayetteville, NC) sends appreciation to **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten** for their years of service to the class. "Don't get

around much anymore," he declares, quoting the old song lyrics. "I entertain on the piano for a local rest home and play at my church. We go as far as Raleigh to hear the North Carolina Symphony. Just got back from a reunion in Wellesley for Mary Lou's 65th." **Ginny MacArthur Clagett** (Atlantic Highlands, NJ) reports that our last reunion introduced her to "so many classmates I wish I'd known at school." While her oldest grand was unable to attend, her middle grandson accompanied her and enjoyed rock climbing. "He thought we ate all those good meals as students!" When she wrote, Ginny's family was at Nantucket for the summer.

Ithaca residents **Howard Evans**, PhD '50, and wife Erica were honored at the 2010 CRVIS Recognition Reception last June. The Evanses were among 37 volunteers with Cornell Retirees Volunteering in Schools who logged nearly 1,500 hours in the 2009-10 school year as teacher aides and classroom mentors at eight elementary schools in the Ithaca area. A member of the CRVIS steering board, Erica spends two mornings each week at the Freeville Elementary School. Howard, a professor emeritus in the Vet college, carries a basket of animal parts and pieces to classrooms throughout the area. Together, the couple serves as chaperones for field trips to places like the Museum of the Earth.

Ted Smith (LanSmith@aol.com) writes, "Alas, after living in the East for 86 years (New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Georgia, and Virginia, with a long stop in Missouri), we have made our final move to Menlo Park, CA. Family and health reasons have mandated that Betty Bob and I move to be close to one of our children. Our new home is right next door to one of our sons, **Bradley '80**. We get to see our grandchildren often, as in Little League baseball, school dramatics, etc., and Brad's staff helps take care of us as needed. The medical clinic is only six blocks away. It's a wonderful arrangement. We enjoyed watching the Cornell Sweet 16 basketball games in Brad's media room, along with local Cornellians. We were asked to bring Cornell artifacts. I arrived with two 50th Reunion jackets: mine and my father's, representing the Class of '16. We are hanging in there and now our grandchildren are looking at colleges. Maybe there will even be more Smith Cornellians."

Dotty Kesten is sorry to report that our long-time class secretary, **Margaret Pearce Addicks**, died on December 13, 2010. "Peg served our class well, participating in many of the CACO meetings, and to the best of my knowledge, she never missed a single one of our reunions. As well as I knew Peg, until Art and I went to her memorial service I wasn't aware of her many accomplishments outside of our class. She received the Major Stephen Reich Award for Exceptional Service for the Town of Washington, CT, and the Noto Chair for Distinguished Service at the Gunnery (also in Washington, CT), a private high school where Peg worked for many years. Cornell was also represented at the service by **Ed Fitchett**, who went to high school with Peg."

Lew, BS Ag '46, and **Connie Avery Mix '48** have relocated to Atlantic Shores, a 500-person retirement community in Virginia Beach. "Connie had a mild stroke (TIA) in April 2010, 12 days after we arrived here," Lew reports. "It affects her short-term memory, but she's gaining slowly. We both enjoy our two-bedroom apartment and the many activities here: indoor pool, movies, concerts, cards, shuffleboard . . . you name it. Food is excellent." In July, Lew and Connie traveled to Grand Rapids, MI, for a granddaughter's wedding

and a family reunion. "We have 15 grandchildren and are expecting another great-grandchild soon. Trust that we can make one more class reunion." **Mary Helen Joint**, MEd '49, also had a TIA in early 2010, and reports additional health news: "My yellow lab and I collided in August 2009; I fell and broke my hip. Sandy was not hurt. I have fully recovered from both incidents!" Good news, Mary! **Nancy Torlinkski** Rundell, our esteemed former class columnist, reports that she has abandoned golf. "Just water aerobics and in-house interviews." Nancy also sends kudos to Dotty and Art. "You two are great! I hope your mailbox fills up with responses!" **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 This is your co-correspondent Bob writing four days after the Super Bowl. Out West we had a 20-day period of intermittent but reservoir-filling rain before Christmas and now have great sunny days with gorgeous daffodils, camellias, and roses, with no cancelled tennis or golf. As one who was born and raised in Buffalo, I do yearn to be back East to experience the great snowstorms and below-freezing temperatures that you had last winter—NOT! Julie and I appreciate the news in our mailbox, which was kept full especially by our reunion memories of last June.

John "Jack" Casazza (Springfield, VA) informs that he is an author and educator, but must also devote attention to his body by having physical therapy for arthritis (bad enough to stop playing golf). Much time is also spent caring for his ill wife, Madeline. He has written an autobiography, as well as books entitled *Forgotten Roots: Electric Power, Profits, Democracy and a Profession* and *Understanding Electrical Power Systems: An Overview of the Technology and the Marketplace*. He would like to hear from **Calvin Carver**. **Burt Nichols** (Spanish Fort, AL) has retired and enjoys residing and boating on Mobile Bay with wife Beverly. On the Hill he was active with the Cornell Radio Guild. He would like to hear from **Dan Hartmann**.

James Rodgers Jr. (Hingham, MA) retired from American Water Works in 1983 after serving as president of system companies for the New England region. He is celebrating his nuclear family of 12 grandchildren (only one engineer) and one great-grandchild. He fondly remembers the two years he spent in the V12 program in "the most beautiful part of the USA." He has resumed contact with the roommate who introduced him to his future mate, Phyllis, at a dance at Cornell. They both were surprised they were natives of Brooklyn, to which James says, "Praise the Lord!" **Jeanne Treman Shempp** (Buffalo, NY), a docent at the Albright Knox Art Gallery, also tutors English as a Second Language literature. She still attends meetings of the Twentieth Century Club, which she calls the "oldest." She would like to hear from **Mary Louise Milliman**, BA '44.

Nelle Judson Seefeldt, BS '44 (Glens Falls, NY) has moved to the Pines Health Center with husband **Ralph '44**. She is writing her memoirs of 39 years working in the Himalayas in India. Her fondest memories of Cornell are friendships. **Roger Norton**, MS '48 (Houston, TX) admits to a derogatory position as gardener's assistant to wife **Virginia (Best) '46**, but then regains ascendancy on the golf course. At High Island, TX, he goes birdwatching. He remembers enjoyable social activities at Algonquin Lodge (Roger, I was at Cayuga Lodge—Ezra's stables—which was four doors up the street). He would like to hear from General **John George Albert**.

I am leading a senior group discussing Great Books illustrating the seven deadly sins at our local university. This week we had greed, with a lively division of views. Most of the women said it was the worst sin of all, being the basis of our materialistic hedonistic society, while the men argued, "Greed is good" because it encourages free enterprise capitalism—"The only successful economic system in the history of the world!" Pride, envy, gluttony, and lust are waiting in the wings. Please send news (and pride) on the annual news form, or write to us directly. **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. 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 Two months ago, we listed 15 classmates and 14 guests who will attend reunion, then mentioned that there were seven "maybes" and 14 probable "nos." Since then, as of February 15, we've heard positively from **David Day**, **Pat Kinne** Paoletta, **Melvin Popper**, **Louise Greene** Richards, PhD '65, and **William Sklarz**, who will collectively bring seven guests to the fete. To date, then, we have 20 positives and 21 guests, which is very good for this early (per Lauren Coffey, our Alumni Affairs contact). If anyone wants to help encourage classmates to come or to help out at reunion, contact **Lloyd Slaughter** (LSlaughter594@aol.com; (340) 599-4431).

David Day (Highlands Ranch, CO; davidday1945@msn.com) plans on attending reunion. He had been busy preparing the manuscript for

the sixth edition of his book, *Moving the Earth*. McGraw-Hill published it in April 2010. He enjoys watching football, which he played at Cornell, on TV. Unfortunately, they don't often show Cornell games in the Rockies, so he settles for what cable offers. Dave chairs the Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. at his residence of 600. The revolving program contains four classes, each four to

eight weeks long. The old Cornell friends David would most like to hear from are **Park Metzger**, **Fitz Randolph**, **Pete Verna**, MS '48, and **Ed Cranch '45**, PhD '51. Now he says he's going to take the initiative with the first three and offer to meet them at our 65th.

Bart Snow (Cincinnati, OH; bsnow123@aol.com) still works for GE after 64 years. He had a

“He thought we ate all those good meals as students!”

Ginny MacArthur Clagett '44

recent trip to Nova Scotia. Later, he and wife Virginia were off to Bermuda to celebrate her 90th birthday. **James Johnstone** (Wynnewood, PA; jjnbb@comcast.net) enjoyed a trip with family in July 2009 to Rome and Turkey. Last July, they cruised the inland waterway to Alaska. In early spring 2011, their party of five had plans to cruise the warmer climes of the Caribbean. **Robert Kaemmerer** (Elmira, NY; RRKNLK01@wertv.net) has downsized his residence. "We finally decided a house was too much for us now. But I miss the house, my workshop, and my wood carving hobby." Bob volunteers for SCORE, a volunteer arm of the SBA. He counsels small businesses and those wanting to go into business. Bob is considering attending reunion. **Richard Beard** (Fort Wayne, IN), despite some hearing loss, continues his volunteer work at Talking Books for the Blind. He has done quality control testing and repaired more than 1,000 of their cassette machines since the operation began in 1997. Dick remembers fondly participating in Baptist Fellowship activities at Cornell. He and Janice, his bride since 2005, are weighing a reunion visit.

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This will be the last issue you'll receive before our 65th Reunion. I hope you will be joining us then. My mailbox was empty, but some 13 of you sent News Forms to make this column possible. **Rayma Carter Wilson** (Binghamton, NY) called from her Florida vacation to say that she would be there in June. She keeps in touch with her Ithaca sorority sisters **Louise** "Weezie" **Greene Richards**, PhD '65, and **Carolyn Usher** Franklin. I also learned that Weezie's recent back surgery was successful. Weezie wrote that she had been at some reunion meetings with **Lloyd Slaughter** and **Dick Turner**, so I'm assuming she'll be there to greet us in June. She reports that she loves living in Ithaca—"the people, the culture, and even the weather." She serves on the board of directors of the Funeral Directors of the Finger Lakes.

Dottie Taylor Prey (San Mateo, CA) will be there too. She moved five years ago to a retirement community nearer her family, where she directs the glee club, works on the landscape committee, and attends the San Francisco opera and symphony. She'll be back East a lot this year as she has a granddaughter graduating from Duke in May, followed by a week at Hilton Head and then on to our reunion. I'm hoping that **Priscilla Alden** Clement Rice (South Hadley, MA) will be with us too. She and Bill (married two years now) took a riverboat cruise in France, where they visited her daughter "who owns a 300-year-old fixer-upper." She strongly recommends getting a shingles shot after Bill had a bout on vacation. Her frosh round-robin letter is still operating.

Sadly, **Gertrude Botsford** Moseley (Lake Placid, FL) died in December 2010. She was a faithful writer despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's in late 1980. She and her husband had been very active in Habitat for Humanity and Heifer Int'l. **Nancy Mynott** Davis (Avon, CT) is still writing for the local newspaper. She and Dick have attended CAU programs for four years. I'll include the rest of the news next time. [Elinor Baier](mailto:Elinor.Baier@cornell.edu) Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

47 Hello, all you loyal Cornellians—and thanks to those of you who took the time to let us know what is up with you and yours. By the time you read this column, the winter of your discontent will have passed and spring will have sprung.

Marian Shetzley writes that she and husband **Carl Shetzley** were married on graduation day in 1947, and he went on to have a family practice for 38 years. Unfortunately, he passed away in July 2010, at the age of 91, after a long illness. **Donald Buschman** lives in Derby Line, VT. **Janet Grafton** Claar has been married 63 years and has 13 grandchildren, four great-grandsons, and a great-granddaughter. **Jack Levene** and his wife live in Lake Worth, FL, "still retired but tired." He is still volunteering at a hospice. Their son Stuart lives in Puerto Rico, while son Richard is chief of medical affairs and VP at the Hospice of Palm Beach. Their daughter lives in Richmond, VA. **Arlene Thompson Morey** was married to **John, PhD '60**, prior to his passing in 2002. She has seven grandchildren and lives in Atlanta, GA, on the Emory U. campus. John had been a professor at several liberal arts colleges, and was also president of both Muhlenberg College and Frostburg State U. in Maryland.

Andy Anderson, MS '48, resides at Chautauqua, NY, in the summer and Sun City, AZ, in the winter. His wife, Peggy, died in 2010 after 60 wonderful years of marriage. Andy retired in 1986 and since then has had many travel adventures. It seems that many classmates are "snowbirds." **James Del Signore** lives in Charlotte, FL, but spends May to October in Liverpool, NY. **Richard Greenfield** and his wife have been living in Lafayette, CO, since 1993. They enjoy the mountains and climate, and their house is on a golf course. Golf, regular aerobics, and strength exercises—plus meeting with friends—make for a busy and rewarding schedule.

Jack White lives in Canandaigua, NY, in the Finger Lakes area, close to Cornell. He is across the lake from his son and family, and is also in close touch with his other children, six grandchildren, and a great-grandson. He writes that he would like to hear more about his classmates. From Salem, NY, **William Eberle** tells us that his first great-grandchild arrived recently and it was a girl. He envisions her already as a volleyball prospect. [Sylvia Kianoff](mailto:Sylvia.Kianoff@verizon.net) Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail irashain1@verizon.net; **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 **Leonore** "Lee" **Harvey** Bernard, Miami, FL: "Painting watercolors on boards (wood) at Miami Watercolor Society. Also in SOS investment club ('Study of Stocks'). The partnership in Congress has frozen. How can we help? Florida's beaches are wonderful, and Miami's population incredibly diverse, with interesting ethnic restaurants, but the July-August-September heat and humidity is something else. Arizona and California are drier and interestingly different, the way people eat and live. I'm worried about passing the eye exam for my driver's license. I'm finishing some paintings for a big show. Going to Seattle and New Orleans soon. Would like to go back to China. The car is working fine. I recently won first prize for one of my paintings! The highlight of my life was the father I had. He helped me live a happier life. I've

become fascinated by the study of marine geology. Wow! Enjoy life so you can help others enjoy theirs. I feel I'm getting smarter in many areas of my life in spite of age. Learn new things every day, both intellectually and emotionally."

Prentice Troup, Wolfeboro, NH: "Staying alive! Obama and the liberals are killing the country. Vote 'em out! New Hampshire has great weather in spring, summer, and fall. Winter: BLAH! And it also turned Democratic recently, but there's no better state to live in. I drive a new Subaru Tribeca. Will keep it until the lease runs out. The day I soloed in 1943 was the highlight of my life. The least of my worries now is getting called up by the Army Air Force. Getting old ain't much fun." **Dianne Shapiro** Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "Retired judge, watching my legal family grow. Three children and two granddaughters are active lawyers. Sunshine is great in Florida, but the financial state and bad politics takes the glow away. Wish I had not retired from the bench. There was no retirement age in my court. I want to see India and South Africa. I did a lot of traveling and saw most of the world (China with bicycles, etc.). An old Jaguar is such an interesting and attractive car, I plan to keep it forever. The meaning of life is health, happiness, and generosity for the needy!"

Jane Bowers Bliss, Concord, NH: "We're suffering from deteriorating work ethic, morality, eating habits, etc. (all going down the tube). Join a group that is working on one of the areas you care about instead of just sitting back and complaining! New Hampshire has many beautiful scenic areas, lots of wildlife, many talented people, writers, poets, musicians, and actors, and great hiking, skiing, boating, and swimming. Sometimes the weather?!" **Bob McKinless**, Alexandria, VA (our fearless leader): "Singing in Washington Men's Camerata and biking. Singing tomorrow with 30 others at a wedding of a Camerata member. Went to Homecoming and biked in Chautauqua County, which completes the 62 counties in New York State where I have biked. Took the four kids down to Cape Canaveral to see the last space shuttle launch in November. We stayed while they postponed the launch three days in a row, gave up, and came home. I'm keeping my car for five or more years. It works and gets good mileage, and I can put my bike in it without taking off the wheels. I recently biked 100 miles and drove 2,200 miles during a ten-day trip to Texas."

Ruth Werman Weiss, Rochester, NY: "Doing medical social work, dialysis unit." **Frank Collyer**, Ithaca, NY (president emeritus, Class of '48): "Volunteering at local hospital. Current Administration talking a good game, but nothing being done. Change some state legislators. Went on an Elderhostel trip to Camden, ME." **Warren** "Scotty" **McPherson**, Fredonia, NY: "Sailing, skiing, church, and, of course, maintaining house and yard. Economy is essentially 'static.' Elect more business-oriented people, not lawyers. New York State has no climatic disasters; the weather is always nice and the seasonal changes inspiring, but there's too many politicians that don't understand the needs of businesses. Still, there's no state better than New York. I like western New York winters because I cross-country ski about 50 times a winter. If not home, I like Cape Cod in the fall. Greatest event was becoming a father. Life means, essentially, raising a family. Two of our four kids are Cornell alums, and so is my wife, **Peggy (Martin) '51.'**

Clarine Capuzzi Hall, Winnetka, IL: "Situation is static. Illinois is great—it has everything, but it's going bankrupt. Still, no state better. Car OK—

keeps running and gets me where I want to go. We're very happy that our granddaughter **Nomoya Hall '13** is currently a sophomore in Arts and Sciences." **John Van Zandt**, Winston-Salem, NC: "Things are improving. Politicians getting hammered; stock market inching upwards. Need to get more new blood in Washington. North Carolina is much warmer in winter than Ithaca, but we have the same political foolishness. I walk at the 'Y. Have a low mileage 2008 car; plan to keep it to the end (mine or its). I wish I was at age 45 (a good year!). There's nothing better than to still be able to enjoy 25 grandkids and their spouses and six great-grands (so far). We celebrated our 65th anniversary with all of them at the beach in July 2010." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 "The best years of my life!" **Edgar Rosenberg**, MA '50 (Ithaca, NY; cr31@cornell.edu) echoes the thoughts of many of us describing his time as a student on the Hill. Now emeritus professor of English and Comparative Literature at Cornell, Edgar's extracurricular activities include preparing a second Dickens edition for W.W. Norton. He and his wife, Barbara, have been spending six months in their other home in southern France. Edgar would most like to hear from **Richard Stone '47**. **Jean Schultheis Brechter** (Shelter Island Heights, NY) writes that she is "still involved" in real estate on Shelter Island and still on the board of East End Hospice, but is "tapering off" on both. Invited to be president of the Garden Club of Shelter Island, she says that she can't think of a better way to spend the next two years than helping to beautify Shelter Island. Jean tells us, "Like so many of us, I spend a lot of time going to a slew of doctors." She tries to travel once or twice a year, and a year ago February she visited Costa Rica with **Doris Wolfe Schultz '48**, "another Cornell widow."

Jean tells us of three very fond recollections of her time at Cornell. "The warmth and camaraderie of my sorority, Tri-Delta. We rented the house at 626 Thurston Avenue, which is now Alumni House. We swam in the pool in the gorge and we listened to the sound of the falls when we slept at night. We did a lot of singing and we all slept in one big dorm. In the summer of 1998 I attended Cornell's Adult University for *Lolita and Beyond: The Life and Work of Vladimir Nabokov*. As an undergraduate I was lucky enough to sign up for a course in Russian literature, which was Mr. Nabokov's first course at Cornell. It turned out to be my very favorite course. He was so very dramatic, demonstrative, and dynamic! He and his lovely wife also invited the class to his house for tea. A lovely memory! And finally, **Joan Dickey Hardie** introduced me to my future husband, **Bob**, who was at Cornell in the V-5 program." Jean adds that she occasionally hears from **Jeanne Wells Nixon**, "but I would love to visit her in person. I wonder if this will ever happen!"

The Rev. **Will Porter Jr.** (Mahopac, NY), pastor of the Mount Hope United Methodist Church, is completing 60 years in the ministry of the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is also pastor emeritus of the Mount Kisco, NY, UMC. Will and his wife, Shirley, live on Lake Baldwin. They have four sons, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson. **Erik Simons** (Spring Valley, NY; eriksimons@verizon.net), married to **Phyllis**

(Meyer) '51, is retired, spends time on his computer, and is active with the Ramapo Mountain Ski Club. Asked what he would rather be doing now, he says that he would rather be skiing. Erik and Phyllis tell us of their granddaughter **Leah Simons '14** (Pound Ridge, NY), a freshman in the Vet college. "We are 50 proud!" Erik adds that he is in touch with classmates.

Vincent Rogers (Storrs, CT; vinrogers@charter.net), a member of Seal and Serpent, writes that his wife, **Chris (Jennings) '48**, died in 1999. He adds, "I am still playing my horn and listening to Diz and Miles. Upon retirement from the School of Education at U. of Connecticut, I did something I'd always wanted to do—learn to ride and compete at local horse shows, own and race Thoroughbreds, and write pieces for *Horseplayer* magazine." Vin is "active in the local music scene," and also reads, works on his model railroad, and glories "in the success of our UConn women's basketball team." Class president **John Rupert**, JD '51 (Lakewood, OH; rup18129@aol.com) writes, "I'm still involved with our zoo (past chair), WVIZ-PBS (life trustee), Cornell Arts College Council (life member), Cornell Council (life member), Audubon Ohio (vice chair), and the Ohio Canal Corridor (treasurer—bringing the canal trail into downtown Cleveland), and continue to do genealogy work and gardening." Jack plays tennis three times a week, as well as interviewing Cornell applicants for CAAAN. "I like what I'm doing and hope to continue well into the future," he says. "My life at Cornell has continued for so long that I have many fond memories, including our three children's lives at Cornell and their alumni activities, as well as our grandson **David Keating '10's** great experience."

Cynthia Foster Clements (Gainesville, FL; cj.clements@gator.net) writes that she and husband Jack are living in Oak Hammock at the U. of Florida in Gainesville. "So," she tells us, "we are official 'Gators,' but, should UF ever play Cornell, we'll root for Cornell! We enjoy the university atmosphere and have many faculty privileges. Although Oak Hammock is a retirement facility, there are numerous cultural, intellectual, and social activities so we are busy and active. Hopefully, that will help us stay young!" **Max Kraus** (Middlebury, VT; mhk10@cornell.edu), married to Lois, is retired and is the photographer for Middlebury Town Hall Theater. He's also active in Rotary and Meals on Wheels. Recently he enjoyed hiking in Japan with a grandson and a bike/barge trip in the Netherlands with Lois—"200 miles a week." **William Keaton**, DVM '49, is a very busy veterinarian in Barre, VT, where he lives with wife Marie. One thing he remembers most fondly from his days at Cornell is the bar on Cayuga Lake owned by Ken Smith and his wife.

We learn, sadly, of the death of **Stephen Collins** of Bethany, CT, emeritus professor of biological sciences (retired) at Southern Connecticut State U., on October 10, 2010. His obituary in the *New Haven Register*, sent to us by his widow, Barrie, describes his career as teacher, author, popular public speaker, and field trip leader. He was the first chairman of Bethany's Conservation Commission and founder of the Bethany Land Trust. A leader in creating West Rock Ridge State Park, he served as vice chair of the park's advisory council to the Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, their three children, and three grandsons. Thank you, classmates, for all your news. **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, 1625 Lilac Lane,

Crescent, PA 15046; tel., (724) 784-0371 or (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 On Friday night, January 28, nine classmates and four guests gathered at the elegant Metropolitan Club in Washington, DC, for our annual midwinter class dinner in conjunction with the annual midwinter Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Classmates came from all over: Class President **Pat Carry** Stewart (Gulf Stream FL; stewartpc@aol.com); from Rochester, NY, VP and reunion co-chair **Stan Rodwin** (rodpkg@frontier.net.net) and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg '53; secretary **Ruth "Midge" Downey Crone** (Longmont, CO; rdcrone@comcast.net) and husband **Walt**; and VP **John Marcham** and wife **Jane (Haskins) '51** (Ithaca, NY). Also from Ithaca, reunion co-chair **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84 (jwm7@cornell.edu) and husband **Carl Crispell '60**, MA '66, who were on their way to Florida; **Dave Dingle** (New Suffolk, NY; dingle0925@aol.com); **Marion Steinmann** and husband Charles Joiner, down from Philadelphia; and **Bill Brownlee** (Chevy Chase, MD; whbrownlee@aol.com). A winter blizzard prevented **Lori Heyman** Gordon (Weston, FL), past president **Dick Pogue** (Cleveland, OH), and **Alex Richardson** (Lancaster, PA) from attending as planned.

HELP! At our class meeting the next morning, the group enthusiastically launched a project to collect, compile, and publish our Class of 1950 archives—and for this we earnestly solicit your input! Search through the detritus of your long life for such possible archival material. Then e-mail or snail mail a list of what you have to John Marcham (414 East Buffalo St., Ithaca NY, 14850), or Marion Steinmann (addresses below). We need photographs, clippings, stories, events programs, and other documents about class and group activities both before and since graduation. John or Marion will let you know which items they are able to include.

HELP #2: President Pat is attempting to tidy up class finances. In addition to 30 endowed scholarship funds and the regular class operating fund, we have two other funds about which neither our records nor those of the university are helpful. 1) The Willard Straight Fund has three parts totaling \$470,000. It seems as if some \$95,000 of this may be available for Straight projects designated by the class. It also looks as if, early on, we designated \$81,000 for minor renovations, some of which were not undertaken. In any event, income from this fund over the years has been used to assist with maintenance and renovations projects at the Straight. 2) The Class of the Century Fund. Except for the fact that the class president and treasurer can apparently approve payouts, the origins and main purpose of this fund are unknown. Current balance is \$140,000. Pat has asked **Nels Schaenen**, MBA '51, to head a small committee to look into the purpose of these two funds and to recommend suggestions for their use. Everyone, please search your now-fading memories for any bits of information you may have on the origins and goals of these two funds. It is crucial that we have well-understood protocols for these! We also need to know who was men's class president from 1952 to 1955! Send whatever you can recall to Pat Carry Stewart (stewartpc@aol.com), 2613 North Ocean Boulevard, Gulf Stream, FL 33483. Or give her a call: (561) 278-5387.

At the CACO meeting on Sunday morning during the Leadership Conference, Stan Rodwin was

elected a CACO director-at-large. Afterward, John and Jane Marcham and Marion Steinmann and Charles Joiner enjoyed lunch with **Lydia Schurman** (Arlington, VA; lydiaschurman@yahoo.com), whom they had not seen in many years. John, Lydia, and Marion had worked together on the *Cornell Daily Sun*, where Lydia was the women's editor. Lydia raised three sons, earned a PhD from the U. of Maryland, and was professor of English at Northern Virginia Community College for 23 years. Lydia is a recognized expert on 19th-century dime novels. Lydia's grandfather, Jacob Gould Schurman, was president of Cornell from 1892–1920.

Alex Richardson (alexrich@comcast.net) has moved to a continuing care community in Lancaster, PA. His advice for seniors, "After 80 years of camping I have learned the wisdom of making camp before sundown." Susanne Wasson, daughter of **Charlie Wille**, reports his death on Dec. 22, 2010. Charlie, a Montgomery County dairy farmer, served as president of the New York State Farm Bureau and was a recipient of the Rhodes Award for Alumni Service as well as the Distinguished Service Award of the NYS Agricultural Society. He also served on the CALS Advisory Council and Cornell Cooperative Extension board. He liked to joke that he might be the only Cornellian to milk cows in the morning, meet with Cornell staff in the afternoon, and attend a dinner meeting with the governor in the evening.

Jacqueline Fulton Smith (Houston, TX) worked for the exchange students' program at the State Dept. In retirement, she is an election volunteer. Her daughter is **Kelly Smith Lambert '90** (Eng). At our 60th Reunion, she was happy to meet campus roommate **Jean Seguin** Edwards. **Thomas Bryant**, JD '53 (Palm Desert, CA) is a retired attorney and stays busy with Rotary, church, and theatre activities. **Louise Passerman** Rosenfeld (Chappaqua, NY; gabloa@optonline.net) operates Arrangements Inc., an interior design and remodeling service catering to seniors. She also volunteers for the Education Legacy Fund of the New York Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers and also at Hyde Park restoring FDR's Top Cottage. **Faith Fudell** Saunders has served for 20 years as president of the Children's Service League obtaining funds and grants for disadvantaged children. She stays in contact with campus roommate **Nina Ash** Gross (Asheville, NC). **William Gage**, PhD '58 (Rochester, NY) has attended all 13 of our regularly scheduled reunions and wonders how many others have done likewise. **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr. Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

51 There's still time to fit reunion into your schedule. Hope to see you there. **Connect and reconnect with Cornell faces and Ithaca places, June 9-12, at our 60th Reunion.**

Eion and **Jean Eagle** McRae married in 1954, just short of finishing graduate school at Florida State U., and then moved to his home country, Australia. They have two boys, 48 and 50, both married. The older has three kids, the younger just cats. "We had been living in Australia after we got married, but Eion felt out of things scientifically there, so happily accepted an offer by Bell Labs at Murray Hill, NJ, to work there in physics research. I went to work at Bell Labs, too, and they

sent me to night school for a computing science master's degree. In 1973 we were vacationing in Greece on one of the islands when I had a moped accident, hit my head going 30 mph, and was in a coma afterwards for about ten to 12 days. They treated me at an Athens hospital for a few days, and then flew us back here to New Jersey, where I finally woke up. They told Eion in Athens, "Your wife she is a strong man—she will be all right!" Since then life has been fairly uneventful. We live in the New Jersey countryside about 30 miles west of Murray Hill. We are retired now and taking it easy. We have a big vegetable garden and enjoy its produce (we have adopted a vegan diet—like

for lifelong learning—Burt, Szeftel, Biggerstaff, Konvitz, Rossiter. Who could forget Ag Engineering for HE students, where we learned how to change a tire and about nuclear energy in the same semester? For me, Cornell is where I met **Nat '49** over coffee in Willard Straight." Florence corresponds with **Marge Tucker** Sablow and **Sheela Mittelman** Percelay.

Phyllis Fein Bobrow can't believe it's been a whole year since she and **Henry, JD '52**, moved from Stamford, CT, to Orlando, FL. She loves being near daughter **Joanne Bobrow** Schoelkopf '76, but misses son **Richard '79**. Two of six grandchildren are at college, Rice and Lehigh.

‘We listened to the sound of the falls when we slept at night.’

Jean Schultheis Brechter '49

many our age, we think more about health than we did when younger). Eion plays tennis a lot; I play duplicate bridge for fun."

Mary Ann Doutrich Seipos (Sanibel, FL) summers in Harrisburg, PA, where she hopes to move when her near-beach house sells. "Spent February 3 and 4 (2010) riding out Severe Tropical Cyclone Oli aboard clipper ship *Star Flyer* in Opunohu Bay, Moorea Island. Missed Bora Bora on the 'Allure of the South Pacific' trip, but did get to Tahiti." She reports that **Rollin Teare** married Pat early last year. They live in Naples, FL.

William Kilian (Timonium, MD) writes about a missed trip to England in 1950. "There was a track meet between Cornell-Princeton and Oxford-Cambridge. I ran the mile, but my forte was the five-mile cross-country races. Each team submitted two participants for each event with eight in the mile. The first two to finish would go to England for a rematch. I came in third. The winner of the mile race was Roger Bannister. He eventually won an Olympic race and broke the four-minute mile in 1954. In the race at Princeton his time was well over four minutes, but good enough to win. Mine was four minutes, twenty seconds. In 1950 I would not have estimated that Roger Bannister would be famous in 1954. By that date I had married and was soon to be father of a daughter. My running continued as a member of the Hash House Harriers. I enjoy watching international tennis games. At Wimbledon, the camera caught Roger in a custom-tailored, three-piece suit with people around him wearing polo shirts and shorts. He looked as if he were going to Buckingham Palace. He is my age, but he does not look as though he had any hard knocks in the past 60 years. I do not begrudge him his life of celebrity. He earned it. I have overcome my third-place race in 1950. All things considered, I have had an interesting career and life."

Frances Goldberg Myers (Asheville, NC) writes, "Our newest addition to Cornell family tradition is **Sarah Myers '13**, daughter of **Kenneth Myers '77** and niece of **Pamela Myers '78** and **Nathaniel "Chip" Myers '82**, DVM '87. You can imagine how pleased we are that she wanted to attend Cornell. I think I've been boring her with my fond memories of life in Dickson and Balch, hikes up to Martha Van, parties, football games, and great teachers who instilled a desire

"Still have four to go—maybe someone will apply to Cornell." Phyllis wants to know if anyone from '51 lives in the Orlando area.

Nancy Carver Shene (Morrisonville, NY) went to Hilo, HI, to visit her first great-grandchild, Lia, born over a year ago. "My oldest daughter lives there, plus three grandkiddos." Nancy loves to garden and swim: "Can't wait for summer." She belongs to Red Hats, a local seniors club, and a drama club. "Now all my grandkids are married." She stays in touch with **Elizabeth Macaraeg** Heine and **Marian Roberts** Woodhead. Singing in Sage Chapel Choir and French Lit with **Morris Bishop '14**, PhD '26, are her fondest memories of Cornell. Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Another package from Ithaca with more news. What follows is from classmates who haven't been heard from in the seven years I've written this column. Where are they and what are they doing? Read on.

Mickey Caughlan Kelley (Irvington, VA; mickeymouse@rivnet.net) is active. She is a hospital volunteer, assists a dog obedience trainer, trains her year-old German shepherd for therapy, leads groups in water aerobics and Tai Chi, plays mah-jong (a game new to her and "very interesting"), and works out at the local Y. She visited her boys and their families in Richmond for the holidays. Greatest impact at Cornell: "Prof. Agard (Linguistics); friends in Pi Beta Phi; Prof. **Milton Konvitz, PhD '33**; Spanish and Sociology teachers whose names I can't pull up right now." **Norman Keim** (Syracuse, NY; glornormkeim@verizon.net) has been writing books, giving lectures, volunteering at the library, and restoring books. He included news of *Our Movie Houses: A History of Film and Cinematic Innovation in Central New York* (Syracuse U. Press), which won the Theatre Historical Society of America's Outstanding Book of the Year Award. Way back at Cornell he wishes he had taken a class with Nabokov. He cites Prof. **Arthur A. Allen 1908**, PhD 1911, as having had the greatest impact.

Alice MacMillan Moll (Raleigh, NC; Mollalice@gmail.com) is active at St. Christopher's Episcopal

Church. She teaches Sunday school and is on vestry. She repairs and repaints her house, visits children, grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter, keeps doctors' appointments, and is working on the family history on Ancestry.com. Alice would like to travel, but feels she can't alone. She wishes she had finished her Cornell degree. Her husband **Robert '51**, now deceased, and professors **William Wimsatt '39**, PhD '43, and **Byron Robb** had the greatest impact. **John Geurtze** (Selkirk, NY) is "still farming, producing hay and straw for the horse people." He has been a member of Delmar Kiwanis Club for 55 years. At Cornell, **Stan Warren '27**, PhD '31, Ag Management professor in Warren Hall, had the greatest impact. **Albert Fried Jr.**, MBA '53 (Rhinebeck, NY; albertfried@albertfried.com) has been "trying to out-guess the stock market, sitting at my desk at Albert Fried Co." Recently he has been working with

We read a lot. **Walter Meyer** (Reston, VA; walterm@erols.com) reads, listens to classical music, "plays" on the Internet, travels, and visits friends out of town. At Cornell, he would have "paid more attention to classes instead of 'just getting by' and still be in the top quarter of the class." **Miron Mihuka** (New Paltz, NY) reads, writes poems, sees friends, and watches TV. He's relaxing, but he'd rather be playing golf. At Cornell, he would have preferred to join more activities and not have worked too much. The university itself and its professors had the greatest impact. **Marian Maag** (Pinehurst, NC; mmaag@nc.rr.com) gardens, reads, and volunteers at the food pantry and Reading Recovery. She is treasurer of the HOA.

Joanne Myers Shaller (Dover, DE) also volunteers. **Robert Eberhart** (Port Matilda, PA; rje1@psu.edu) is reading and "trying to protect and restore our local watershed and the streams

53 "It's amazing what can be accomplished if you don't care who gets the credit," **Jane Little** Hardy told a lunch bunch of 800 strong at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) at the Wardman Park Marriott, Washington, DC, on the weekend before Groundhog Day. She was the seventh Cornellian to receive the Cornell Association of Class Officers' **William "Bill" Vanneman '31** Outstanding Class Leader Award (and the second '53 member). Jane, a senior communications lecturer for 31 years in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, accepted the award from one of her former students, CACO president **Rob Rosenberg '88** (but not before she corrected a bit of his composition one more time—the one with which he presented her the award). Jane, a faithful friend of Cornell Plantations and Big Red hockey, football, and other athletic endeavors, and a '53 reunion chair, was a multi-term leader of CACO's Mid-Winter Meeting and a longtime member of its board. She's a veteran Cornell Adult University (CAU) scholar-traveler. Plus much.

The next speaker, President David Skorton, escorted her back to her table before taking on the challenge of following the warm and wise words with which she accepted the honors. His subject: the state of the university.

A dozen '53 classmates dashed through the snows of D.C. to CALC. The festivities included a '53 dinner at the Marriott. **Caroline Mulford** Owens and **Dick Halberstadt** accepted co-chairmanship of our 60th Reunion—June 6-9, 2013. Earlier that day, they demonstrated their teammanship with each other. The lunchers competed to see if they could build models of a pumpkin stuck on the Libe Tower spire. They were given tools—a handful of uncooked spaghetti, an orange marshmallow, some string and tape, and 15 minutes to build one that remained standing. Dick and Caroline did it in approximately five minutes.

Not so long after a 2009 voyage through the Panama Canal, with stops along the way, **John** and **Lea Paxton Nixon** (Atlanta, GA) opened their home, in February and March 2010, to a family they met in the Republic of Georgia. Their guests' son, Tedi, was born with a hole in his heart. Two operations in his native Georgia didn't fix it. Lea was able to connect the family with a world-class pediatric heart facility—in Atlanta. The needed surgery was done at no cost in Georgia, USA. Little Tedi returned home "with a super heart and future." He'll be back for yearly checkups. Later on, the Nixons visited 'Stans of Central Asia—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan—an area larger than Europe, but not even as well known to westerners as, say, Afghanistan. In antiquity, it was frequented by those who traveled the old Silk Road and waves of the uninvited, like Genghis Khan, Tamburlaine, Ottoman Turks, and finally, the Russians. "A fascinating place," the Nixons say, and "recommend it to all."

Dick and **Peg Jones Halberstadt '56** and **Harvey** and **Margy Horsfall Schadler**, in South America to see, photograph, and appreciate birds and pre-Inca culture, overflowed the mysterious, many hundred years B.C. pictograph Lines of Nazca in the Peruvian desert. One of the gigantic drawings of creatures cut into the arid desert floor is of a hummingbird, about the length of a football field. There are those, you may have noted on the late, late, late telly, who suggest that the lines may have been drawn as celestial guidance systems for ancient astronauts from worlds more advanced than ours. The Halberstadts also

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nonprofit law enforcement organizations: the Centurion Foundation and New York State Troopers Foundation and Funds. He would have done nothing differently at Cornell. Greatest impact? "My Finance professor at the Johnson School."

Ellen Butterfield Simenstad (Madison, WI) enjoys cooking, singing in her church choir, watercolor painting, and taking lessons from an art teacher. She helps serve a monthly meal for homeless people. She would have changed nothing at Cornell. "I enjoyed my junior and senior years at Cornell after transferring from Carleton College in Northfield, MN." The greatest impact was from professors in the College of Home Economics. After graduation, Ellen worked for four years as a home economist in Rochester, NY. **Louise Ceritelli** Oricchio (Ft. Myers Beach, FL) spends her time reading, swimming, walking on the beach, traveling, and visiting friends and family in New York and Connecticut. Because she broke her left hip a year ago, she also spends time in rehab. At Cornell, she'd like to have attended more sports events. The greatest impact was from Rosalind MacLean and Hendrika Rhineburger. "They both had our Nursing class of 70 students terrorized early on, but by graduation they were endeared to all!"

Clifford "Red" and **Betty Wade** (wadebetty@yahoo.com) summer in Bainbridge, NY, where they operate their hay and tree farm and enjoy time with their five kids and 18 grandchildren at the farm and Seneca Lake camp. Winters are spent in DeLeon Springs, FL, working in their small citrus grove and fishing and shrimping in the Indian River. He writes, "The great way my life has turned out, there are very few things I would have changed." The greatest impact on him was "the dean who kicked me out after the first semester instead of putting me on probation." **James MacKellar** (Newport Center, VT) reports, "Grandson **Gavin MacKellar '11** is scheduled to graduate in May. He is the fourth generation of our family to do so. My father was **Gordon MacKellar '20**, and my son is **Ian MacKellar '78**, DVM '81." **John Noonan** (Kansas City, MO) does pro bono work, reads, and plays tennis and golf.

themselves." **Perry Gilbert, PhD '40**, in Biology had the greatest impact. **Charles Soumas** (Cotuit, MA; cotuitchas@comcast.net) is fishing, boating, and traveling. He is also developing condos and an olive oil business in southern Greece. At Cornell he would have double registered for a business degree. Coaches **Bob Cullen** and **Terry Cullen, MBA '66**, had the greatest impact. **Terrill Duke** Walters (Greenville, SC; terrill.walters@gmail.com) would have "studied more!" Prof. Sale and **Mickey Caughlan** Kelley, her roommate, had the greatest impact.

Thurl Merritt is in a nursing home in Newburgh, NY. His wife, **Barbara (Clarke) '51** (merritt.bj@gmail.com), lives nearby. **Robert Weinman** (Palm Springs, CA; raweinman@aol.com) works as an expert witness, reading, testifying, and traveling. **Gerald Thorington, DVM '52** (Rushford, NY) celebrated his 90th birthday on October 11. He's running his farm. He would have done nothing differently at Cornell. All of his professors in both the Ag and Vet colleges had a great impact on him. **Edwin Biederman Jr.** (State College, PA) spends most of his time taking care of his wife. However, he finished a novel, *Polar 44, Ring 5*, which has been published and received a favorable review. **Ora Rothfuss Jr.** lives in Macedon, NY. **Edward Greenstein, DVM '52** (etgven@erols.com) lives in Alexandria, VA. **Ruth Marsey** Blum (Durham, NC) reads and rests. Retiree **Rudolph Fritz** lives in Newark, NY. **Lincoln Peirce** (Barrington, NH; lpeirce@metrocast.net) says Prof. **Henry Munger '36**, PhD '41, had the greatest impact on him at Cornell.

I've now heard from more than 150 of you. I'm not complaining. Rather, we hope that such enthusiasm will bring you to Ithaca for our 60th Reunion. Here is the latest from reunion co-chairs **Terry** and **Dori Crozier** Warren: "Look forward to meeting our new 'Lehigh Valley Bear' reunion class logo and its theme of 'All Aboard for 2012.' The railroading idea came about when we realized none of us had cars on campus and most traveled on trains. Again, we hope you will reserve 2012 Reunion Weekend dates, June 7-10." **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

got to go through the Canal, but their adventure was marred by the failure of an engine aboard the cruise ship *Clelia II* at sea. Later in the year the *Clelia* made news when an engine quit again as the ship made its way through a stormy Drake Passage to Antarctica in December.

Former '53 prez and Cornell trustee **C.K. Poe Fratt's** daughter **Laura '81** (Scarsdale, NY) reports that her son, Alex Usby, is heading for Cornell, along with his cousin **Isabelle "Izzy" Fratt '14**, daughter of Poe Jr. So now there will be two of Poe's grandkids on the Hill. "You can imagine how proud I am," says Laura. "I know Dad is smiling."

George Robson (Fresno, CA), infrequently heard from these several decades, has completed a ten-year study of ADHD, aka Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder—showing he has a pretty good span of paying heed. It was a pilot for a more extensive controlled study. He wonders whether others are pursuing similar research work, clinically or theoretically. **Joan Schoof Hoffman '52** notes that late spouse **Paul**, DVM '53, professor emeritus of large animal medicine at the U. of Georgia vet school, has been honored posthumously by one of his students, Olive K. Britt, with the funding of the Olive K. Britt-Paul E. Hoffman Professorship. Britt was a pioneer for women in equine medicine and the first woman intern in the large animal clinic at the U. of Pennsylvania. She assisted the mare in the foaling of racing immortal Secretariat (aka Big Red). Hoffman was a distinguished equine locomotory disease teacher at the U. of Georgia for 42 years.

Fifty-three goes back to Tanglewood July 24 for an all-Ravel program in the afternoon and supper at Phil and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron's rustic Lenox, MA, digs. Stay tuned. ☒ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Hmmm . . . The weather in Cold Town as I write this column is 20 degrees for the fourth straight day, with chilling winds and the constant threat of a wintry mix. The brave participants marching in the George Washington Day Parade—after all, Alexandria was his home—looked as though they had spent the long winter with the general at Valley Forge. I am beginning to comprehend why so many of you overwinter in Florida. As a Californian, you just don't understand. I do now.

Your fall notes have come flooding in, causing complete exhaustion on my part after reading about all you do. **Allan Griff** has up and moved from the D.C. area to the San Francisco Bay Area and finds it most agreeable. Allan, we must have lunch at Alice's place or Greens to talk over your move. His decisions to move west involved milder climate, year-round gardening, and removal from the mayhem of our nation's capital. He has been his own boss since 1961, so is yet unretired and free to write poetry or any number of other things when the muses dictate. **Stan** and **Ruth Sigel** have established a community emergency response team (CERT) program in the 300-year old town of Truro, MA. CERT volunteers are prepared to help in all manner of emergencies when requested by first responders. If you're not familiar with the training, check it out on Google. **Hugh Schwartz**, who has long written and lectured on the field of economics, is preparing a book entitled "Improving Economic Policy—With or Without Economists." Hugh has for years worked in the Fairfax County jails

and is presently working toward upgrading their offerings to better enable the inmates to obtain gainful employment when they are released. **Ellen Barber Fonda** followed up her Cornell degree with a master's from Drexel and then taught consumer and family courses at the high school level for 23 years. She moved to the Philadelphia area 47 years ago and has no intention of moving out of the area, as most of her five children and 11 grandchildren live one to three hours distant. **George Gibson** (Odgen, UT) has been retired from the USAF for more than 25 years and keeps active with his home repair and maintenance services, the Salvation Army advisory board, and his local church.

Great, upbeat note from **Joanne Wilson** Wietgreffe that I have read over and over. Joanne and Walt met while singing a cappella and have been literally singing ever since. They retired to Ithaca to be near their daughter, but consider it the best move they ever made (take note, readers in Arizona and Florida). Joanne is a member of the Cornell Companions, an organization that takes their well-trained therapy dogs to schools, reformatories, nursing homes, hospitals, etc. The First Congregational Church also benefits from her attention to detail. Joanne's bucket list includes: a ride in a hot air balloon, a visit to the art museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, and seeing the Cornell men's hockey team among the Frozen Four. For those still in the dark as to what exactly is a bucket list—check Google and remember, it is a fun list to make. **William Kimber** is medical director of the Geisinger Medical Center's School of Cardiovascular Technology, which he founded in 1991. As a cath lab director in the past, he saw the need for training technologists to work in cardiac cath labs and filled it. Having lived in Danville, PA, for 43 years—and William still unretired—it is unlikely he and Ann will slide down the East Coast any time soon. I found it interesting that he volunteers with the Red Cross teaching a required course to high school juniors in the use of CPR and AEDs to resuscitate heart attack victims. Still unretired and working in the nation's capital is **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** who, along with her court duties, welcomes Cornell-in-Washington to the Supreme Court every spring and fall. Ruth has graciously done this since 1993. As you might have guessed, her lasting influences from Cornell were professors **Robert E. Cushman**, **Milton Konvitz, PhD '33**, **Clinton Rossiter '39**, and **Vladimir Nabokov**.

Bob Friedman is still active as chairman of the Dept. of Pathology, Uniformed Services U. Medical School in Bethesda and doing cancer research. As to Cornell influences, Bob says his major in Economics surprisingly has been very useful and his membership in Watermargin has aided in his understanding of many of the current issues at play today. He has listed trips to China and Australia on his bucket list which, despite all his trips to India over the years, appear not to have been on his tight travel schedule. **Jill Niederman** Edelson continues as an adjunct at SUNY Old Westbury and teaches one course in the School of Education. With a reduced schedule, Jill hopes to do more volunteer work. Wonder if her lovely daughter still plays viola with the NSO. ☒ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesiejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 When my news supply for this column was running dangerously low, Cornell came to the rescue and sent a "request for news" message to everyone

in the class with active e-mail addresses. What a great idea! The response has been wonderful, my mailbox is full (for now), and I want to thank you all. So on to the news.


Hilly McCann Dearden wrote that she has still not fully recovered from Reunion, but she's hoping to make it to our next one. "Make sure everyone knows how much I enjoyed seeing them and look forward to another visit." **Olga Bruun** Staneslow has been traveling quite a bit these past years—to India two years ago and last summer, on a boat trip down the Rhone River ending up in Nice. From there, Olly and her partner rented a car and visited Provence and Germany. By spring they'll be in Israel. This summer, she will be staying closer to home in St. Paul, where her great love is camping in the Boundary Waters. Olly belongs to a Cornell reading group that meets once a month, "so I'm in touch with Cornellians, but not from our class. I'm the oldie in this group!"

Speaking of Reunion, **Marcia Willemen** Sutters wrote that she enjoyed hanging out at Reunion with freshman corridor Risleyites **Liz Burroughs** Miley and **Ellie Greig** Downing, plus **Doris Wunsch** Neilson. Later in the year the Sutters flew to London and took a cruise to Ireland, Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland. Here's the latest from **George Shear**, BArch '56: "Having retired after a few years of consulting with my former architectural firm in NYC, I've become interested in the architecture of the past. After publishing a series of prints of the historic estates in the Hudson Valley, I've moved on to other architectural confections. View these at my website www.ARCHistration.com." **Joel Mallin** and **Sherry Vogel** Greenberg-Mallin took a family group of 16, children and grandchildren, on safari over Christmas to Tanzania for ten days of traveling and viewing wildlife. "A great trip that I encourage everyone to do before it is too late," Joel advises. "The wide open spaces are becoming narrower and narrower."

Peggy and **Andy Kaufmann**, BArch '56, are moving, but not too far. "After 22 years in Columbia, SC, we are going country, to a smaller house on 20 acres in the woods. Can't see the nearest neighbors, but will have frequent visits by deer, wild turkey, and perhaps an occasional coyote." **Jack Frey** wrote with good news: "After the death of my second wife I met a wonderful lady, Maia Rahill, and we were married on Sept. 5. She's a practicing psychotherapist. I'm retired from the DuPont Co., but still working part-time as a marketing and financial consultant." **Jack** and **Maia** live in Mahwah, NJ. **Dave** and **Joann Schmidt** ended last year on a high note, with a two-week riverboat tour on the Danube with Cornell alumni and alumni coordinator Julie Featherstone (Dave serenaded Julie with "Good Night Little Girl"—she had never heard it before!). The tour started in Budapest, visited Vienna, and ended in Prague. In November the Schmidts were visited by two friends of their Swedish daughter-in-law, Camilla. The friends had never been to a Thanksgiving dinner. Dave said his wife "pulled out all the stops" for them, and the young women thought it was "just like a movie!" They, of course, had seen something like it in an old film. "Since then, I have been working on getting the Cayuga's Waiters signed up for our six gigs during the June reunion. It looks like a great turnout!" Dave and Joann head back to New York sometime in mid-April to be home before their annual Kentucky Derby party.

This just in, from **Nancy Taft** Whitman: "It just so happened that a friend and I were in

Alexandria, Egypt, when all the demonstrations began. We were supposed to be on a Red Sea cruise that went to the Sinai, Jordan, and Syria. I was really looking forward to climbing Mt. Sinai! But we ended up being confined to the hotel for six nights before the tour company could get us out of there. They finally sent a charter for us, but the government couldn't guarantee our safety for the 20 minutes it took to get to the airport! Finally, we were able to get to the airport and get another chartered flight to Rome, and were flown home on various airlines. It was interesting to be in the middle of history, and, luckily, we were never in any danger."

Bill Doerler writes, "I enjoyed my annual luncheon with **Lee '54** and **Barbara Loreto Peltz**, who swung by after their cruise in January." From there, the Peltzes went on to visit **Anne Morrissy Merick** on Florida's west coast. Bill also had lunch with his old friend **Tom Fricke**, who lives in North Palm Beach. "Good fun talking about the good old days at Cornell!" When he's not lunching, Bill is working with a startup company in New Jersey in the field of money transmittal, starting with Mexico. "A very interesting venture for this old Aggie to get involved in!" And a couple of comments from **Ann Overbeck**: "I am sad about the death of my roommate **Ann Blodgett Brown** on July 14, 2010. She had just gotten home from a wonderful round-the-world cruise. I am happy about the marriage of my roommate **Jan Lepard McPhail**. I am looking forward to the end of this winter and the 'Romance on the Rhine and Mosel' river cruise in April. And I really enjoy visiting with my Cornell friends on Facebook." Check it out!  **Nancy Savage Petrie**, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 Mini-reunions. My co-class correspondent **Stephen Kittenplan** and his wife, Gail, spent five days in California with **Curtis** and **Pamela Reis**. The foursome had a wonderful time together. Please note there was a new arrival to the group: **Curt** and **Pam** have adopted a poodle named **Teddy**, who is keeping them very busy now that **Curt** has retired after 53 years in the banking industry. **Curt** is director of the California Council for Economic Education, among his many Cornell activities.

In Washington, DC, **Ed** and **Lois Ullman Berkowitz '59** entertained some of us who attended the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in January. Those attending and having a warm and delicious evening were: **Ed Cogen**, JD '60, retired from the legal profession; **Joe Manelski**, who has been hosting quarterly Cornell lunches at his wonderful home in McLean, VA; and **Barbara Travis Osgood**, PhD '80, who has been helping Joe. The lunches have featured great speakers on such topics as theatre arts in the D.C. area and world financial matters. Joe has also made his house available as unofficial headquarters and dormitory for the Cornell Solar Decathlon teams. He was recently honored by the Ag college.

Others in attendance were **Bob** and **Diana Motycka Day**, who have been heavily engaged in community activities over the last few years, such as campaigns to clean up the Anacostia River and Rock Creek Park as well as supporting the D.C. rowing establishment. Others there were our co-reunion chair **Percy Edwards Browning**; **Carole Rapp** Thompson, retired from the United Nations and very engaged in making our reunion housing a success; and **Bob Morrisson**, retired from IBM

and living in Poughkeepsie. **Stanley**, the **Berkowitz**'s cat, skulked around. I was there, and in case you've forgotten, I am selling shopping centers around the US. Just one addition: **Ed**, our host, volunteers every Wednesday at Smithsonian's American History Museum and is ready to meet and greet you.

Which leads me to another reunion—our 55th this June. You should have received registration materials by now with information about all the wonderful events planned for us by our reunion chairs **Jim Quest** and **Percy**. We are staying at **Alice Cook House**, a wonderful new dorm. Our classmate **Marilyn Berger Hewitt** will be speaking to us about her fabulous book, *This is a Soul*, a book literally about miracles that happen to all of us. The book will be available at the Cornell bookstore, or you can bring one with you. I am sure you will want Marilyn to sign your copy. In addition, check our class website (<http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>) to see who is signed up already. It is constantly being updated.

Classmates heard from: **Bob Seraphin** (Annandale, VA) retired long ago from working for the US House of Representatives, but is still consulting part-time on issues related to Congressional affairs. He and wife **Barbara (Franco) '59** celebrated their 50th anniversary on a cruise to Alaska with daughters, spouses, and grandchildren. **Gideon Panter**, MD '60, is a practicing gynecologist in NYC. He was on the 50th Reunion committee at Weill Cornell Medical College as part of his job as a director of the Medical college's Alumni Association. "The reunion was wonderful," he said, "and I realized that I shall never miss another." Gideon is looking forward to our 55th in 2011.


Henry Lavarnway, MBA '57 (San Antonio, TX) continues to spend 3-1/2 months a year on the St. Lawrence River in Clayton, NY—bass fishing ("Catch enough for a big chowder, but no trophies"). **Orlando Turco** (Ithaca, NY) is a realtor with Warren Real Estate in Ithaca and still involved with the Cornell wrestling team. **Bill Purdy** (Scotia, NY) remains a director of the Trustco Bank, a \$4 billion bank headquartered in Schenectady, NY. **John Long**, MS '57 (Albion, NY) enjoys retirement on his farm with wife **Loretta**. **Chris '55** and **Carol Skidmore Cuddeback** (Front Royal, VA) have lived at their current address in the Shenandoah Valley longer than they have lived anywhere in their 53 years of marriage. They are very happy to stay put on their 350 acres with their family.

Fred Stafford (Chicago, IL) fell off his bike, fractured a hip, and had hip replacement surgery in August 2009. Not to let that get him down, Fred has taken up Scandinavian turning dances and went to Sweden for a dance cap in July 2010. **Baxter Webb** (Palm Beach, FL) is active in the United Way and Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce, and on the board of the Cornell Club of Eastern Florida. He is looking forward to reunion in June. **Peg Jones Halberstadt** (Cincinnati, OH) moved to a retirement home about ten miles from where they had lived, and continues to be a docent at the Cincinnati Art Museum. She mini-reunited with sister **DGs** in D.C. last winter and saw **Les Papenfus** Reed '54, **Sue Sylvester** Teunis, **Diana Motycka Day**, **Jan Nelson Cole '57**, **Nancy Galusha** Thomas, and **Theta Bette Wendt** Jore. **Tom Kerr** (Westerville, OH) was named president emeritus of Otterbein U. in recognition of his 13 years as president and service to the university. Our congratulations to you, Tom.

Barbara Barron Starr, my Cornell roommate and longtime good friend, had suggested that we have a panel discussion at reunion on retirement

options (living, activities/health issues, etc). Might be something we can organize informally judging by what everyone is doing as reported in this column. **Law Klotz** (Teaneck, NJ) has been traveling in Europe and looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion. **Janet Booth** Anderson (Fairport, NY) reports about a Cornell luncheon group in her area that has been in existence for some 40 years. There are Cornellians of all classes, including **Jean Grant** Whitney of Rochester. **Diane Newman** Fried, MEd '58 (Stratford, CT) is the treasurer of her local League of Women Voters. She also volunteers as a reader in the local schools and teaches in lifelong-learning/learning-in-retirement programs. **Judy Morse** Jones (West Dover, VT) volunteers at her grandson's school in the areas of American history (her avocation) and science (her former vocation). **Patricia Smith** Guggenheim Born was married on August 22 to Robert Born and will be living in Jupiter, FL, half the year.

Stephen and **Gail Gifford Rudin** will join **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, for his theatre weekend in New York City. **Karl Fischer** (Chatham, MA) says retirement is good and bad. Karl is devoting full-time and assistance to his "cancer-battling wife," Nancy. We wish them both success in this endeavor. **Phyllis Mable** (Washington, DC) serves as executive director for the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education. **Roy Mitchell** (Great Falls, VA) is a mediator and arbitrator at JAMS, the dispute resolution experts (jamsadr.com). **Mike Fellner** (New York City) came out of retirement to run a few dermatology clinics and teach one day a week at Metropolitan Hospital. **Bonnie Smith** Whyte (Reston, VA) works with Aging in Place, a services system to allow older people to continue to live at home rather than have to move into a retirement community—if that is their choice. **Howard Schneider**, JD '59 (NYC) started yet another career as a consultant. He joined Navigant Economics and acts as a business consultant and testifies in the futures and derivatives business.

We are saddened to receive the news of the passing on October 14, 2010 of our classmate **Leonard LoBello** (Philippi, WV). Leonard retired from his position as CFO and VP of Alderson Broodius College in Philippi, after 36 years of service. His civic contributions were renowned, including such areas as hospice, education, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Philippi Baptist Church, and he was named corporate citizen of the year many times. "He was a man of integrity," writes his wife, Sue, "and a very private person who could be counted on to help those who needed help. The loss is huge for me and our family. He was a prize."  **Phyllis Bosworth**, phyloboz@aol.com.

57 After **Sari Feldman** Zukerman was elected president of the Guttenberg, NJ, board of education, an article appeared in the *Hudson Reporter* listing many of Sari's accomplishments. A lovely photo accompanies the article and you can read it online by googling Sari's name. Budget cuts and personnel layoffs have provided a challenge for her in her new job. In another role, Sari volunteers at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. Last November, **Phyllis Lorberblatt** Kahn was re-elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives and was also honored by *Governing Magazine* as a Person of the Year. You can read more at governing.com/poy/Kahn. **Myrna Britz** Danzig splits her time between Miami Beach and New York City. She enjoys

museums, films, and restaurants. Some Cornell friends she'd like to hear from: **Bill Huffer**, **Ann Marie Abrahamsen Foltz**, and **Nina Zippin Baym**.

Judy Weinberg Weidenthal, BFA '57, was an accomplished photographer and well known in the Cleveland area before Parkinson's disease made it difficult to continue. Judy has been an officer of PEP, a local Parkinson's support group, and a neurosurgical procedure last year has been beneficial to her. While attending Cornell, Judy spent her junior year in France; when she was well, she was part of a French-speaking group that met regularly. **Elizabeth Hollister Zimmerman** is co-founder of Wisconsin Wetlands Association and has been working on a botany text, finishing the work of her late husband. At Cornell, Libby belonged to the Cornell Outing Club and still enjoys hiking and kayaking. As a member of the Lab of Ornithology she occasionally does bird and frog surveys. **Barbara Kaufman** Smith had a laminectomy in October and is "still trying to get back to normal walking—replaced hip not cooperating very well." The upside of her life is that she continues to enjoy performing with the U. of Kentucky senior citizens chorus and is in her 32nd year of volunteering as a narrator of books for people who are blind and handicapped. Barbara got her start in this field at Cornell by reading a textbook to a classmate blinded in one eye playing lacrosse.

Jerry Neuman Held serves on the women's committee for the National Symphony Orchestra and after eye surgery is now back to playing tennis and golf and skiing in Colorado. Jerry was at the CAU summer program in 2010 with son **Andy '84** and other family members—"fun had by all." **Marylou Watkins** Downs is in the process of deciding whether to downsize in Waynesboro, VA, or move to Florida. She is an active member of the Shenandoah Valley Art Association, which sponsors a Fall Foliage weekend of art. And like many of us she finds golf "an ongoing challenge." **Joyce Edgar** Schickler is secretary for the 1957 School of Nursing class and welcomes communications from fellow Nursing school graduates. You can find her at Jschickler@cox.net. **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

For the last 14 years, **David Bulman** has facilitated a class called "Science Times" at SUNYIT (Inst. of Technology) at Utica, commuting from Albany. He uses the *New York Times* Tuesday science section as his text for the group of retired professionals. **Sam Waxman**, distinguished professor at Mount Sinai Medical School, is the scientific director of the Cancer Research Foundation bearing his name, which is active in breast cancer research. He is also involved with an Israeli think tank. Also involved in scientific activity is **Allan Dunn**, who lectured on a science he claims to have discovered, prenatal development healing of cartilage, at a meeting in Brussels. **Harvey Lyndaker** dabbles in real estate in retirement and enjoys skiing in the winter months. He is active in the high school wrestling association in Middleport, NY, having been involved in the sport since his own high school wrestling days. **Ernest Boda** wrestled during his years on the Hill and still follows the nationally ranked Big Red as a season ticket holder. He is active in his church as a deacon and soloist.

Also singing in his church choir is **Lee Poole**, who was high tenor in the Glee Club. He is retired as a Presbyterian minister, currently aiding in acquiring housing for people through a nonprofit agency. He probably holds the class record for

travel, having visited 48 states and 37 countries. He and **Ginny (Glade) '54** have moved to Vermont and gone against the trend by upgrading a small house into larger quarters. Continuing on the musical front, **Bob Hurlbut** is the chairman of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He also serves on the board of a 700-bed hospital and is a trustee of the U. of Rochester and the chairman of the New York State Insurance Fund.

Jim Brown, retired from his own consulting firm in the plastics industry, breeds black and yellow Labrador retrievers. He is a selectman and a member of the Stratford, NH, planning board. He spends considerable time fishing, a talent he

(Ponte Vedra Beach) for several reasons: moderate weather, low taxes, outstanding golf, uncrowded beaches . . . and the Mayo Clinic! However, he says there are not many Cornellians, so the local club died for lack of volunteers to lead the activities.

Gary Davidson played varsity baseball for three years as an undergrad, so now he gets to play in the alumni baseball game each reunion year. He lives at Kendal at Ithaca, so is permanently in the area. **Bonnie Casey** Buckley gives us a challenge! She is into palindromes! She says she has one with 36 letters and it makes sense. She issues a challenge to anyone who can come up with

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Jan Arps Jarvie '58

claims to have learned in Ithaca. **Sam Leadley**, PhD '67, consults with calf raisers, primarily in the Northeast and Midwest, but also extensively internationally. Hunting is a favorite pastime of **Andy Schroder**, LLB '62, who follows Philadelphia sports teams while living in Sanibel, FL. He and Charlotte do quite a bit of volunteer work and enjoy tending the various plantings around their house. Over on the East Coast, **Jim** and **Shari Broadhead** reside in North Palm Beach, where Jim sings now and then with any remnants of the Cayuga's Waiters. He attended the annual meeting of the Presidential Councilors in Ithaca last fall and was at the unveiling of **Steve Weiss's** portrait in the Kinkeldy Room of Uris Library. **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 I have a few news forms left over from 2010, so will get that news out first. **Eleanor DeMov** Schaffer has been traveling a bit—Panama Canal, Alaska, Hawaii—and spending time at the beach with grandchildren while battling breast cancer. Her husband still works at his law practice and was honored for 50 years of service at the Nassau County Bar Association. Eleanor is still on the board of the Freeport Library, after serving 24 years as president. **Cindy Rogers** Heinbach became a great-grandmother in December 2009. She still enjoys singing with the choir and the community "Troubadors" and traveling to visit her family. A favorite trip was to the West, seeing the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and several others. **Herbert Whittall** also had a wonderful, three-month driving trip around the western states. He visited seven national parks and drove 12,000 miles. He and his wife are very committed to Vero Beach and involved in civic and governmental organizations.

Peter Klem is still working on a book that will answer all the great questions. "I just finished 'Is There Life on Other Planets' (answer: We don't know yet) and have started 'What is Truth?'" He expects to publish in 2012. When asked about Cornell courses that continue to play a part in his life, he responded, "I still obsess about the question I missed on Nabokov's final exam!" **Robert Hanna** and his wife relocated to northeast Florida

one featuring 37 letters (or more). **Sonja Kischner** Wilkin has an ongoing membership in a community chorus—Diablo Women's Chorale, in Walnut Creek, CA. They give two main concerts a year in May and December and have a few singouts in the county. She also enjoys gym activities, skiing, reading, and socializing with friends and family.

Barbara Avery, MA '59, retired as director of the Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice in March 2010. Now she is working on her retirement "to do" list. Last fall she canvassed for the Democratic candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives. She was a Government major as an undergrad and is still involved in elections and politics. **Cynthia Ide** writes from Rome, Italy. She is translating a website for an Italian restorer friend and writing articles for a local magazine called *Wanted in Rome*. She says she is also trying to downsize clutter at home—"The books are climbing the stairs. Feng Shui, ho!"

John Buchleitner and his wife ride bicycles extensively. They completed a ride on the Maryland Eastern Shore for the juvenile diabetes charity. He still plays senior ice hockey. "I fish out of Ocean City, MD, from our condo. We also spend a lot of time with our grandchildren." **Gene Ceglowski**, DVM '67, and his wife went on the weeklong CAU trip to the Olympic Peninsula, Columbia River Gorge, and Mount St. Helens. On the trip he met, for the first time, **A.C. Church** Riley (Saratoga Springs, NY). Gene has been a school board member for 25 years and in the local motorcycle club for 41. Speaking of A.C. Church Riley, she has been a life member of the Cornell Council and an emeritus member of the Arts and Sciences Advisory Council. She reads, does needlework, plays golf and mah-jongg, and pays attention to politics at every level. She and her husband spent two delightful weeks on Cape Cod in the world's smallest cottage! She also chaired the Saratoga Hospital planned giving committee and served on the development committee for Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson.

I had an e-mail from **Ron Demer '59**, who sent some info on **Richard Melton**. Richard, an SAE, transferred to Cornell from the U. of Maryland and was a career Foreign Service officer. His last assignment abroad was as the US Ambassador

to Brazil. He is now retired and lives in Alexandria, VA. ☒ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valleybrook Dr., Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 How thrilling! David Seidler won the Oscar for best original screenplay for his compelling, impeccably crafted *The King's Speech*. Inspired by King George VI to overcome his own stutter, David began researching the project in the 1970s, though it wasn't until 2002 that he got access to the notebooks of King George's speech therapist. He's now planning to move the story to the stage, with a scheduled London opening this fall. The oldest person to win this particular Academy Award, David told the awards audience, "My father always said to me I would be a late bloomer."

Our congratulations and best wishes to all who graduate from Cornell this month, but especially to **Evan Antoine '11**, the most recent recipient of the Class of '59 scholarship. Evan, from Orlando, FL, is an independent major in CALS, concentrating in marketing and sociology; he will graduate with a BS in Interdisciplinary Studies. Evan has been publicity chair for the Men of Color Council (M.O.C.C.) at Cornell; the organization sponsors networking opportunities and leadership conferences for underrepresented Cornellians and Ithaca High School students. "At a conference we held in January," he writes, "I learned about the concept of servant leadership, which is leadership grounded in service to others. This concept has made a significant impact on how I view myself as a member of our society, and I plan to practice these principles when I graduate."

Evan also has served as liaison VP of communications for Cornell's delegation of the Ivy Council. This is a student-run consortium that helps connect students from all eight Ivy League schools. He has held jobs at RPCC Dining and the Appel Student Center. In February he began working for the Cornell Annual Fund as a university representative. After graduation, Evan hopes to work in marketing or public relations and is considering attending graduate school in the next two years. In a thank-you letter to our class, he says: "I am both excited and prepared for the world that awaits me after graduation. I know that I would not have reached this great moment in my life without the generosity of the Class of 1959. I hope to one day sponsor a scholarship for deserving students to help them achieve their full potentials. By doing this, I will fully understand the satisfaction that comes from helping someone actualize his or her dreams and aspirations."

Kudos, too, to our physical therapy poster child: **Jane Taubert** Wiegand (Attleboro, MA). Last August, Jane had hip replacement surgery after telling the orthopedic surgeon that she needed to be able to ski afterwards. "Note that he is one of the leading doctors at New England Baptist and has pioneered in minimally invasive procedures," says Jane. "His approach minimizes the impact on the muscles that keep the joint in place. He said he would have me on skis when the snow flew if I did my rehab." And do it she did—exercising with a physical therapist, walking in sand, riding her road bike, using an exercise bike and her Skier's Edge. She was back on the slopes in Vermont after Thanksgiving, returned after New Year's, then went to Colorado at the end of January for two weeks, skiing hard for at least a half day every day. In mid-February she told me, "I'm going back for two weeks and expect to do at least as well."

Daniel '56 and **Patricia Lasky Rathmann** retired to Moscow, ID, about a year ago to be closer to family. "Son Kurt did his graduate work in architecture at the U. of Idaho here," says Pat, "and we found the idea of a small colleegetown nestled in the foothills of the Clearwater National Forest very appealing after 25-plus years in Cincinnati, OH. Opportunities for hiking and fishing are excellent: we've traipsed both the Lewis & Clark and Nez Perce trails. We also own a small farm 20 miles outside of town, so we're enjoying the best of both worlds. Boise, Seattle, Missoula, and Portland—as well as Yosemite, Glacier, Craters of the Moon, and Yellowstone—are only a short day's ride. This gave us the opportunity to join **Jackie Sundermeyer** Hill and her husband Emile for a wonderful eight days at Old Faithful Inn over Labor Day. The geysers, of course, are spectacular, but it was also experiencing the wildness of both the scenery and the animals that was breathtaking. To see wolves and to share that with a group of fellow travelers was truly bonding. To quote Ken Burns, our national parks are America's best idea."

Sue Bates Cottrell continues to work as the hospitality director at Freemark Abbey Winery in St. Helena, CA. Lots of extracurricular activities on her agenda, too, including season tickets to San Francisco Giants games and to the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts. Sue is a member of the St. Helena Chamber Choir and enjoys watching her grandchildren, three of whom live close to her. Also living near children and grandchildren, **Jacqueline Grant** Lewis resides in Harleysville, PA. **Kim Mitchell** has been helping his son on the family farm and is restoring an International Harvester 544 tractor, a four-cylinder agricultural tractor produced in the late '60s and early '70s. Kim also has been enjoying some great trips, including travels to Greece and Alaska. ☒ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Reflections on last June's gathering are still coming in. **George Nukk**, BME '62, writes from Franklin Lakes, NJ, "It was great getting back for our 50th Reunion and being with my fraternity brothers, Mechanical Engineering schoolmates, and football team members. I hope to see everyone in five years at our next reunion!" **Ruth Berberian** Hanessian made the early June drive to Ithaca from the Washington area with **Tish Heller** Davidson and **Susan Cowan** Jakubiak. She says that the trip "really took us all back 50 years, and a stop at the Ithaca Farmers Market by the lake on the way home put the final touch on a wonderful visit." A Reunion highlight for Ruth was "sitting in front of the Lab of Ornithology Friday morning at 6:30 and watching the soon-to-fledge clutch of great blue herons stand up to be fed by parents."

Paul Becker came from Bloomington, IN, to attend reunion with wife **Gail (Hirschmann) '62** and says they "had a great time. We had fun with [former] roommates **David Covitz**, DVM '63, and **Arnie Henry**, whom we don't see very often since we live in the Midwest." The Beckers' daughter Lisa

is director and head curator at the Art Museum at the U. of Colorado; son **Kevin '89** is director of research at Henkel; Randy, a former actor, is a producer and also represents screenwriters; and daughter Tineka, a theatre major, is now a casting agent in Los Angeles who has worked on such movies as *Fair Game* and *The Lovely Bones*.

Saying he was sorry they were unable to attend reunion in June, **Ray Skaddan** (Dresher, PA) adds, "Lynda and I continue to enjoy traveling to visit our daughter and son and their families in San Diego and Virginia, respectively, and our annual two weeks in Cape Cod in September." Ray still works as a principal with LarsonAllen, "but with a relaxed schedule," and says he is "in regular contact with several Cornell Hotelies," including **Paul Aucther**, JD '64, who lives in Key Biscayne, FL. **Peter Vail**, formerly president of Carolina Eastern, an agricultural product company, now lives in Englewood, FL. He reports, "My hobby (avocation) is raising pedigreed dairy cattle. We had a great fall, showing our cows at the World Dairy Exposition in Madison, WI." Two of his cows won prizes there; at the All-American Jersey Show in Louisville, KY, they won the Jersey Futurity prize.

Peter Linzer (plinzer@uh.edu or plinzer@gmail.com) is professor of law at the U. of Houston Law Center, teaching contracts and constitutional law. He says, "I just published my revision of a volume of *Corbin on Contracts*, a well-known legal treatise. I'm also active in the American Law Inst." Peter has a son, Grayson, 15, whom he plans to take to Japan this summer. He says: "I'd love to get advice and suggestions from folks who've been to or lived in Japan." From Parkdale, OR, **Paula Friedman** reports, "My new novel, *The Rescuer's Path*, will be published in late spring/early summer 2011 by PV Press." The plot revolves around the daughter of a Holocaust survivor who saves an antiwar activist framed for a fatal bombing of an army truck. She subsequently has a child with him whom she gives up for adoption—but who reappears in her life 30 years later. Paula says that novelist Ursula LeGuin calls *The Rescuer's Path* "exciting, physically vivid, and romantic." When not working on her own writing, she says, "I'm editing books for university presses and private clients, teaching writing, and practicing cross-country skiing in my yard here in the Oregon countryside."

Intrigued by the e-mail address of **Susan Glowacki** Luccini—susan@smlpublishing.com—

I discovered that, after a career as an English teacher in the US, Ghana, Borneo, and Italy and as a writer and editor for educational publishers, Susan now offers an array of memoir-writing services, helping people record and preserve their life stories. Her firm, whose website is www.smlpublishing.com, provides assistance with manuscript preparation, as well as printing and binding. She and husband Ezio live in Oregon House, CA, where she also does volunteer work in literacy and equal-opportunity programs.

David Chittenden, who has spent four decades in the Bay Area as an orthopedic surgeon, reports that he is now "mostly retired," volunteering, traveling, and doing photography. **Sandra Nasar Gross** writes from East Lansing, MI,

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Ellie Browner Greco '61

that she and **Barry, MA '62**, “visited Cornell again in July for a literature class at Cornell’s Adult University. In September we took a flat in London for three weeks to see theatre. We spend November through May in Delray Beach, FL, where Barry facilitates a great books discussion group at the library.” Send news to: [✉ Judy Bryant Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

61 Yes, we’re committed to Reunion 2011! Susan and I are planning an extended driving trip, along with the festivities in Ithaca, to visit friends and relatives and pay back obligations of the past few years. I spoke with reunion co-chair **Pauline Sutta Degenfelder**, who called drumming up attendance for our event. Things are coming together well and we have hopes for a record-breaking attendance. Meanwhile, many classmates have sent in updates, some of significant length.

Ellie Browner Greco (Forked River, NJ) reports: “I wound up being a ‘collector’ of things. My most rewarding collection is antique quilts. I have become an active member of the American Quilt Study Group and the ‘study’ part is fascinating. Textiles have always been exciting to me (I was working in textiles after graduation) and in the last few years, I have become a presenter to local organizations speaking about quilts—especially antique quilts—and sharing my knowledge and quilts with others. My career was in education and this activity has combined my main interests over the years into an activity that I enjoy thoroughly. My challenge in this particular activity is having the energy to physically move my quilts to other places, but I’m figuring out ways to make it easier and I don’t intend to stop any time soon. We are doing more traveling as part of our family activities that include daughter Laurie and son-in-law Hunter; that has produced some wonderful shared moments and been great fun. I also am traveling with Questers and American Quilt Study Group to various states for national conventions. I will continue to find opportunities to travel to places to which I have never been or to which I have been so long ago I want a re-visit. I don’t consider these opportunities a ‘rather do’ but an additional activity. We live in a shore community and do all the shore activities we choose; our young family lives in the mountains of Colorado and we explore there as well. Between our family activities and volunteer and part-time work, we are very busy doing things we choose.”

My close friend and fraternity brother **Stuart Carter, BArch '62**, an architect, sent along a particularly timely note, as our reunion is imminent. Some of us may know of the Arboretum Sculpture Garden. Stuart relates the full story. “I received a note from Prof. **Jack Squier, MFA '52**, sculpture professor in the College of Fine Arts, that the concrete sculpture project (now the Arboretum Sculpture Garden) that several of us architecture students constructed in 1961 in the back of a barn has received a cleaning, repair, labeling, and permanent information display in time for its 50th anniversary in 2011. Perhaps this is a metaphor for a class that was freshly cast into the world from Cornell that same year, and will return to campus in June. **Ted Graves '58**, BArch '60, MArch '61, **Bob Einaudi '60**, BArch '61, **Michael Newman '58**, BArch '62, **Fred Biebesheimer**, BArch '62, and I created the first five sculptures, that were later joined by approximately ten others. A number of them have fallen and disappeared with

the ravages of time and the ravages of later Cornell revelers who, we understand, found the setting perfect for wild parties before the Arboretum was created. **Scon** and **Jean Travis Boccuti** provided great encouragement—and transportation from 312 Thurston (in their red VW) during construction. Couldn’t have done it without them.”

Stuart further relates, “I retired from active architectural practice in December and am now pursuing interests in art and archaeology again. Last year, Cornell and Harvard celebrated their 50th year of excavations at Sardis, Turkey, capital of the Lydian Empire under King Croesus in the 6th century B.C. Excavations will probably continue for at least the next 50 years as the ancient city is gradually uncovered and reconstructed both on paper and in marble, brick, and mortar. Many classmates will remember Prof. Henry Detweiler, professor of architectural history in the College of Architecture, who was instrumental in establishing the collaboration between Cornell and Harvard in the late 1950s, just as we arrived on campus. I was fortunate to have participated under his guidance in '61 and '62 and later in the 1970s. It is now among the most enduring and successful archaeological research programs in the world. Sardis was important in archaic Greek, Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine times. The Metropolitan Museum’s recently remodeled entry to its Greek and Roman galleries features portions of a near perfect Ionic capital, column and base from the Temple of Artemis at Sardis, one of the largest Greek temples with original Ionic columns that stood more than 50 feet high.

“Some may recall the Canton Central master plan that our firm created in the mid '90s and that was presented in a brief video as part of the 35th Reunion Symposium in Rockefeller Hall. The Chinese government accepted the plan in its entirety. The two-square-mile site on the Pearl River at the center of Guangzhou City (formerly known as Canton) is now almost completely constructed—and can be viewed on Google—with governmental, commercial, institutional, residential, and recreational buildings designed both in China and by firms from around the world.”

Sorry our space constraints won’t permit more entries. However, keep the news flowing to me for future columns. See you in June! [✉ Doug Fuss, dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net).

62 One year from now we’ll be in the final stages of plans for our once-in-a-lifetime 50th Reunion. It’s not too early to contact those friends you’d like to see in Ithaca, June 7-10, 2012 and make those arrangements! Chairwoman **Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler** (rzb3@cornell.edu) welcomes your volunteer help. We hope that at least 350 alumni will attend (plus spouses and friends), so please highlight these dates on your electronic calendars. Lots of additional information will be coming your way over the next ten months, and you can also visit our class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

In anticipation of where you’ll be next June, **Dick Monroe** (rem36@cornell.edu) passed along the following link to a video on the Greek Ithaca, which you may enjoy: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1n3n20x4Yfk>. Dick and Toni keep busy in beautiful Woodinville, WA. “Custom gunmaker” reads the business card of **Jay Kasin** (jkasin@comcast.net). He and Cindy live in Bellevue, WA, where he lists his activities as gunsmithing,

hunting, fishing, skiing, golf, bridge, travel, and time with grandson. With the help of Maddie’s Fund founder **Dave Duffield**, MBA '64, people who are experiencing cardiac arrest will soon gain faster treatment. A new iPhone application that Dave and his team at Workday developed sends people with CPR training to heart attack victims and pinpoints the nearest automated electronic defibrillator. Using GPS tracking in a cell phone, people who sign on can be alerted and then sent to the scene—thus increasing the victim’s survival rate by up to 80 percent. Workday will provide technical support so developers can move the application to other platforms, such as Blackberry and Android. Dave and Cheryl have found homes for more than 600,000 pets through their foundation, named after their beloved pet Schnauzer.

I recently had a very nice chat with **Marty Gregg Mount**, who is enjoying tennis and volunteer work in Doylestown, PA. Marty is a retired CPA and works regularly with SCORE, the volunteer mentoring group that advises small businesses. **Don** and **Carol Juran** (dj5@cornell.edu) enjoyed an Alaska cruise last year: “A great way to see a state that is beautiful, fascinating, and not easily accessible.” Don left his software job at OPM and has devoted weekday mornings to sports since then. “My new hip gives me much greater mobility—I legged out my first home run since 2006 and was able to compete in softball, table tennis, and volleyball in the Maryland Senior Olympics. I continue singing with four groups.” One of their sons is **Adam '94**.

In retirement, **David Hill** (dhh11@cornell.edu) has joined the Schwäbischer Sängerbund, a 90-voice German mixed choir in Basking Ridge, NJ. They practice weekly and give two concerts a year. David and Judith like to ski in the West. Also retired, **Jim Lansdowne**, MBA '65, teaches skiing at Loveland Basin near Evergreen, CO. Maurice and **Virginia Swanson** Neville are retired in Millbrook, where she’s busy as a volunteer and as a preschool “sub.” **Judy Leach** Evans (jevans1000@comcast.net) retired from Johns Hopkins and enjoys the leisure to play with grandchildren, read, and spend time at their South Carolina home. **Rudy Muenster** (rwmconsult@aol.com) remains managing partner with RWM Consult, a hotel consulting company located on Berlin’s Kurfürstendamm. Rudy leads an active life hiking, biking, swimming, eating, and socializing. You’ll find him organizing Cornell events in Germany.

Community activist **Gerry Miller Jennings** (gerger1@bresnan.net) works with the Coalition to Protect the Rocky Mountain Front (seeking Congressional legislation) and the Montana Wilderness Assn. Council, and coordinates Advocates for College Awareness (College Board workshops, newsletters). She’s also active with skiing, hiking, long-distance biking, tennis, and travel. Gerry and Chuck (Great Falls, MT) have four children and 14 grandchildren. A follow-up to **Larrie Dockerill** Rockwell’s planned bike tour reported to you last November: “The bike tour, which supported my son and me from Jackson Hole to Kalispell, MT, was a great success. Great weather, Montana was beautiful, no major mishaps. A good time was had by all! I’d love to do another ‘self-designed’ bike tour—don’t know where and don’t know when. Perhaps some classmates who have experience at this will have some suggestions for me at larrierockwell@yahoo.com.”

Retiree **Jay Keller** (jay@twokellers.com) is busily cataloguing his father’s sports art collection. Jay is also active in DeLand, FL, with Rotary, set construction for a local theatre group, and

maintaining family websites. Retirees **Robert** and Lee Ann **Gillen** (chiller919@aol.com) are in Raleigh NC, where he delivers Meals on Wheels with his daughter and volunteers at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. John and **Joan Ryan** Ruh (rucrpw66@roadrunner.com) live in East Aurora, NY. In addition to spending time with six grandchildren, Joan does tap dancing, takes fitness walks, swims laps, leads a discussion group, travels, and is active in her parish and with Red Hat. Similar activities occupy the retired life of Beth and **Rick Kelly** (parabama75@hotmail.com) in Hopkinton, MA: grandkids, gym workouts, skiing, spectator sports, and traveling.

Auditing courses at Rutgers in New Brunswick is enjoyable for **Wendell Wallis** (grayelf59@aol.com) of Scotch Plains, NJ. He travels to Boston, Washington, DC, and Aruba, and frequently to NYC. Wendell is a library volunteer and works on his fitness program. John and **Maryjean Hertel** Yengo, MEd '63, are in Webster, NY, where Maryjean does some substitute teaching of English as a Second Language. She's on the Webster Village Historic Preservation Commission and enjoys garden and book clubs. They travel to Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina to visit their children and grandchildren. ☑ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 As I write this column, the community of Tucson in which **Warren Icke '62** and I live is recovering from a great tragedy. We grieve for those who died, but feel comforted by the healing that has taken place in those who survived. **Gabrielle Giffords**, MRP '97, is in Houston going through rehabilitation, and **Suzi Annis Hileman '73** is recuperating at home. Suzi is CAAAN chair for the Cornell Club of Southern Arizona. As president of CCSA, Warren and one of his vice-presidents, **Mary Wellington Daly '66**, paid Suzi and **Bill '72** a visit. Suzi is upbeat about the Tucson community and all that is being done to preserve the memory of those who died. She is especially interested in the Christina Taylor Foundation since she was the woman who brought Christina to the event where she ultimately lost her life. Tucson is resilient and diverse and will get through this terrible time.

On to the news of the class. Class of 1963 class officers and class council members attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, in January. Class president **Carol Bagdasarian** Aslanian was joined by **Joe Stregack**, PhD '70, **Paula Trested** Laholt-Oeste, **Donna Forsman**, BFA '64, **Vivian Grilli** de Santo, **Pat Kelly** Poggi, **Dick** and **Betty Card Lynham**, and **Dick Clark**. Carol wrote: "The class meeting focused on class events to be scheduled in the next year across the country, the development of affinity groups and use of social media to bring classmates together, and planning for our 50th Reunion in 2013! Key events to note: a new and enhanced Homecoming Weekend is planned for Sept. 16-18, 2011 during which a Class of '63 event and meeting of class officers and council members is also planned. On Nov. 26 in New York City, the Big Red matches up with Boston U. for a major hockey event, and a class gathering is being planned for that day. Other plans are being discussed for getting Class of '63 members together over the next year in San Francisco, Washington, and elsewhere. Stay tuned and plan to participate."

Gene and **Marilyn Beckwith** live in Clinton, OH. Gene is retired from Bridgestone/Firestone,

where he worked in the law department doing forensics. He and Marilyn have five grandchildren. Gene has finished writing a novel of 500 pages called "The Jackie Tone Chronicles: The Dark Wars." He also does freelance photography. An article appeared in the Spring 2010 Human Ecology magazine, *Link*, about **Mary Margaret Thompson** Hansen. Mary Margaret went from Cornell to Bloomingdale's executive training program. She then moved to Houston to raise a family. After a divorce, she started her own public relations firm and eventually became a community activist and an artist. To help her Houston neighborhood she created Second Seating, an art installation in a warehouse space where downtown Houston meets the East End. She raised \$40,000 from arts organizations and local businesses and with eight other artists built a space full of recycled tables and chandeliers to describe life in the East End. More than 2,000 people visited the space through evening gatherings, field trips, and other events. Besides looking for another space to create an art installation, she creates collages with photographs and the written word, maintains two blogs, and crochets one-of-a-kind neckwear.

Renda Lindley McCaughan, MS '66, and husband Peter live in New Milford, CT. Since Pete retired they have moved to be closer to family, which includes granddaughter Samantha. After six months of looking, they finally found the right house for them—a ranch perched on a hill with a lovely view. In a press release, we received an announcement that **Thomas Beeby**, BArch '64, became chairman emeritus of HBRA Architects (formerly Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge Architects) in Chicago. Although Tom's "design responsibility will diminish, he will be freer to pursue the personal artistic and intellectual inquiry that have always interested him." Other Cornellians in the firm include **Aric Lasher '83**, BArch '84, and **Michele Silveti-Schmitt '92**, BArch '92.

Susan Silverstein Sandler took a working vacation in Edinburgh at the European Huntington Disease Network. Her work with Huntington's disease nutrition is based in New York City. She likes to attend Tanglewood. Her son Ted received his doctorate in computer science from the U. of Pennsylvania's School of Engineering in 2010. **Warren Walker**, PhD '68, retired from RAND in 2008. He lives in The Hague, the Netherlands, works in Delft, and travels to the French Ardennes and Provence regularly. Warren is now a professor of policy analysis at the Delft U. of Technology. He was also a visiting professor at the Harbin Inst. of Technology in Harbin, China, in the fall of 2010. Warren has three young grandchildren. That's all for now. Keep the news coming. ☑ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

64 Improbable as it may seem for university alumni—and grads of a premier school at that—only some five percent of Cornell alums have signed up for a Cornell NetID, the university's new Web-based way of helping our class and the university communicate with and keep track of us. Of course, one reason more have not enrolled in the program is that applying for a Cornell NetID is not yet on the Internet—but will be soon. More info is in the class newsletter you received recently. That said, while enrollment in the program isn't required in order to vote for alumni trustees, it is necessary in order to be listed in the alumni directory.

The Cornell NetID matter came up at our class meeting last January, so webmaster **Bruce Wagner**, ME '66, took it upon himself to encourage us to sign up. **Linda Cohen** Meltzer also encourages our participation, noting such is necessary "to help us communicate for reunion and to easily keep our collective demographics up-to-date." There is, or will be soon, a link to sign up at the class website. You will need your Cornell ID number, located on your dues cards and also on this magazine's mailing label.

Plans for our 50th Reunion were discussed at the meeting. Save the dates! Reunion will be held June 5-8, 2014, and we will be housed in the North Campus dorms. Suggestions for our reunion activities and programs are being sought by our reunion co-chairs Linda Cohen Meltzer, Bruce Wagner, and **Joan Melville**. Also at the meeting, **Cindy Wolloch** gave an update on our current JFK Scholarship recipient, **Harin Song '10**. Ms. Song is at Oxford as I write and will enter Harvard Law School this autumn. Congrats are due for two classmates: **Pete Gogolak** has been inducted into the Ivy League Football Hall of Fame, and **Lenore "Lenni" Weitzman**, who has long been active in Jewish activities and causes, was the Holocaust keynote speaker at the United Nations last February. Thanks are due to **Fred Young**, MBA '66, who has given a large donation to Cornell for a new telescope project (a magnification magnanimity, you might call it).

On to other news, beginning with a run-down on who attended last summer's CAU, chronologically beginning with week one: Sculpture (**Nancy Greyson** Beckerman and **Martin Garfield**); Golf Clinic (my husband, Jim). Week two: the Wines Course (**Dale** and **Linda Sartwell DeBrine '66**, **John Looney** and wife Susan, and Bruce Wagner with son **William '85**); the Economics of War (**Helen Schwartz**). Week three: Obama's First Half-Term: The Good, the Bad, and the Too-Soon-to-Tell (Bruce Wagner again, this time sans William, and **Susan Bass** Noel); Fossils: The History of Life (on the shores of Cayuga Lake and surrounding gorges) (**John "Lee" Ferguson** and wife Cynthia). Week four: Creative Nonfiction (**Susan Atlas**); When Moses Met Plato: Reading Genesis in Late Antiquity (**Paul Kruger** with wife Mary).

Retiree **Barbara Rainard** (Glenshaw, PA) keeps active as part of a group that works with disadvantaged youth in Pittsburgh, and also is involved in a community garden that raises food for a local food bank. Her husband is Sarosh Talukdar. At the other end of the state, **P. Alan Loss**, who lives in Lancaster with wife Linda, still works at his firm, Personal Wealth Advisory LLC, as a financial planner specializing in exit planning for business owners. The Losses have seven children and five grandchildren. They traveled last year to Costa Rica to visit his brother-in-law and his wife. Alan writes that his mother lived to age 98-1/2. "That means I have to take good care of myself." **Michael "Tim" Graves** is a retired teacher who had been a department head. Tim and wife Suzanne live in Fairport, NY; they have a grown son and two granddaughters. He enjoys photography and genealogy.

That's all for now. Please respond to our class dues and news appeal included with our annual newsletter. And be sure to visit our class website (<http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>) and to send me news at home or online at: ☑ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 Our class meeting, held during the Cornell Leadership Conference in January in D.C., covered a variety of topics. The headline subjects were: the website update from **Barry Cutler**, the “catch up with classmates” section of the site from **Liz Gordon**, the class history project from **Steve Appell**, classmate communications from **Joe Ryan**, and **Lou Ferraro’s** class events report. We’re on the way planning for our 50th Reunion and Lou is heading up a team to get classmates involved in regional fun lunches, dinners, outings, etc., perhaps piggybacking on local alumni events or simply getting a group of ‘65ers together . . . connecting as we build momentum for the 50th. Do take a few minutes to go to our class website and read the minutes of the class meeting and attached reports. Your class officers and council are working hard to engage YOU! Get on board and communicate with Lou with your suggestions and ideas!

Carol Sacks Sekura (CRSek@aol.com) is now consulting on FDA-related issues for biotechnology companies. She has traveled in Morocco, the Galápagos, and Machu Picchu. Carol and husband **Ron, PhD ’77**, live in Rockville, MD. Their daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Todd Larabee, are both doctors and live in Denver with their two children. **Dennis Black** (dblack@mesirowfinancial.com) writes, “After 40-plus years in private corporate law, I went in-house as general counsel of my largest client and love the change.” Dennis and wife **Joyce (Ostroff) ’66** live in Deerfield, IL. Their entire family—sons and wives and grandsons—vacationed in Los Cabos for a week.

Marco Di Capua, ME ’65 (marco@dicapua.org) and wife Anne Healey live in the D.C. area, where Marco is the chief scientist in the Office of Non-proliferation and Verification R&D of the National Nuclear Security Administration. He has worked on the nuclear security summit and comprehensive test ban treaty verification. Daughter Kathleen works at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in Washington, and daughter Emily graduated last year with an MBA from Wharton. Within the last year, **Joel Perlman**, BFA ’65 (JPerlman43@gmail.com) has been in Paris and Prague and his sculpture was featured in a one-man show at Kouros Gallery in NYC. He also completed a large commission for Lewis and Clark College. He comments that sons Jack and Sam both attend Fieldston.

Stephen ’63 and **Joan Elstein Rogow** (Flemington, NJ) have traveled to the Amazon and Caribbean and over the years have visited all 50 states. Joan writes, “I’m still working as a college field supervisor for student teachers and enjoy traveling and visiting family.” Daughter **Debbie Rogow Silverstein ’91** has three boys and is a bankruptcy attorney; son Eric is married and works for Merck. **Timothy Richards**, ME ’66 (trichards@orchardhillsathleticclub.com) and wife Sheila, Lancaster MA, “are having too much fun to retire.” Timothy comments, “I’m blessed that my business is thriving—it’s now grown to a large indoor/outdoor multi-purpose athletic club on 18 acres in a great location and is about to expand again. I have also become involved in community service, having created our local Boys & Girls Club. Sheila and I work out with personal trainers four to five times a week.” Tim has lunch a few times each year with his college roommate **Jeff Parker**, ME ’66, MBA ’70.


Another fit classmate is **Bruce Bennett** (bbennett@ohlone.edu). “I rode my ten-speed from the East Bay to Yosemite Park in two days, over 200 miles and 13,000 feet of elevation gain.” Bruce and spouse Ellen Case live in Oakland, CA.

Last year was his 29th as a professor of English at Ohlone College; he has been in teaching for four decades. **Jim Venetos** (james.venetos@jpmorgan.com) and wife Natalie enjoy their home in Darien, CT, and spend summer weekends in Newport, RI. Jim is managing director for JP Morgan Wealth Management in NYC. Son **Peter ’10** earned a degree in Economics. **Elaine Sarkin Jaffe**, MD ’69, is chief of hematopathology at the National Cancer Inst., where she has a medical practice in pathology and studies lymphomas. Elaine and husband Michael live in the Bethesda, MD, area. Son Greg has co-authored *The Fourth Star* with David Cloud and covers the Pentagon for the *Washington Post*. Greg, his wife, and two children live in Arlington, VA. Son Cale is an attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center. He and his wife, an internist, manage a busy family of three children.

Florida was the location for a mini-reunion last year with **Henra Solomon** Briskin (henpen20@aol.com) and her Cornell roommates **Dorothy Brown** Janis and **Barbara Selzer** Lewis, MAT ’67, with their spouses. Henra is now retired and lives in Pittsford, NY. Retiree **Patricia Norris** Pinel (Denver, CO; pat_norris@gmail.com) works part-time for a private law firm. Part-time work in ob/gyn occupies **Robert Becker**. He lives with wife Shirley in St. Louis, MO; they have two grandchildren. **Ernie Berger** (Daphne, AL; ErnestBerger@bell-south.net) is “leading the expansion of Santa-America to include children with autism and the families of wounded warriors. More than 20 percent of our wounded are women! We serve families where the children are suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.” He references www.Santa-America.org. Ernie enjoys the company of his best friend, Elizabeth Mancini, who is a pediatric

pathologist. Eileen and **Ed Kelman** (EMKNYC@aol.com) are in the NYC area where Ed is an entertainment and media lawyer.

How wonderful it was to attend the February Cornell Club of Sarasota luncheon and speaker presentation with Joe and Eileen Ryan. Joe enjoys life as a volunteer for Cornell and his community. He and Eileen split their time between Buffalo, NY, and Venice, FL. Their son Sean is about to retire as an NFL player and he and his wife have two daughters, Emmie and Sienna.

I’m in Venice, FL, for February and March, escaping the cold and snow of Andover, MA. My children, Spence and Eliza Pickard, and three grandchildren, along with my friend Ken, joined me for a week’s winter vacation. Lots of sun and fun! Our missing classmates list is posted on the website. Thanks for your help in letting me know where any of them are.  **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanhpj@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 **Bryan Walley** and wife Susanne are enjoying retirement by taking long vacations, playing with their grandchild, and volunteering in the California town where they live. His volunteer jobs include membership on a search and rescue team, acting as a reserve deputy sheriff, and membership on his county’s riot squad support team. Bryan says his volunteer jobs are “different from being a finance guy for an oil company.” The Walleys look forward to reunion, to seeing old friends, and to meeting new friends and classmates. Evie and **Len Coburn** (Washington, DC) spent three weeks in China. They enjoyed the historic sights and scenic beauty and plan a return trip. **Eugene**



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Bellin sent along his address in New York. **Bonnie Lazarus** Wallace and husband Stephen are enjoying their grandchildren. Bonnie, who is retired, substitutes at her "old school" and travels with her husband on his business trips, which have taken them to Italy, Germany, Scotland, Tokyo, and Hawaii. **Hilda Levine** Lichtenstein is enjoying life in the Berkshires and spends three months in Naples, FL. Being grandparent to Adam, 9, and Jessica, 7, is "the best," Hilda says.

Susan Maldon Stregack and husband Rollin Fraser celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary in Sept. 2010 and, says Susan, "still feel like newlyweds." They love to spend time with grandson Ethan, 4. Rollin and Susan work together doing social and event photography. They had an exhibit of their Coney Island documentary photographs. Susan is looking forward to Reunion 2011. **William May**, ME '67, continues to enjoy his grandkids, 10 and 13. He and wife Carol spend lots of time with them in spite of the Vermont abode of the children. They live on Hutchinson Island, FL. This was their 25th year of making the Florida-Lake Ontario round trip on the boat. They are "not yet bored." "Twenty-five more years would be great," William writes. They are also looking forward to the 45th.

“Last year we dressed 3,000 children.”

Carol Lee Polakoff Hall '67

John Deasy, MPS '72, and wife Konstance are enjoying retirement also. They summer at their camp in the Adirondacks. John is restoring a classic 1951 Beechcraft Bonanza airplane and Konnie has two German shepherds ranked in the top 20 in US trial points earned in the German Dog Clubs National Event. They still enjoy Big Red hockey and lacrosse games. **Howard Sobel** (Oceanside, NY) has three granddaughters and is expecting a first grandson soon. He says he thoroughly enjoys working. He is an arbitrator for AAA on complex construction cases and works with attorneys as an expert witness in significant construction litigation. He also provides courses on nuclear power for continuing education credits. They planned to take the entire family on a cruise in January 2011, including their sons, daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. They also spend long summer weekends at their farm in Callicoon, NY.

Thomas Graboys is in the throes of a battle with Parkinson's disease. He has sold approximately 40,000 copies of his book, *Life in the Balance: A Physician's Memoir of Life, Love, and Loss with Parkinson's Disease and Dementia*. **Jeffrey Collins** is transitioning toward retirement. He writes that he is slowing down his weekly consulting with Pappas Ventures, a life sciences-focused venture capital firm. He has, however, joined the advisory board of Asiatic Clinical Research in Bangalore. He and spouse Rose visited Wales and England last year on an extended trip and had a great time. Their trip included a visit to the Int'l Food Festival in Ludlow, England, which they heartily recommend. They are looking forward to reunion. Jeffrey stays in touch with numerous classmates including **Ron Goldstock**, **Dick Fogel**, **Rich Turbin**, **Rick Mezan**, and **Steve Moldof**.

Susan Rockford Bittker writes that she and husband Don attended the funeral of **Bill Blockton**, who died suddenly in early January. "Bill's

neighbor is a colleague of mine and she called to tell us, as she knew about my Cornell connection. I did see other classmates there—Bill had many friends. **Alice Katz** Berglas will be sending out a note to the class officers and class council." ☐ **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 First of all, an apology to **Jane Capellupo** (W. Henrietta, NY), whose e-mail address is jacapellupo@rochester.rr.com, instead of what appeared in the column. **Harriet Hecht** Gould (Newton, MA; gould@globe.com) "continues to work full-time" as vice president of labor relations for the *Boston Globe*. She adds that she spends a lot of time with grandchildren. "Two are local in the Boston area and one in Colorado. Looking forward to retirement within the next year or two. Last April, traveled to Greece through Cornell's Adult University. Great trip, great people, all with a Cornell connection; would highly recommend." CAU reports that several classmates attended programs in the past year: **Douglas** and

Nancy Burrill were at the Eclectic Ethnic culinary workshop; **Jay Freer** was at Fossils: The History of Life on Cayuga's Shores and the Gorges; and **Stuart** and **Beth Kay** went to Ancient Wisdom and Modern Technology: Creating Our Well-being.

James Scullen (Silver Spring, MD) moved from Greenbelt to Leisure World Retirement Community. He writes, "I have been visiting home-bound members of Our Lady of Grace Church as a Eucharistic minister, participating in centering prayer groups, and attending sessions of Summer Special Olympics at Towson U." He also attended a CAU musicology seminar in Nashville and Memphis. **Adam Romeiser Jr.** (Lake Forest, IL; redskiball@aol.com) writes, "I retired from the practice of general surgery and teach a Bible study for nine months a year. I'm busy up at our second home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan." He adds that his son graduated from Cornell in '03 and is a practicing internist in the inner city of Chicago. Adam went on two medical-surgical missions to Nicaragua and the Philippines.

Nancy Payne Kronenberg (Carlisle, MA; nancy@rosepath.com) was extremely busy weaving for a local library show and the Weavers' Guild of Boston annual sale. She's also designed and maintained several websites. **Carol Lee Polakoff** Hall (San Antonio, TX; jeffreyhall50@hotmail.com) runs and works in a thrift shop for the Assistance League of San Antonio, with proceeds going to clothe underprivileged children. She also helps to choose new clothing for students when they come to the store. She reports: "Last year we dressed 3,000 children." She also finds time to travel (France, Russia, China, and South America), swim, and play golf and bridge. **Harvey Bernstein** (Sarasota, FL; ChrisB@ChrisBernstein.com) advises that he's "recovering from a hip replacement, swimming, and walking, but no longer playing tennis or running."

In this pre-reunion year, your class officers gathered at the now-annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, conveniently located at the Marriott Wardman here in D.C., two blocks from my house. Attendees included class president **Marjorie Greenberg** Smith, VP **Judy Silverman** Kaufman, council members **Sherry Carr**, MILR '70, **Penny Bamberger** Fishman, **Don Rosenbaum** and wife **Lee (Flasterstein) '70**, **Les Glick**, JD '70, **Julie Cohn** Lippmann, **Ralph Wilhelm**, and your reporter. This shindig, which has absorbed the old Cornell Association of Class Officers Mid-Winter Meetings, sent out invites to all Cornellians in the area to participate and will be held in Washington again next year. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008; tel., (202) 667-6481; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 **Peter Susser** (peterdrs@yahoo.com) has sold the jewelry business he owned for more than 30 years. He plans to transition with the new owners until the end of this year and then abandon himself to watching the azaleas grow. Peter also enjoys golf, tennis, biking, hiking, reading, and his grandchildren. Recently he became a FINRA arbitrator. **Jeff Donahue** (jeffrey.h.donahue@gmail.com) retired in 2009 from his "second" career as a CEO of a private investment company that built low-income housing in all 50 states. He serves on four corporate boards, but still has discretionary time (a new experience!). Jeff and wife Anne have residences in Baltimore, MD, and in Santa Barbara, CA. Jeff remains friends with **Jim Foster '67**, **Jim Hanna**, MBA '69, **Tom Horn**, **Dick Marchase '70**, and **Knight Kiplinger '69**. Jeff's primary volunteer focus is on the board of the Adirondack Council, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the Adirondack Park.

Miles '67 and **Jeani Walton Haven** (Potomac, MD, jeani@hotmail.net) are retired and enjoying the opportunity to spend months in their Naples, FL, home and to travel. Recent trips include Morocco, Spain, and Turkey and trips to see children and grandchildren in Florida and California. The couple has seen: **Jill Werdann** Bauer and her husband, **Victor**, and **Janice Milkman Berlin**, **Susan Rosenfeld** Ledley and husband Jim, and **Joy Kaufman** Karol. Jeani volunteers for the Potomac Community Center and the Naples Free Family Clinic. **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69 (petew@hbc.com) writes that a personal highlight of 2010 was attending the NCAA National Wrestling Tournament in Omaha, NE, and watching the Cornell Big Red place second in the nation. Fellow spectators were **Buzz Bishop '70**, MBA '72, **Art Walsh '70**, **John St. John '70**, **Dan Kathon '70**, MBA '73, **Don New '67**, **Dick Minekime '67**, **Rick Beck '69**, and **Frank Bettucci '53**, MBA '58. Pete continues to enjoy the friends he made through Cornell (including Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers), as well as the great education he received there. Pete lives in Winona, MN, but winters in Sedona, AZ. Cornell guests who have visited him include: **Al Fidellow** and wife Marge, **John Wallace '67**, MEE '68, and wife Laurene, **John** and **Jane Gegenheimer St. John '70**, and **Bill Austin** and wife Sally. Missing from their group was **John Seligman**, but they called him from Seligman, AZ, just to make him and wife Susan feel missed.

Deborah Rebhuhn (Highland Park, NJ) is a special education high school teacher in mathematics. She enjoys teaching folk dancing. Deborah was a Sunnie at Cornell, working as a reporter.

Anthony Morris (maryjean@comcast.net) is an acupuncturist. He and wife Mary Jean live in Ukiah, CA. Together they are raising their grandchild, 17. In his free time he enjoys his family, skiing, and flying. **Katherine Riggs** Van Wie lives in Houston, TX, and is a retired Spanish teacher. She is enjoying her two young grandsons, traveling, and volunteering in Guatemala with the medical mission Faith in Practice. She is also a board member of Amistad Mission of Bolivia.

At a reception preceding a recent Cornell/Harvard men's hockey game in Cambridge, I saw Dr. **Bruce Eissner '65**. He was also planning to attend the Cornell/Harvard men's basketball game the same evening. Please send your news to: [Mary Hartman Schmidt, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com](mailto:Mary.Hartman.Schmidt@schmidt-federico.com).

69 Whew—what a brutal winter we had! As I write this, I'm looking forward to some snow-less weather soon.

Ray Goodman, MPS '75, PhD '79, my counterpart at *Hotellie* magazine, is finally winding down after 28 years as chair of the hospitality management department at the U. of New Hampshire. He plans to teach just one more year and retire in 2012. He still keeps active as a rules official for the New Hampshire Golf Association. Enjoy your last few semesters, Ray, and your retirement. **Moin Haroon** moved from Pakistan to Florida in March 2009 and is keeping busy doing hotel consulting in Pakistan and real estate consulting in Florida.

In between travels around the world, **Barbara Fuchs Turell** and husband **Mike '70**, MS '72, look forward to leisure time at their lake house on Smith Mountain Lake near Roanoke, VA. They continue to enjoy their volunteer work for 4-H in Maryland. **Andrew Goldstein** writes from Portland, OR, that he has joined a new startup company, HydraDx, out of Pasadena, as VP of product development. "The company is developing point-of-care saliva-based tests for dehydration." In December, **Richard Burt**, Ambassador to Germany from 1985 to 1989, gave a public talk, "The New Geopolitics and Why Nuclear Weapons No Longer Serve US Interests," at Goldwin Smith Hall. From 1992-95, he was a partner with McKinsey & Co., a global management consulting firm, after successfully concluding a nuclear arms treaty as the US chief negotiator in the Strategic Arms Reduction talks with the former Soviet Union. He currently serves at US chair for Global Zero, an international campaign seeking long-term elimination of nuclear weapons.

Carl Patrick is taking retirement seriously, having moved from downstate New York to a house on Lake Ontario near Oswego. He met up with three Theta Chi brothers at the Cornell-Colgate game: **Tom McLeod '70**, MEE '71, **Ron Lehman '70**, and **Richard Heck '68**. They were hoping for a larger turnout—interested brothers can contact Carl at CFPatrick@aol.com for next season's game. He is currently working with Seneca White Deer Inc., which is trying to protect the largest herd of white deer on the former Seneca Army Depot, just north of Ithaca.

After taking one acting class, **Linda Kalaydjian** has been in a dozen community theatre productions in the last ten years. She also finds time to play doubles tennis and volunteer for the local Humane Society. She is on "lots of boards" as well, and does transformative meditation. She would love to hear from **Ronnie Levine '71** and **Jerrian**

Row. Jeff Olesen has spent the last 13 years overseas with the State Dept., serving in Budapest, Almaty, Athens, and Vienna. He's now back in Miami, where he is serving as the department's diplomat-in-residence for southern Florida. He's hosted by the Florida Int'l U., from which he visits other colleges and universities in the region seeking to interest students and young professionals in Foreign Service careers. For the last three years he's volunteered with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), and plans to help the local group in Miami. A former Glee Club'er, he still sings weekly with the Singing Miamians, a local barbershop harmony chorus.

Richard Greenberg is still working as professor of medicine in the Infectious Disease Division at the U. of Kentucky. He enjoyed a family vacation recently in Maui and highly recommends the bicycle tour and ride down Haleakala. He writes that his horseracing stable didn't make the Breeder's Cup, but hopes for better results in 2011, with the purchase of three new beautiful fillies. **Ted Gill**, ME '70, has a busy semi-retirement in Centennial, CO. He actively manages six commercial buildings in the major art district of Denver (as well as six houses), tries to get in 100 rounds of golf a year, sits on a couple of citizen boards with the Denver Police Dept., and manages a maintenance district board for the City of Denver. What are you going to do when you retire, Ted?

Idiko Czmor Mitchell is a busy lady. Last June, she enjoyed helping her KA sisters enjoy their reunion and then went back to her "beloved" Appalachian Trail in Vermont—but only lasted a short time due to "hiker toe." October was a busy month for her with the arrival of a grandson and the wedding of another daughter. In November she found herself on the front pages of the Binghamton newspapers, having earned the name of "tree hugger" trying to save her 36-inch blue spruce from the saws of the utility company. She is part of the Broome County Landfill Task Force. As she writes: "Pretty busy for a 60-plus Cornellian." We agree. **Edward Wilson** is living in northern Italy, working for the US Army. He gets to travel quite a bit, having visited Greece, Croatia, Munich, and cities in Italy. He looked forward to snowboarding in the Dolomites, is still involved in a bowling league, and tries to walk ten kilometers every Sunday with the Italian Walking Society—he has passed the 750-kilometer mark. He regrets missing the Beta Sigma Rho reunion last October.

Rob Kaufelt and his bride, Nina Planck, had their courtship and nuptials featured in the "Vows" section of the Sunday *New York Times* Styles section on August 20, 2010—an interesting and not-so-traditional "boy meets girl" story. Nina is the author of *Real Food: What to Eat and Why* and *Real Food for Mothers and Babies*, as well as the founder and owner of the London Farmer's Markets and the former executive director of the NYC Greenmarkets. Rob is the proprietor of Murray's Cheese Shop in NYC and was featured in a cover story in this magazine in 2005. Rob described the wedding as a "foodie event," with a menu that included grass-fed beef tenderloin, special cave-aged American and European cheeses, and fresh fruit and vegetables from the Virginia farm owned by the bride's parents. The couple resides in New York's Soho neighborhood with their children Julian, 3, and twins Jacob and Rose, 1. Julian served as both ring bearer and best man! Congratulations and best wishes! Please continue to send news, notes, etc., to: [Tina Economaki Riedl, triedl@optonline.net](mailto:Tina.Economaki@optonline.net).

70 Summer is almost here and it is already a year since our 40th Reunion! That means we are looking forward to our 45th in just four short years in June 2015. Not exactly meaning to rush things, but it is never too early to come up with suggestions to make our next reunion even better than our last or to volunteer to help out in some way. Just let me know whenever an idea comes over you or you want to sign up to do something! And be sure to contact friends about joining you in Ithaca in 2015. Enjoy the warm weather and family fun times.

Barbara Baschnagel Harris (bbasch@frontier.net.net) lives in Penfield, NY, with her husband, Norm. Barb has been in a private psychotherapy practice for more than 20 years. She received her MSW from Case Western Reserve in 1975. She sees **Karen Barr Walker** and **Evie Griffin Andolina '71** regularly for lunch. Karen retired from teaching in 2008 after 30-plus years. Evie retired in 2009 after working in the field of medical technology, also for more than 30 years. Barb also gets together twice a year with **Carol DeLuca** Hunter, who teaches at Earlham College in Richmond, IN. Carol's PhD is in history, with specialties in women's studies and religion. **Philip McNutt** and wife Mary live in Ashburn, VA.

Paula and **Craig Balaban** are in Patchogue, NY (cbalaban@earthlink.net). Craig's day job is managing online ticket brokerage at BestSeatsFast.com. He is also living his automotive fantasy by brokering vintage Ferraris for Berlinetta Motorcars in Huntington, NY. Craig is also enjoying his four wonderful grandsons! **John Heintz** is a partner in Kelley Drye & Warren LLP's Washington, DC, office. He is chair of the insurance recovery and Washington, DC, litigation practice groups. John was selected as a 2010 Burton Award for Legal Achievement recipient. The Burton Awards honor excellence in legal scholarship and writing. Entries for the awards are submitted by the country's largest and most prominent law firms, and from these only 30 articles are chosen to be recognized. John was selected along with two co-authors for their article, "Insurance Coverage for Climate Change Suits: The Battle Has Begun," that was published in the *Environmental Claims Journal's* March 2009 issue. Congrats!

Chris Reyelt (chrisreyelt@yahoo.com) is the general manager of the Hideaway Beach Association and Hideaway Beach Club. They are on the western-most part of Marco Island, with a spectacular view of sunsets and the Gulf of Mexico. Chris lives with wife Nancy in Naples, FL. He says if your travels include Marco Island, give him a call at (239) 572-1850. Chris tells us that his employment has done a full circle with his return to managing a beach club similar to the beach and tennis club in New Rochelle, NY, 42 years ago! Nancy owns Get Out of Town Travel and Gold Star Luxury Travel Club (www.goldstarluxurytravelclub.com). Chris and Nancy rescue Weimaraners and presently have *Coma*, 11, and *Cortina* and *Grappa*, 7.

James Winchester (jwinchester@avionicproducts.com) is the owner of Avionic Products Inc., a \$20 million company with multiple divisions. The company's emphasis is on airborne, ground, and ship electronic systems. James is always busy with his business, especially making acquisitions to expand Avionic. He is married to Diana Ford and they live in the Los Angeles area. He enjoys golf, as well as being involved in university and community activities. He would like to be doing government service. James has two

grandchildren. His fondest memory of our time at Cornell is breakfast at the Straight, and he would like to hear from classmate **George Lutz**.

Eileen and **Toby Marion** (tmarion@gmail.com) were 40th Reunion attendees all the way from Hong Kong (as were classmate **Martin Tang** and wife Anne)! Their company, Golden Gate Wine Co. Ltd., is doing quite well and now has the largest portfolio of American wines in the region. The Marions did have another event to attend in the US besides Reunion. On June 5, 2010, their son Guy married Fiona Lawlor, a pediatrician from Dublin, whom he met in Brisbane while working on his PhD in marine science. Guy is now a partner in Codesion, a cloud computing "Software as a Service" (SaaS) firm in Silicon Valley. Eileen and Toby's daughter Louisa graduated from Michigan Law School in May and started at Crowell, Moring in Washington, DC, in October. ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 We hope that all of our classmates reading this column plan to come back to Ithaca for our big 40th Reunion from June 9-12. Events will include a wine tasting, a gallery reception, a jazz combo during dinner on Friday night, a pianist in class headquarters on Friday and Saturday nights, and a gala dinner at the Statler Ballroom on Saturday night featuring our guest speaker, Prof. Isaac Kramnick. On Saturday morning, President Skorton will give the State of the University address. If you have not signed up yet, you may still do so by contacting **Jan Rothman** (jsr33@cornell.edu) or your class correspondents (**Matt Silverman** or me—e-mails at the close of this column). In addition to our reunion, there will be a pre-reunion seminar, "Meeting the Neighbors: Fifty Years of Planetary Exploration," for which you may register at the reunion website. This seminar was created in response to reunion-goers who expressed the desire for more academics during Reunion Weekend.

We start this column with some happy news. **Gilda Klein** Linden (gkl4@cornell.edu), co-chair of our upcoming reunion, was married last summer to Jeff Krawitz. Gilda and Jeff's grandchildren and children were among the many who helped them celebrate their marriage. They traveled in Israel and Jordan for two weeks last year with Gilda's three sons (including **Eric '02**). Last fall, they took a two-week cruise down the west coast of Mexico and Central America, through the Panama Canal to Colombia. Of course, Gilda will travel again in June to reunion. She retired after 25 years in public education two years ago and has been working as an RN at a private school for the past two years. After reunion, she plans to "retire again" and start doing volunteer work. More good news: **Jeffrey '69** and **Sandi Taylor Eisenstein** (McLean, VA; sandieisen@mac.com) became grandparents this year. Brick Leo Eisenstein, was born on February 15 in Seattle. Congratulations, Sandi and Jeff!

Susan Phipps-Yonas works as a forensic psychologist in Minnesota. She enjoys travel, theatre, and gardening. **Peter Benjamin** (peter@benjaminbers.com) is a partner in the law firm of Benjamin and Bers in East Longmeadow, MA. Peter writes that after 30 years, he left Western Massachusetts Legal Services to enter private practice. He focuses on elder law and estate planning with some work in employment and landlord-tenant issues. Peter's daughter **Natalie '02** is a social worker in a community health center in California, and his son, Max, is a freelance

photographer in Northampton, MA. Peter keeps in touch with **Allan Koenig** in Golden, CO, and **Donn Milton** in Vienna, VA.

We received a nice e-mail from **John Wynn**, ME '72, MBA '77 (Boca Raton, FL; wynn@us.ibm.com). He has worked for IBM for more than 30 years and has had a varied career with work in sales operations, development planning, pricing, and finance. Many years ago his wife passed away from cancer and he recently married Christine. John enjoys his involvement with the Cornell Club of South Florida; he also works as a community volunteer and teaches at his local church.

Susan Devins (devins@sympatico.ca) teaches a course on cultural literacy to Chinese students at the U. of Toronto's Rotman School of Business. Her son, Jonathan, will graduate from McGill in June. Susan and her husband, Warren Rubenstein, spent four months this past year on sabbatical in the Netherlands, where Warren was a visiting professor in medicine at the U. of Utrecht Medical School. Each week they took the fast train to visit a different European city and found it quicker to get from Utrecht to Paris than from Toronto to Buffalo(!).

Jude Ferber Lubrano (www.lubranomusic.com) contacted us from Lloyd Harbor, NY, where she and husband John are in their 34th year as "music antiquarians," dealing with original autograph musical manuscripts, autograph letters of composers, rare printed music, and rare books about music and dance dating from the 15th through the 21st centuries. They exhibited at the New York Antiquarian Book Fair in Manhattan in April. Jude lives just 10 minutes away from her dad, **Robert Ferber**, DVM '39; she has two daughters and a wonderful granddaughter, 11. She reports, "John is an avid sailor and I'm a gardener who also enjoys tickling the ivories of my antique Steinway grand when I get the time. I am in touch with a number of old friends including **Joanna Seaton Shrager**, **Chris Yackel**, **Sandie Feinman** Antar, **Carol Siegel** Mamber, **Ronnie Levine**, and **Catherine Kvaraceus** Hunter."

Matt and I thank all of our classmates who keep in touch with us and we invite everyone to send us news. We will be happy to write about you. Looking forward to seeing you all in Ithaca, June 9-12. ☐ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

72 I am happy to report lots of updates from classmates all over the US and the world. **Ruth Stark** (stark@sci.cny.cuny.edu) is a professor of chemistry at City College of New York. She was elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science and recognized for distinguished contributions to the field of molecular biophysics. Ruth and husband Abe Malz are happy Manhattanites; their daughter Aliza Malz is at Caltech, studying astrophysics. **Peter Katona** (pkatona@me.com) is a professor of clinical medicine (infectious diseases) at UCLA, with a focus on counterterrorism and our healthcare system's vulnerability to disaster. He also teaches an undergraduate honors class on terrorism and lectures widely (including at Cornell) on the topic of bioterrorism. **Tom Johnson** (thos_j@nbellsouth.net) lives in the Atlanta area with his wife and daughter. He is director of professional services for Hitachi Data Systems and is active with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN). Sadly, his father, **William Johnson '49** (Arts), passed away in January.

Will Fudeman (Ithaca, NY; www.willfudeman.com) published "Emotional Healing with Chinese Medicine," in *Acupuncture Today* and looks forward to publishing a book on the same topic. **Raisa Scriabine**, MA '74 (asciabine@aol.com) produces Earth Focus, an environmental news magazine, for LinkTV. Her son Alexander K. Smith received a master's in Tibetan studies at Oxford U. and is now studying in Paris. **Bruce Hazen** (brucehazen@cs.com) lives in Oregon and is a career coach. He coauthored a chapter for *The Complete Handbook of Coaching* and is now working on a book about the methodology for managing a career throughout a lifetime and not just one's next job search. **David Harding**, PhD '83 (dharding101@comcast.net) lives in Warrenville, IL. Dave's daughter **Betsy '06** (Hotel) is a medical student and daughter Maggie studies teacher education. Dave is deputy head of the technical division of Fermilab, a speaker on "The Physics of Sports," and a devoted contra dancer with wife Pauline, a physician.

Rick Norman (ericnorman@sbcglobal.net) and wife Angela celebrated their 60th birthdays with a spectacular trip to four national parks in Tanzania (Lake Manyara, the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, and Tarangire), where they saw the "big five" and much other wildlife. After their safari, Rick fulfilled a lifelong dream by climbing to the top of Mr. Kilimanjaro. Classmates living abroad include **T.W. Hughes** (TWH@ThaiCountryClub.com), who is general manager of the Thai Country Club, a Peninsula Hotel outside Bangkok, after spending 25 years in Vietnam. **Susan Rautenberg** (susanrautenber22@gmail.com) has lived in the UK since 1989 and is currently in a "gap year" from working for the National Health Service. Before moving to northern England, Susan spent 16 years in NYC, working in the union movement for medical interns and residents and dedicated to radical politics; she remains in touch with friends Nancy, Mike and Dennis, and fondly recalls times with **Peter Weisberg '71**, **Steve Safyer '71**, **Marc Levitt '71**, **Alan Sikora**, and **Dick Steeper**.

Mark Gold (mg58@cornell.edu) retired from Solutia Chemical (formerly Monsanto) after 34 years. Mark was elected to the select board in Longmeadow, MA, serves as director of the Grinpspoon Inst. for Jewish Philanthropy, and looks forward to his fraternity's 100th anniversary in Ithaca this June. **Dianne Berger** (BergerDG@gmail.com) retired from teaching the 3Fs (Food, Fashion, and Family) in Wallingford-Swarthmore, but continues consulting work with male-to-female transsexuals. Dianne lives in Swarthmore and Red Bank, NJ, near her two sons in NYC, who work on Wall St. **Patrice Kasten** Schwartz (trices6@optonline.net), is retiring from the Mamaroneck, NY, school district, where she has been teaching since she received her master's in 1973. **Diane Spanier** Linker (diane.linker@verizon.net) retired from a long career as a corporate lawyer. Her son and one of her three daughters are lawyers, one daughter is in software design, and one is at Cornell medical school. Two of Diane's daughters graduated from Cornell; now that she has a grandson and granddaughter, she looks forward to third-generation Cornellians in the future.

Some of our classmates may be winding down, but **Joel Friedman** (jfriedman@tulane.edu) most definitely is not. He is a professor at Tulane Law School in New Orleans and in between teaching and driving his three children (aged 14 and twins, 12) to soccer practice, he wrote three books in the past few years: *Champion of Civil Rights: The Story of Judge John Minor Wisdom* (a

biography), *Employment Discrimination* (a textbook), and *Evidence* (a study guide), and is working on new editions of two other casebooks for law students (*Friedman's Employment Discrimination* and *Civil Procedure*).

Maureen Brosnan Marcklinger (mmarcklinger@yahoo.com) teaches nursing at Roxbury Community College in Boston, recently had a grandchild, and reports "life is good." **Joan Brooks Alexander** (jba22@cornell.edu) and husband David became grandparents of a baby boy born to their son Michael (a software designer) and daughter-in-law Melissa (a graphic artist) in Narberth, PA. Their daughter Deborah is a risk and compliance consultant at PWC in Boston, MA. I also experienced the joy of grannyhood this past year when my daughter **Hillary Ross** Posternak '02 and husband Dan celebrated the birth of their son Spencer (here's hoping for Cornell '32). When I am not succumbing to Spencer's charm, I am EVP and general counsel at Hachette Book Group and, along with my husband, enjoying our daughters. Hillary works at Unilever, Lindsey is a medical student in Miami, and Melissa is a junior at Penn.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the e-mail blast. The result was so great that we couldn't fit it all in, so if you don't see your news below, stay tuned to the next issue! **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com.

73 As all of you probably know, **Suzi Annis** Hileman was injured in the tragic shooting in Tucson, AZ. She is recovering from her physical wounds, but I'm sure the psychic ones will take much longer to fade to the bearable. Suzi let us know that she plans on focusing on intergenerational mentoring. We send Suzi all our best, as we remember how quickly our lives can be changed by events outside of our understanding. We reflect on our good fortune to have her with us as an active and engaged member of our class. I hope each of you will come to our 40th Reunion, so we can be thankful for each of you in our Cornell life.

Delightfully, our mailbox is full of your news. **Barry Hartstein** was honored by Cornell with the Groat Award for his work in employment and labor law. Barry is a shareholder in Littler Mendelson PC, in their Chicago office. Barry currently serves on the ILR school's Advisory Council and also on the board of director for the school's Scheinman Inst. on Conflict Resolution. He is a past president of the ILR Alumni Association. Our congratulations and thanks go out to Barry for his significant achievements in the field of industrial and labor relations and his strong support for Cornell. **Martha Dualsky** Bartell, BS Nurs '73, has made the move to semi-retirement in sunny Florida, where she reports that she enjoys golf and then some more golf. She still works two days a week as a nurse. She'd like to hear from **Jane Durak**, BS Nurs '73, **Pam Lawrence** Diffley, BS Nurs '73, **Kristina** Hedin, BS Nurs '73, and any other nursing students from the class. **Sandra Sharon** Rapoport had a new book published, *Biblical Seductions*. It's a retelling of six stories about Biblical women who became heroines through their "audacious acts."

Norman Lange highly recommends catching up with old friends and former classmates. His friendships at Kappa Sigma led him to visit **David Berwald** '74 and **Steven Tundermann** '74, ME '75, on Long Island last August. **Keith Kennedy** '74 stopped on his way to his high school reunion.

Norman also visited **Jay Stauffer** last November in State College, PA. **James Hilderbrant** has lived in the same house with wife Anne-Marie for 26 years in Whitney Point, NY, and doesn't plan to go anywhere else. He has, however, switched his employment. He's now one of the people we rely on as a consumer food safety inspector in several plants in the Northeast. As a relief inspector, he enjoys working with and meeting new people and says that all those courses at Cornell in meat, microbiology, livestock, and genetics continue to serve him well.

‘Peter Katona lectures widely on the topic of bioterrorism.’

Carol Fein Ross '72

Gail Fiteni Giordano and husband **Thomas** '72, ME '73, were in Helsinki, Finland, in August for the marriage of their son Christian to Alli Haapasalo. The gala event in Finland was followed by a US celebration in Novi, MI, where the couple will live. **Jeffrey Braff** and **Hope Komisky** '74 reside in Philadelphia, where he has taken up recreational bicycling. Like many as we age, he felt the pangs of tennis in his wrist, elbow, and shoulder, so turned to bicycling, where he's also involved in advocacy efforts. **Robert Platt**, JD '76, took a cruise to Glacier Bay in Alaska. If you've never had the chance to cruise the Inside Passage, I recommend it highly. **Neil Roland** has been coaching his son's basketball team for the past seven years. Micah was recently bar mitzvahed—mazel tov! Neil covers the D.C. beat for the *Automotive News*. **Denise Meridith** has no plans to move from Phoenix, AZ, especially not with sunshine and 75 degrees on Christmas Day. Denise has become an independent travel agent. She continues with her two non-profits: Linking Sports and Communities helps 12- to 18-year-old students stay in school, while Start Up Now Homes assists people in bankruptcy get access to housing, cars, and other services.

We end these notes with the news of two deaths. **Ileana Acero Shook** '76 let us know that her husband, **Thomas**, died unexpectedly on July 5, 2010. He was an executive with XTec Inc. and semi-retired in Miami. We send our thoughts to Ileana. **Jim Nowak**, a remarkable teacher from Fairport, NY, was killed in a car crash in Kenya, where he devoted his retirement to building schools and a health clinic. Truly, Jim was someone who made a difference in the world. Got News? Send it to: **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 **Ron Pies** (Lexington, MA) has authored *Becoming A Mensch: A Guide to Ethical Development*. Reviewer Dan Brosgol of JewishBoston.com wrote, "Pies is able to distill the archive of Jewish thought into timely and effective citations that are always relevant and insightful, not to mention helpful." Ron is a clinical professor of psychiatry at Tufts U. School of Medicine and formerly a lecturer on psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, as well as an author of textbooks, poems, and short stories. Also reporting in from the Commonwealth, **Larry Pape**, MBA '75 (Sterling, MA) writes that he still enjoys being retired. He and wife Elizabeth have three adult children who

have presented them with good reasons to celebrate recently, including a wedding, first anniversary, and first grandchild (one major event per child).

Carol Singer-Granick continues to work at New Jersey Medical School as an associate professor of pediatrics and chief of endocrinology. Daughter **Michelle** '04, BArch '04, works in Boston. Daughter Jaclyn lives in Switzerland as a student. This has provided Carol and husband **Mark Granick** '73 with an opportunity to make several visits to Europe. **Barbara Gales** (Lebanon, NH) is director for

the Polytrauma Clinic at the V.A. Medical Center in White River Junction, VT. She mostly evaluates veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injuries, which often generate a long list of challenging symptoms and disabilities. Barbara stays in touch with **Renee Alexander** in Ithaca and **Phyllis Turner**-Williams in Saudi Arabia. Staying with news of the medical community, **Jeffrey Gold**, MD '78, is now provost, executive VP for medical affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine at the U. of Toledo. He is responsible for, among other things, the curriculum, faculty affairs, residency training programs, student life, and faculty and student recruitment for the Health Science Campus. He works with other senior administrators to ensure that College of Medicine and hospital initiatives are aligned, and he has a growing role in regional/national healthcare initiatives.

Lisa Barnes MacBain, MBA '76, and husband **Bill** '69, MPS '75—married 32 years ago in Sage Chapel and having lived in eight US cities since—now enjoy life and work in the Washington, DC, area. Son Richard works in IT locally and has a baby son. In the past few years, Lisa has developed her own LLC and provides healthcare consulting services to several firms. Since Bill works for a competitor, there is no table talk about business. Their daughter lives in Miami and is employed by the Japanese Consulate as education and culture coordinator (sounds like one of those jobs that is hard to imagine as a college freshman of 18). Also from the D.C. area is **Stephen Hatch**. He lives with his wife in Centreville, VA, and reports that he left the National Defense U. after 23 years to take a new position with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission a year or so ago.

Raymond Kase Jr. noted that he finally retired after 32 years of playing rugby to follow his son Andrew's football career at Johns Hopkins. A running back, Andrew was a two-year captain and holds a total of 18 records, including all-time rushing and scoring leader in the history of JHU. With his understandable enthusiasm for his son's achievements, Raymond did not mention his own line of work. I found him on LinkedIn, which reveals that Raymond is a VP at National Penn Investors Trust Co. near Reading, PA. Described as a "corporate anthropologist" in the *Progressive Populist* (March 2010), **Jane Anne Morris** (Madison, WI) notes the publication of her most recent book, *Gaveling Down the Rabble: How "Free Trade" is Stealing Our Democracy*. She is also working on a book about the Supreme Court and enjoys the accordion

and charango (a small, South American stringed instrument of the lute family) in her spare time. (OK, no more research for this issue, I'm just going to dutifully report the news as sent.)

Luckily, **Harris Tulchin** (Santa Monica, CA; Entesquire@aol.com) supplied a lengthy missive bursting with news of his travels, adventures, and the publication of the third edition of his book, *The Independent Film Producer's Survival Guide*. His latest movie, *The Devil's Double*, was produced and shot in Malta. Harris describes it as "an action-packed political thriller, essentially 'Scarface in Baghdad,' about the true story of Uday Hussein's body double." Harris spoke at the Moscow Film Festival, visited the Ukraine town of Tulchin, where he was treated like royalty, and then got stranded in Europe under the Icelandic volcano cloud on the way home. He has purchased a second baseball team in Maui and plans to buy even more teams. Maybe he should get in touch with **Eric Darmstaedter**, who's been living in Hawaii for the past 20 years, "with no plans to move." Eric is CEO of

75 At the time of this writing, we in the Northeast are about two inches away from the all-time record in annual snowfall. So, I say, "Bring on those last two inches!" No sense enduring so much to end up only in second place!

Our classmates with international assignments include **Ruta Noreika**, a senior relationship manager with First State Investments. **Graeme Cooper** writes from Australia (astrix@live.com.au). In 2009, he and Jan enjoyed "one of the greatest trips of our lives." They caught up with **Robert** and **Rose Cardenuto Allender** and then traveled to southern France for their son's wedding. Graeme looks forward to hearing from classmates.

From the West Coast comes news from **Karen Lafky Stoufer**, DVM '78, who is director of training for the Christian Veterinary Mission in Seattle, WA. She takes great pride in her work, which has given her a chance to pursue meaningful employment doing poverty alleviation and transformation. She credits her roommates, classmates,

“We are taking up ballroom dancing, with the intent to pick up our social life where we left it 26 years ago!”

Alicia Kavka '75

ClearFuels Technology Inc., a leading advanced bio-fuels company. He travels to Denver and California a lot and runs into **Craig Champion**, **Chip Conradi**, and **Jeff Hayes**. Once a year he gets together in New Hampshire with a big bunch of fraternity brothers, friends, and relatives including: **Walter Howard**, MCE '76, **Rob Swanson**, **Vern Grabel**, **Ben Brungraber**, **Corky Willse**, BS Ag '76, **Dan O'Connell**, **Bob Cheney**, **Dana Williams**, **Joe Kowalik**, and **Al Van Ranst**, MBA '76. (This must be almost the complete roster of Phi Gams seen in our 2009 Reunion group photo.) Eric offers his e-mail address, edarmstaedter@clearfuels.com, to friends or "anyone in the renewable energy business that wants to become involved in Hawaii."

Continuing westward to the Far East, this column concludes with news of **Douglas Foy**, a resident of Singapore for the past 20 years. He loves the people, the culture, and the food. His family, Alex, 13, and Lauren, 14-1/2, enjoy the weather year-round for tennis and scuba. They get back to the States once a year in summer. So, I guess they'll miss out on natural events like our 18 inches of snow in the Syracuse area in early March. We Central New York residents had a lot of opportunity to enjoy the sparkling white stuff around here this past winter. I like everything about it except when it results in yet another snow day for my son, 14. Luckily I work down the block from our house, so I can sort of monitor his activities while teaching my courses and directing the interior design program at Cazenovia College.

For this column, I googled at times to find more info about classmates whose business card had fallen off or whose handwriting was a challenge to decipher. Please send news via e-mail or class news forms. We will "work with you!" ☒ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; and Jack Wind, jjw@mhwlawfirm.com.

and professors who encouraged her idealism, and especially chaplain David Durham, who was a great model of including his family in his work. **Alicia Kavka** writes from Lake Oswego, OR. She will experience her first empty nest next year, with mixed feelings. Her oldest son has illustrated a book, son number two is in his senior year at the U. of Puget Sound, and the youngest is now enrolled at the U. of Hawaii, Manoa. Alicia and husband Dale have traveled to Spain and Portugal. She comments, "We are taking up ballroom dancing, with the intent to pick up our social life where we left it 26 years ago!"

Only one piece of news from the middle of the country. **Mike Rosepiller**, ME '76 (todpimj@bp.com) writes from Houston, TX. His career with British Petroleum has now been more than 32 years. His travels took him back home to Pittsburgh during the G-20 Summit and he continues to enjoy hiking and horseback riding in Santa Fe. His "bucket list" includes running a marathon and make par on 18 holes of golf!

Don Sherman, MPS '81 (Lexington, MA) works as a program director at ERG, developing alternative energy opportunities by the recovery of methane. Prior to this, he worked for 23 years at several other energy firms. He and wife **Chris Cosentini** '76 are now empty-nesters; their twins headed off to college. "We went from a house running at Mach 5 to empty-nesters and we are enjoying the quiet." **Barbara Foote** Shingleton writes from Boston. Her daughter **Elizabeth** '00 was married and now works at Boston Trinity Academy. **Clifford Davis** lives in Woodstock, CT. They are extraordinarily proud of their three self-sufficient and kind-hearted children. Clifford writes that many of the people with whom he attended Cornell had a big impact on him. **Susan Siegelaub** Katz (susan.katz@yahoo.com) is a realtor with Coldwell Banker in Westport, CT. She

writes that she is newly single and feeling good. Her son **Adam** is Cornell '05.

Robin Pearl-Kargman (Woodbury, NY) thanks Dr. Federer from the Statistics and Biometry department for the impact he had on her. Under his tutelage, she wrote a thesis, which was presented at a national scholarly meeting, and served as his teaching assistant. They still share Christmas greetings! **Eliot Schuman** continues his active law practice (Schuman Sall and Geist) in White Plains, NY. He specializes in medical malpractice. His daughter **Rachael** '13 is a sophomore in the ILR school, so he has developed a new-found appreciation for Alma Mater. **Steve Sauter** takes much joy in the closer relationship he has developed with God, Jesus Christ, and his wonderful wife Leah. He fondly recalls History professor Richard Polenberg; it was his course in American 20th-century history that inspired Steve's interest in national and international history. He hopes to travel to various countries to experience cultures, landscapes, and people.

In and around the Beltway, we hear from **Paul Braunstein** (Laurel, MD; pbraun@aol.com). **Wendy Sneff** is now back in Washington, DC, working for the State Dept. She had spent four years in Korea. Her daughter attends George Mason U. **Reinhard Werthner** now lives in Bethesda, MD, with wife Marie, after completing a two-year assignment as COO with the Sandia Native American Tribe at the Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque, NM. He commends former professor **Vance Christian** '61, MS '65, for mentoring him throughout his years at Cornell. He is still striving to start his own company.

Our son is completing his final year at West Point, branching armor, and scheduled to be stationed in Fort Stewart, GA. Our daughter is in her first year at West Point and I am on sabbatical from Seton Hall U., returning to the faculty after ten years as dean of its business school. So, I, too, am at West Point, teaching a course in human resource management. It has been a terrific and rejuvenating appointment as husband Joel and I transition to empty-nesting as well.

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76 Hope you all plan to join us at our 35th Reunion, June 9-12! It won't be half as fun for us—and no fun at all for you—if you're not there. We really rate this year: we'll be housed in the Townhouse Community on North Campus; we'll enjoy Finger Lakes beer, wine, and food pairings at a Friday reception; we'll eat Saturday dinner at Duffield Hall; the Hot Truck will be at your late-night service on the Arts Quad; and we'll have lots of time to enjoy the campus and catch up with each other. Thanks to our dauntless reunion committee **Martha Plass** Sheehe, **Mary Pykosz** Creekmore, **Ellen Gobel** Walsh, and **Terry Wolff** Heinichen, MBA '83, for all the work they're doing right now. Be sure to go online now (alumni.cornell.edu/reunion) and register!

Class news is at a premium this time of year, so we were especially glad to hear from **Suzy Schwarz** Quiles, who lives in Cranbury, NJ, with husband José. She is language arts curriculum supervisor for Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Schools. In Denver, **Patricia Calhoun** continues to run the great weekly paper *Westword*, which

she and fellow *Sun* alumni **Rob Simon** and **Sandra Widener** founded in 1977. Its political and cultural coverage now has a big online presence, too. (Start at westword.com). For the past seven years, *Westword's* MasterMind program has awarded cash prizes to innovative artists or arts institutions in Denver, encouraging new developments in Colorado's cultural landscape.

Several parents from our class have summer legacies—by which I mean high-school-age kids who have attended Cornell Summer College to take college-level courses. Last summer's legacies included Emily Cooper, daughter of **Sharon Loeb Cooper** and husband Andrew; William, son of **Michael Moore** and Denise Holmes; and Anthony, son of Mary and **Frank Tataseo**. It's a great program—and a nice way to sell your progeny on Cornell. Check the Cornell website for details on this year's courses.

As this column goes to press, I've just come from New York City and the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show—strictly as a spectator. The show is always great, but this year it was especially fun to see my Dickson Hall neighbor **Barbara Grindrod Warner** and her husband, Milo, up from Apex, NC. Barbara was there to show her gorgeous Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, Maggie, who won best of opposite sex in her breed! That's probably the top honor that a female Swissy can hope for, since males have the advantage in the size and physical power that the judges usually look for in this draft breed. Having won this honor to top her many other championships, Maggie will retire from conformation shows, but will continue her stellar parallel career in agility competition. Maggie travels with her "baby," Dusty, a Chinese crested dog who, though small, is also a mighty competitor in agility trials. Back home, Barbara and Milo also have a Clydesdale horse, some goats, and probably whatever other animal presents itself. This weakness for animals is nothing new: I think it can now be revealed that Barbara used to keep rabbits (Lenny and George) in her dorm room, and smuggled in her dog Prince from time to time, too. On this trip I was also lucky enough to see Barbara's daughter **Elizabeth Barker '08** at dinner one night. Elizabeth works for Coach and lives in Brooklyn.

Another Dickson neighbor, **Karen Polivy**, writes, "Hard to believe, but I have been in the Bay Area now for 30 years, more than half of my life. Yikes! For most of my time out here, I lived in the cute little town of Larkspur. A year ago, I bought a new house one exit south in Mill Valley with a fabulous view of San Francisco across the Bay. I now have a real guest room that everyone has been coming to use and enjoy! I did my bit for the economy over the last year between fixing up my new house and renovating my old house to rent it out. Luckily my real estate asset management consulting business has allowed me the flexibility to do all that. Have been spending a lot of time in Tahoe the last two years, not skiing due to my wonderful experience at Greek Peak, but playing with my adorable grandniece. Looking forward to catching up with everyone at reunion in June." (I should remind all who know Karen of the full-leg cast she wore for a semester after one Greek Peak adventure.)

Barbara, Karen, **Bill Hanavan** and I, and probably all of your freshman year pals plan to be at reunion—all because we hope to see you there. Run to register right now and we'll meet you at the beer tents! ☐ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 Greetings from Philadelphia. **Brian Dunn**, MBA '81 (New Rochelle, NY) works for Aon, which recently merged with Hewitt to form the largest HR consulting firm in the world. He runs the combined compensation consulting business, which has \$250 million in global revenue. He is also on the board of the Boys and Girls Club, which he finds very rewarding. Brian and wife Kathy have bought a weekend house on the beach in Long Island, where they will ultimately retire. **Barbara Hanna, MPA '77**, is serving as mayor of Banning, CA, this year. "When I finish this term on the city council in 2012, I will have served a total of 14 years on the council."

Frederick Barken, BA '76, MS '77, announces that his book, *Out of Practice: Fighting for Primary Care Medicine in America*, will be published in March 2011 by Cornell U. Press. He left the private practice of general internal medicine in Ithaca in 2007 to research and write on the challenges facing adult primary care physicians in an era of declining resources, declining numbers of primary care doctors, and the burgeoning population of geriatric baby boomers. Fred says that the book is not all gloom and doom, however, and he offers some proposals for satisfying the needs of patients and their doctors. For more information, check out Fred's website: <http://www.frederickbarkenmd.com>. Congratulations, Fred. We look forward to reading your book. Also in the healthcare industry, **Elyse Gellerman** (Denver, CO) works as a hospital consultant, helping hospitals prepare for the changes resulting from healthcare reform. She served as a delegate for the first Komen Race for the Cure in Jerusalem. Elyse has been a volunteer and past board president for the Denver affiliate.

David Figura (Skaneateles, NY) is outdoor editor for the *Post-Standard* in Syracuse, covering everything from birding to bear hunting. **Wendy Gavin Newman** (North Caldwell, NJ) went back to school after 25 years of practicing nutrition and received a master's in social work in 2008. She is now a practicing psychotherapist and loves the challenge of a new career. Congratulations on the new degree and the new career direction. **Dixon Kim** (New York City) has retired, but worked for 30 years in the New York State court system. He is a practicing Tai Chi Ch'uan student and instructor and enjoys being with his two daughters. He plans to do volunteer work with either the Fortune Society or the Innocence Project to compensate for injustices that he witnessed during his career. Also retiring from the New York State court system is **Catherine Lomuscio** (Douglaston, NY). Catherine would like to hear from **Eric Ornstein**, **Denise Orzel**, **Ruth Bogitsh** Trager, and **Janet Sandell Sachs**.

Patricia O'Brien visited the Cornell campus in February 2010 to attend a reunion of Cornell Concert Commission alumni who had been involved in the 1977 Grateful Dead concert. The current Concert Commission invited them to attend a concert by Furthur, comprising surviving members of the Dead. **Sheryl Checkman** is in the process of launching a line of branded T-shirts called Life is Balance, which she designed and trademarked (www.lifeisbalance.com). Sheryl also serves lunch every Thursday at a soup kitchen run by her synagogue, B'nai Jeshurun, in New York. She finds this volunteer work to be particularly rewarding. Quiltmaker **Allison Bryant** Aller has written her first book, *Allie Aller's Crazy Quilting: Modern Piecing and Embellishment Techniques for Joyful Stitching*, due out in March 2011 and published by C&T

Publishers LLC. Allison credits her color theory class and basic design studios at Cornell as still playing a major role in her daily work. She lives in Washougal, WA, and serves on the board of the nonprofit Alliance for American Quilts. She would like to hear from **Jody Miller-Olcott**.

Mitch Genser launched a green commercial real estate investment company focusing on multi-family properties for low- and moderate-income families with children, people with special needs, and other disenfranchised people in Santa Rosa, CA. **Steve Kranish** is chief engineer at GSF Engineering in Beverly, MA. He still finds time to bicycle more than 3,000 miles per year and to build and fly model rockets. **Roxanne Neresian** Paul (Vienna, VA) celebrated her 10th anniversary with the National Wildlife Federation, but sadly reports that colleague **Craig Tufts '69**, MS '76, lost his battle with brain cancer. A wildlife pond was dedicated in his honor. Roxanne still volunteers for the Boy Scouts of America as a unit commissioner and merit badge counselor.

Paul Whittaker started a career as an abstract artist and photographer after moving to Evanston, IL, in 1992. He is active with Neighbors for Peace and was back in Ithaca "to try to find out what happened to his children." **Craig Gold** is a deputy district attorney for Asset Recovery in Los Angeles and co-hosted a fundraiser in Brentwood, CA, for Jerry Brown's successful campaign for governor. He reports that his twin sons Jared and Lucas, 3-1/2, started pre-school and are doing well.

Starbucks Coffee Co. in Seattle reports that **Matthew Swaya**, a veteran vice president and assistant general counsel, has been named chief ethics and compliance officer. Matthew currently serves as the principal lawyer for Starbucks global labor and employment matters and is primary lawyer to and member of the US business leadership team. Congratulations, Matthew.

Madeleine Blanchet Hemmings retired to Ithaca to enjoy the town and be near her children and granddaughter. Her daughter, **Laurie Hemmings Wilson '98**, is an ILR graduate who works for Sylvania. Madeleine went on a seven-day cruise of the East Coast celebrating her 40th anniversary and founded a support group for people with epilepsy and brain injuries. She is taking care of her husband, who had an Achilles tendon injury, has taken up golf, plays bridge with the Cornell women's group, attends Cornell lectures, and supports the women's hockey team (presently ranked number two in the nation).

That's the news for spring 2011. One can't help but be impressed with the wide range of activities in which our classmates are involved and the impact that they have on others. We encourage all of our classmates to forward news and views (and encourage friends to contribute also). ☐ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

78 I was concerned that this month's column would be very short because so many of you were too tired from shoveling snow to send news. Fortunately, a desperate post to the class LinkedIn group yielded plenty of updates. Thanks to all who answered the call and submitted news.

The icebreaker question I asked, appropriately, was how classmates managed to survive the winter. **Ben Littauer** wrote, "Living in the Boston area, we (wife **Kathy Kerby**, MA '79, and I) have certainly felt the winter, much more than our

alma mater, in fact. We did escape one snowstorm by taking a week in the Galápagos in early January." Ben is an angel investor and stays tied in with Cornell through the CAAAN program. He also hopes to work with the Computer Science (CS) department "to help highlight entrepreneurial opportunities to the (largely theoretically minded) CS student body." **Randall Nixon** got through the winter by acting as CAAAN chairman for Howard County, MD, and interviewing prospective Cornellians. "Applications are up yet again, while the size of my committee remains the same. This makes for a lot of dedication from my fellow Cornellians!" **Lynne Kolton** Schneider had a whole other way to deal with the winter: she moved permanently to Boca Raton, FL, from New Jersey. She works as a sex therapist and freelance medical writer—"just in a warmer climate."

Mark Pinnie got together with fellow Chi Psi friends **Steve Follett** and **Tom Groos** and their wives this fall for a bicycle ride around Manhattan Island. They then repaired to Tom's lovely scaled-down home in Greenwich for a sumptuous repast. "Many stories of the technologically limited '70s were shared." While we're talking technology, **James Euchner** left Pitney Bowes and started an innovation consulting firm with a friend from graduate school. James is a visiting scientist at MIT, "where I am doing a little research on open and user innovation, and I am editing *Research-Technology Management*, a journal for executives leading innovation and technology organizations." **John DePolo** (Chapel Hill, NC; john.depolo@gmail.com) helps Honda Aircraft hire engineers and other senior people in Greensboro, NC. He also assists venture capitalists nationally in staffing their portfolio companies and, on occasion, helps out with career counseling and networking. "I'm also in the beginning stages of establishing an ILR Alumni Association presence in the Carolinas. On the home front, I keep busy chasing my two active sons, 11 and 8, in their many activities."

J.C. Henry and his family moved to Santa Barbara from Haddonfield, NJ, three years ago. J.C. writes, "I recently launched, along with Dr. Tim Brown, a performance apparel and lifestyle company called IntelliSkin (Intelliskinusa.com). Our products and technology are endorsed and recommended by those that treat and train many of the top elite professional athletes. Our IntelliSkin shirt is the only product proven to improve one's posture." **Mike Gallup** works in private equity, where he serves as president and CEO of a Houston-based energy company, while also helping acquire a Charlotte-based telecommunications company. "I see **Paul Johnson** regularly; he's our son's godfather."

Class officers attending the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, had dinner at **Marie Hagen**, JD '81's house. **Paul Bonner**, our webmaster, is excited about his new job at Roundarch, a cutting-edge software and Web development company. "It's fun to work on projects for clients like *Bloomberg News* and Time Warner Cable. And there are so many smart people, it's almost like being back at Cornell."

Bruce Clements writes that son Tim was admitted early decision to study Physics in the Class of 2015. He'll join sister **Katie '12**, who is studying Biology. Two fourth-generation siblings at Cornell! Bruce and his parents, **Tom '49** and **Jean Pirmie Clements '50**, celebrate 60 years of outstanding insurance service in Saratoga Springs, NY, this year. **Laura Day** Ayers, MBA '86, reports, "Our daughter **Kathleen '11** will graduate from

the Hotel school in May, so we will be in Ithaca for the ceremony and celebration. My father-in-law, Cornell '54, will be there as well, so it will be exciting to have three generations of Cornellians present! I also am involved with CAAAN and met with my fourth applicant yesterday. Such a great experience! So many wonderful kids—wish they could all be accepted!" **Bob**, ME '79, and **Sarah Beran Steinberg**, ME '79, welcomed their first grandchild and our potentially youngest legacy, **Dahlia Ruth**, in January.

If I missed including your news, not to worry. Look for it in the next column, courtesy of Ilene. See you next time! **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 The days are getting longer, the snow is melting; writing this column reminds me that spring is just around the corner and there is still winter news to report. The Johnson School named former class president **Jeff Berg**, MBA '81, their Samuel C. Johnson Distinguished Service 2010 Award Recipient on Jan. 20, 2011 in New York City. The distinguished service award honors alumni who have demonstrated continued engagement with the Johnson School through long-term volunteer activities. Jeff's wife, Debra Paget, and children Lowell, Blake, and **Samantha '09** joined in the celebration. **Jeff Weiss**, **Brian Miller**, **Scott Smith**, MBA '80, **Karen Mineo**, **Cindy Green**, **Steve Magacs**, **Mark Wilson**, MBA '80, **Jeff Margolis**, and **Zena Saunders**, MBA '81, were also present to honor Jeff.

John Scelfo, MBA '80, has been named the recipient of the 2011 Jerome Alpern Award, the highest award given by the ILR school. The award was established to honor a distinguished alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding service and support to the school, and it recognizes individuals whose career accomplishments have been primarily outside the field of industrial and labor relations. John is the senior vice president of finance and corporate development for Hess Corp. at the global headquarters in New York, NY.

These award recipients highlight the outstanding contributions that many alumni make to the university through their volunteer activities. The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held January 28-30 in Washington, DC, demonstrated the vital role that alumni play in supporting the work of the university. I was pleased to be able to attend and join with approximately 800 alumni from all over the country who volunteer for Cornell. It was inspiring and motivational to see individuals from every generation engaged in service to the university. The Class of '79 officers in attendance at the class meeting included **Jeff Weiss** (class president), **Mary Wilensky** Kahn (VP affinity), **Deb Waterman** Johns, and **Janet Goldin** Rubin (VPs for regional events), **Margie Wang** (treasurer), **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '97 (reunion chairs), **Rhonda Carniol** (recording secretary), **Nancy Sverdlík** (Cornell Annual Fund), **Cindy Green** (major gifts), and **Steve Magacs**, **Kevin Bruns**, and **Jeff Berg** (nominating committee). Several of these class officers joined with their spouses and several other Cornellians (including **Dan '78** and **Sunita Gupta Leeds**) at a dinner graciously hosted by Jeff and Christie Weiss at their home in Northwest D.C. It was a great opportunity to share fond memories with those who have had similar Cornell experiences and a good reminder that reunion is just around the corner.

A goal was set at the weekend meeting to achieve 1,000 donors to the Cornell Annual Fund and 500 attendees at reunion in 2014. Plans are being made for regional events leading up to reunion including a Class of '79 event associated with the Cornell vs. Boston U. hockey game in NYC on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011. The event will take place at 5:00 p.m. at Heartland Brewery, followed by the game at Madison Square Garden. To keep abreast of these upcoming events please consider joining Facebook and becoming a member of the Class of '79 page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=40107798568&ref=ts>.

Other ways to reconnect with Cornell classmates in the digital age include the Cornell Class of 1979 group on LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=1799738>) and CornellConnect at <http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>.

In other news, **Diane Zahler** reports that after working for years in children's book publishing in NYC, she published her first children's novel, *The Thirteenth Princess*, with Harper Collins in 2010. This book was followed by *A True Princess* in February 2011. Both books are retellings of classic fairy tales which grew out of Diane's love for the genre. Diane lives with husband Philip Sicker in Wassauc, NY. **Susan Schapiro Caplan** (riverdalecaplans@aol.com) is doing a different kind of publishing in Yarmouth, ME. She is an assistant professor at the U. of Southern Maine and has published her research on Latino immigrants and their beliefs about depression. She and husband **Gary '62** moved to Maine in January 2010 for the job at USM because they love living in New England. Her position also allows her to volunteer each year for a medical service/student service learning trip as part of Partners for Rural Health in the Dominican Republic. Susan would love to hear from **James Seltzer**, MBA '83, **Elizabeth Hyde**, and **Jody Shevins**.

A victorious **Richard Friedman** (rfriedman@mlaw.com) writes that ten months after the nine surgeries needed to recover from a catastrophic skiing accident, he successfully completed the NYC Marathon. His efforts raised \$7,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Richard works in NYC as a partner in the law firm McKenna, Long and Aldridge LLP and lives with wife Sandra in Westport, CT. From Newton, MA, **Jeffrey Hirsch** (jhirsch@hrwlawyers.com) reports that he left a large regional law firm in October 2008 to be a founding partner and co-chair of Hirsch, Roberts, Weinstein LLP (<http://www.hrwlawyers.com/>). Establishing this boutique labor, employment, and litigation firm that represents employers throughout New England has been exciting and fulfilling for Jeffrey. On the home front, he and wife Deborah have lived in the same Newton location for 20 years with sons Jake, 21, and Nate, 18. The house is not as full these days since Jake attends the U. of Rochester and Nate is at RIT. In their spare time, the Hirsches volunteer at numerous nonprofits in the Boston area. During the summer, Jeffrey and Deborah get away to New Hampshire for kayaking and bass fishing.

At the other end of the state, **Fern Chin Murtagh** (fern@cs.williams.edu) writes from Williamstown that she and husband **Tom**, PhD '83, have successfully raised three daughters who are totally independent. Now that the children are grown, Tom and Fern volunteer to coordinate a meals ministry program at their church. As part of this ministry they cook 70 meals once a month for senior citizens in Williamstown. The rest of their time is filled with work, travel, and visiting family

and friends. This summer they were able to spend time with **Doug Cohn**, DVM '85, at Tanglewood. Fern would love to also hear from **Judy Krell Friedman**. **Susan Zellner Dunitz** (iron@att.net) writes from Highland Park, NJ, that she is still a full-time mom who keeps occupied meeting the needs of her youngest, Ruthie, who has Down's syndrome and autism. Susan and husband **Irwin '78** are busy this year investigating appropriate high school programs to meet Ruthie's needs. They are pleased to report that son Jesse is in his last semester at MIT. In her spare time Susan volunteers with the PTO and enjoys scrapbooking. She and Irwin still keep in touch with **Marcia Wagner Levinson '78** and **Raina Perlmutter '81**, who all met at Young Israel at Cornell.

It is great to be able to report on all of our challenges and victories, great and small. Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your news. Remember to join our Facebook page and LinkedIn group as well, and you may want to check out other alumni news at CornellConnect. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at classof79@cornell.edu, or directly at: **Kathy Zappia Gould**, rdgould@comcast.net; **Cynthia Ahlgren Shea**, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 Classmates, thanks for the incredible response to our call for news. We received an avalanche of updates and will dive right in. If you don't see your news in this column, look for it in the next issue!

Chris Spear thinks that his book, *SystemVerilog for Verification*, was just translated into Chinese by his publisher, but, since he can't read Mandarin, it could just be the Beijing phone book with a new cover. He did find his wife and children's names on the dedication page, along with what looked like a recipe for Lo Mein. Highlights of 2010 include seeing the *Pee Wee Herman Show* on Broadway with his wife, Laura, and taking his new exchange student to the Provincetown Carnival and Gay Pride Parade two days after Andrew arrived from Azerbaijan. Low point was the thermometer in Budapest while visiting his kayaking au pairs.

Careerwise, **Henry Goitz** holds a new position this year. He was recruited by the Detroit Medical Center as a sports orthopedic surgeon to join the team that cares for the Detroit Tigers, Pistons, and Red Wings. He is also academic chair and associate director of the Sports Medicine Inst., director of the Sports Research, Education, Injury Prevention Center, co-director of the sports orthopaedic surgery fellowship program, and vice-chief of the Detroit Surgery Hospital. **Rich Linderman**, ME '81, became chief scientist of the information directorate of the Air Force Research Lab in February. He and wife **Linnea (Peterson)** look forward to visiting son **Stephen '10**, who is at Cambridge for a year as a Churchill Scholar.

Ivan Lustig, MBA '82, has joined the Duff & Phelps mergers and acquisitions practice as senior managing director. He brings 28 years' experience to this position (yes, that is the truth!). **Sally Doolittle Corcoran** says hi from snowy Vail, CO! She still works in sales at the Vail Cascade Resort; husband John is at the Sonnenalp Resort. Their older daughter (21—yay!) has returned from a semester-at-sea program and is now a junior at U. of Colorado, Boulder. She is a member of Theta

and plays club volleyball. Daughter Cassidy, 19, is a freshman at the U. of San Diego and a member of Gamma Phi. Sally and her husband are really enjoying "being 30." (That's her term for "empty-nesters".)

Will Dickerson, PhD '92, sends greetings from Budapest and notes, "We have been living here since 1993. I teach English at Szent László Gimnázium, which is a public secondary school in Budapest. The teenagers keep me on my toes. Our children have grown up and returned to the US.

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Sandra Peterson-Buengeler '80

Last summer, our daughter and son-in-law made us grandparents. So far, we are very much enjoying the state of grandparenthood." Also overseas, **Sandra Peterson-Buengeler** writes, "I now live in Germany and am the chairman and CEO of Bayer Crop Science, a \$10B global agricultural business. In Germany, I am the most senior woman in business. Ironically, I wrote my senior honor's thesis at Cornell, for which I was awarded the Messenger-Chalmers prize, on the German chemical industry as a model for how the country industrialized from 1880 to 1950. Bayer was one of the key companies in that industrialization. I have come full circle after more than 30 years. I also have two sons—one working and living in South Africa and the other a freshman at Wesleyan U. Unfortunately, I was unable to convince either of them to go to Cornell, despite my telling them it is a great university and I loved my time there! We are a model global family that lives on three continents."

From **Tom Lamb** (tom.lamb@comcast.net): "I am still the managing director of my family's resort hotel in Southampton, Bermuda (the Pompano Beach Club). If anyone is sick and tired of all the snow this winter and would like to escape to Bermuda, let me know. Our resort would love to host you. I can be reached by e-mail if you are ready to get away for a few days! I've got a daughter in her sophomore year at Florida State U. (she opted for a warm-weather college experience) and another daughter who is in her sophomore year of high school here in the Boston area." Tom remembers **Paul DeJesus**, a Psi U fraternity brother and football teammate. We received an e-mail that Paul passed away on Jan. 27 and we send sincere condolences to his family and friends.

From **Jimi Yui**: "My son **Zen Yui '14** is a freshman in the Hotel school and loving it. We visited during Family Weekend and walked around Collegetown and downtown Ithaca. Drove out to my favorite hangout, the Rongovian Embassy in Trumansburg. Our kitchen design company, YuiDesign (www.yuidesign.com), is very busy with many new restaurant openings this year, including restaurants for Iron Chef Morimoto in Beijing and Mexico City, and Mario Batali in New York."

George Rios is owner of George Rios PA, a full-service law practice, and married to Arleen. They have daughters **Jacqueline Elizabeth '11**, who is graduating this May and plans to pursue a career in law, and **Rebecca Ashley**, a sophomore in high school. George adds that he served as president of the New Jersey Hispanic Bar Association

from 2008-09. **Andre van Hall** writes: "Life in Denver continues to be an adventure. This year I have been involved with CAAAN, helping 'interview' students interested in Cornell. I highly recommend it, as it is an inspiring task. The Denver Athletic Club continues to grow and prosper, albeit very slowly, and with a lot of very hard work. It was fun to reconnect with a lot of Cornell friends through a Facebook page opened for the Int'l Living Center."

From **Chuck D'Angelo**: "Prime season for cycling has begun again for me. This year, I'm

riding in two big charity events: the Houston-to-Austin BP MS 150 (175 miles) for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the San Francisco to LA AIDS Lifecycle (545 miles) for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. I'll be Ride Marshal for the BP MS 150 and also have earned my league cycling instructor certification from the League of American Bicyclists to teach bike safety classes. I'm also the lead ride marshal for Shell's cycling team for the BP MS 150. For more info on these events, check out <http://www.ms150.org> and <http://www.aidslifecycle.org>."

Andy Kessler checked in—he has been a while since we heard from him. He has a new book out called *Eat People and Other Unapologetic Rules for Game-Changing Entrepreneurs*. Besides fun stories, the book is a set of rules or criteria to help entrepreneurs (or investors or job seekers) find the next big thing. Most of the book comes from living and breathing (and working and investing) in Silicon Valley. **Vivian Cok Harmeyer** is the director of operations at SmartStorming, executive management consultants focusing on leadership and innovation, facilitation, ideation, and communications training. More information on her firm may be found at smartstorming.com. Your correspondents: **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu.

81 Hope you all survived the Arctic blasts that swept the country this past winter. Cornell students certainly took advantage of the snowfalls to stage the second annual epic snowball fight on the Arts Quad. Makes me daydream about how lovely the campus will be in Ithaca this June for our 30th Reunion!

By now you should have received several e-mail blasts about reunion. It's time to get excited and reach out to your friends to coordinate plans to attend. **Celia Rodee**, **Heidi Fleischman**, BS HE '84, and **Monique Van Perlstein** have a great weekend planned. Many classmates have already completed the Reunion Survey on the Cornell Alumni website and indicated they'll be there . . . so please take two or three minutes right now and:

1) go to the Class of '81 Facebook event page (search for "Reunion 2011: June 9-12 Cornell Class of '81"), join the group, and mark your "yes" attending or "maybe" if you still need to plan. Also, if you have pictures of past reunions

please post them on this Facebook page; and 2) go to the Cornell Alumni website for Reunion—<http://tiny.ly/fGKi> or <http://bit.ly/fESKsf>—to complete the Reunion Survey and see who else has said they are coming!

Want to help out by calling some friends from your dorm, sport, fraternity/sorority, or other Cornell activities? If Cornell kept track of it, we may be able to get you a contact list. Let **Lisa Kremer Ullmann** know at LKremerUllmann@aol.com. Lisa also reports that a small group of '81ers gathered to cheer Cornell basketball against Ivy leader Princeton in February. While Cornell lost, they still had fun. 1981 attendees included: **Phil Fine** and wife Julia Yushkevich, **Monique Van Perlstein**, **Paula Kaplan Reiss** and husband Rick, Lisa and **Michael Ullmann '80**, and **Mike Troy**. Cornell had a strong cheering section of more than 200. Afterwards the '81 partying continued at the Princeton Sports Bar. **Scott Craver** recently saw **Chris Hunsberger** and **John Hearn**s, and they have all committed to attend our 30th Reunion! He also had the pleasure of seeing **Tim Cole '83**, MBA '84, when he was in Lehigh Valley en route to the Hotel Snow.

I attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, in January. It was an exciting and stimulating weekend: more than 700 volunteer leaders covering classes, clubs, associations, and geographies coming together to communicate, collaborate, brainstorm, and share—all in the name of connecting Cornellians. Of course, we had a lot of snow again this year (we're getting used to it). In attendance were Celia Rodee, **Tanis McKay-Bell**, Lisa Kremer Ullmann, **John Boochever**, **Laura Fratt**, **Margaret Gallo**, and **Monique Van Perlstein**.

It was great to network with old and new friends, and I even went to dinner at the home of **Jeff Weiss '79** on Saturday with several of his classmates. We did take time out to offer support for our fellow Cornellians **Gabrielle Giffords**, **MRP '97**, and **Susan Annis Hileman '73**, who were recovering in Tucson at that time. I took a tour of the Conservatory as well as the National Gallery (with our very own docent, Frank Robinson, director of the Johnson Museum). The Johnson School featured **Naomi Kelman**, MBA '83, president of LifeScan (a Johnson & Johnson company) as a Park Leadership Speaker. She spoke on "Changing the Game: Turning Possibilities into Realities." **Wendy Rosenthal Gellman** was recently appointed to the President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW). It is a four-year term that begins this July. Kudos!

Robert Mandelbaum sent the news that on February 2, the Cornell Atlanta Alumni Association attended the Atlanta Thrashers hockey game to watch **Matt Moulson '06** and the Islanders. Before the game, Robert, **Steven Kirson '86**, and others from the club were joined by **Darren Eliot '83** (all-American goalie and current Thrasher TV announcer), who gave a shout-out to the "33 Cornell alumni in Section 301" during the TV broadcast. Moulson did not score, but the Islanders won 4-1.

Lorraine Brennan, an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) industry veteran, has been hired by JAMS Int'l to lead its operations in the EU. She has spent her career working in ADR, previously serving in leadership positions with the Int'l Court of Arbitration and, most recently, the CPR Inst. for Dispute Resolution. **Renee Miller-Mizia** tells us that while recently working in D.C., she had the pleasure of catching up with her roommate **Sandy Mitchell Kelly**. "It was fun to recap the adventures of all our Cornellian kids: **Alyse Mizia '09**, **Brett Kelly '10**, and **J. Colin Mizia '12**. **Anne**

Payne Fessler, DVM '84, tells us that daughter Jessica is in her freshman year at MIT, where she played on the volleyball team this fall, "following in her mother's footsteps (me!), who played volleyball for the Big Red for four years." Son Andrew continues at Stevens Inst. of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, following up his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering with a systems engineering master's program. He also works at the EPA in Manhattan. Anne says there are still two potential Cornellians at home in high school!

David Eldredge's life has been consistent but never boring. After graduation he ended up working locally in Ithaca and became an assistant coach for four years of the Cornell polo teams, for which he captained three of the four years he played during college. In 1985 he took over the head coach position of the men's and women's polo teams and has been head coach for 26 years. He has coached the women's team to nine USPA (United States Polo Assoc.) national titles. **Dave Stevens** retired from being a Navy fighter and test pilot. His new novel, "Resurrect," is going through editing before being published.

Marilyn Trautfield Sugarman celebrated the bat mitzvah of her younger daughter, Bari Nicole. Cornellians in attendance included classmates **Ely Bar-Ness** and wife **Solange Cohen** and **Debbie Hirsch** Ewing. Bari is a budding baker, and they had a baking theme. They donated centerpiece to City Harvest, and there was even an article about Bari in the *New York Daily News*. Unfortunately, **David '79** and **Jody Weiner Kauffman** could not attend because their youngest daughter, Jennifer, was celebrating her bat mitzvah the same day. Debbie and husband Mark and kids Kristen, 16, and Sean, 14, who live in California, stayed on to celebrate Thanksgiving in NYC. Marilyn is now a special referee in the State Supreme Court in Manhattan. She says this is a little like being a judge, but without the staff and all the power. She can only decide cases if the parties consent; otherwise, she writes a report and recommendation to the judge who has the case. Marilyn presides primarily over matrimonial cases, and loves it.

Eric Alderman tells us he was back in Ithaca in early November to celebrate with Ely Bar-Ness (he was Ely Burns back when we were at Cornell), who is probably among the last of our class to finally turn 50. Joining them were **Jon Wexler '80** and **Ricky Rosenberg '79**. Although it was "Ithacating" that day, they visited their old stomping grounds at TEP and climbed the Clock Tower to hear the evening concert, where they played "Happy Birthday" to Ely. The next day they visited wineries on Keuka Lake and tasted many of the wines we learned about in the Wines class. Who could forget Dr. Konstantin Frank's Johannesberg Riesling?

We know we will see you soon at reunion! Please make sure to keep in touch with us. **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com.

82 When asked, our class truly responds. In our last column, **Mark Fernau** noted a low level of class news. After a blast e-mail to class members, we now have an extraordinary amount of news to report. Thank you for the tremendous response, and please keep the news coming.

Let me start with a sad but touching report that reminds us of the importance of our family

and Cornell relationships. **Teresa Dick Tsui Wong** passed away peacefully on Jan. 4, 2011 in New York City. Shortly after graduation, Teresa was involved in an accident on her way to her first job at IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY. After spending four years in a coma, she lived with her mother in Bay-side, NY. Although she had limited short-term memory, Teresa always remembered her time and friends at Cornell, including **Diana Ng Ling '81**, **John Ng**, ME '83, and **Joshua Hsu** and was an inspiration to her friends and family. Teresa is survived by her mother, Lai Ling, and sisters Anna and Veronica. Those wishing to share their memories of Teresa are welcome to contact her family at veronica.d.wong@gmail.com or anna.d.wong@gmail.com.

We have several prolific writers in our class. **Eric Alterman** published his eighth book, *Kabuki Democracy: The System vs. Barack Obama* (Nation/Perseus, 2011). He continues his teaching at Brooklyn College and the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, as well as his regular columns in *The Nation*, *The Daily Beast*, and *Moment*. **Adam Potkay's** most recent book, *The Story of Joy from the Bible to Late Romanticism*, has been translated into Portuguese (Brazil), Romanian, and Polish; Adam has been invited to give a faculty lecture at the Catholic U. of Lublin, Poland. He has been lecturing in recent years throughout the US, UK, and continental Europe and is in his 21st year of teaching at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. **Nancy Ranno** Carlston has started to write a novel this year. With four children and a busy wine business (Tarras Vineyards and Scene 17 from New Zealand) she estimates that it will take about five years to complete. She and her family are glad to be back in the States (Mill Valley, CA), near family, and closer to traffic jams.

We have a new lawyer in our class. **William Wolff**, MPS '03, reports that after working as a software engineer he returned to Cornell and completed his MPS from the ILR school in 2007 and then attended Case Western Reserve U. for his law degree. He passed the July 2010 New York Bar exam, and is now starting an intellectual property law practice in NYC. After attending Harvard Medical School, **Scott Phillips** reports that he completed a dermatology residency and has been involved in drug development. Scott has run about 50 marathons, including 23 Boston Marathons. He has also completed eight Ironman triathlons in the US, Brazil, and Canada and has competed in the World Championship Ironman in Hawaii. His daughter Hailey will be a freshman at Cornell this fall.

Several of our classmates are busy raising young families. **Michael Greenberg**, MBA '83, reports that he has been teaching daughters **Madeleine**, 7, and **Alexandra**, 3, to ski and to ride bikes. Michael continues to serve on the board of directors of the Cornell Radio Guild (WVBR-FM). Over the past three years, he has been working to assure that Broomfield Academy, an elementary and middle school in Colorado, grows and prospers. He and wife Beth, a professional violinist, have been working on a project to design and build a 500-seat performing arts center in their town of Lone Tree, CO. **Roland Pinkney Sr.** is happily practicing anesthesiology in Atlanta and ecstatically married to Lisa. After having their son **Roland Jr. '07** graduate from Arts, they are proud of daughter **Ashley '14**, who is prelaw and studying Communications in CALS. Roland keeps in touch with **Terry Jordan**, who practices psychiatry in Mississippi.

Eric Aronson's niece, **Marlena Fontes '10**, graduated from ILR last spring. Eric continues to

keep in touch with his freshman roommate **Irwin Waldman**, who lives in Atlanta with wife Monica and children Ethan and Gabriela. After a long career at Accenture, **Janet Simons** retired in 2004. She keeps busy with her children Scott, 13, James, 10, and Adrienne 7. Following his career as a financial consultant, her husband, Steve Correia, entered town politics and is chairman of the board of selectmen in Wayland, MA. They also have a house in St. John, USVI.

We received quite a bit of news from the West Coast. **Robert Young**, MRP '96, PhD '07, is a professor in city and regional planning at the U. of Oregon. He co-founded the Sustainable Cities Initiative, which was written up in the *New York Times* as "perhaps the most comprehensive effort by a US university to infuse sustainability into its curricula and community outreach." (*NYT* 8/23/10). Robert also was a co-author of the economic development platform for Governor Kitzhaber of Oregon. He and his wife celebrated the birth of their third child. **Henry Herz** proudly reports that he is one of the first residents of San Diego to be driving the Chevy Volt. As a result of his Volt ownership and other green energy activities, he was nominated for the California Center for Sustainable Energy's "Energy All-Star Award" (Outstanding Homeowner). He launched Lean Business Solutions to offer process improvement training and consulting services.

From the San Francisco Bay Area, **Doug Allevitch** reports that he moved to Sausalito, CA, and loves the views of the Bay and San Francisco. He works for a startup medical device company (AEGEA Medical) developing a novel technology in women's health. Doug keeps in close contact with fraternity brothers from Delta Upsilon (**Mark Marotto**, **Paul Mullenhoff**, **Mike Laprocido**, **Dave Kimichik**). They had a wonderful 50th birthday celebration in Cabo San Lucas last July. He had just returned from his 21st annual ski trip in Colorado with DU fraternity brother **Rich Castillo** when he wrote.

Like many of us, **John Pisacane** also turned 50 last year; while the event was fairly traumatic emotionally, he is surviving so far. He and wife Teresa also celebrated 12 years of marriage. He has two sons in college and a third graduating from high school this year. John is the president of the Santa Clara County Dental Society, the chair of his 25th dental school reunion, and looking forward to attending our 30th Reunion next year. He keeps in touch with **Greg Chu**, **Al Harnisch**, and **Mitch Heymann**.

In closing, let me report on an article on two of our classmates published in the *Danbury (CT) News Times* earlier this year. The article, "How They Met: Polar Opposites Attract at Cornell University Lab," describes in detail the unusual romance and subsequent marriage of a Brooklyn girl, **Julie DeSimone**, and a country boy from Avoca, NY, **Will Conner**. Julie and Will were married three weeks after our graduation. Nearly 30 years and three children later they reside in Brookfield, CT, where Julie has an active nutritionist practice and Will works as a financial advisor for Ameriprise.

As the article points out, they still share a love for Cornell and are frequent visitors to Ithaca. It is a great piece about two of our most interesting classmates. Thanks again for all of your news. It is not too early to think about your plans for our 30th Reunion. It will be here before you know it. ☒ **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@npm-law.com; **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Mark E. Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 Hello folks! Hope all's well, and that all the snow from last winter has melted! Our class officers had a meeting in New York City a few months back to discuss upcoming events. **Mark Rhodes**, **Linda Lovero-Waterhouse**, **Dana Gordon**, **Sue Guerin**, **Abbie Bookbinder Meyer**, and **Nancy Gilroy** all met in NYC at the Sunburnt Calf for a holiday brunch/class meeting in December. After catching up on old times and sharing stories about loved ones, the group discussed 2011 plans for a classmate 50th Birthday Party Celebration. Considering this is a "milestone" birthday year for us (and misery loves company!), the group thought it would be fun to have a national celebration, with parties being held at multiple locations (kind of like a national Zinck's Night for the half-century folks!). While no plans were finalized, please stay tuned for the date and locations!

The Class of '83 was well represented at the 2011 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held in Washington, DC, at the end of January, with **Andy Sosa**, **Linda Lovero-Waterhouse**, **Dana Gordon**, **Sue Guerin**, **Nancy Gilroy**, **Daphne Mobley**, and **Diane Shakin** all in attendance. On

Saturday evening, Cornell hosted a tailgate party and live-streamed the Cornell men's hockey and men's and women's basketball games. Check out the website for more information: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/calc/index.cfm>.

Nancy Gilroy extended her trip an extra day and stayed with **Liz Cogan** and her husband, Dan, at their beautiful home in the Capitol Hill area. Liz and Nancy also met **Corrine Kostrub** Isakson for lunch and had a great time reminiscing and catching up on life!

Mark Rhodes, our class treasurer, just returned from Tanzania, where he led his 15-person Venturing Crew (co-ed high school students) up Mt. Kilimanjaro, the tallest free-standing mountain in the world at 19,334 feet. The six-day trek was physically and mentally challenging due to the extreme high altitude, but 13 of 15 made it all the way to the top. They hiked in rainforests, moorlands, alpine desert, mountain scree, and glacial snow and ice. They started the final summit climb at 11:00 p.m., hiking in moonlight, and made the peak at sunrise with temperatures of 20 degrees below zero! While in Africa, the Crew also planted trees in support of a women's shelter, and donated \$8,000 in funds and supplies to a local orphanage, the Amani Children's Home. Send news to: ☒ **Lorinda Buffamante**, LB325@cornell.edu; **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 Thanks to all who kindly responded to our request for news. Our supply is now quite abundant, so look for your news in the next issue if you don't see it here.

Sky Captain

John Zayac '82

When John Zayac races, he can finish a five-mile course—complete with turns and turbulence—in about a minute and seventeen seconds. For more than a decade, Zayac has been a devotee of air racing, in which half a dozen planes fly a route including three turns at about 240 miles per hour. Zayac says the whole experience offers an adrenaline rush, but that the scariest moments come at the start of each

event. "Everybody is headed to the same point, but you can't bump in airplanes like in NASCAR," Zayac says. "It's not forgiving."

When Zayac is not competing at the races (held in Reno, Nevada), he is the CEO of Denver-based IBG Business Services, a mergers and acquisitions advisory firm; he also flies for leisure, travel, business, and occasional air shows. His flying career has not been without some close calls. Zayac made an emergency landing on a road en route to his first air race in Reno due to engine trouble, and a couple of years ago he was forced to do a controlled crash-landing after his engine blew up over the Rocky Mountains. "I was able to drive it between some rocks in the peaks of the mountains and rip the wings off," Zayac recalls, "and at that same time slow the aircraft down and lose all the excess fuel."

Both times, Zayac walked away without a scratch.

— Laura Gallup



Deb Goldman Weis, a transplanted New Yorker in Pennsylvania (whose birthday was a week after the Super Bowl), is still working at GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare as director of business development for North America. She spends her time looking for companies/brands she can acquire, products she can shift from prescription to OTC status, and new products/technologies she can help bring to the market. Outside of work she stays busy on the home front, raising two teenage boys. Life is never dull. Jason, 15, is a freshman in high school, and Matthew, 13, is in 7th grade. They are both active in sports. Matthew also celebrated his bar mitzvah this past October, which kept Deb quite busy planning for the event throughout 2010. In the little spare time remaining, the family (including husband Mark and the boys) “are big fans of the Pittsburgh Penguins and go to about a dozen games each season. It brings me back to my days of watching Cornell hockey at Lynah Rink—where my passion for the sport began.”

Gretchen Horlacher's book *Building Blocks: Repetition and Continuity in Stravinsky's Music* was published by Oxford U. Press in March 2011. Gretchen, who received her BA in the College Scholar program, is the chair of the music theory department at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana U., Bloomington. **Diana Darcy** writes, “After taking a not-so-restful hiatus to care for my daughters for a few years, I have changed careers from engineering management to genetic counseling. Last year I completed my MS in human genetics and genetic counseling at Stanford U. School of Medicine, and I was then board certified in genetic counseling. I'm now working at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, CA, and also at Palo Alto Medical Foundation in Mountain View. There is never a dull day in genetics, and I love my patients. I am thrilled with my new career!”

Diana is not alone in being thrilled with a new career. Twenty years after receiving her BS in Human Development and Family Studies, **Carla Schorr** Rose received her MA from NYU's Steinhardt School and has become a board certified, NYS-licensed creative arts therapist. Carla is currently employed by the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx, and is the only art therapist on staff at CHAM. She works with children and young adults in a pediatric medical setting, using art as a modality for therapy and life affirmation. She works in both inpatient and outpatient settings, runs several groups each week, and sees individual patients and families on a referral basis. Carla writes, “I found a way to combine my lifelong interests in human development, art, and psychology, and get a great deal of satisfaction encouraging patients to access their innate creativity to help them through whatever challenges they are facing.” Carla remembers Prof. Lambert Brittain, who encouraged her to pursue her passion in this area, saying, “You may be someone who can make a difference.” “I feel lucky every day to have found work that inspires me.”

In addition to owning and operating a Chyten Educational Services business, **Kevin Hunt** continues to be very active in the Briarcliff Manor (NY) Fire Dept. as a member (and driver) of the hook and ladder company and an officer in the ambulance corps. His son Lars, 16, is now a junior member of the volunteer fire department and completed Firefighter 1 this summer. Kevin says it's an incredibly challenging course, most often taken by 20-somethings, that qualifies one to be a certified NYS interior firefighter. The spirit of community service lives on!

So many classmates have (yikes!) children who are either attending college or pursuing their own careers. All are undoubtedly urged to apply to Cornell—and many are or will be on the Hill! **Adam '83** and **Margot Davis Sappern** are still expatriates living in London, with children Billy and Chloe. Billy was recently accepted into the Class of 2015 and his parents are excited for him! **Melanie Bull** Byers is proud to welcome a fourth-generation Cornellian into the family. Son **Kenny Byers '14** is a freshman in CALS, studying Environmental Engineering, and rowing with the freshman lightweight crew. “Generation four-and-a-half—our 6-year-old daughter Kelly, helped move her big brother into his dorm last August and loves going down to Ithaca for a visit. She routinely tells Kenny, ‘Have a good day at college!’ Kenny, Kelly, my husband Charles ‘Chazz’ Geiwitz, and I recently returned from a week in Disney World. They were glad to get away from the record-setting snow besetting the Syracuse, NY, area, but learned that even Florida gets cold in January. On the plus side, there were minimal crowds and virtually nonexistent lines.”

Like many of our peers, Chazz and Melanie are part of the Sandwich Generation, caring for parents as well as children. Melanie's 83-year-old mother, Beverly Cheney Bull, moved in two years ago and will be staying for the foreseeable future. Melanie subsequently sold the family home in Homer, NY. Beverly, too, has a Cornell connection, having worked as a receptionist for Cornell United Religious Work when the department first moved to Anabel Taylor Hall in 1952. While at Cornell, Beverly did graduate study in voice under Sir Keith Falkner for three years before he returned to England to become head of the Royal Academy of Music.

Michelle Schapp's daughter Elana will be attending Haverford College in September. Michelle says, “There is still hope for Cornell grad school.” Son Josh is pursuing a career in computer networking/network management. Meanwhile, Michelle has been named one of the NJBIZ Best 50 Women in Business for 2011. She is an attorney who represents a varied client base that ranges from Fortune 500 companies to smaller, closely held businesses. She practices primarily in the areas of corporate law, construction law, technology law, commercial transactions, and franchising. Michelle still lives in Millburn, NJ, with husband John, and they are celebrating their 24th anniversary this year.

Michelle caught up with **Marty Heebner** while Marty was in NYC for a trade show promoting her line of Rebagz Eco-Chic handbags. All Marty's bags are made using recycled materials and under fair labor conditions (the bags even carry Green America's Seal of Approval), and her company was named 2009 California Small Business of the Year. Rebagz were also voted favorite eco-bag by *InStyle* magazine's readers. Check them out online! **Laurie Ratner** Girsky just started her new business, G-Squared Advisory LLC (www.gsquaredadvisory.com). She is doing financial planning, focused primarily on women, with services that include budget analysis, college savings, estate planning, investment advice, and retirement planning. After working on Wall Street, Laurie says she took a break for a while, and now it's time to get back to work!

More news to come in the next issue! ☑ **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 Gazing out my window—finally . . . SUNSHINE! It's still cold, but there's sun. By now we're recovered from the blizzards of 2011, but I personally did not sign on for the “snow that lasts more than a day” clause when I moved to Georgia. Seeing photos of the Northeast, Midwest, and most of the South, I am thankful that the groundhog predicted an early spring.

Pediatrician **Scott Bookner** (Scarsdale, NY) writes that oldest daughter Ilana will be a freshman at Johns Hopkins U. this fall. While proud of Ilana, he remains a Cornell lacrosse fan. Scott spent time with **Michael** and **Nancy Kroll Richardson** in Nashville and saw **Joon Kim '84** in his hometown. **Gerald Ortiz**, MD '89, reports that daughter **Alexandra '14** is in her second semester on the Hill. Like him, she enrolled in the Ag college; she hopes to be press secretary to the US president someday. Awesome! **Denis Hurley's** big news is that son **Denis '14** is a freshman in Arts and Sciences. Daughter Grace, a junior at Academy of the Holy Names, is gearing up for SATs and softball season. Denis, a personal injury trial lawyer, and wife Anne are avid runners, completing a half-marathon in Saratoga Springs this past September. They keep involved with Cornell attending hockey games and Cornell Club get-togethers.

Bev Schwartz Halperin, BS '84, MBA '85, married on lucky 10/10/10, writes that her twin boys will attend Cornell this fall in the Engineering and Hotel schools. Congrats on all accounts, Bev! **S. Coleman Bookbinder IV** is with Wells Fargo and doing well. He, wife Eileen, and children Quinn, 8, and Grace, 5, sailed the Virgin Islands at Thanksgiving. Niece **Madison Meyer '11** will graduate from the Hotel school this year. **Todd Shallen** writes in from “the Del” (Hotel del Coronado in California) that he begins the college search with his oldest son. He had cocktails with **David Merritt** recently. **Kim Brown** Hummel and husband Paul (Atlanta, GA) are trying to fight off middle age by juggling two careers, three sons in two schools, one geriatric cat, three kittens, and three gerbils. They look forward to beginning the college application process with their oldest son next year and, of course, will be lobbying hard for Cornell.

Alums with new careers or jobs include **Dan Autiello** (Orlando, FL), who has a new job as regional director of sales for Ritz Carlton Development Co. Dan has triplets (!) who just turned 16 and another daughter turning 15. Dan spends plenty of social time with **Brian Miller**, **Pat Healey**, **Steve Tamasi**, and **Steve Garrison**. **Jeanne Varney** heads back to Ithaca in July for a lecture faculty post in Facilities at the Hotel school (I'm totally jealous!). **Shaz Kahng**, a senior executive at Nike, worked on the launch of the chip in your running shoe that ‘spoke’ to your iPod Nano. She has since moved to California with husband Bill, becoming the president of Lucy activewear. Shaz encourages all Cornell women to check out Lucy apparel online or at a local retailer.

Judy Kepes has moved to Alaska to work as a clinical database analyst for Providence Alaska Medical Center. Her family is into the Alaska lifestyle; they adopted an Alaskan husky, Quest, who introduced them to Skijoring. They also volunteered in last year's Idirarod. **Monica Schwalbach** is moving to Baker City, OR, to become the forest supervisor of Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. She graduated from our Natural Resources program. **Karen Carr**, magna with a double major in Classics and Archaeology, was professor at Portland State U. in Oregon for 20 years. She has

resigned to publish *Kidipede*, a children's encyclopedia of history and science (<http://www.kidipede.com>), and look after her three children.

It pays to have friends who write the column. Here is some news from alums I know. On February 4, the Cornell Club in NYC transformed into an art gallery, inviting **Leslie Nydick**, among others, to display her photography. Leslie's avocation of photography serves as a welcome relief from the stress of her vocation as a mediator (like the USA show "Fairly Legal," minus the destruction of property). Check out www.LucysImages.com for more. **Patricia Yule** Nichols received the Charles Russell Bard Award for exemplary performance and commitment to CR Bard Inc. Along with a Tiffany crystal sculpture, Patti received a trip to NYC, a boat tour, dinner, tickets to a Broadway play, and hotel accommodations. Congrats, Patti! **Elizabeth Mozesky** Langston and husband Yancey spent their 20th wedding anniversary in Croatia. Amazing scenery of waterfalls at Plitvice National Park, a tour of Tito's residence, and visits to the Island of Hvar, Dubrovnik, and Montenegro were topped off by the delicious food and romantic evenings.

Christine Natsios, director of alumni affairs at the Hotel school, bought a house in Cortland. She and boyfriend Chuck look forward to getting out to work on the yard this spring (as we all are!). Her granddaughter, 16, is already checking out colleges. Time is fleeting! **Sharon Tolpin** Topper and husband David met while Sharon was VP for marketing at Critical Mention, an online video company, and David was a consultant designer. Just as Sharon decided to move on to another venture, David joined as creative director. But that did not deter them. Two months later they were engaged, then married, and a year later they launched their own company, www.warmbreadcreative.com, a digital marketing and design agency. Based in Jersey City, Warm Bread Creative handles everything from branding to Web design, e-mail marketing, and illustration. Check them out!

Marjorie Riemer Setchko e-mailed me with the subject line, "The best news you'll get all day," which initially made me think it was a virus. But it turned out to be true. Marjorie is a stay-at-home mom to four beautiful and cracker-jack smart kids ages 2-11. She laughed at the thought that some of us actually have college-aged kids, saying, "I just had a *baby* for crying out loud!" They live in the San Francisco Bay Area and have given up European travel due to the economic downturn and the "fourth kid." Marjorie has started a blog (<http://didyougetanyofthat.blogspot.com>) and is also running. Both keep her sane. She's been in touch with **Sue Mould** Engdahl and **Sisi Boyd**, ME '87. Marjorie adds: "No, I am not married to a multi-billionaire, nor am I one in my own right. I do not have a super-cool, save the universe kind of job. I am not a large-scale mover and shaker. No celebrity status, just a mom of four and stepmom to six. Keeping my head above the water and unashamed to say that I *heart* Barney." Except for the Barney part, I think she is a totally cool mover and shaker, with a save the universe kind of job: Mom. One of the most important.

It never ceases to amaze me how we were all at Cornell at the same point in our lives and how, since graduation, we have all progressed toward different goals and walked down different paths to where we are now. Some have children in college, some have infants and toddlers; some have risen to executive levels in companies, while others are starting new ventures in different fields. We all play an important role in this world and

from the mail I receive, I believe we are trying to make it a better place for ourselves, our children, and, I hope, our children's children. Be happy and stay well. Send your news to: **Joyce Zolkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; or **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com.

86 Have you registered yet for our 25th Reunion? June 9-12 is fast approaching, so register now! If you haven't made it to a previous reunion, this is the big one to attend—our silver anniversary! Join us Friday night for happy hour and dinner at headquarters; reconnect with classmates at the Saturday barbeque and dinner on West Campus; participate in Fun in the Sun on Saturday; rediscover your favorite spots on campus and explore new buildings; bond with generations of alumni at Cornelliana Night; meet old and new friends at the Arts Quad tent parties; hear a chimes concert; attend the Olin Lecture or President Skorton's State of the University address . . . and so much more! Visit www.alumni.cornell.edu for more information.

One person to look for at reunion is **Susanne Goldstein**. Her first book, *Carry A Paintbrush: How to be the Artistic Director of Your Own Career* (www.carryapaintbrush.com), about 21st-century career development, was just published. We're hoping Susanne will have a book-signing or reading at reunion. Prior to writing the book, Susanne enjoyed an eclectic career, first working as a movie producer and screenwriter in Hollywood before moving north at the beginning of the dot-com era to put her Mechanical Engineering degree to good use doing user experience design for websites. In

2003, she completed a mid-career master's program at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Another writer among us is children's author **Audrey Glassman** Vernick. In 2010, HarperCollins published *Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?* (one of four books recommended by *USA Today* for the back-to-school crowd) and *She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story*, a Junior Library Guild selection. This year will see a sequel, *Teach your Buffalo to Play Drums*, and *Water Balloon*, Audrey's debut novel for middle-grade readers, to be published by Clarion (Harcourt/Houghton Mifflin). She has three additional picture books coming out in 2012 and 2013. You can visit her online at www.audreyvernick.com.

Glen Doherty, JD '89 (Loudonville, NY) was selected as a New York Super Lawyer for a fourth consecutive year. Only 5 percent of all attorneys in New York can earn such distinction. Per the news release, Glen "represents management and employers in all aspects of labor and employment law, with particular emphasis on employment discrimination and sexual harassment, non-competition and wrongful discharge litigation, union organizing campaigns, unfair labor practices, and collective bargaining and arbitration." For more news of our classmates, well . . . you'll just have to come to reunion! I look forward to seeing you there. Please send your news updates to: **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susancornell86@comcast.net; or **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net.

87 **Ellen German** (Kuna, ID) is a veterinarian practicing conventional medicine as well as homeopathy, chiropractic, and laser therapy. Her free

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time is occupied playing sports with her three daughters. Ellen thinks often about Phillips House and “all the fun people who lived there with me.” Exciting news from **Debra Howard Stern**: “I’ve spent the last two years working on an application for a public charter school in Mount Vernon, NY, which was just approved by the New York State Regents. The Amani Public Charter School will be a middle school (grade 5–8) opening in September 2011.” Congratulations, Debra.

‘I love to share the gift of yoga with a very stressed human population!’

Margaret Toole Newland ’87

Charlie and Debbie Kranz Muller (Summit, NJ) have sons Matthew, 14, Timothy, 12, and Henry, 9, and have been lucky to spend a lot of time with Cornellians lately. Debbie’s aunt **Lillian Schneider** Innerfield Gerstman ’52 and **Tim Mulligan** and his family spent last Thanksgiving with them. Charlie plays lacrosse once a week with his old Chi Psi and New York City roommate **Steve Long** and old teammate **Steve Dadourian ’85**. Debbie’s company, HR Acuity, continues to grow; hopefully 2011 will see additional success. **Lissa Wonneberger** Kowalski is still with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, but recently took a new role leading human resources for Biotherapeutics Research and Development in Cambridge, MA, and now spends her time commuting among her homes in Mystic, CT, Cambridge, MA, and NYC.

From **Stacey Pineo** Murdock: “I am completing my master’s in higher education and student affairs at the U. of Connecticut. As part of my program, I have a graduate assistantship where I run a program called Careers for the Common Good, which is a joint collaboration of career services, community outreach, and the Human Rights Inst. I work with students who are looking to follow socially responsible career paths. I can’t believe I’m back in school—and spend most free moments doing homework!”

Our own **Hollis Thomases** Williams was featured in a Cornell U. webinar in January: “Seven Deadly Sins of Web Marketing: Selecting a Web Marketing Plan in the Age of Social Media.” Hollis is the author of *Twitter Marketing: An Hour a Day*. The webinar highlighted some of the critical—yet often overlooked—aspects of Web marketing strategies and tactics, combining general best practice principles with real-world examples of Web marketing gone awry. **Beth Weinstein** has had an exciting year starting her own consulting practice focusing on executive coaching and organizational consulting. Beth resides in the San Francisco Bay Area.

From **Marc Lacey** we hear, “After nine years overseas, I returned with my family to the US over the summer. We now live in Phoenix, where I continue to work at the *New York Times*, now as a national correspondent covering news in Arizona and New Mexico. The *Times* has quite a few *Cornell Daily Sun* alums, including **Eric Lichtblau**.” **Izzy Sanchez** writes that 2010 was the first full year for his new company, Quality Professionals Int’l, which offers business performance efficiency consulting via Lean Six Sigma services. The company has 16 consultants, with multiple national contracts with private and government entities.

Margaret Toole Newland writes, “I completed a master’s degree in human development at the U. of Rochester. I have been a registered yoga teacher for the last six years and love to share the gift of yoga with a very stressed human population! As far as Cornell, two things I have enjoyed/benefited from since graduating are 1) traveling back for reunions, sometimes all by my lonesome, but always creating new memories of great times at Cornell; and 2) the CyberTower lecture series.

This is a fantastic site for life-long learning. I now know how to deliver a PowerPoint presentation without reading all the slides and staring at the screen (this drives me nuts in a presenter!).”

Anita Bonacci Nygaard and husband Rolf celebrated eight years together in September. Daughter Anya turned 6 in August. Anita writes, “We saved for seven years to buy a home, hoping, praying, swearing (oops!), and saving, and were delighted to move into a short-sale home in Orange County on the end of a cul-de-sac and at the beginning of a lovely neighborhood family park maintained by the city of Laguna Niguel. This was, in many senses, our dream home. Shortly after closing escrow, even before moving in, the home projects began. And we now realize, after moving in and addressing ‘the essentials,’ that there is no end in sight. Why? Because there are hidden essential projects, ancillary essential projects, prequel and sequel essential projects, and otherwise unnecessary HOA-preferred essential projects. This is, after all, the OC, and each neighborhood has its reputation to uphold. We’ve resigned ourselves to the fact that it will be our major financial ‘baby’ for either the rest of our lives or until we close escrow and sell it to another sucker (er, I mean ‘lovely family’) at some future point. Hence, overall our financial goals now reflect: a) plan for retirement, b) plan for Anya’s college, and c) plan to sell the house. Separate, yet potentially related, I have picked up a second job teaching HR certification classes at Chapman U. in my spare time (i.e., Saturdays), while continuing to build my HR consulting practice. My husband is also giving thought to a potential second source of income and dreams of ‘passive income.’ Good luck, Anita!”

Well, that’s all for now. Continue sending us your news through the link on our Class of ’87 Web page, or through our Facebook Group, Cornell University Class of 1987. ☒ **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; and **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, bfm26@cornell.edu.

88 I continue to be amazed at the accomplishments and spirit among Cornellians overall and our class in particular. First up: Class of ’88 twin sisters **Jodi Wiener** Andel and **Jan Wiener** Zirimis. Jodi graduated with a master’s from Northwestern U. in 1990 in learning disabilities. She lives in Wheeling, IL, and has been a special education teacher and tutor for 20 years. In 2003 she married husband Kevin, and the happy couple welcomed their

son Alex into the world in Dec. 2005. Jan graduated from Syracuse U. with a master’s in 1990. She worked in the communications field for a number of years and now lives on Long Island with husband Raymond and their children Brandon, born in July 2001, and Donna, born in May 2004.

If we were playing “Jeopardy,” there could be a category called “Traveling Cornellians of ’88”—which I’ll take for 500 points. **Joel Fetzner** spent the 2009–10 academic year in Buenos Aires with 60 undergraduates. He toured all over South America, but especially liked Uruguay and Chile. In March he is off to Ireland and France for fieldwork on a new research project. **Deb Gerardi** Kemper has been living in Shanghai. She has seen **Paula Greeno**, who went to China for business reasons twice this year. Deb spent the summer months back in the US. **Scott Brooks ’87** lives down the block and **Bridget McAvooy** is 45 minutes away. Also trotting the globe, **Debbie Brown** (Deb.A. Brown@gmail.com) vacationed in Australia last year and is now planning a trip to India. Debbie continues to work at 3M in St. Paul, MN, as a safety and health professional. For fun, she and husband Mark enjoy Siberian huskies (both their own dog and various foster dogs).

Perhaps Debbie’s travels Down Under coincided with those of **Sheree Ruland**, who has had two stints in Australia for her work in federal government services at Dell. Sheree is the lead recruiter, hiring government-cleared professionals with counter intelligence and full scope polygraphs and has worked in the intelligence community for more than ten years. She’s been recruiting since graduation and has the distinction on LinkedIn.com of being the second most connected female in the world and the sixth most connected recruiter in the world (<http://www.linkedin.com/in/sheree>). Sheree resides in Durham, NC, and works from her home office.

Mark Tamis could also be in the “Traveling Cornellians of ’88” category on “Jeopardy.” I think we should create a new category just for him, though—“World’s Most Fun Job”—because in his new role, Mark runs guest operations at Carnival Cruise Lines. He is senior vice president at Carnival and oversees the core areas of hotel operations and services for the line’s 22-vessel fleet, including dining, housekeeping, entertainment, and guest services. No surprise, Mark attended the School of Hotel Administration. Prior to joining Carnival, Mark spent 14 years with Four Seasons Hotels, where he earned the prestigious AAA 5 Diamond Award at properties in Newport Beach and Santa Barbara, CA, and Nevis, West Indies (among other awards). Mark’s great year doesn’t stop there. He also celebrated 20 years of marriage to **Amanda (Mehler) ’90** this year. A father to three, Mark is actively involved in a wide range of civic and community service organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters and Special Olympics. Mark and daughter Isabella founded www.dadsforgiving.org, an organization that encourages fathers to volunteer with their children to benefit their communities.

And speaking of dads . . . **Justin Milberg** lives on the Upper West Side in Manhattan with wife **Vanitha (Badari) ’92**. They visited Orlando, where son Devin, 9, played in the chess nationals and daughter Anya, 7, enjoyed the local attractions. Justin works in the financial institutions group at BofA Merrill. **Frank Martini** still has his programming company, Cadence Development (since ’92), but for the past six years he’s put his spare time to good use mentoring two boys—now young men.

One is a premed sophomore at the U. of Texas; the other is soon-to-be-pop-icon Castle Cruz! Frank resides with his six (yes, six) doggies in Houston.

Thomas Bottomi renewed his emergency medicine ABEM board certification for another ten years and celebrated with a trip to Las Vegas to attend the 2010 ACEP Scientific Assembly in September at the Mandalay Bay Casino. It was the largest gathering of emergency physicians from around the world. (Sounds like a good place to be if there's an emergency.) Last summer, Thomas was awarded the teacher of the year award (for the third time) for dedication to teaching and clinical instruction for the emergency medicine residency program at Naval Medical Center (Portsmouth, VA), where he is a civilian contractor staff physician and associate professor. Previously he served in the Navy on active duty, from 1992–2002. Thomas and his wife enjoy travel and took a two-week Alaska cruise and land tour; it was the trip of a lifetime with pristine glaciers, whale watching, and abundant wildlife. Other trips included Boston (for the April 2010 marathon), Orlando, FL, and Nags Head, NC.

A final entry from **Shaun Hawkins**, MBA '94. Shaun departed Wall Street in the spring of 2008, after a 12-year career, in search of "greener pastures" as a writer. Far be it for this correspondent to paraphrase a professional writer, so I'll simply relay Shaun's own words: "It has been mentally rewarding to tap into my creative side. My first book, written as a memoir, was published this summer. *Honeymoon Junkie: Everything but the Girl* is available at Borders, Amazon.com, and Kindle and on my personal website, www.shaunchawkins.com. A brief glance at the reader reviews on Amazon will confirm my book's entertainment value! Support a struggling artist and pick up a copy! My second book is a novel. Its working title is "The Swan Diver" and, I hope, will be published soon." Shaun, best of luck with your books!

I'll close with an update of my own. **Brad Mehl** joined Penton Media last summer as vice president for audience development and research. I'm responsible for marketing 100 media brands, accelerating the company's digital growth, and developing revenue and new capabilities for our market research services. For fun, last year I started a website called www.GoodAdorNot.com with class officer **Howard Greenstein**. The site features new ads, some Good and some Not—but that's what visitors to the site determine. Feel free to check it out and weigh in with your comments.

I'm proud to be associated with such kind-spirited and accomplished classmates. And well traveled, too! ☑ **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu; **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 I'm writing this in a frozen tundra and thinking fondly of warmer days! I've got lots of updates on our classmates to report, so strap on your seatbelts! I apologize to those who e-mailed me and don't see their news here—it will be in the next issue!

We're at so many different stages of life now, it's astounding. Some of us are getting married, some reporting new additions to our families, and others talking college! Amazing! I was blown away by **Laurie Teller Markin's** report that daughter Jennifer will be a member of the Cornell Class of 2015! She will be in HumEc, studying Nutrition rather than following in Laurie's footsteps (Ag: Biology) or those of her dad, **Gary '87** (Eng: ORIE).

John Skowlund started World Discovery Box, which offers fascinating science collection boxes for kids. It's for families and schools hoping to inspire future Cornell science majors! Check out the cool stuff at www.worlddiscoverybox.com. Maybe John should get in touch with **Deborah Skolnik**, a senior editor at *Parenting* magazine for a write-up! She's edited her first book, *The Happiest Mom: 10 Secrets to Enjoying Motherhood*. By the time you read this it will be published; she wrote the foreword, so take note, all moms! **Kay Ganshaw** Smith has co-authored *Zakery's Bridge: Children's Journeys From Around the World to Iowa* as a service project to benefit international understanding. Cornellians can read the first two stories and purchase the book online (proceeds to charity) at: www.zakerysbridge.com. Author **Susan Comminos** serves as a judge for the *Jewish Daily Forward's* poetry competition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Triangle Factory fire.

Judy Nguyen is an anesthesiologist in private practice in Northern Virginia, spending most of her free time trail riding and volunteering as anesthesiologist for medical missions around the world. She's completed 12 missions, primarily in Latin America and Vietnam, where she was born and raised. Through Operation Smile, she delivered anesthetics for more than 250 kids who needed cleft lip and palate repair and also volunteered in Haiti after the earthquake. She'll celebrate her 15th wedding anniversary in May 2011.

W. Lee Kraus moved from a faculty position at Cornell to a new position as a director of a research center at the U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center's Cecil H. and Ida Green Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences. **Stacy Jentis** Levinson in Charlotte, NC, works as an optometrist and mom to Jacob, 14, and Samantha, 11, with help from husband Dan. She caught up with **Ilissa Rubinstein** Sternlicht and **Andi Permuter** Ferrari at their 25th high school reunion over Thanksgiving weekend and got to spend time with brother **Rick Jentis '93** and sister-in-law **Jessica (Silber) '94** while in New Jersey. Ilissa is in Manhattan on the Upper West Side with husband David and daughters Rachael, 12, and Natalie, 9, and reports that she's been planning the May bat mitzvah celebration for her daughter in NYC, hoping to see **Randi Rimerman** Serota and **Howard and Karen Saul Miller '90**.

Mary Leong has been admitted to Columbia/London Business School's Executive Global MBA program starting in May. **Phil Penn** decided that 21 years of corporate life was enough and is now forming his own company to become the area developer for Connecticut for the Mountain Mudd espresso coffee drink franchise. He's excited to combine his passions for coffee and business. The wandering award goes to **Laura Seaver**, crossing the Straits of Magellan. She and husband Tom Grenon have been riding motorcycles in South America. They've explored Chile, southwest Bolivia, and Argentina. They hopped a ship to Antarctica, saw the world's largest salt flats, and shared a lamb asado with a rural family on New Year's Day.

Allison Strang Shaw, **Tori Margolis**-McGuinness, **Christy Carlson** Fields, and **Ruthellen Leventer** Sheldon got together for a September weekend on Nantucket, hopefully an annual trip. Allison and Ruthellen both play ladies' ice hockey and arranged for their teams to play each other. So Navy Womens' Hockey played the Chevy Chase "Mighty Moms" on an outdoor rink in Chevy Chase, MD. Ruthellen (Millersville, MD) has two sons, 15 and 13. **Elena Adleman Feinsmith** (Sunnyvale, CA) used her Cornell Hotel degree to plan 18

kindergarten field trips. Her son Ari, 10, and daughter Leora, 7, keep her and husband **Jason '91** busy as a Daisy leader, Cub Scout leader, and soccer coach. She is in touch with **Deirdre Newman** in Southern California, **Susie Mrozek** Cavalieri '90, **Susan Cohen** Moldow '91, **Melisa Levitt '91**, **Dorine Colabella** Scher '91, and her sister **Rachel Adleman** Jordan '96.

Judy Prutzman Osgood started a new job in January, working as a policy analyst for Nevada's Governor Brian Sandoval after 15 years working as an attorney. She's busy raising two teenage boys and participating in various alumni activities. She had a great time at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC where she saw **Rob Chodock**, **Stephanie Keene** Fox, **Jeff Lee**, ME '90, **Debbie Schaffel**, and **Susan Guarnaschelli** Collins. Debbie reported that there are lots of ideas for future Homecoming activities and reunions, so stay tuned, and if you have some great ideas, send them to our class officers! Do check out our class Facebook page, which Judy and **Trevor Steer** will be updating consistently. Please update your latest info on CornellConnect so we have the correct information and our class can contact you about alumni activities.

We received reports of the following wonderful news: **Lisa Berg** and a number of excited classmates reported on Lisa's magical marriage in Palm Beach on January 15 to Russell Yellin. The wedding was attended by **Heather Borden** Hervé, **Michael** and **Heather Alexander Seltzer**, **Judy Prutzman** Osgood, **Cheryl Rink** Morton, **Kelly Canady** Cassidy, **Katherine McGee** Stella, **Elizabeth Payne**, **Howard Byck**, and **Laurie Jennings** Salman '88. **Michele Trester** and spouse Ann Macklin announce that daughter Ruby Hope Trester Macklin joined the world on Oct. 26, 2010. Michele is an assistant director of research and negotiations at District Council 37, AFSCME, negotiating contracts on behalf of municipal employees of the New York City government. Michele could talk shop with **Naomi English**, instrumental last summer in labor negotiations for the nurses union in the Twin Cities, which covers 12,000 nurses and 14 hospitals. **Art Buser** reports a new daughter, Helena Elizabeth. **Carol Borack** Copenhagen writes that **Sherry Peck** Kirsche retired from the Navy in December 2010; she had served since graduation. She is now excited to stay home with her four kids. **Brian Zeitlin** and wife Gina had a daughter, Molly, in early 2010. Brian has four daughters and has co-founded his own investment firm, GreensLedge Group.

Finally I'll add to the mix with my own news (**Kimberly Levine** Graham): In October, Chana Rivkah joined big sister Shira Leah, 8, and big brothers Naphtali Tzvi, 6, Avraham, 4, and Yoseph, 2. They keep my British husband, Barry, on his toes outside Washington, DC, raising a team of negotiators.

Your classmates like to keep in touch, so keep sending that news via e-mail or snail mail, and check out the Class of '89 Facebook page. And don't forget Reunion, June 5–8, 2014! ☑ **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net.

90 Greetings, fellow alumni! I hope the spring finds you well and your lives full of action-packed news items. Our own **Rob** and **Susan Portman**

Price, MRP '91, send a much-needed and well-detailed account of recent activities. Susan writes that she sits on both the Sharon, MA, planning board and her family board in the role of mom. Meanwhile, Rob often sits in his office chair at CVS headquarters, where he is the chief marketing officer. Susan adds, "We both had a blowout at Reunion." The family band Full Price recorded a CD last summer, "Waiting for the Rain," which is available on iTunes, at www.fullpriceband.com, or on Facebook. Sharon asks that we friend Full Price Band and send her a message if you are interested in a shiny silver CD. The band is thrilled that the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund chose their song "Haryssa's Song," about the earthquake, as an official selection. In addition, the President of Haiti and the First Lady acknowledged the song with a phone call. The band contributes 10 percent of the proceeds to CBHF. Wow, I must say this deserves a standing ovation!

Seems that a few classmates have been shaking and moving lately. **Katrina Christakis** (Chicago, IL) left "big law" two years ago and started a boutique banking and financial services law firm. Her extracurricular activities include checking the kids' homework, Facebook posts, and iPad apps. **Mary Ann Apostolakis** Bross, MILR '90 (Solebury, PA) is a VP of human resources at Somers Medical Center. In her off hours, she has devoted some time to emergency preparedness. The classmate she wishes to contact the most is **Nancy Sanchez**, MILR '90. Nancy, if you read this, please drop the class correspondents a line and we'll reconnect you. **Deborah Lu** has changed jobs and is now a shareholder at Vedder Price PC. In addition, she is an inaugural member of the intellectual property group in the NYC office. **Alan Flyer** (roslyn@mathnasium.com) opened a Mathnasium Learning Center in Roslyn Heights, NY, in January (www.mathnasium.com/roslyn). The new business venture is part of a global franchise that helps kids of all aptitudes and ages learn math in a way that makes sense to them. Alan is excited to bring this resource to his local community and to be part of an exciting global initiative.

Perhaps the freshman seminar writing classes, rather than math classes, have proven useful for **Matt Gallaway** (New York City). "My first novel, *The Metropolis Case*, was published by Crown/Random House and has received some great reviews" (including the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*). The book should be available in most bookstores or through the website, <http://www.themetropolis.com>. It's a good thing that freshman seminar classes were not held in Barton—think of the noise in its hangar-like structure! After almost 21 years on active duty and 18 days shy of 25 years stepping into Barton Hall for the first time, LTC **Noelle Briand** of the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC, retires from the US Army on July 31, 2011. "It has been a great run filled with tremendous opportunities, challenges, and ultimately rewards! I'll be hanging up my boots to be a full-time mom to Mackenzie, 7, and Logan, 4, and an Army wife to LTC Michael Carr (USMA '91)! I'm excited for the future!"

In February 2011, Bethesda, MD, was the site for an impromptu Class of 1990 and 1991 reunion. **Troy Norin** traveled from Scotland on a business trip for Agilent Technologies and also sandwiched in a visit with **Jim Goldstein**. Troy arrived during a massive snowstorm in the Washington, DC, area that knocked out power in many homes for 24–48 hours. After the power returned, Troy stayed with Jim in Bethesda and toured the sites in D.C. while reliving the "glory days." Troy and Jim met with

close friends **Paul '91**, DVM '96, and **Nicole Doria-Rose '91**, PhD '98, who live nearby in Kensington, MD, for an adults-only dinner outing. Jim still practices telecommunications law for Sprint Nextel Corp.; Paul and Nicole are both researchers at the National Institutes of Health.

Elisa Barfus Bremner has started part-time work at Northern Westchester Hospital Center as the clinical dietitian for the surgical weight loss unit. "I love working in a hospital that supports nutrition in patient-centered care. My niece, Sophia Levine (daughter of **David '88**, MD '92, and **Dav-ena Barfus Levine '88**) was accepted early decision to Cornell as a Communications major (same as me!). My own children are still many years from college and currently concentrate their efforts and talents on music (drums, guitar, bass, piano, French horn, and tuba among them), rock climbing, and ice hockey. I took my husband to Ithaca last summer (my first trip back since graduation) and was amazed at how different the campus looks. I could barely find my way to West Campus or my old sorority house! This summer I will be working for my third year at Camp Wayne for Boys, as dietary coordinator and cooking instructor."

Antonio Caviglia, MBA '93, has lived in Italy since 1998. After 11 years with Emerson Electric, he entered the pleasure boat business, first as EMEA business development and strategy director for the US company Brunswick Corp. and later as sales director for the superyacht shipyard Sanlorenzo, Baglietto and Cantieri di Pisa. He writes, "I currently live near the Cinque Terre on the northwestern Italian coastline, where I also breed, exhibit, and race Russian sighthounds." How cool is that? Well kids, that's the news wrap for now. Please keep sending us your news items and we'll blacken your name in ink. From 35,000 feet inside a silver bird over my home state of Arizona: **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu.

91 Our 20th Reunion is right around the corner! Join hundreds of our classmates on the Hill, June 9–12, for a weekend you will never forget. Register now at: <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>. No doubt there will be great stories to share afterwards thanks to the amazing weekend planned by our co-chairs **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, and **Dorine Colabella** Scher and class president **Bob Baca**.

Jeff and Cindy Miller Mason celebrated their fifth anniversary. Cindy looks forward to reconnecting with ChemE grads and everyone else at reunion. The market for chemists and chemical engineers has changed so much since 1991, Cindy wants to hear how (and what) others are doing. Despite moving to Cambridge, England, **Tim Menasveta** is still planning to attend reunion. So is **John Kang**, MBA '96, with his wife and kids, ages 7 and 3. He works in financial management for the McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. in NYC and also does some teaching. **Susan Lipetz** Brown writes the notes for her grad school class and was kind enough to share an update. She works at Siemens Corp. as the director of compensation for the US and is trying to juggle life in NYC, work, and sons Stephen, 3, and Max, 1. According to Susan, "I'm hoping to make it to reunion, especially since I haven't connected with many Cornellians in the last year!"

Otto Pohl is a Sloan Fellow at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford concentrating on

clean technologies. **Mark and Karen Suarez Griffith '93** were married in 2000 and have a daughter, Kendra Rose, 3. They moved from Winchester, VA, to Seattle in 2005. Mark is a project manager at Boeing. **Rob and Seema Mital Kubarek** live in Palm Harbor, FL, with their two sons, ages 6 and 3. Seema is a pediatrician, and Rob is a pilot with Southwest Airlines and a reservist for the Air Force. They connected with **Alysia Leavitt** in Santa Fe for a ski trip. **Carolyn Richmond** celebrated 40th birthdays with friends at the Borgata in Atlantic City, noting, "It took two years of juggling schedules, but all eight managed to put careers, kids, and husbands on hold for 48 hours." **Claudia Novinsky** Liff still works for Procter & Gamble in Ohio. **Sharon Kaufman** Moreland practices law. She and **Susan Segalowitz** Bernbach live in New Jersey. NYC residents included **Carolyn, Tracy Stemple**, MS '93, and pediatrician **Karyn Ginsberg** McConnell. **Karen Rosenberg** Rothenberg '92 and **Amy Carver** Andrus '92 came from Westchester. Fun was had by all.

Linda Doerrer enjoys academic life as an assistant professor of chemistry at Boston U. Teaching 18-year-olds keeps her mentally flexible and provides tremendous job satisfaction. **Lisa Dale** is the legislative program manager for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. She has two teenage boys and regularly sees **Debbie Fine**, **Jenny Harris**, **Shar Carter** Heslam, **Kara Niles**, **Kari Ginsberg** Nesbit, **Kris Hurley** Van Riper, **Cynthia Lee** Dow, and **Kristen Sciacca**. They all plan to attend reunion! Arlene and **Greg Stoller** reside in Boston with their three children. Arlene is an educator at a regional hospital and is pursuing her master's in nursing. Greg runs a commercial real estate company and has been teaching MBA students for ten years in the Boston area. He hopes to see everyone at reunion! Also in academia, **Kathryn Rudy** writes, "I am a scholar of late medieval manuscripts (14th–15th centuries) and developed a new method of measuring what people read in the period: I use a densitometer to measure the dirt in the margins of medieval manuscripts. My new article on this topic received more than 500 hits in its first week and I'll be lecturing on the topic in London, Cambridge, Jerusalem, and Ghent. In January 2011 I will join the faculty of the U. of St. Andrews in Scotland."

Cavaryl Berwick Garrett lives in Montclair, NJ, with husband Michael and girls Avery, 9, and Brynn, 6. She is an asset manager for commercial real estate with JP Morgan, and Michael is a stay-at-home dad trying to keep his sanity when the girls get too girly and giddy. Cavaryl remains connected with **Susan Lyons**, who visited from D.C. with daughters Helen and Paige, and **Kathryn Lancioni** Sachs '92, who visits NYC monthly from Rochester. She also saw **Laura Miller** Moody at a crew race outside Philadelphia where Laura rowed a mixed eight for the first time since Cornell. **Alarik Myrin** is making a major shift from a traditional commercial cattle ranch to all-natural grass-fed beef (cmrbeef.com). He and wife Staci have kids in three different schools, two of which are big rivals. Staci and Annika, 13, accompanied Alarik on a hunting trip to South Africa last year. "All three of us hunted and each took record-book trophies." **Carrie Koenig** (Carrie.Koenig@yahoo.com; www.VisitTellurideCO.com) has been in Telluride, CO, for nearly 20 years working as a real estate broker and running her own vacation rental.

Jessica Lifland, BFA '92, was photographing in Haiti and the Dominican Republic last summer. Some of her work from Haiti is online at

USAToday.com. She worked with Operation Smile, a medical mission organization that performs surgeries on children with cleft lips/palettes and other facial deformities around the world. Wow! **Jim Wilcox** provided enough updates for a full column after attending the wedding of **Mark Bellantoni** and Annamaria Dalton in Saratoga in September. Emily and **Lee Winters** live in Batavia, NY, with their three kids. Lee runs his own feed business. **Scott Nichols** lives in Warsaw, NY, with wife Jodie and two kids, and has his own practice as a chiropractor. **Bill Peck** has three kids and runs a premium dairy in Schuylerville, NY. He is also very involved in local politics. **Joe Moran** works for Morgan Stanley in White Plains and refuses to leave NYC. Mark Bellantoni is a fireman in Westchester County. All of them plan to attend reunion . . . along with Jim.

John, MAT '92, and **Diana Liu Munger '90** stopped by Jim's ice cream stand after biking around Cayuga Lake. They have two girls and live in Minneapolis, where Diana is a doctor and John is an attorney. They had a great night catching up after 20 years. Per Jim, "John and I were roommates during our sophomore year. Diana looks like she stepped out of 1990." **Lisa Epstein** Jay swung through town to say hello with her three kids. She is a preschool teacher at a private school in NYC. **Denise Doyle** Esmeraldo also visited the Finger Lakes. She and husband Alex live in Connecticut and she works for GE. **Scott Zittel** opened his own wound care clinics in Redding and Chico, CA. He celebrated 18 years of marriage with Vickie this year and has two girls. **Andy Boerman** runs the Ithaca Agway. He and Marna have two daughters. During the season, Jim can still be found at Cream at the Top, located 25 miles north of Ithaca on the east side of the lake. Jim shared that he married Cindy two years ago. She was at IC when we were at Cornell . . . it just took him 15 years to find her after they both left Ithaca. Running the store is a job that seems like a vacation!

Thanks for sharing your news. As always, we look forward to hearing from you. Hope to see you at reunion! ✉ **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, klk22@cornell.edu; **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, sheslam@berkshirepartners.com; **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, ams14@cornell.edu.

92 Happy spring! It's hard to believe, but one year from now we will be gathering back on campus for our 20th Reunion! It's not too soon to start planning, so please SAVE THE DATE—June 7-10, 2012. Our class has a new and improved Facebook page: Cornell Class of 1992. Please check it out and "like" us! And feel free to use the "Suggest to Friends" link to recommend the fan page to other members of the class.

As you may know, my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, and I are reunion chairs, along with veteran chair **Ian Kutner**. This past January, Todd attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) again in Washington, DC. While there, he met **Jennifer Lynham** Cunningham. Jennifer works for Cornell as a senior director of marketing strategy and business analytics. While at the conference, Todd participated in a Class of 1992 meeting with fellow officers **Karen McCalley**, **Jonathan Simon**, **Betty Eng**, **Meredith Rosenberg**, **Terry Horner**, PhD '98, and **Allison Bergstrom**. Here are some updates on these and other class officers.

Betty Eng and Jonathan Simon are two of the newest members invited to serve on the advisory board for Cornell Outdoor Education. As advocates

and advisors, they are looking for ways to bring more COE team-building events to alumni. Chinese New Year is a 15-day celebration of catching up with family and friends. Betty kicked it off by going to the Cornell Asian Alumni Association's annual Pan Asian New Year banquet, attended by more than 300 Cornell alumni and friends. Betty reports that President Emeritus Frank Rhodes was as eloquent as he was at our commencement and that she saw **Stephen Mong**, ME '93, MBA '02, and wife **Karen Lim '94**, MBA '02, there. Betty sat at a table with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and trustee **Sheryl Wu Dunn '81** and her husband, Nicholas Kristof, a *New York Times* columnist. Betty took the opportunity to ask them about the use of social media as a journalistic tool. Also during the holiday season, Betty met up with friends **Johnny Ng**, his wife May, and baby Zachery. The talk was of babies, cloth diapers, and reunion (June 7-10, 2012)!

‘I use a densitometer to measure the dirt in the margins of medieval manuscripts.’

Kathryn Rudy '91

Alex Hoffert, BFA '92, announces that his third child, Samantha Abigail, was born on Oct. 29, 2010. She joins her older brothers Harrison, 11, and Nathaniel, 6. Alex's wife, Sarah, is doing well adapting to three kids at home while Alex focuses on a new job as managing director at Catapult Marketing in Westport, CT. His client is the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Alex says, "Maybe I'll see some classmates in the NYC walk in October (hint, hint . . . register to walk!). Between the new job and new baby girl, my whole world has turned pink." Someone else seeing pink is **Laurel Beverley**. She had a daughter in 2009 and reports that she moved back to Cleveland. She is now a chief of orthopaedic surgery. **Karen Hovorka** and Kevin Lyons also had a baby girl, Mandy (hopeful Cornell Class of 2032!), in August 2010; they enjoy life in Lake Tahoe. Mandy joined them at the very first Zinck's Night in Reno, NV.

Valery Alicea is an alumni mentor to three current Cornell students. She says, "It's a vicarious way of going back to college (with some hard-earned life experience already under my belt)!" Valery is an attorney and a Pure Romance consultant. She and her husband have been married for 13 years, and she says her girls bring them "joy, wonder, and laughter." **Stacey Rappaport** was elected to the board of directors of Lincoln Square Legal Services Inc., a nonprofit corporation established by Fordham U. School of Law to provide law students with clinical education opportunities. Stacey participated in a year-long Fordham Law clinical education program and is now a litigation partner and chair of the women's initiative committee at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP in New York City.

Lastly, a few classmates participated in CAU's summer 2010 program. **Erik DiGiacomo**, wife Jillian, and **Jose Irizarry** took classes that included a golf clinic, cooking, and landscape painting. CAU is a great way to visit campus and explore an interest during Ithaca's delightful summer season!

Don't forget Reunion—June 7-10, 2012—and our class Facebook page! Please send us your news; you can do it electronically at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> or write us directly. Take care and thanks so much!

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

93 The days are getting longer, kids are getting antsy for the end of school, gardens are planted, and soon we'll break out the tractor for the upcoming season. But my favorite moments are these late evenings, when the sun seems to linger a little longer, and you catch a breeze that brings with it the promise of summer. I'm sure there's some meteorological term that describes it, but that's beyond my capabilities. Speaking of things be-

yond my capabilities, **Jeanne Hardebeck** received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) for her fundamental research in seismotectonics. Jeanne's research focuses on earthquake prediction and the strengths of faults, particularly the San Andreas Fault system. Congratulations on earning such a prestigious award, Jeanne!

From our News Forms, we received several updates—please keep them coming! You can send news online at www.alumni.cornell.edu or e-mail any of the correspondents at the addresses below. **Earl Pinto** wrote in from Maryland that he is the director of administration and resource management for the Federal Occupational Health Service. **William Andersen** is nearby, working in Baltimore as a landscape architect. He ran into **Tina Thung Hugg** at a conference last September and works with **Valerie McGuire '94** at Baltimore's Dept. of Recreation and Parks. In his free time, he enjoys jet-skiing with friends in Ocean City, MD, during the summer months.

Steven Copeland lives with his wife, Jennifer, in Boulder, CO, and has been busy working on a new product launch. He'd like to hear most from **Hong Choi '90**. **Valerie McConnell** Bumb is VP for commercial lending at First National Bank in Bellevue, OH. **Lisa Taylor** Scanlon and husband Sean have moved back to Ithaca after 13 years in Chicago. Lisa writes, "I love being back with the hills and beautiful fall colors!" I think many of us would echo Lisa's sentiment! **Zoë Marchal** Phillips directs a preschool nutrition program while raising her children Emma and Zachary with husband Justin in sunny South Pasadena, CA. She writes, "I remember my Botany classes fondly, and of course I still use what I learned in the Wines class senior year when I order or buy wine. I taught the P.E. course Ballroom Dancing as a senior and I still enjoy dancing." Zoë would like to hear from **Raj Datta '90**, ME '92.

Josh Owen, BFA '94, and **Marsha Wittink** are living in Rochester after ten years in Philadelphia.

Marsha is researching patient decision-making and seeing patients at U. of Rochester Medical School. Josh is associate professor in industrial design at Rochester Inst. of Technology, and also runs his product design practice. You can check out Josh's work at his website, joshowen.com. They both love living "in the woods" with their children Jasper and Saskia. **Rossanna Wang** relocated recently from the West Coast to New York City, where she's working at a fashion Internet startup. **Jay Drezner** also moved recently from New York to California and is the CFO of a nutritional supplement company. His wife, Pamela, and kids Nathan and Alexandra are enjoying the warm weather and outdoor activities that come with living in California.

Stacie Heck Fitzgerald recently celebrated her 13th anniversary with Justin with a trip to Mexico and has already started working on plans for our 20th Reunion! Stacie is in private practice as a therapist and is co-director of Impact Project, a volunteer organization that helps with home repair for low-income and elderly households, while continuing to volunteer at her church. Stacie and many of our class officers attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, this past January. They had the chance to listen to **Jon Gordon** give a very fun keynote address, as well as get great tips on reconnecting with class members, planning for reunion, and strengthening our class ties.

Speaking of reconnecting, while reunion may seem a long way away, there are many things we can do to start to get ready. We hope that many of you will come to reunion in June 2013, and we're working on reaching out to those we've missed at past reunions. Are you able to contact a few of your friends from our days on the Hill and invite them to come? We're starting a group called "Reunion Reach Out & Connect" and we'd like you to be a part of it. If you're interested, contact Earl Pinto at egpint@yahoo.com. Any time you can spare would be a great help toward making our next reunion more special. We could also use your help in making sure your e-mail address is correct as we try to shift more of our class communications toward eco-friendly e-mail, so please drop by www.alumni.cornell.edu and update your contact information.

In the midst of work, family, and time with friends, we hope that the upcoming summer is a happy one for you. Please keep sending us your news and updates! **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcsottile@yahoo.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com.

94 Greetings from New Jersey! I hope everyone survived a crazy, snowy winter and that you're

looking forward to the summer season! Since I last wrote this column, I changed jobs within Post Foods. Instead of being on the brand marketing/strategic planning side, I'm now leading our internal sales planning and sales operations teams. Very different world! I hope many of you have tried some of Post Foods' new offerings (e.g., Pebbles Treats snacks and Raisin Medley Honey Bunches of Oats)!

I'm vamping a bit because the news this month was anemic. We typically send out a solicitation via e-mail once a year, but that only lasts us a few issues. If something exciting happened to you (new job, relocation, family news, Cornellian sighting, etc.), write and let the rest of us know about it!

On to the class news: **Kim Moffitt Hehir** writes from Honolulu, where she and husband **Sean '96** just moved from New York City. Congratulations! In other news, **Anne Paoletti** (Binghamton, NY) writes that she "enjoyed a recent visit with **Yvonne Lee '95**. Yvonne lives in Philadelphia now and drove up to Binghamton. We had a great time at karaoke and can't wait to get together again!" **Ted Mertyris** (Ringoes, NJ) responded when asked what he's been doing recently: "I am fulfilling two longtime goals. First, I am transforming my investing hobby—now 12 years in the making—into a business. Second, I am dipping a toe into politics. I have been elected Hunterdon County committee member." **Sean Alexander**, MBA '01, sent in his business card from Macquarie Securities Group—he lives in Hong Kong and has traveled to Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. Sean writes that he continues to train for triathlons and plays rugby for the Hong Kong Cricket Club. In his spare time, Sean raises funds for Child's Dream in Thailand.

Marc Gallagher wrote that he and wife **Amy Unckless** live in Sudbury, MA, just outside of Boston, with son Ryan. The couple added another future Cornellian last summer with daughter Shayne Elizabeth. Amy is the chief administrative officer for Columbia Management, the asset management arm of Ameriprise. Marc trades government bonds for a small hedge fund, BWT, at which he is a partner. Marc wanted everyone to know they went to the Harvard/Cornell hockey game last month in Boston, and his son was heard chanting "Scrape him off the ice." (You can never start them too young.) Marc also enjoyed the annual "CRUNK" trip to Las Vegas with fellow Cornellians **Sunil Srivastava**, **Michael Marchant**, **Louis Ramos**, and **Joe Femino '95**. Sunil and wife **Rachel Gushman** have relocated to Cleveland, where Sunil now works at the Cleveland Clinic. And Louis notes that he recently changed jobs in Washington, DC; he is now at Pfizer, as part of the compliance international investigations team responsible for Latin America.

Tim Vandewater, MBA '00, and **Lisa Chagala** also welcomed their second child; Caroline ("Callie") joined their clan in March 2010, greeted by brother Jonathan. Finally,

Vision Quest

Ilana Lidsky McGuinn '95

As an undergrad in Arts and Sciences, Ilana Lidsky McGuinn sometimes got into minor car accidents and bumped into things in the dark. At the time, she figured that her clumsiness was due to being absent-minded. Then, along with her sister and brother, she was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic eye disease with no known treatment or cure.

In 2005, McGuinn's family founded Hope for Vision to fund research on retinitis pigmentosa and other blinding diseases such as macular degeneration. With just one full-time employee, Hope for Vision relies on a network of volunteers, who raise funds by hosting benefits in cities from New York to Los Angeles.

A stay-at-home mother of four, McGuinn has lost about 90 percent of her vision in dim lighting and almost all her peripheral vision; she gave up driving several years ago. "I can read

and I can see my kids' faces," says McGuinn, who holds a PhD in psychology. "I can do a lot of things with my central vision that I'm very grateful for." She notes that advances have been made toward reversing other forms of blindness via chip implantation, gene therapy, and vitamin treatments, offering hope for retinitis pigmentosa patients like herself. "Science will advance," says McGuinn. "We will help fund that science—and one day people who have blinding diseases will be able to see."



— Allison Ong '12

Suzanne Perry of Falls Church, VA, writes that she was married on May 17, 2009. "Also changed jobs on Jan. 4, 2011 to chief counsel, Latin America at Darby Overseas Investments Ltd. My husband and I moved to Falls Church to have a yard for our dog." Best wishes for an enjoyable summer! ☒ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dika.web@yahoo.com.

95 I was a little late phoning in to one of the last officer conference calls because I was catching cats for a trap-neuter-release program in New Orleans. All the other officers thought this was an excellent excuse for tardiness. When I bemoaned the fact I had barely any news from our class to put in my upcoming column and might have to write a whole column on my crazy-cat-lady-ness, **Abra Benson** Perrie, MBA '04, introduced me to **Erin Harty** (eharty@gmail.com), who is involved with a nonprofit called Community Cats Maryland (CCMD; communitycatsmd.org) focusing primarily on Baltimore City. Erin writes, "Everyone involved with the clinic volunteers, including the vets, so we can offer spay/neuter and vaccinations for just \$20 per cat. We fixed more than 500 feral cats at our clinic in 2010." The group also seeks to educate others in the neighborhood who are trying to help the many stray and feral cats. Since CCMD is mainly concerned with feral cats, Erin conducts rescue efforts on her own. She estimates that she has "re-homed" more than 100 cats since she moved to Baltimore five years ago.

Much like the proverbial cat and dog weather, the news started raining down after my plea to the officers. **Jennifer Cottone** (Levittown, NY; jcottone_19@hotmail.com) has been volunteering at the Museum of Mathematics (MoMath.org) in NYC. "I coordinate volunteers and help write lesson plans for the nation's first museum devoted to math," says Jennifer. "I have always loved math and my hope is to pass it on to the next generation." **James McCloskey** (Manchester, NH; jem3@cornell.edu), a shareholder services specialist at the Bank of New York Mellon in New Hampshire, helps out at Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Greek Catholic Church. James would like to add more volunteering to his busy schedule of attending Cornell activities and meeting the likes of Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, and Mike Huckabee. He also aids local political candidates in their quests for office. Way to granite rock the vote, James! He also enjoys the stadium view of the New England Patriots games, has an "avid interest in hiking and nature," and has vowed to take up skiing and snowshoeing in 2011. In June 2010 James was at the New York Forums (ny-forum.com) Dialogue for Action Conference with **Tara Dawood**, our VP of communications and class secretary.

Tara Dawood's "LADIESFUND (edawood.com/ladiesfund/) financial advisory services sponsored Pakistan's first women's networking luncheon," which raised money for the group's fellowships and scholarships, and the *LADIESFUND Magazine* was launched. The magazine is "Pakistan's first magazine for women professionals and entrepreneurs." British High Commissioner Robert Gibson, Ms. Nasreen Jalil (chief guest and former deputy mayor of Karachi), and Dr. Ishrat Husain attended the Women of Influence luncheon along with 150 businesswomen. **Lisa Michelli** (lisamicchelli715@gmail.com) has been teaching Spanish at a private

elementary/middle school for the past few years. She finds it "challenging" and notes that she "especially like(s) teaching teens." This does not stop her from seeking other challenges. She works with a group that coordinates monthly midnight runs (midnightrun.org), "an outgrowth of (her) Bible talk," wherein volunteers coordinate to deliver clothing, toiletries, and food to the poor.

Brian Rose, a member of the Dallas Society of Chartered Financial Analysts and a private investment firm, "serves on a committee helping design a curriculum preparing Dallas public school students for careers in technology and entrepreneurship." He is also a member of the Power Across Texas Board (beta.poweracrosstexas.org) and functions as treasurer for the board of the Cornell Alumni Association of North Texas. Power Across Texas is a nonprofit that promotes awareness of and cooperation around energy issues. **Anna Zakos-Feliberti** (az14@cornell.edu) and Eric Feliberti of Virginia have a new son, Nicholas Charles, brother of Anastasia, 8, Stella, 6, and Gabriella, 2. (Good luck with all those older sisters!) **Sonia Malhotra** Cunningham (Boston, MA; SCunning@its.jnj.com), director of human resources for Depuy (a Johnson & Johnson Co.), and husband Tom (Georgetown) welcomed Benjamin William on April 23, 2010. Benjamin joined brother Nate, 4. **Alison Torriello French** and husband **Matt**, MEE '96, president and vice president of the Class of 1995, respectively, welcomed Sarah Christie on Jan. 28, 2011. Class treasurer **Shawn Hecht** and husband John Morris had a son, Anderson Thomas Morris, on Dec. 7, 2010.

Juvenal "Juv" Marchisio (Haworth, NJ; jmarchi100@aol.com) has a new job as senior brand manager for Ortega at B&G Foods. He spends a good deal of his "extra" time "running after (his) little kids, Christian and Brooke." Like James McCloskey, who hopes to hear from **Sonia May**, **Mike Pulizotto '94**, and **Jonathan Bloedow '93**, ME '94, Juvenal wants to get in touch with **Rohit Mehrotra**, **Aruna "Noon" Kampani '94**, and **John Chiarizzi**. ☒ **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigsler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu.

96 It's hard to believe it has already been 15 years since we graduated! We hope you and your loved ones will come back to Ithaca for our 15th Reunion, June 9-12, and share in what has proved to be a fantastic weekend on the Hill. See you there!

There's no better place to start the class news than the last frontier. **Tara MacLean Sweeney** checked in from Alaska, where she is the senior vice president of external affairs for Arctic Slope Regional Corp., the largest locally owned and operated business in Alaska, with revenues in excess of \$2.3 billion and more than 10,000 employees worldwide. Tara is responsible for all facets of the corporation's media and government relations, as well as communications, and has been honored for her advocacy of Alaska Native rights and promoting local programs that focus on cultural values, practices, and traditions. Tara was also named as a rising business leader by the *Alaska Journal of Commerce* in 2008 and serves on numerous business and nonprofit boards. In 2010, her husband, **Kevin**, served as the campaign manager for US Senator Lisa Murkowski's successful write-in campaign. Kevin and Tara's children include **Ahmaogak**, 11, a budding actor who will be featured in the upcoming movie *Everybody Loves Whales*, which was filmed in Alaska.

Audrey Kleinsmith Storm is director of construction services at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville, VA, and in March was recognized as one of Charlottesville's top four women under 40 and profiled in the *Daily Progress*. **Michelle Pirozzi** Allen and husband Mark welcomed Caroline Dorothea into the world on Feb. 27, 2011. Originally from Southern California, Michelle now lives in Minnesota with her family, which also includes son Zachary. Michelle is an attorney for the Minnesota Senate. **Ingrid Schmidt** spends her after-hours chasing after daughter Diana, 3. When she wrote last summer, she was also getting married (to Troy Haynie) and buying a house! Ingrid is associate veterinarian at VCA Davis Animal Hospital in Stamford, CT. "I work part-time, 2-1/2 days a week, so I can raise my daughter. It's the best of both worlds." Ingrid says she'll never forget the great times hanging out with friends, and would love to hear from **Mitch Huang '95**, ME '96.

In 1995-96, Class Notes regulars **Margarite Carmody**, **Sheila Di Gasper**, **Karen Szczepanski**, and **Alicia Parlanti** shared an Ithaca apartment during their senior years. Fourteen years later, all four had their first children. Alicia and husband Dennis Madison kicked things off in May 2010 with Jack Dennis, who goes by JD. Karen and husband Brett Engelkraut's daughter came in November 2010. Ryan Kennedy was born to Margarite and husband James Yedinak on Dec. 17, 2010, and six days later Sheila and **Darcy Peterka** capped the festivities with Magnus Anthony.

The lofty title of senior vice president of business affairs at Warner Bros. Pictures belongs to none other than **Jun Oh**, who lives in Los Angeles and negotiates talent deals for major studio movies (e.g., *Slumdog Millionaire*). Most of Jun's free time is spent playing with his daughter, 3, and "not sleeping." Hard at work building their luxury men's grooming products business (TwinLuxe) are twins **Anthony Tsai** and **Hubert Tsai**. According to the company's website, "TwinLuxe stands for a revolutionary change in shaving—transforming a daily chore into a luxurious daily ritual." Apparently—and improbably—critical to triggering the revolution is the incorporation of silver-tipped badger fur in the shaving brush, which was designed by someone whose works include Rolls-Royce automobiles. TwinLuxe has been written up in the *Robb Report* and their products were included in gift bags distributed to musicians at the 2011 Grammy Awards. Thus, Justin Bieber will be armed and ready if and when he is confronted by facial hair. Happy spring! ☒ **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 As you read this column, the weather should be lovely outside. Finally, spring will have sprung after a winter memorable for extreme weather across the country. Take your lunch outside, get your kids to the playground, have a seat on that bench under the blooming tree, and enjoy! While you're relaxing and thinking about how good life is, shoot us a quick update. The beauty of the technology that keeps us connected to one another (Blackberries, iPhones, etc.) is that you don't have to carve out time in front of a computer screen to check in with classmates. So don't wait! Take advantage of that connectivity and update us while you're thinking of it. By the time those new leaves shading you from the springtime sun are

ready to spiral to the ground in autumn, you likely will have seen your news here in this column.

Want to try something new? How about the country's fastest growing sport: paddleboarding! **Josh Vajda** can get you started. In December, he opened South Florida's first stand-up paddleboard specialty store, Precision Paddleboards, in Fort Lauderdale. He offers lessons, rentals, and paddleboards themselves for kids, adults, racers, and casual riders. Josh's business hosted the first annual River-Walk on Water with the Riverwalk Trust; the charity event raised more than \$2,500 for local nonprofit organizations. Josh reports that Fort Lauderdale's mayor attended and learned how to paddle.

Melissa Altman Stein checked in on Facebook to share news of son Noah's arrival. Proud parents Melissa and Jason welcomed him in August 2010. **Paul** and **Mitsy Lopez Baranello** welcomed daughter Madelina Belen on July 6, 2010 in Holland, where Paul is on a short-term overseas work assignment. Madelina joins big sister Serena. The family enjoys life in Europe, Mitsy reports, and has traveled to Prague, Vienna, Paris, and elsewhere. **Meghan Thompson** is also overseas, in the small village of Aldbury in the UK; in February, she sent a career update. Meghan is managing director of sales and industry studies for Consilium Global Research, a firm that helps companies that are uncovered by Wall Street increase their presence in the investment community. She keeps busy outside the office, too: Meghan is still working on finding a publisher for her metaphysical fantasy, "Resurrected!" and chases son Conall, 18 months.

We received an update in January from **Jayson Matyas**. Jayson and family moved from northwest New Jersey to the mountains outside of Blacksburg, VA, last spring. Jayson has been splitting his work interests between business and marketing consulting and several startup companies. He is also a major in the Air Force Reserve; he leads the airlift plans section in the unit that provides command and control for air mobility missions. Jayson and his wife welcomed their fifth child (third daughter), Adeline Virginia, on New Year's Eve. Jayson reports that her big sisters and brothers are very happy to have a new baby to hold and dote over.

Congratulations to **Kenneth Young**, who was elected to the partnership at international law firm Dechert LLP, effective January 1. Kenneth practices in the corporate and securities group in Philadelphia; he focuses on mergers and acquisitions for clients in the technology, financial services, energy, and healthcare industries.

Have something to share? Did you take a fun trip? Reconnect with an old college friend whom you seldom see? Change jobs? Relocate? Let us know! **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu/>. Facebook page: Cornell Class of 1997!

98 Seventeen years ago this fall, we were freshmen on the Hill. Sometimes it seems like it was a very long time ago, leading me to believe that we might be aging. More often than not, it seems like yesterday that we were running off to freshman writing seminars, beginning to take very large, difficult classes, and meeting the people who would become our friends for life! Speaking of friends for life . . .

Congratulations are in order for **Emily Peterson**, who was married in 2008 to Ben Steward. **Lisa Held** was the maid of honor. Emily is a plastic surgeon at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State

College, PA. The couple welcomed their first child, Mia Grace, on Dec. 21, 2010. Lisa Held married Michael McIlhinney on Oct. 2, 2010 at the Glasbern Inn in Fogelsville, PA. Emily Peterson reciprocated as her matron of honor and **Heidi Godoy** was in attendance. Lisa and Michael honeymooned in Moorea and Bora Bora, French Polynesia, before returning home, where Lisa works as a pediatric anesthesiologist at Bryn Mawr Hospital.

There is more baby news for this column! **Betsy Patterson** and husband Noah Rosenthal welcomed their first child, Thea Katherine, on July 29, 2010. **Diana Drobiner** Sturisky (Atlanta, GA) and husband Gary welcomed their second daughter, Gisela, on June 9, 2010. Her big sister is Natalia, 1. **Alison Taylor** Enis and husband Ryan have relocated from NYC to New Rochelle, NY. They welcomed son Cooper on Nov. 9, 2010; he is their first child.

Matthew West has been promoted to vice president and chief talent officer at RCW Group, a division of McCann Healthcare Worldwide. He writes that he loves watching his daughter, Emma Bree, 2, learn and grow. He also enjoys guest lecturing in the Dept. of Communication. **Simon Arpiarian** has joined the Atlanta office of Stream Realty Partners as vice president. **Sarah Wetzstein** Long quit her job as a lawyer to be a full-time, stay-at-home mom to Mason, 4, and Hannah, who was born on June 11, 2010. Sarah and husband Mark live in Los Angeles. **William Robertson** and wife Amanda also live in Los Angeles. They were married on Sept. 4, 2010 and spent their two-week honeymoon in Fiji. William enjoys his work as the board chairman for reDiscover, an organization focused on children's art and sustainability education.

Agustin Ayuso moved to Bronxville, NY, from Manhattan. He says that being out of the city in such a nice town "makes me feel like I'm on vacation every weekend." Must be nice! **Elizabeth Dewey Efe**, MBA '06, and husband **Baris**, MBA '05, have also relocated. They moved to London last August, where Baris works with Barclay's Capital. **Patricia Boye-Williams** and husband **Chad Williams** moved to Bemidji, MN, last year, after Chad finished his PhD in computer science and accepted a tenure-track position at Bemidji State U. Patricia also quit her job as a lawyer at Jenner & Block LLP in Chicago and is staying home with their daughters Grace, 5, and Kate, 3. She writes, "At times it is more challenging than representing Fortune 100 companies, but at the end of the day, it is so much more rewarding!" I couldn't agree more!

Tommy McKinney has left the New York office of law firm Proskauer Rose, where he had been a labor associate for more than six years. He joined Int'l Specialty Products as an in-house lawyer, where he is responsible for workplace issues affecting more than 3,000 employees in 27 countries. Tommy and his wife, **Jane Carr** '00, have moved from Manhattan to Boonton, NJ, where their children Alexander, 3, and Clara, 1, enjoy their new playroom. Also in the New York area is **Jennifer Yen** Betit, who just relocated from Los Angeles. She writes that she and her husband, J. Peyton Worley, love the city and enjoy connecting with other Cornellians. Jennifer provides gratis voiceover work to an organization called Reading for the Blind & Dyslexic, which provides low or no cost audio textbooks to blind and dyslexic students.

Marni Sholiton Amsellem writes that she and husband **David** took their girls, ages 5 and 2, to visit Cornell for their first time. "It's a great feeling to hear your kid talking about how they want to go to Cornell, too, one day," she said. The

Amsellem's live in Fairfield County, CT, where Marni is a psychologist employed by Cancer Support Community. Go Big Red! **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mollybracken@social.r.cornell.edu; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, karenkipnes@gmail.com.

99 In my six years writing this column, I've noticed that most people skip the question, "What is the one thing you remember most fondly from your time at Cornell?" from the news and dues form. By luck, the '99ers in this column all shared a great memory.

Oliver Bajracharya (Pasadena, CA) is a patent and trademark attorney at Christie, Parker & Hale. He joined the firm as an associate in 2002. He's presently teaching daughter Miri how to say her last name using a hockey cheer—Baj-ra-char-ya, clap, clap, clap-clap-clap. Obviously, Oliver misses Lynah Rink. Perhaps Miri is old enough for a cowbell too? Lawyer **Kevin Orloski** (Allentown, PA) and wife Maraleen Shields welcomed their first son, Cole Law Orloski, last year. Kevin would rather be "back in college," and fondly remembers Sheldon Court. **Marla Greco** Decker (Hoboken, NJ) works as a litigation associate with Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in New York. She and husband Erik welcomed son Samuel Preston in early 2010. She misses "the first week of freshman year parties at Rockledge." **Aaron Arnold** and wife Stephanie welcomed daughter Amelia Jean on New Year's Eve. When not playing with Amelia and her big sister, Grace, 3, Aaron continues to work for the Center for Court Innovation, where he is leading an effort to strengthen Native American tribal courts across the country. Aaron's fondest memory from his time at Cornell is playing Frisbee at the Plantations with **Brian Palmer**, **Darin Van Houten**, and **Sam Robaina**.

Jill Alexander VanSlyke is the director of residential services at the Westin Riverfront Resort and Spa in Avon, CO, where she lives with husband Steven. She skis, bikes, runs, and takes care of her young daughter. She misses her old Hotelie gang and "the beautiful gorges and walking to classes in the fall." **Anna deVera Walker** lives with husband **Russell**, PhD '99, in Highland Park, IL, and is an assistant vice president of strategy and development at HSBC Finance. She chases after her young son, Ray, and cooks, hikes, and travels. She misses the beautiful fall foliage and stunning parks. **Sally Chu** and **Ben Bursae**, please send in an update to share with Anna. In Denver, **Andrew Freeman** is an assistant professor of medicine in cardiology at National Jewish Health. Extracurricular activities include taking care of a young child. He misses the fall leaves. (And here's an embarrassing/charming confession from your class columnist: I still have leaves from my undergraduate years pressed in books. Coming from Texas, I'd never seen real fall leaves, so I hoarded them.)

Linda Lu Reese Bryan is a clinic director at Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center in Clinton Township, MI, and mother to Lily, 4, and Vivien, 3. In her spare time she is riding horses, English and Western Pleasure styles, with the American Quarter Horse Association. She misses "the weather, the views, and the fresh air" of Ithaca. In Cincinnati, **Marissa Perman** is soon to become a dermatology resident, but is already a working mom, running after Zachary, 1. What she misses: "Every day sophomore year, walking to class via the suspension bridge and listening to the Dave

Matthews Band.” **Doug Hill** (Bedminster, NJ) is a sales account manager for Infineum USA LP. In his spare time, he plays with his young daughter, Ellie Aspen, and plays tennis, softball, flag football, and “golf, as part of my job.” There’s nothing he’d rather be doing. “I am home with my family, drinking expensive beer, and watching the Yankees,” he writes. What does he miss? “The unbelievable times with the most amazing people. I’m so fortunate to have met such great lifelong friends.”

Speaking of lifelong friends, **Brady Dale Russell** has retired as a class columnist. For classmates living in Philadelphia, you’ll see him locally as he kicks total butt tackling environmental issues in Pennsylvania as a director at Clean Water Action, a nonprofit focused on water-related issues, programs, and policies. This column is about memories and Brady is one of the first friends I made at Cornell. Our on-campus “hangout” was Uris Library—me in the A. D. White Library and Brady in the room that is now Libe Café but was then just a reading room. Our new columnist is New Yorker **Beth Heslowitz**, a grant writer at Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District. Please welcome Beth with lots of class news updates.

Send your news, embarrassing memories, confessions, blind items, and gossip to: [Melanie Grayce West, mga6@cornell.edu](mailto:Melanie.Grayce@cornell.edu); [Liz Borod Wright, lizborod@gmail.com](mailto:Liz.Borod@cornell.edu); [Taber Sweet, tabersweet@gmail.com](mailto:Taber.Sweet@cornell.edu); or [Beth Heslowitz, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.Heslowitz@cornell.edu).

OO Though it is common to find a Cornellian in and around the New York metropolitan area, there are a vast number of alumni representing us in other parts of the country and around the world as well. So this edition’s column is dedicated to all of them—our classmates who may be a plane ride away, but are so good at keeping connected that it feels like they’re right next door.

A prime example is **Lynn D’Silva Cinelli**, ME ’01, and husband **Matt**. The couple has been living in Singapore for more than two years now and has truly loved traveling around the region. After visiting the beautiful lands of Myanmar, China, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam, they have only one complaint—finding New York-style pizza and bagels! Even though the two are situated on the other side of the world, they still manage to make time for Cornell. The couple attends events sponsored by Cornell Club Singapore, volunteers for CAAAN, and even participates in telementoring. Matt and Lynn say, “We love the fact that we can help students no matter where we are.” What amazing Cornell role models! Also making time to volunteer, **Carrie Swesso** serves as the president of her local Lions Club chapter. On top of that, Carrie works full-time as the manager’s assistant and public service director at KPIC-TV and part-time as a family skills trainer at Douglas County Mental Health in Oregon. She also spends one day a week at Hanson Jewelers, just for fun!

Three alums have been making waves up in the Greater Boston area. **Jennifer Tracy** has been named partner at the firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart. As a partner in the firm’s government enforcement and compliance and major commercial litigation groups, Jennifer will continue to represent national corporations and individuals in government investigations and litigation. She also represents leading corporations and financial institutions in complex commercial litigation and arbitration. Jennifer earned her JD, cum laude, from

Harvard Law School in ’04, and was named a Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Star. **Christopher Lucas** started Lucas Environmental LLC, a consulting firm based in Quincy, MA, that does land development and permitting. Christopher’s biology background from Cornell has played a major role in his career. After finishing his graduate studies at Stanford, Christopher came back to the East Coast to work as an environmental consultant and soil scientist. His company services clients who need

forward to meeting him at reunion in June! **Steven Rocco** checks in to tell us that he has moved to New York City. Midway across the country, **Peter Bowen** moved to Chicago after a decade in Boston. He’s happy to be in the Windy City.

We can’t wait to seeing everyone at our 10th Reunion, June 9-12! We have a great weekend planned. If you haven’t registered yet, but still want to come, it’s not too late. Please visit our class website at <http://classof01.alumni.cornell.edu>

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Matt and Lynn D’Silva Cinelli ’00

environmental permitting assistance. Check it out at lucasenvironmental.net. In his free time, Christopher enjoys cycling and hiking. He attended our 10th Reunion with a group of friends who all worked as RAs in Dickson Hall when we were students. Also in Massachusetts, **Shanna Hillback Deng** and husband **Tom ’99** are enjoying life with their two wonderful children Tessa, 3, and Spenser, 16 months. The family moved to Needham, MA, two years ago, when Shanna received an incredible offer to serve as the product manager for Genzyme.

Shana Clor-Proell, PhD ’07, and husband **Chad Proell**, PhD ’06, welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Emily Marie, on June 3, 2010. Older daughter Abigail, 4, is excited to be a big sister. The Proells moved to San Diego in December ’09 when both Shana and Chad took tenure-track faculty positions at San Diego State U. Also on the move, **Wilson Barmeyer** and wife Sarah relocated to Washington, DC, where Wilson practices as an associate with the law firm of Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan LLP. **Barbara DeMonarco-Snell** (Fort Myers, FL) is married to Dean and works as a small animal and exotic veterinarian. **David Pearce** is the owner and manager of Complete Plumbing Repair Co. and in his spare time, breeds and trains rare Canadian Cur purebreds. **Anthony Cooper** moved with wife Dawn from Philadelphia, PA, to Tacoma, WA, where Anthony began his residency in the Army. **Matt Varble** relocated to Canton, OH, from Huntsville, AL, last September, after being offered a huge career advancement opportunity with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Matt serves as their labor relations manager and now heads up labor relations for the Goodyear Racing Division, which makes all the tires for NASCAR.

Thanks to all of you for your fantastic updates! I hope this will inspire more of our classmates around the globe to reach out and share their good news as well. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you. [Andrea M. Chan, amc32@cornell.edu](mailto:Andrea.M.Chan@cornell.edu); **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Happy spring, Class of 2001! We’re so happy to share great news from our classmates and we hope that you’ll get to hear more of it at our 10th Reunion, June 9-12!

Congratulations to **Priscilla Navarrete** Masimi and husband Rob on the birth of their first child, a boy named Chance. He is the love of their lives since his birth in July 2010. We look

for details about registration, as well as the most up-to-date information on events, housing, youth programs, and last minute tips. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer during Reunion Weekend, please contact reunion chair **Claire Ackerman** (classof2001_reunion@cornell.edu).

Here are a few updates from your class officers. Class president **Diana Tyler** switched jobs and is now an associate director of foundation management for Arabella Philanthropic Investment Advisors in D.C. She works with foundations providing strategic grantmaking guidance and daily operations support. She looks forward to the 10th Reunion and taking a break from being a professional wedding attendee for the year (nine and counting). Cornell Annual Fund representative **Sarah Binder** moved back to New York last year after a wonderful year in Sydney, Australia, and a six-month trip around the world. She’s happy to be back and seeing all her old Cornell friends. She went to **Rebecca Tumick’s** wedding in Park City, UT, where she saw **Lee Schaffler**, **Gabrielle Lerner**, and **Betsy Marks**. She said it was great catching up and can’t wait to see everyone in June!

Our webmaster, **Kyle McKenna** (Richmond, VA), has been keeping busy at Capital One, where he works on the card partnerships team, supporting the information technology needs of both current and prospective partners.

Lora Epstein, also a Cornell Annual Fund representative, is excited to have finished her first year as an associate! She lives in New York and works at the Blank Rome LLP law firm in financial services/bankruptcy. When she has time, she tries to catch up with friends, see shows and movies, try new restaurants, and just enjoy New York as much as possible. Lora can’t wait for reunion and is excited to see old friends! Class VP **Michael Hanson ’01**, MPA ’02, is sorry that he has to miss reunion for a family obligation, but wanted to wish everyone well who makes it to Ithaca, especially the new class officers. He’ll be seeing you on the Hill for reunion in 2016.

So what’s new in your lives? Let us know! E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. We hope that all is well with each of you—and let us know about it! [Lauren Wallach Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:Lauren.Wallach@cornell.edu); [Trina Lee, TKL6@cornell.edu](mailto:Trina.Lee@cornell.edu).

02 Many of you probably watched the Oscars and were not surprised to see Long Island native Natalie Portman take one home for her role in

Black Swan. That said, you may be pleasantly surprised when you learn that a fellow Long Island native—and Cornell alum—was also a winner that night. Our very own **Ryan Silbert** co-produced *God of Love*, which won Best Short Live Action Film. *God of Love* was directed and written by Luke Matheny, who also stars in the film. It is billed as the story of “a love-struck, lounge-singing darts champion who finds his prayers are answered—literally—when he mysteriously receives a box of love-inducing darts.” Ryan started Toy Closet Films with **Rob Profusek '03** back in 2007. “As producers, we couldn’t be more grateful for this award,” said Ryan, via a press release issued just after receiving the award. “This film and the Academy Award show a triumph of the collaborative process—working with close friends and colleagues—those people whom you trust and who in turn can be honest and up-front with you. With *God of Love*, we got to see this formula work perfectly.” Aside from the Academy Award, the film also won recognition from the National Board of Review, the Telluride Film Festival, the Angelus Student Film Festival, and the Student Academy Awards. Congratulations on the big win!

Adam Tope was elected to office in Washington, DC, to serve as the advisory neighborhood commissioner for the North Cleveland Park/Forest Hills neighborhood. “I’m looking forward to serving over the next two years,” he writes. Currently in her last semester at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts U., **Sara Van Wie** is studying war-affected children and youth inclusion in transitional justice mechanisms. “Last summer, I spent three months in Sierra Leone interviewing youth and young adults on their views and experiences of the country’s reparation program for war victims.” Living in Vancouver and going to graduate school at Simon Fraser U., **Erica Olson** studies marine ecology, tracking loggerhead sea turtles using satellite telemetry. **Stanley Lewis** (Brooklyn) bought a house for himself back in 2009. He is enjoying his role as vice president of operations for Stanley Lewis Plumbing and Heating. Stanley has been doing some traveling to Brazil and Argentina and studying to obtain his NYC master plumber’s license.

Matt Lowenbraun just got back from beautiful Isla Mujeres, Mexico, where he attended the wedding of **Danny Devinney**. “It was a spectacular sunset ceremony on the beach and quite the Cornell reunion, with more than 15 alums in attendance,” he writes. “Groomsmen included myself, **Morgan Hayes**, **Ryan Lane**, **Jon Eastern '00**, and **Danny’s** younger brother **Jesse Devinney '05**. **Evan Kuhn**, ME '03, **Ryan Stewart**, ME '03, and **John Glauber** also made the trip south.” Do you know anyone who works at Tiffany’s? Now you do. **Shayna Lustig** Doyle, out of Jersey City, received a fabulous holiday gift this year when she and husband Jonathan welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Alyssa Caitlyn, on Dec. 3, 2010. Before the excitement of having a newborn, Shayna was busy traveling the country leading a diamond training program and opening new stores for Tiffany & Co. **Michael** and **Brenda Weissman Benn** welcomed son Avi Harrison on Sept. 3, 2010. “His smile lights up our lives,” they write. “We moved from NYC to White Plains in May 2010.”

Try anything new lately? Taking any interesting trips? Watching any underappreciated television shows? Tell us—we want to know. We promise your news is newsworthy! Send news to: **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; or **Jeff Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu.

03 Our rainy Seattle winter is finally winding down and I’ve already spotted new buds on the trees in the neighborhood. I cannot wait for spring! I am signed up to run the Prague Marathon with hubby **Patrick Noonan '00** (A&S) in May—looking forward to the race and to the vacation! Another runner who was formerly on the track team at Cornell, **Conniel Arnold**, wrote that she continues to work as a corporate attorney for Alcoa Inc. “I have been enjoying the international and commercial aspects of in-house practice. I have started running road races and just came back from vacation in southern Africa.”

Beth Altschuler (A&S) shared that in May 2010 she graduated from a dual master’s program at UC Berkeley in public health and city and regional planning. In October, she started working at the urban planning consulting firm Raimi + Associates in Berkeley, CA, as their epidemiologist/urban planner helping cities and counties work toward social/environmental justice and health equity through planning and public health analysis and policy. She lives in Oakland, CA. Hotelie **Molly Hoyne** Mahar enthusiastically wrote, “2010 was a busy year for me! I married Ken in August in the most adorable DIY garden wedding outside of Seattle. My Hotelie training was coming out in full force! We left for a three-month road trip/honeymoon around the States after that and had a chance to visit Ithaca. It was so nice to be back—my first time since graduation! My training and coaching company, Stratejoy, is growing slowly but surely. I’ve really loved branching out into life coaching and online courses. Running a small business that actually helps women is an amazing feeling. And it’s a total joy to be able to work from anywhere, on my schedule! As long as I have wifi, my Android, and access to Twitter (@stratejoy)—I’m set.” Congratulations, Molly!

Alexa Barron, another Hotelie entrepreneur in the Seattle area, is a product manager at Microsoft in the Windows Embedded group. “When I’m not at work, I’m focusing on my side venture, Lex Cosmetics (http://www.facebook.com/l/d9bd00n_xHk1LXcQupda8pTsN6A; www.lexcosmetics.com), which is based on crowd sourcing and has a mission to give back. It has definitely been a learning experience, but I’m gaining some traction thanks to a recent feature in the *Seattle Times*. Otherwise, I’ve been traveling a lot making sure to see our '03 classmates.” I caught up on Facebook with **Michael O’Hart** (Hotel), who wrote, “I ended up working for the Four Seasons in D.C. for a number of years, and then worked as a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley.” Mike lives in San Diego and plans to start law school this fall.

Rachel Money (Hotel) wrote from Allen, TX, where, aside from her work at Procter & Gamble, she volunteers on the Allen Sports Association Ethics Committee. Back on the East Coast, **Ted Kelleher** (Eng) is a flight instructor in Florida. He wrote, “Moved to Pensacola last March and started flying students in July. It’s been pretty crazy since then—a lot of flying and going out of town to weddings and other happenings. Things are good down here and surprisingly chilly this winter, which I am loving.” Also down in Florida, **Keith**

Menin wrote in from Miami Beach, where he is “in the process of undergoing a new project. I am renovating my family’s old hotel that was purchased in the ‘60s and I am finding great food and beverage people to make it an amazing hotel.” **Daniel Keh** (ILR) shared that he and wife **Angie Kim** (CALS) “were married in April 2009, got a puppy in January 2010, and moved to a new home in Battery Park City, NY, in March 2010. 2010 has been a great year.”

As always, a big thank you to those who generously shared their news for this column. Please keep in touch and let us know what you’ve been up to! **Sam Noonan**, swnoonan@gmail.com; and **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

04 During the month of February—the month of love—we were tweeting about Cornell couples! Did you check us out? We’ll be tweeting about many more fun 2004-related topics in the coming months, so please tune in. This month, I got many updates via e-mail! Thanks to all for responding to our request for news! Speaking of Twitter, **JP Freire** writes, “I’ve been the associate editorial page editor for the *Washington Examiner* and appearing on television and radio doing political commentary. You can also follow my work on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/JPFreire>.”

“My passion for trash started in my senior year.”

Sinanta Vergara '04

Sinanta Vergara writes, “I spent the last academic year in Bogotá, Colombia, on a Fulbright Fellowship, conducting my dissertation research on the environmental benefits from informal recycling (aka ‘scavenging’) in the metropolis. My pas-

sion for trash started in Prof. Haith’s class, Solid Waste Engineering, my senior year at Cornell. I am working on finishing up my dissertation in Energy and Resources at UC Berkeley, and love living in the Bay Area!” **Jay Williams** signs in with this update: “In 2010, I started work as group manager at Weber Shandwick, a global PR agency with a strong focus on healthcare/pharmaceutical communications. I work across Genentech’s oncology franchise.”

Barth Nogal, ME '05, writes, “My wife and I had our first son, Alexander Marc, on 1.1.11. He was born at a healthy (and dense) 10 lbs. 12 oz., and we’re pretty happy.” Congrats to the parents! **Allie Hope** has moved from San Francisco, CA, to NYC to head hotel development for Virgin Hotels, Richard Branson’s new venture. They are looking to acquire and develop four-star hotels in major US cities and London. **Nick Torsiello** writes, “I switched from consulting to academia, now doing doctoral studies in health economics, policy, and psychology in New Haven, CT.”

Jason and **Jamie Peters Sonnevile**, MPS '05, had son Carter Jameson on April 16, 2010. Jason made a career change as the Sonnevilles have acquired a fruit farm, Lakeville Orchards, in Williamson, NY. **Corinna Myers** and **Mike Anderson** were married in their hometown of Tucson, AZ, in February 2011. **Vincent Vela** and **Ian Calhoun** will open their own restaurant, 80 Thoreau, in Concord, MA. This project has been a dream of Vincent and Ian’s since their days as undergrads.

Both are extremely excited and look forward to many visits from their Big Red pals. **Raul Roman, PhD '04**, and **Cedric Hodgeman** have launched UBELONG (www.ubelong.org), a pioneering social venture based in Washington, DC, that offers affordable, flexible, and meaningful one-week to six-month international volunteering opportunities. They currently have projects in Latin America and Asia and in 2011 anticipate close to 1,000 volunteers joining their projects.

Jonathan Treiber writes, "My wife gave birth to our first child, a girl named Avrie Leigh." **Stephanie Adams** writes, "After graduating from Northwestern U. School of Law, I moved to NYC to work as a litigation associate at the international law firm Winston and Strawn LLP." **Deric Long** writes, "I married Ashley on June 6, 2009 and we had a baby girl on Dec. 3, 2010. Everybody is happy and healthy." **Nina Ilic** writes, "I received a PhD from Harvard U. (in cell and developmental biology) in October 2010!" **Julian Suchman** writes, "In October 2010 I married Vivian St. George. I live in Brooklyn and produce two radio shows for Sirius XM (the Judith Regan Show; Wine & Web with Gary Vaynerchuk)."

Sara Delaney married **Gregory Studer** in September in Vermont. Sara consults for the West Africa Division of the Int'l Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Rome, and Greg has started a new job with a software startup in New York City. On Nov. 13, 2010 **Theresa Fives** married **Michael Maas** in Los Angeles. "We met sophomore year in the Big Red Marching Band and were married eight years later!" And from **Yoonweh Leo Moon**: "I am doing my MBA at INSEAD in France. I was married over the summer and we are enjoying living and studying in France. The biggest challenge for me would be to improve my French before I graduate next July! I hope to go to London next year. All of my friends from Cornell were a big help and support for my wedding this year. Not only the ones in Korea (our wedding was in Korea), but many flew in from overseas. I've been volunteering with Child Fund Korea to support orphans. I would like to help a lot of the younger generation." Keep sending your news! ☐ **Anne C. Jones**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com.

05 Greetings, fellow '05ers! As I write, it is toward the end of winter here in New York City, and I have been mesmerized by the amount of snow we have received here this winter. It certainly brings back great memories of white winter wonderlands at Cornell and traying down Libe Slope!

Speaking of Ithaca, **Lauren Cahoon** Roberts moved back to Ithaca in 2008 from Boston to be closer to friends and family and to have a more relaxed pace of life. Her foundation in Biological Sciences continues to help her in her work as a science and grant writer. She also bought a 150-year-old farmhouse and farm by a small lake and enjoys finding the time to work on home improvements. Across the country, **Shari Moseley** is a resource specialist and special education teacher. She writes, "The greatest challenges as an educator are combating misconceptions about education and improving the system for all involved." She has fond Cornell memories of the social group Wanawake Wa Wari, and she still keeps in touch with the Wari girls through Facebook.

Michael Dickstein is doing his PhD in business economics at Harvard. He was awarded the Wynn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research; he

investigates the design of incentives to improve decision making when outcomes are uncertain. From the Harvard Business School press release: "He focuses on the market for prescription drugs, which has two important features: physicians act as agents for patients in choosing treatments, and physicians often cannot predict ahead of time which treatment will work best for a particular patient. Dickstein builds a model of decision making that captures both the physician-patient agency relationship and the learning process the physician undertakes after observing a patient's outcome. Employing this model in an empirical setting with patient data, he identifies specific insurer policies and drug promotions that can improve patient health at lower cost to insurers. Dickstein uses the results to build new treatment protocols. Rather than relying heavily on outcomes of randomized clinical trials, he illustrates the value of judging product quality based on an analysis of patient adherence rates in treatment records collected by insurers." These awards are presented annually to outstanding students engaged in innovative dissertation research.

Kate Kastenbaum has started her first year at the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon with **Jon Baker '04** and **Marissa Fang '06**. She continues to check up on HEC and hopes to return to Cornell to attend another year's production. **Christina O'Herron** works as a registered nurse and is also attending graduate school to work as a cardiac nurse practitioner. She has fond memories of the Cornell Women's Chorus and the a cappella group After Eight. She remains close with several After Eight members, who will participate in her upcoming wedding. **Hotelie Everett "EJ" Hullverson** is enjoying his time in Missouri as the product specialist of global marketing at Novus.

Michael Philpott was given a military reassignment to Heidelberg, Germany, where he gets to work in a place he loves. He met up with other Cornellians in Munich on Zinck's Night 2010. **Ari Cantor** is the director of administration at Insinger and spent the month of August 2010 at the US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to oversee a military installation project. He lived in barracks with hard-charging Marines and saw detainees. He is still very active with Cornell's Hotel Society and enjoys volunteering for Philabundance, which provides food to families in Philadelphia, PA, who earn below the poverty line.

Keep the news coming and we'll keep printing it! You can share your latest happenings with us via e-mail or on the news form in our class mailings. As inspiration, Slope Day and graduation are right around the corner. In addition to your normal updates, let us know what your favorite Slope Day and/or graduation memories are! ☐ **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu.

06 This record-breaking winter is long gone and summer will be here soon! This spring is the biggest yet since graduation—our 5th Reunion is just weeks away. Our class reunion chairs are doing a fabulous job to make this a reunion to go down in history. There will be wine tours, a mixer, late-night food, wine tasting, a BBQ, the opportunity to live the dorm life again, and much more! Also, if you haven't done so already, get connected with CornellConnect. It takes seconds

to set up your account, and it will help you stay connected through the alumni page and the Cornell network!

In these past five years since graduation our classmates have been moving along and doing great things. Following graduation **Jack Steiner** moved to China for a year and taught English in Xi'an (while there, he hosted a Zinck's Night that was attended only by him!). The following year he bummed around the US on Cornell alumni couches, and in 2008-09 he rehabilitated affordable homes in Philadelphia with Americorps and Habitat for Humanity. A week after finishing his year of service, he took a circuitous route on his bicycle, riding almost 5,000 miles from Philadelphia to Portland, OR, crossing the Continental Divide about nine times. In the beginning of 2010 he did another four-month stint in Americorps, this time with the USGS doing fieldwork on tortoises in the Mojave Desert. Following that he embarked on a bike tour from Jerusalem to Cairo and almost made it. Jack is currently serving in the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific with the Peace Corps, teaching industrial arts and English to high school students. Wow, Jack—a very fun and adventurous five years!

Matthew Turner is graduating this month from North Carolina State U.'s College of Veterinary Medicine with a DVM. Upon graduation he will start a small animal rotating internship at VCA Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center in Norwalk, CT. Congrats, Matthew! **Bart VanStekelenburg** (bart@juturnawater.com) is in Costa Rica. He started a business that distributes, services, and installs commercial and residential water purification and pumping equipment. "Life is great down here in paradise!" says Bart. Visit his website at www.juturnawater.com. **Ana Maria Techeira** (San Antonio, TX) works as a human resources generalist for the Sygma Network Inc. She ran the San Antonio Rock & Roll Marathon in October 2009. **David Tagatac** changed fields from condensed matter physics to computer science and is supporting the Joint Polar-orbiting Satellite System (JPSS) algorithm calibration and validation efforts at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD.

Ioana Vartolomei, MA '09, is curious to see what everyone else from '06 has been up to. On her end, she is in the fifth year of a PhD in Romance Studies at Cornell; however, this year she is doing an exchange at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris. Ioana is also working on her dissertation on the poetics of revolt in French, Haitian, and Québécois literature. **Renee Woodburn** is doing an international rotation in Panama. **Vanessa Adams** is an intern (associate veterinarian) at Florida Veterinary Specialists and at North Bay Animal Hospital. **Gilda Shayan**, PhD '10, finished her doctorate on the Hill in Biomedical Engineering last May and since then has been working for MassBioLogics, a nonprofit biotechnology firm in Boston, as a scientist in the product discovery department. Her main project is to design and implement in vitro models for diseases and then develop in vitro assays to test the potency of human monoclonal antibodies in development for disease treatment. **Talya Arbisser's** second solo photo exhibit was to open on May 5, 2011 at the Jewish Community Center in Houston, TX. She will give an artist's lecture and hold a reception (<http://www.jcchouston.org/arts/deutsler/>). See you in June! ☐ **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu.

07 Thanks to all who responded to our e-mail request for news! Unfortunately, we couldn't fit it all into one column, so if you don't see your news this time, look for it in the July/August issue. **Marianna Gomez** is taking a short break from being your class correspondent while living in Dhaka, Bangladesh, for four months. She is taking part in an international MPH program at the James P. Grant School of Public Health with BRAC, the world's largest NGO. The program offers immediate application of the public health curriculum through fieldwork in the community. She began her first semester as an MPH candidate in global health at George Washington U. in D.C. last September and began interning with Population Services Int'l (PSI). Before she decided to go back to school, Marianna was a policy analyst and program manager for Medicaid and CHIP-funded projects for the State of Texas for three years. While she loves get-

ting the Genghis Grill franchises in the Central Florida area and should have two new locations open this year. I have also returned to school, pursuing a JD in a part-time evening program in Orlando." Another entrepreneur, **Stephanie Medina** (smmedina@gmail.com) of Woodside, Queens, works full-time as a paralegal for a law firm in Manhattan. "I also work part-time as an independent contractor, tutoring elementary school-aged children. And I'm following my dreams and am the founder and CEO of a video game development company, FourFlames Entertainment. My company is still in its early stages and I am currently developing a business plan along with several titles for launch."

Amanda DeSalvatore (adesalv@gmail.com) writes, "I am currently an executive recruiter for biopharmaceutical companies and working on my MPH at Tulane. I am also moving to Atyrau, Kazakhstan, in the summer for an exciting four-year

08 Happy end of spring and beginning of summer, Class of 2008! We hope the seasons are full of exciting travels and the commencement of interesting new paths, from new jobs to graduate school to picking up new hobbies and interests. Three years have passed since we marched across Schoellkopf Field and switched our tassels, and many of our classmates have sent in updates detailing their fabulous endeavors.

We got a chance to catch up with many '08ers at January's Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. One of the conference's highlights was the Friday night young alumni party featuring Kinetics and One Love—an event that reached maximum capacity with more than 500 young Cornellians in attendance! The show's music was loud and fabulous, and the crowd was full of friends old and new exchanging hugs and catching up, but we still managed to touch base with a few classmates. **Shoshana Aleinikoff** is a third-year medical student at Georgetown; she is studying hard and enjoys living in Arlington, VA. **Tyrell Robertson** has been promoted to senior consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton and continues to enjoy exploring his new hometown of Washington, DC. **Neema Basri** is also a consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton and organized a class outing to his neighborhood, Adams Morgan, following the show.

The Class of 2008 Council had a productive class meeting on the Saturday afternoon of the conference, at which we developed a number of exciting 2011 goals: greater class participation in public service events, publication of a 2008 quarterly newsletter, and more events focused on Cornell sporting events, including Big Red Hockey in Madison Square Garden in November. Our 5th Reunion is also on the Council's minds. Save the date: June 6–9, 2013! If you have any questions or would like to get involved in class events or planning reunion, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Classmates have sent in news from around the country—and the globe. **Christy Ley** Kidner, BA '07, is settling into life in Cambridge, MA, and writes, "After graduating in January '08, I worked as a legal analyst at BlackRock for two and a half years. Subsequently (this past fall), I began pursuing a PhD in sociology at Harvard, where I intend to focus on the organizational and cultural dimensions of gender, race, and class inequalities. Of the ten students in my PhD cohort, three of us are Cornellians: **Kristin Perkins '05**, **Anny Fenton '07**, and myself." Good luck with your research, Christy, and we're glad to hear that you have fellow Cornellians to cheer on the Big Red at Cornell-Harvard hockey games away from Lynah! **Alex Kresovich** has also returned to a college campus and writes that he has moved to Athens, GA, to pursue a master's degree in mass media at the U. of Georgia. **Sarah Olesiuk** is graduating this month from Boston College Law School and pursuing her dream of serving underprivileged communities by providing legal defense services. She reports that she has been selected for a prestigious three-year fellowship with Equal Justice Works' Public Defender Corps and will be moving to Knoxville, TN, this month. Sarah is a native of Asheville, NC, and writes that she is "very ready to return to the South after four winters in Ithaca and three snowy winters in Boston!"

As some classmates move across the country to pursue new professional opportunities, some have taken the leap of moving across the globe. **Stacey Katz** sent in exciting news: "I just moved to Reykjavik, Iceland. Although it was a somewhat

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Stacey Katz '08

ting personally acquainted with Bangladesh, she'll be glad to return to Austin this summer for a visit with her brother and his expanding family.

Ashley Barry (ashleybarry@gmail.com) wrote in on her 26th birthday! "Since graduation I've been living in Manhattan and am currently the marketing manager for the Cornell Club-New York. **Matt Rogers '06** and I had a great vacation in Argentina this past October and are in the middle of planning for the future. All in all, life is good!" **Jesse Eberle** (jesse.eberle@gmail.com) writes, "I have bounced around quite a bit since graduation. First, I took a 30-day trip all over Europe with nothing more than a backpack and some money, then began my professional career working in the back office for Merrill Lynch doing cash settlements for credit derivative products. I left there when I was laid off with the rest of my department after two years due to the merger with Bank of America. I took this as an opportunity to spend some of the money I had made and took a two-week trip to Europe. I then went over to Goldman Sachs as a documentations specialist for interest rate derivatives in the Latin American emerging markets space. I was let go from there due to a lack of work with a few others after only six months and was unemployed for about four months during which time I was looking for something new. I am now a sales assistant on the trading floor at RBS, working with the emerging markets team who trade a variety of derivative products. Still living at home and have saved a ton of money, but will be moving to an apartment on the Upper East Side of Manhattan in the very near future."

Nick Dorsch (nickdorsch@gmail.com) is currently the VP of marketing for Jordan, Nicholas, Elliott Inc., a company he owns with his two brothers, **Jordan '01** and Elliott. "Our company owns and operates 21 Papa John's Pizza locations, Fun Bike Center Motorsports (the largest motorcycle dealership in the Southeast), MOJO's Wings, Burgers & Beer (a casual full-service restaurant), and MOJO's Liquor Store. We are currently devel-

oping the Genghis Grill franchises in the Central Florida area and should have two new locations open this year. I have also returned to school, pursuing a JD in a part-time evening program in Orlando." Another entrepreneur, **Stephanie Medina** (smmedina@gmail.com) of Woodside, Queens, works full-time as a paralegal for a law firm in Manhattan. "I also work part-time as an independent contractor, tutoring elementary school-aged children. And I'm following my dreams and am the founder and CEO of a video game development company, FourFlames Entertainment. My company is still in its early stages and I am currently developing a business plan along with several titles for launch."

expat assignment with my fiancé! In addition to soaking up this enriching experience, I will finish my MPH and continue recruiting work from abroad. I am also going on a medical/public health volunteer mission to Romania this spring to set up free medical clinics in rural villages and conduct public health educational outreach in schools, orphanages, and community centers." Also on the move is **Arael Candelaresi** (a.seher.85@gmail.com): "My husband is in the Air Force and graduated pilot training in February 2011. He has been assigned to Elmendorf AFB in Alaska! So this fall, my husband and I will pack up everything we have and get ready to spend the next four years of our lives in Anchorage. If any friends are looking for an excuse to travel, come visit me in Alaska!"

Nina Wong (nwong@knights.ucf.edu) is in her fourth year of the clinical psychology PhD program at the U. of Central Florida in Orlando. Her clinical and research work focuses on children with anxiety disorders and social skill deficits, and she has coauthored a number of book chapters, journal articles, and national conference presentations. "I have been diligently working on my dissertation and will be applying to pre-doctoral level internships in fall 2011." **Imran Karim** (ikarim0@gmail.com) is working for the government of Canada as a Foreign Service Officer and will be posted to the trade section at the Canadian High Commission in Delhi in summer 2011. **Tsui Ng** (tsui.s.ng@gmail.com) started law school at the U. of California, Hastings College of the Law. **Richard Scherer** (rich.scherer@gmail.com) was recently named an associate at the law firm of Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP in Buffalo, NY. He concentrates his practice in general business counseling and business litigation. And **Alyssa Stram** (alyssastram@gmail.com) writes, "I am a first-year medical student at Drexel U. College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. I'm hoping to specialize in surgery." More to come in the next issue! Send new to: **Marianna Gomez**, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com.

random move, I wanted to do something really different, learn about a new culture, and get international work experience. I went to Iceland in September and interviewed for a job at PricewaterhouseCoopers Iceland (I was working at PwC in the US, but each country is actually a different company). Long story short, I ended up with job offers in both London and Iceland, and I chose Iceland! I arrived in mid-January and it's going well so far—even though I'm surrounded by a very different language, business environment, and culture, I'm just taking it all in and reveling in it. I hope to learn Icelandic soon and as it's a really beautiful country, I can't wait to explore." Congratulations on your new job, Stacey, and we hope you enjoy your new role of "ex-pat" and exploring your new home!

Simma Reingold, MHA '09, also moved for a job with PricewaterhouseCoopers, but she stayed within US borders—she left a healthcare consulting job in Madison, WI, for a senior associate position in PwC's New York City office, working within the health information technology field. New Yorker **Dana Mendelowitz** writes, "I am putting my two years of writing fashion columns for the *Cornell Daily Sun* to good use working in the accessories department of *Lucky Magazine* in New York, NY." We heard from her in March, when she was "recovering from New York Fashion Week." When not investigating the latest in couture, Dana loves reconnecting with her Alpha Chi Omega sisters over brunch in downtown Manhattan.

We hope you have an excellent summer and make memories you can share with the class in future columns. Send us your news—we'd love to hear from you! ☐ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; and **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

09 The Class of 2009 has turned a corner and will soon be the third most recent set of alumni. Oh, how quickly the time has passed. Some of us have found our dream jobs and lifestyles. Others of us continue to grope our way in the darkness that is adulthood, hoping, one day, to be certain of our paths.

With only the slightest sense of irony, **Julie Cantor** is grateful for the two years she has spent teaching 7th and 8th grade math, a subject which she once failed, with Teach For America. She will be leaving the classroom next year to find out what these so-called perils of law school are all about, and looks forward to keeping her students in her heart, as well as her fond memories of Cornell. Wherever she is studying the law, she will wish it was the silent Kinkadee Room that lies past the secret door in Uris, or the social hub of Libe Café. Julie currently lives in an apartment that has solid floors and not-even-a-twinge of natural gas smell, which is much more than she can say for her days living on College Avenue. However, the weekend stories are much less insane.

C.J. Slicklen is living in Chicago with **Joe Delli Santi**. **Allison Wroble** just joined them, too, and they've been getting to know Chicago and learning to root for the loveable losers, the Chicago Cubs. **Julia Radice** is working at an environmental nonprofit that connects people with businesses, organizations, and the resources they need to live a more sustainable lifestyle and build a sustainable future.

As reported in the *East Hampton Press* on January 26, "In Léogâne, Haiti, some of the local children fondly referred to **Spencer Thorp** (at

6 ft. 1 in. and 215 pounds) as 'The Hulk.'" "The kids would come up to me doing karate moves," he explained, "and I'd jokingly flinch at them and they'd sprint away 50 yards, only to come back and do it again." Spencer returned home to Hampton Bays on January 13 following an 11-day trip with All Hands Volunteers, a Boston-based nonprofit that offers natural disaster relief around the world. In Léogâne, about 20 miles west of Port-au-Prince, the article continues, "he applied his landscaping and construction expertise to help rebuild the town." Spencer decided to cut his trip short following threats of violence outside the home base, but is considering going back to the devastated country once the safety of the volunteers can be more assured. "The people in Haiti have been promised a lot of money and they can't get it until they straighten out their government. I can't blame them for getting frustrated." Send news to: ☐ **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu.

10 There's an old song that your class correspondents have been listening to as they wrote this column.

The song that they've left on repeat is "Turn, Turn, Turn" by the Byrds, and, by some divine stroke, it popped into one of their Pandora music channels purely by accident. For those who aren't familiar with the lyrics, they begin "To everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)/ There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)." As they listened, it hit them: this song was speaking to us as still freshly minted college graduates. This class is almost a year out from college and yet our lives are turning so quickly. In the spirit of the song, your class correspondents have tried to "gather stones together," or should they say, news together, to share with the rest of the 2010 alumni.

There's a "time to love" according to the song, and, for many of the Class of 2010, that time has come. Many of us have found the special someone we will call our own. **Odysseus Williams** writes: "After purchasing our new home with my wife, Shareeya Newby, our first son was born. Yes, I had to name him after my alma mater: Neal Cornell Williams, born Nov. 15, 2010." **Adrienne Chan** and fiancé **Scott Silver '07** are happily living in Henderson, NV. **Kelly Durkin** and Scott Sussman have begun to plan their life together, as have **Shayna Gerson** and **Brian Adelman '09**. A "Big Red love story" from **Eowyn Connolly-Brown** caught our eye. She and her fiancé, **Will Baugman '08**, eloped in August 2010 and moved to Oregon for his new position at Intel. According to the Eowyn: "We met in the Ecology House where we both lived in 2006 and we lived on Stewart Ave. near the Chapter House in our last two years on the Hill. He proposed to me at Beebe Lake just before Homecoming 2010. When we announced our engagement, his brothers at the Seal and Serpent Society threw him in Cayuga Lake according to house tradition regarding brothers preparing to 'take the plunge.' We're thrilled to celebrate our marriage with so many Cornellians this summer, and look forward to a boisterous rendition of the Alma Mater at the reception." Your class correspondents wish only the best to the happy couples.

For many of the Class of 2010, a different time is upon them. As the song goes, there is "a time to gain," and, for many of us, that means gaining a higher degree. **Abubakar Jalloh** is working toward a PhD from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and **Amelia Luciano** is working toward

her PhD in pharmacology from Yale. **Caroline Clark** is getting a JD from Maryland Law School, **Hillary Murray** is gearing up to get her master's in nutrition from NYU, and **Alix Daguin** is working toward her master's in architecture. Last but not least, **Elise Trent** is at Syracuse U's Newhouse School of Public Communications getting her master's in public relations. For others, it means gaining a prestigious scholarship, like **Ben Cole**, who won the Gates Cambridge Scholarship for Computer Science.

For other classmates, "a time to gain" meant landing a new career. **Maurice Chamnah** has moved to Austin and now works for the Texas After Violence Project, a nonprofit that does research on the death penalty and criminal justice. **Sara Schwartz** is putting her ILR degree to work as a human resources analyst for J.P. Morgan Chase in New York City. **Dana Robbins** has begun work at HMS Inc. as a business analyst in their government relations department. **Sherina Giler** teaches middle school in East Harlem. **Emily Bloom**, BFA '10, has gained a place she can see herself growing old; she's moved to Los Angeles and works at a visual effects company.

Lastly, the song speaks of "a time to reap, a time to sow." For some, that means reaping the Big Red relationships they sowed during their time on the Hill. **Zoe Samuel**, who teaches in Charlotte, NC, writes: "Thanks to many wonderful Cornell undergrads, grads, and alumni, I was able to raise \$1,016 in under two weeks to buy 87 copies of our next novel for my students to read at home!" Remember, while our lives may have different times and seasons, it's always the right time to send us your fantastic class news. E-mail your class correspondents at: ☐ **Mike Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu; or **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu.

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'35 BS HE—**Janet Hollowell** Bradley of Clovis, CA, September 22, 2010; home economics teacher; artist; active in alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'35 BA—**Margaret Hedgcock** Church of Annapolis, MD, September 28, 2010; worked for the Republican Nat'l Committee; active in civic and community affairs. Alpha Phi.

'35 MA—**Eleanor Elmore** of West Lafayette, IN, September 20, 2010; high school teacher of French, English, and Latin; active in religious affairs.

'36—**Charles F. Dickens** of Savannah, NY, September 6, 2010; farmer; John Deere machinery dealer.

'37 BS HE—**Elizabeth Ferguson** Barell of Sherborn, MA, September 23, 2010; retired research technician, Dana Farber Cancer Center; lab assistant, bacteriology dept., Wellesley College; also worked for General Foods; active in community affairs. Alpha Phi.

'38 BME—**Jay T. Fish** of Englewood, FL, August 31, 2010; plant manager, DuPont Co.; veteran; musician; active in community affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'38 BS Ag, MS Ag '50—**William A. Kumpf** of Elk City, OK, formerly of Rochester, NY, September 6, 2010; taught high school horticulture; also worked for Monroe County Cooperative Extension Service; active in religious affairs.

'38 MS—**Frank L. LeRoy** of Monson, ME, September 16, 2010; VP and general manager, the Colombian Petroleum Co.; business manager, American Management Assn.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'39 BS HE—**Pearl Slocum** Thompson of Newark, NY, formerly of Alexandria, VA, August 28, 2010; retired, board of governors, Federal Reserve System; teacher. Wayside Aftermath.

'40-41 GR—**Myron C. Hunt** of Richmond, IN, September 23, 2010; facilities manager, Dana Corp.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'40 MS, PhD '43—**Clyde D. Mueller** of Fayetteville, AR, October 3, 2010; worked in the computing dept., U. of Arkansas; poultry dept. staff, Kansas State U.; poultry geneticist, Arbor Acres and Marshall's Poultry; veteran.

'40 BA—**Robert C. Ray** of Tampa, FL, September 28, 2010; founder, Franklin Concrete Products; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'40 BA—**John R. Snow** of Chester, CT, formerly of New London and Waterford, CT, September 19, 2010; designed sonar systems, Naval Underwater Systems Center; consultant; author; charter member, Trout Unlimited; active in community affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'41 BS Ag—**George A. Marshall Jr.** of Fitchburg, MA, September 23, 2010; fruit grower; produced the Marshall Mac; dog trainer; active in professional affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'41-42 GR—**Raymond F. Novak** of Fort Collins, CO, formerly of Williston, ND, September 26, 2010; president, North Dakota Farmers Union Insurance; veteran; active in community affairs.

'41 BS Ag—**Guilford K. Woodward** of Johnson City, NY, formerly of Union Center, NY, October 1, 2010; operated Woodward Poultry Farms; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'42, BS Ag '46—**Leon H. Mehlenbacher** of Burbank, WA, September 22, 2010; farmer; active in religious affairs.

'43 BA, JD '49—**George D. Crofts Jr.** of Williamsville, NY, September 23, 2010; tax and estate attorney; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'43 DVM—**Robert S. Doig** of Walton, NY, October 1, 2010; veterinarian; vet supervisor meat inspector, NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'43 MD—**John L. Norris** of Nashville, TN, and Winter Haven, FL, October 2, 2010; professor, Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt U. School of Medicine; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Margaret (Swann), MD '49.

'45, BA '44—**Charles P. Argana** of Austin, TX, September 29, 2010; chemical engineer and sales manager, DuPont Co.

'45, B Chem E '47—**J. Newton Hunsberger III** of Wilmington, DE, September 23, 2010; worked for DuPont Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'45, BS Nurs '46—**Gladys Keith** Sandwick of Hermon, NY, October 2, 2010; clinical nurse instructor, Canton ATC; nurse, Head Start program; active in community and religious affairs.

'46, BA '47, PhD '51—**James C. Keck** of Andover, MA, August 9, 2010; professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, MIT; worked on the Manhattan Project; also worked for Avco Everett Research Laboratory; research associate, Caltech; inventor; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'47—**John W. Jones** of Lynchburg, VA, September 29, 2010; retired real estate broker; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Wife, Ruth (Dymes) '50.

'47 MD—**William S. Montgomery** of Newburgh, NY, September 18, 2010; family practitioner; chief of staff, St. Luke's Hospital; specialist in diabetes; served in the 4055th M*A*S*H Unit in

the Korean War, the basis for 4077th Unit of book, movie, and television fame; founder, Orange County Diabetes Association; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'47, BA '49, JD '51—**Richard A. Schwarz** of Washington, DC, September 27, 2010; attorney, US Dept. of Labor; veteran; active in professional affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'47, BA '46—**Jane Yetter** Studer of Clarks Summit, PA, September 27, 2010; executive director and founder, Trehab Center; director of mgmt. services, Eureka Printing; also worked for Daystrom Industries; pilot; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

'48 BS Ag—**Douglas K. Dillon** of Naples, FL, September 30, 2010; chairman, Dillon Floral Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Wife, Doris (Corbett) '48.

'48 BS ORIE—**Robert A. Nelson** of Princeton, NJ, September 22, 2010; president, Nelson Glass & Aluminum Co.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'49 MD—**John A. Bell** of Fishkill, NY, February 25, 2010; co-founder, Mid-Hudson Medical Group; veteran; active in community affairs.

'49 BEE—**Robert T. Dean** of Ithaca, NY, September 25, 2010; founder, Deanco, an electronics distributor; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'49 DVM—**Isidor Yasgur** of Polk City, FL, formerly of Mamaroneck and Jeffersonville, NY, August 3, 2010; veterinarian; pilot.

'50—**Donald E. Erdman** of Scotia, NY, August 7, 2010; retired chemical engineer; active in civic and community affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma. Wife, Mary Lou (Dorward) '49.

'50 BA—**Robert S. Feller** of Mammoth Lakes, CA, formerly of Silver Strand Beach-Channel Islands and Thousand Oaks, CA, September 2, 2010; dentist; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Pi Lambda Phi.

'50 BA—**Lorraine Vogel** Klerman of Waltham, MA, August 26, 2010; professor and director, Institute for Children, Youth, and Family Policy, Heller School for Social Policy and Mgmt., at Brandeis U.; health services researcher; active in professional affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'50, BA '51—**Paul S. Martin** of Tucson, AZ, September 13, 2010; professor emeritus of geosciences, U. of Arizona; researched the role of humans in the extinction of large North American Ice Age mammals; studied the ecological and climatic record of packrat middens; active in professional affairs.

'50 BA—**Helen Bull** Neuhaus of Montclair, NJ, October 3, 2010; retired administrator, New Jersey Evening School, World Trade Inst. of New York and New Jersey; taught English and special-needs classes; author; editor; active in community affairs.

'50 BS Hotel—**Carl C. Parker Jr.** of Federal Way,

WA, September 3, 2010; retired internal auditor. Alpha Phi Omega.

'51 JD—Seymour Brown of New Rochelle, NY, September 23, 2010; attorney; founder, NAACP chapter at City College of New York; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'51 BS Ag—Richard E. Holmberg of Warwick, NY, formerly of Berwyn, IL, September 24, 2010; owner, Nelson & Holmberg Greenhouses; veteran.

'51 BA, MBA '52—Archie J. Shipman of San Francisco, CA, September 15, 2010; business systems analyst, Procter & Gamble and Montgomery Ward; Civil Aeronautics pilot; veteran.

'52, BS Hotel '53—Thomas C. Walsh of Port Washington, NY, September 14, 2010; general manager, New York Athletic Club. Sigma Nu.

'53, BME '55—Donald R. Carhart of Naperville, IL, October 4, 2010; mechanical engineer. Theta Chi.

'53 PhD—Ronald H. Forgus of Vernon Hills, IL, October 1, 2010; psychologist; professor, Lake Forest College; staff member, V.A. Hospital and Alfred Adler Inst.; consultant to the NSA; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'53, BCE '54—Carl D. Hobelman of Washington, DC, August 31, 2010; attorney; senior and managing partner, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae; specialist in energy and environmental law; director, Adirondack Lakes Survey Corp.; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.

'53 BS HE—Joan Thostesen Kelsey of East Lansing, MI, September 8, 2010; lay leader, United Methodist Church; trained Stephens Ministers; taught "Living Fully, Dying Well"; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Wayside Aftermath. Husband, Myron P. Kelsey '53, MS '56.

'53 BA—Dominic J. Scaramuzzino of Geneva, NY, September 14, 2010; practiced internal medicine; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'54 JD—Carl I. Kaminsky of Brooklyn, NY, September 20, 2010; intellectual property attorney; active in alumni affairs.

'54 MD—Philip R. Nast of Ripon, CA, formerly of Gladwyne, PA, September 1, 2010; practiced at Bryn Mawr Hospital; founder, Bryn Mawr Medical Specialists Assn.; veteran; active in community affairs.

'54—Walter J. Schwan of Ithaca, NY, October 1, 2010; owner and founder, Schwan's Trailer Park; led consortium to build Bolton Point Water Plant; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'55 MS, PhD '56—Borislav J. Stojanovic of Stakville, MS, September 29, 2010; soil microbiologist, Dept. of Agronomy, Mississippi State U.; developed methods for safe disposal of waste pesticides, including Agent Orange; professor of entology and microbiology and director, A.B. McKay Food Research and Entology Lab, Mississippi State U.; helped reestablish the wine industry in Mississippi; author; editor; active in professional affairs.

'55 BS ILR—Jose E. Tamayo of Shelton, CT, September 19, 2010; owner, J.E.T. Corp. Kappa Alpha.

'56 PhD—Willard L. Lindsay of Provo, UT, September 27, 2010; professor of soil science, Colorado State U.; soil chemist, Tennessee Valley Authority; author; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'56 BS Hotel—Robert L. Marks of West Hartford, CT, formerly of Bloomfield, CT, September 30, 2010; worked in the jewelry business; restaurant owner. Phi Sigma Delta.

'57 BS HE—Barbara Haglund Schlerf of West Islip, NY, September 20, 2010; home economics teacher; active in alumni affairs. Delta Gamma. Husband, Gilbert W. Schlerf '55.

'57 BA—Capt. Keith A. Stewart of Punta Gorda, FL, October 5, 2010; retired US Navy officer; instructor, Naval War College; senior ship-handling instructor, Maritime Safety Int'l; active in professional affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'58 BS Nurs—Joan Merrill Chase of Boscawen, NH, October 4, 2010; registered nurse; artist; writer; active in community affairs.

'58—Margaret Call Hiler of Powhatan, VA, September 29, 2010; taught English and reading at Byron-Bergen Central School; active in community affairs.

'58 BA—R. Robin Palmer of Ithaca, NY, August 20, 2010; teacher; diver, Int'l Underwater Contractors; weatherman; tree surgeon; television host and producer; active in civic and community affairs.

'59 MS—Arthur L. Aronson of Raleigh, NC, September 22, 2010; veterinarian; helped establish the North Carolina State U. Veterinary School; professor and dept. head, anatomy, physiological sciences, and radiology, NC State U.; also taught at Cornell U.; editor; musician; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'59, BA '60—Howard W. Roth of Loudonville, NY, September 20, 2010; taxation and real estate attorney; active in religious affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'60, BCE '62—Donald W. McPherson of Ithaca, NY, September 16, 2010; owner, McPherson Sailing Products and Ski Center.

'62 DVM—Richard K. Zeitel of Naples, FL, September 28, 2010; veterinarian. Alpha Psi.

'65, BS Ag '67—Elan J. Benamy of Brooklyn, NY, September 11, 2010; active in alumni affairs.

'65 BS Hotel—Donald B. Ross Jr. of South Portland, ME, June 2, 2010; president, Camelot Hotels; active in alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'67 BS Ag—Robert I. Ferguson of Vernon, BC, Canada, October 3, 2010; administrator, Vernon Jubilee Hospital; co-owner, Interior Landscape; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'67 BS Hotel—Richard K. Margolis of Ventnor City, NJ, September 26, 2010; realtor. Pi Lambda Phi.

'67-68 GR—Albrecht B. Pütter of Gluecksburg, Germany, July 22, 2010; attorney; active in alumni affairs.

'67 MD—Christopher D. Saudek of Lutherville, MD, October 6, 2010; founder and director, Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Diabetes Center; pioneered the implantable insulin pump; professor of endocrinology and metabolism, Johns Hopkins Medical School; faculty member, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; program director, Johns Hopkins General Clinical Research Center; ABC News consultant for "OnCall + Diabetes Center"; taught at Weill Cornell Medical School; fellow, Nat'l Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; co-author, *The Complete Diabetes Prevention Plan*, *The Johns Hopkins Guide to Diabetes*, and *Diabetes*; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'68, BS Hotel '69—Clinton T. Walker of Fort Lauderdale, FL, September 30, 2010; real estate broker. Sigma Pi.

'69 PhD—Lucille Stoeppler Baker (Mrs. Walter H. '48) of Groton, NY, October 6, 2010; professor emerita of sociology and anthropology, Tompkins County Community College; also taught in Connecticut and at several Dept. of Defense base schools; executive director, Area Girl Scouts of America in Manchester, CT; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'71 BS Ag, MS Ag '73—G. Brian Smith of Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, September 2, 2010; executive director, Agricultural Service, Nova Scotia Dept. of Agriculture; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'76 BS Ag—Capt. Thomas M. Craig of Bellefonte, PA, September 14, 2010; dairy farmer, Murmac Farms; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'77 MD—Kenneth A. Brown of Colchester, VT, September 11, 2010; professor of medicine, U. of Vermont College of Medicine; head of Nuclear Cardiology Dept., Fletcher Allen Health Care; expert in non-invasive cardiac imaging; clinical fellow, Harvard U. hospitals; author; former president, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology; mountaineer; active in professional affairs.

'90 MD—Kathreen Gimbrete of Seattle, WA, September 30, 2010; clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, U. of Washington; inpatient psychiatrist, Skagit Valley Hospital; active in civic and professional affairs.

'95 BA—Ethan T. Johnson of Minneapolis, MN, September 21, 2010; research scientist, U. of Minnesota; studied the biochemistry of photosynthesis; musician; puppeteer; active in community affairs.

'01 BS Ag, MS Ag '03—John A. Merrill of Cortez, CO, September 26, 2010; Nat'l Park Service employee; Peace Corps volunteer; active in civic affairs.

GR—Jade Moore of Freeville, NY, formerly of Soper, OK, October 5, 2010; Master of Public Administration grad student; focused on public and nonprofit management; active in community affairs.

Fire Place

With the end of coal consumption on campus, Cornell's venerable Boiler Eight goes dark

If the Dragon Day beast were real, here's where it would have lived.

In a Twenties-era brick building at the edge of campus stood a massive iron box full of fire. You could view its interior through narrow windows, though you couldn't gaze directly at the flames without damaging your eyes; you had to use a visor that turned the roiling blaze unearthly green. Open a small door that looks like something Hansel and Gretel would have pushed the witch through, and the heat—more than 2,600 degrees Fahrenheit of coal-powered inferno—was positively breathtaking.

In late March, after burning for the better part of six and a half decades, the fire finally went out for good; as part of Cornell's commitment to generate zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, the University stopped using coal. The last lumps from the University's coal pile—once measuring an acre, reaching as high as thirty feet, and comprising 15,000 tons—were shoveled onto a conveyor belt for delivery into Boiler Eight, a venerable workhorse that has heated the campus off and on since 1946. "It's an impressive piece of old machinery," says Bert Bland '74, MBA '96, senior director of the Department of Energy and Sustainability. "It's built like a battleship."

Rodney Hulbert was the third generation in his family to work the Cornell coal pile; his grandfather died there, collapsing of a heart attack while working the steam-powered crane with his son, Hulbert's father. Clad in denim overalls as he leaves the plant on the fire's final day, Hulbert admits that though he'll miss the work, it was, literally, a dirty job. "My hands are stained," he says, proffering blackened palms, "and I just washed them."

Cornell's relationship with coal goes back to the University's founding, when students burned the fuel in stoves to warm their rooms. For decades it was hauled to campus by train, but when oil prices were low in the Sixties and early Seventies, coal went out of vogue. Then the oil embargo struck, prices skyrocketed, and the University fired up Boiler Eight again—though, since nearby railway bridges had been destroyed in a 1972 hurricane, the coal had to be trucked in. Number Eight soldiered on, more or less the same, for decades. But its fate was sealed in December 2009, when the University opened its highly efficient Combined Heat and Power Plant. Located in a new building adjacent to the 1922 facility, it features two giant gas-fired turbines that generate electricity, with waste heat captured to make steam that warms the campus.

While the workers who tended Boiler Eight seem disinclined to sentimentality, at least one—senior plant operator Dave VanDeMark, a thirty-four-year veteran—plans on snagging a keepsake when he



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retires, one of the thousands of iron "fingers" that fed the coal into the fire. And though that blaze has gone out for good (time of death: approximately 11 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23), Bland hopes to breathe new life into the boiler by someday converting it to solid biomass. "It kept the campus warm more than once when everything else went down," VanDeMark says. "It was an effort to keep it running, but I'm sorry to see it go."



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Power play: Cornell's 1922 heating plant (top) no longer consumes coal, a fuel that once took up an acre on the outskirts of campus.

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New York's grape growers and winemakers extol the 2010 crop

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BY DAVE POHL

s Frank Sinatra once sang: It was a very good year. Winemakers in every region of New York State are almost universally excited over the potential quality of the wines produced from the 2010 growing season. The entire state experienced an early spring and a warm, sunny summer with just enough rain. The weather couldn't have been much better. Many grape varieties ripened simultaneously, and most wineries began picking during the first week of September. It was an intense—but happy—harvest.

Growers in the Finger Lakes region were particularly ecstatic. Last September, the *Ithaca Journal* reported nearly unprecedented excitement for what, to many, already appeared to be a great vintage. Chris Stamp '83 of Lakewood Vineyards on Seneca Lake summed up their feelings, saying that "growing conditions this summer have been about as close to perfect as possible." In addition, pointed out Jim Trezise of the New York Wine & Grape Foundation, "the early harvest means less risk of a killing frost that shuts down the harvest."

This nearly ideal season could have been spoiled by the heavy rains that drenched the area in late September. Fred Merwarth '00, owner of Seneca Lake's Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard, reported that his vineyards were soaked with more than four inches of rain in just twenty-four hours. Fortunately, most of the grapes had already been harvested; what remained was largely Riesling and some red varieties. And those who let their remaining grapes hang a little longer were rewarded with a return to warm, sunny weather.

According to Merwarth, the grapes harvested in mid-October were generally

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clean, with flavors and sugars returned to pre-rain levels. Some of the Riesling grapes were affected by botrytis, a mold that causes dehydration and is responsible for the honeyed flavors of late-harvest Riesling. However, the flavor imparted by botrytis is not necessarily desirable in drier wines; to counter this, Merwarth says, "we sorted fifteen to twenty hours per day to separate botrytis fruit from the clean fruit that is used in the dry and reserve Riesling."

Over on Keuka Lake, there is also plenty of optimism. Fred Frank '79, owner of Dr. Konstantin Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars, is very excited about the quality of the vintage. "Our grapevine buds opened two weeks early, which helped to extend our growing season," he says. "And the weather throughout the growing season was ideal, with a perfect mix of sunny days and adequate rainfall." How are the wines? "We have begun bottling the 2010 wines," reports Frank, "and we believe the quality is our best since the 2005 vintage."

Bob Madill, one of the owners of Sheldrake Point Winery, is likewise enthusiastic. He says that his vineyards on Cayuga Lake "experienced

more growing degree days [a measure of heat accumulation] than did Napa and Sonoma in California." He points out that the frequency of rain was about the same as 2009, a cooler and very wet year. "But in 2010," he says, "the rain came in shorter downpours, and soils do not absorb nearly as much water in heavy, short bursts, as it runs off. Couple that with the heat that promotes evapo-transpiration and our vineyards were not nearly as wet as they were in 2009."

Madill thinks the 2010 wines will be very appealing, noting that his Gewurztraminer and Pinot Gris show great varietal character. The Riesling grapes, he says,

SHELDRAKE POINT VINEYARD



Bob Madill

BUMPER CROP

In 2010, New York State's grape production increased 32 percent over the previous year to 176,000 tons, about one-third of which was wine grapes. The state's wineries crushed 59,305 tons of grapes, an increase of 17 percent. The total value of the 2010 grape crop was estimated at \$68.4 million, a 44 percent increase over 2009 (a year with an unusually small crop) and a 19 percent increase over 2008 (a more normal year).

Source: The New York Wine & Grape Foundation

came in with lighter acid than 2009, and the resulting wines should provide a great deal of pleasure early on. He's also positive about the reds: "The Merlot shows full ripeness and concentration; the Cabernet Franc is well balanced, as is the Gamay."

"Balance" is a word that is heard often in discussions of the wines of 2010. Johannes Reinhardt, the German-born winemaker at Anthony Road Wine Company on Seneca Lake, sees balance as a defining characteristic of the vintage, describing the fruit he had to work with as "very promising, balanced, and good." He is particularly impressed by the reds, and he rates 2010 even more highly than 2007 for red wines, as a bit more moisture helped avoid "some of the cooked fruit of 2007."

Perhaps the most unbridled enthusiasm comes from grape grower extraordinaire Jim Hazlitt '60, who owns Sawmill Creek Vineyards and supplies the grapes for many of the area's best wineries, including Ravines, Red Newt, Hazlitt 1852, Damiani, and Atwater Estate. He describes the growing season as "ideal" and says that "winemakers could harvest when the grapes were perfect, when every variety was clean and ripe."

While producers in the Finger Lakes were particularly excited about their prospects, the outlook for other New York wine regions was also extremely positive. Both the Hudson Valley and Long Island had early harvests, although picking of some varieties in the Hudson Valley had to be delayed because some wineries did not have the space or labor to deal with the quantity of early-ripened grapes. There, the vintage was especially kind to white varieties; late-season rains created rot problems for some of the red-wine grapes.

Long Island had one of its earliest harvests ever, with picking of white varieties beginning in early September and reds in early October. This was quite a contrast to 2009, when some vineyards had grapes still hanging after Thanksgiving. Botrytis was a problem for some later picked reds such as Merlot, but even in those cases the overall quality of the fruit was reported to be high.

Jim Hazlitt predicts that many of the 2010 wines from New York State will score in the nineties in evaluations, making it the best vintage ever. When asked if this degree of excitement was truly warranted, Tim Martinson, PhD '91, of Cornell Cooperative Extension confirms that "it seems to have been a very good year and many people are very pleased." It will be interesting, indeed, to begin sampling the products of this seemingly singular year as they appear in the marketplace.

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FOCAL POINT

Ithaca's Finger Lakes Wine Center Welcomes Visitors to the Region

BY DAVE POHL

After many years of planning and fundraising, the Finger Lakes Wine Center opened its doors to the public last fall. Located at 237 South Cayuga Street in downtown Ithaca, it is bound to become a favored destination for both local wine lovers and those from outside the region.

Suzanne Lonergan, the Wine Center's executive director, sees it "as a gathering place for wine lovers, a place to socialize and at the same time learn more about the area's wines." She goes on to say that "Ithaca doesn't have many spaces that aren't bars where like-minded people can get together and share a common interest."

The nonprofit center—a collaborative effort of Cornell, community leaders, and the area's wineries—defines its goals as primarily educational. Its mission statement, posted at www.fingerlakeswinecenter.org, describes the center as "a meeting place to begin your exploration of the gorgeous Finger Lakes wine country, just beyond Ithaca's city limits." This is accomplished with an array of tastings, seminars, and classes.

The idea for the facility dates back to 2002, when its president, David Sparrow, MA '86, met with Fred Bonn of the Tompkins County Convention & Visitors Bureau and others to discuss the feasibility of such a center. "In 2001," Sparrow says, "the consulting firm Randall Travel Marketing concluded in its study of tourism in the Finger Lakes that a wine center was a good, workable idea and that Ithaca would be a good location for it. So we formed a task force to study the feasibility of a wine center, and we ultimately decided to take it on."

Funding was pieced together from many sources, including Tompkins County Tourism, three New York State grants, private money, and a loan from the City of



FINGER LAKES WINE CENTER



A gathering place: The Finger Lakes Wine Center offers tastings and educational displays for wine enthusiasts.

Ithaca. According to Sparrow, the process was “long and hellish,” but well worth the effort. The Wine Center is governed by an eight-member board that includes winery owners, community members, and Tommy Bruce, Cornell’s vice president for university communications.

Thus far, the Wine Center’s classes have included sessions on food and wine pairing, home grape growing and wine-making, choosing wine for holiday meals, and explorations of single-grape varieties such as Riesling and Cabernet Franc. Visitors may also taste flights of wine organized around a single variety—on one recent day, the choices included Finger Lakes Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Riesling, dry Riesling, and Chardonnay. At any given point, twenty-five wines will be available for tasting. Each is available for sale, as is a selection of wine-related items and artisanal crafts produced in the region. The wines available for tasting are rotated, so a visitor can taste some new ones on successive visits—and there is always a knowledgeable person on hand to discuss the wines, answer questions, and disseminate information about the Finger Lakes and its wineries.

The building itself is quite beautiful—modern and sleek. A nicely lit central space houses a wine bar, a retail area, and various educational displays, including a large folding mural that illustrates and explains what happens from month to month in the vineyard and winery during the winemaking process. A dramatic map of the Finger Lakes region dominates one wall. It was created from forty-one digital photographs of an 1845 map in Olin Library; the photos were used to create eight polymer panels that were affixed to the wall.

The Wine Center has a private tasting room for meetings and smaller classes. It’s also available for rental by local groups—in fact, the entire space can be rented. So far, notes Lonergan, more than twenty groups have used the space for events ranging from birthday parties, an award dinner, and a wedding rehearsal to Cornell departmental programs, corporate get-togethers, and even a book launch. On Thursday evenings, the Center turns into an Ithaca gathering place, with live music featured from 6 to 9 p.m.

Now that the Wine Center is up and running, its operating income will come from tasting fees, retail sales, rentals, seminars, and memberships, which are offered at various levels. The operation is still young, and the board is eager to see what this year’s tourist season will bring. Visiting Cornellians should plan to drop in before heading out to the local wineries.

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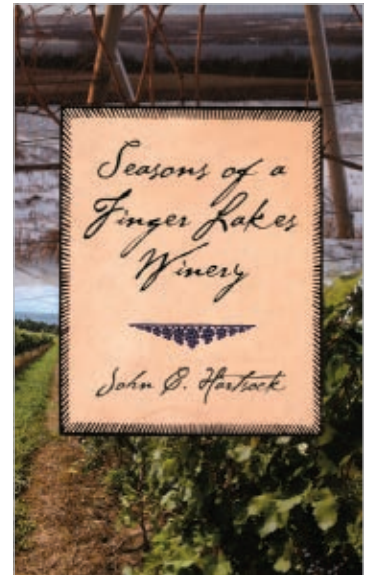
A season-by-season account of the winemaking process

Making wine is hard work. If you had the notion that being a winemaker was a leisurely life where you could sit on the porch, sip chilled Chardonnay, and watch the grapes grow, reading *Seasons of a Finger Lakes Winery* will disabuse you of that notion.

In this new book from Cornell University Press, author John Hartsock focuses on Gary and Rosemary Barletta, owners of Long Point Winery on the eastern shore of Cayuga Lake. He weaves the story of their lives through a season-by-season account of a year at their winery, from preparation of the vineyard in winter through growing, harvesting,

crushing, and the stages of the winemaking process. And then there's marketing and selling the wine, so you can bring in enough money to do it all again the next year. It's tricky, difficult work—much can go wrong at almost any point, and even if everything proceeds more or less according to plan, what comes out of the bottle can be mediocre. In winemaking, as Gary Barletta laments at one point, "there's no such thing as perfection."

The French describe the combined effect of climate, soil, elevation, and other geographical features as *terroir*, an overarching concept that encompasses the many factors that come together in a particular place to shape a wine's taste and character. Another aspect, as Hartsock makes clear, is the personality of the



winemaker. His account of the Barlettas, while sometimes lapsing into sentimentality, enriches and enlivens what could have been a dry agricultural saga, providing brightness, flavor, and a strong finish.

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Taste your way to wine expertise at the New York Wine & Culinary Center

BY SHANNON BROCK

Many Cornellians have fond memories of learning to appreciate wine thanks to the Hotel school's legendary Introduction to Wines course, taught by Stephen Mutkoski '67, PhD '76. Those looking to continue their wine education—without having to sit with a tray of wine glasses on their laps—need look no further than the New York Wine & Culinary Center.

Located in Canandaigua at the north end of Canandaigua Lake, the nonprofit center offers a wide variety of courses in pursuit of its mission to support the New York wine industry. Its classes aim to promote awareness and sales of wines produced in the state's five major growing regions: Finger Lakes, Lake Erie, Niagara Escarpment, Hudson River, and Long Island. The wine instructors have been selected for their knowledge of New York and world wines, engaging and entertaining presentation skills, and ability to make wine approachable—and all classes include interactive food and wine tasting in a comfortable amphitheater setting.

Beginner and intermediate wine consumers may select from a menu of one- or two-hour appreciation classes priced from \$20 to \$50. These sessions offer in-



struction in wine-tasting technique, major wine varieties, and food pairing. Some of the most popular include Wine 101, Wine & Food Flavor Pairing, Riesling Expert, and Wine & Chocolate Pairing. Enthusiasts can also enjoy a pairing lunch or dinner at the Center; themed dinners often feature a well-known New York winery, such as Dr. Frank or Hermann J. Wiemer, and offer multi-course menus designed to highlight the wines. Often, cooking demonstrations by the executive chef are part of the program, and wine-pairing commentary is provided by visiting winemakers.

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Many celebrity wine personalities have made appearances at the center, including Kevin Zraly, Andrea Immer Robinson, Oz Clarke, and Leslie Sbrocco. Other special events held annually include Rendezvous with Riesling, a walk-about tasting of the best Riesling wines from around New York; the Golden Nose, a consumer-judged wine competition; and the n'ICE Festival, a celebration of New York ice wines.

The Wine & Culinary Center, which opened in 2006, counts Constellation Brands, Wegmans, Rochester Institute of Technology, and the New York Wine & Grape Foundation as its founding partners. It is convenient to the Finger Lakes region and Rochester, and an easy day trip from Syracuse, Buffalo, or (of course) Ithaca. Wine courses, as well as a wide variety of hands-on cooking classes, are offered year-round; a complete listing of upcoming courses may be found at nywcc.com. Online registration is available and visitors are encouraged to register in advance, as many courses sell out. In lieu of taking a class, visitors may learn more about New York wines by enjoying a flight of wine in the tasting room or partaking of the Taste of New York Restaurant's pairing menu, offered at dinner each evening.

And, while the Wine & Culinary Center has a collection of fine stemware, feel free to dig out that black plastic case and bring your own glasses to relive those good old Introduction to Wines days.

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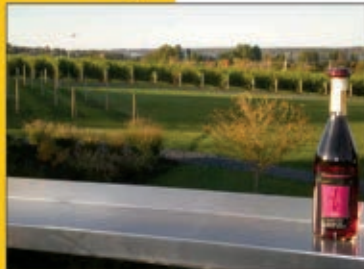
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"The CALS degrees are not one-dimensional, and the students gain expertise in all aspects of the wine business," says Preszler, who received his master's degree in agricultural economics and is a PhD candidate in the viticulture program. "They become fluent in aspects of business and marketing, chemistry and botany, microbiology and sensory science. All those interests are then piqued and primed for when they enter a job in industry, and they are ready to contribute to a winery in a variety of ways."

Bedell winemaker Rich Olsen-Harbich '83 majored in plant science, national sales manager Adriana Coderch '10 in food science and enology, and social media specialist Steve Carlson '06, BS Ag '09, in food science and enology. In addition, former harvest intern Benjamin Riccardi

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'08, who majored in plant science and viticulture, went on to become the winemaker at Lamoreaux Landing in Lodi.

"We recruit from CALS because we know these graduates will have knowledge specific to our industry and our growing climate," Preszler says. "Many of them come from family farms or wineries and understand on an intimate level what they're getting into, and they aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and work hard."

Olsen-Harbich says Cornell has evolved a great deal since he graduated. There was only one viticulture course then, and he had to seek out professors and other collaborators to pursue his independent study on such topics as pruning weights, bud cold-hardiness, grafting, and the effects of sulfur dioxide on machine-picked grapes. He was one of the people who worked with former CALS dean Susan Henry to develop the four-year viticulture and enology degree program, launched in 2008.

"Over the years, Cornell has both led and responded to the needs of the wine industry," Olsen-Harbich says. "At times the University has been prodded by industry to delve deeper into topics and needs, while at other points the work done at Cornell has opened new doors and pathways otherwise unseen."

Known for the way he combines tradition and best practices with a bit of the avant garde, Olsen-Harbich credits Cornell with providing him with the scientific training to allow him to push creativity within the proper framework. "Much of what I do is somewhat frowned upon by the academic establishment—the use of indigenous yeasts, minimal intervention, and filtration, to name a few," he says. "That being said, the chemistry and biology of the process is empirical and important to understand as one goes deeper into the craft."

Owned by the film executive and art collector Michael Lynne, Bedell and its sister winery, Corey Creek Vineyards, encompass seventy-eight acres in Cutchogue and Southold that yield approximately 10,000 cases of wine annually. In addition to receiving recognition for the quality of its wines—the 2007 Musée recently set a new record for Long Island reds with an award of 91 points from *Wine Spectator* magazine—Bedell is a longstanding leader in the sustainable viticulture movement on Long Island and helped author the region's sustainability guidelines.

— *Stacey Shackford*

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"This grant gives us the opportunity to collaborate with more than thirty of our colleagues to tackle the issues most important to the eastern U.S. wine industry," says Anna Katharine Mansfield, assistant professor of enology and grant co-investigator. "We hope that our work will lead to enhanced sustainability and economic vitality for the industry and help us understand consumer attitudes about regional wine."

SCRI grants are notable for their mandate to address complex problems in neglected crops using interdisciplinary research. Accordingly, this large effort led by Virginia Tech enlisted Cornell viticulturists, enologists, plant pathologists, economists, and extension specialists for projects affecting New York State and beyond, starting with the soil beneath the vines. "In the northeastern United States, soils that are high in organic matter and excessive rainfall can cause problematic vine vigor, resulting in high production costs and reduced fruit quality," says Justine Vanden Heuvel, assistant professor of horticulture. "We will be testing the effectiveness of cover crops to slow the growth of shoots, resulting in higher quality fruit."

Vanden Heuvel will also work with horticulture professors Ian Merwin, PhD '90, and Alan Lakso to dissect how light and temperature affect grape flavors and aromas—from bitter to fruity—in Riesling and Cabernet Franc. Plant pathology professor Wayne Wilcox will look at the cor-

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responding effects on disease incidence, so the project will produce comprehensive cultural recommendations appropriate to a grower's climate and target wine style. In addition, Lakso and colleagues from other universities will use modeling to develop decision-making tools for vineyard managers, from identifying good matches between a potential site and grape variety to how much crop they can ripen in a particular vineyard.

Mansfield's wine research will focus on the varieties and production methods common to the region. The ultimate goal is to develop recommendations that will improve wine quality through appropriate fruit processing. She will experiment with winemaking techniques to minimize the flaws in wines made from red hybrid grapes—the low tannins and phenolics that can make them seem thin on the tongue—and enhance the signature aromas of such regional whites as Riesling, Traminette, and Gewurztraminer.

"Ultimately, consumers will decide the future of the East Coast wine industry," says Brad Rickard, assistant professor of applied economics and marketing. "The economic component of the project will help to pinpoint the target consumers for East Coast wines and understand how they would respond to various marketing strategies." Rickard's goal is to experiment with different advertising approaches to see how they influence consumers' interest in—and willingness to pay for—wines made in the eastern United States.

Several Finger Lakes vineyards—including Hosmer, Anthony Road, Bedient, Swedish Hill, and Lamoreaux Landing—are collaborating by donating fruit or vineyard space. And during the five years of the project, the entire New York wine industry can expect to see new online resources funded by the grant. Extension associates Jodi Creasap-Gee, PhD '06, Chris Gerling '99, MS '06, and Hans Walter-Peterson will translate the research findings for growers and winemakers, with new how-to videos, podcasts, e-bulletins, and regular updates on the team's research results on the Cornell viticulture and enology outreach website: <http://grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/cals/grapesandwine/outreach/index.cfm>.

— Amanda Garriss

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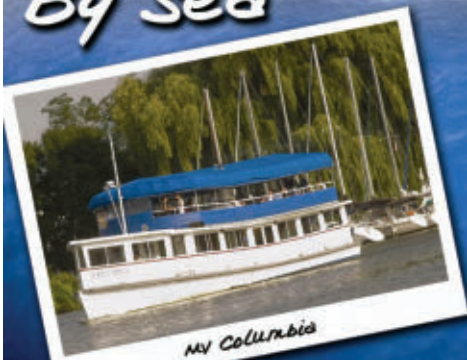
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