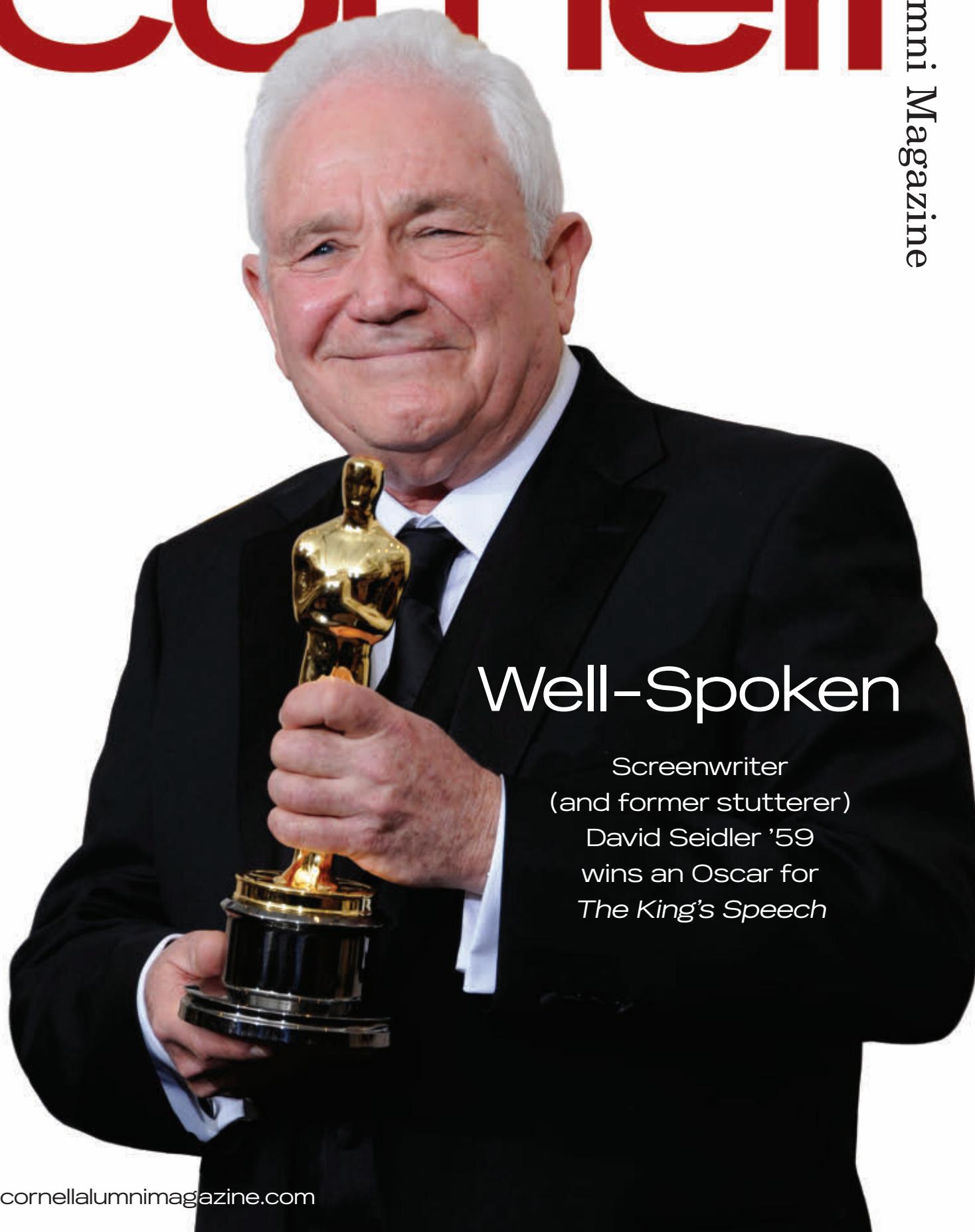


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JIM AXELROD '85

CBS News reporter Jim Axelrod has covered everything from wars to presidential campaigns to White House politics. In an excerpt from his new book, *In the Long Run*, he recalls a particularly memorable day on the job: in the midst of covering an Obama rally, he got an e-mail that changed his life. In his mid-forties and out of shape, he was inspired to begin training for a marathon, rethink his professional priorities, and examine his relationship with his late father.

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BETH SAULNIER

When screenwriter David Seidler '59 won the Oscar for *The King's Speech*, he brought down the house with his wry observation that his father always told him he'd be a "late bloomer"; at seventy-three, Seidler was the oldest person ever to win the award. In April, when he came to campus to introduce a showing of the film at Cornell Cinema, he sat down with CAM to discuss curing his own stutter, the power of the f-word, and why he's glad he didn't win an Oscar earlier in his career. "I can see how it can mess up your head," Seidler says. "It's so divorced from reality."

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A Tribute to Bill Vanneman '31



Far above: Robin Davisson, Bill Vanneman, and David Skorton lift their voices in song after the Sy Katz '31 Parade in New York City, 2006.

ROBERT BARKER / UP

As I write, the Cornell campus is about to turn red and white with thousands of returning alumni whose class years end in "1" or "6." During Reunion Weekend, they will renew friendships, catch up on news about their alma mater, and share memories of their time on the Hill. Some of them will bring along their children in the hope that they, too, will one day join the Cornell family. They will marvel at how much the campus has changed since they graduated—whether five or fifty or more years ago. They will also celebrate the enduring essence of our University—the personal commitment of our faculty to teaching students at all levels; the breadth and depth of the inquiry carried out by our faculty and students; the creative spark and penchant for “thinking otherwise” that drives discovery; the diversity of our campus community, which remains open to people of talent from all backgrounds; and our embrace of public engagement, as we create and deploy knowledge to help lift the world’s burdens.

This year, however, one of our most treasured alumni leaders will miss the festivities. Bill Vanneman, longtime president of the Class of 1931, passed away at age 102 a few weeks before what would have been his 80th Reunion—and the first 80th class reunion ever held at Cornell—which he was helping to plan. Bill had served as president of his class since he graduated, and he rarely missed a reunion. In fact, for the past two decades, he was a member of the Continuous Reunion Club—returning annually for Reunion Weekend in his Cornell blazer and red-and-white socks.

Robin and I first met Bill in November 2006 at the Sy Katz '31 Parade after the Cornell-Columbia football game. Bill had come to town to honor his late classmate and good friend, and to celebrate the Big Red with 500 or so other Cornellians. He embodied the pride and joy so many of us feel toward the alma mater, as he marched down Fifth Avenue with Sy Katz's children, Alice Katz Berglas '66 and Bob Katz '69, and teamed up with

Bob and the Big Red Band to play a medley of Cornell songs on matching kazoos.

Among the many things I learned from Bill, three in particular stand out. First, optimism: that every challenge has its solution. Second: that Cornell is ever new and ever the same. And third: that the future is in our younger alumni.

A few years ago, when the Class of 2000 ran short on funds for their first reunion, Bill jumped in on behalf of the Class of 1931—for which he served as class correspondent as well as class president—to help with a contribution. And I know it was a source of great pride that just as he had followed his father, C. Reeve Vanneman, Class of 1903, to Cornell, his own sons, Bill Jr. '65 and Reeve “Ting” '67, as well as a daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, and a grandson-in-law have continued the family legacy at Cornell.

Bill was the namesake and first recipient of the Bill Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award, created by the Cornell Association of Class Officers in 2005—and he embodied so much of what is admirable in class leaders and other alumni volunteers: a deep love of Cornell, along with the knowledge that we can always do better; an enduring connection to those who had shared the journey as members of his Cornell class; and a strong affinity for younger alumni classes. There will never be another Bill Vanneman. And yet, there are hundreds—no, tens of thousands—of alumni who, like Bill, love the Big Red and are willing to devote a big chunk of their lives to make it even more glorious to view.

Bill, your spirit will live on in our Reunion 2011 festivities, and you will continue to inspire us with your friendship, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to learning, to discovery, to service—in short, to Cornell.

—President David Skorton
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What's in the Cards?

Newly minted Hotel school grad Barton Golub '11 sports a festive ensemble at Commencement 2011, where he and 6,000 others received their degrees. For more on Commencement, see page 10.

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Animal Wrongs?

Readers express concerns for elephants; vets respond

The article “Hooray for Howlywood” in the May/June 2011 issue about Jim Peddie, DVM ’65, and Linda Reeve Peddie, DVM ’65, and their work for Have Trunk Will Travel brings unfortunate notoriety to *Cornell Alumni Magazine* now that HTWT has been exposed in the media abusing elephants with savage beatings and electrocution. I sincerely hope that the Peddies and this magazine will apologize to the elephants and to animal lovers for this intolerable abuse. I would also hope that the Peddies donate their earnings from HTWT to elephant sanctuaries where elephants can live free from abuse.

Robert J. Goldman ’86, DVM
Santa Monica, California

Ed. Note: In addition to Dr. Goldman’s letter, we received several messages from non-Cornellians that contained links to videos showing alleged abuse of elephants by Have Trunk Will Travel. Jim and Linda Peddie respond: “We truly appreciate concern expressed for the welfare of elephants. Because we share that concern, we have committed our professional efforts toward improving the lives of elephants, as have the staff at Have Trunk Will Travel. During the years we have provided veterinary care for the elephants at HTWT, we have never witnessed mistreatment by any elephant handler. What we have seen is elephants working with handlers developing behaviors critical to improving the care provided to them, and to generating the income necessary to sustain them. It is reprehensible that a guest at HTWT would use video clips generated years earlier to vilify his hosts—to what end? Someone could just as easily fabricate an equally damning piece using clips from interaction with household pets or children. This is surely the cruelest use of



social networking. Meanwhile, the staff at HTWT are working long, hard hours to provide for the majestic animals they love and respect. In addition, they are raising funds for research to eliminate elephant endotheliotropic herpes virus, a very real threat to an already endangered species.”

For more information, see this blog entry by Donald Smith, DVM, professor of surgery and dean emeritus of the College of Veterinary Medicine: <http://veterinarylegacy.blogspot.com/2011/04/water-for-elephants-is-not-enough.html>.

Frank Talk

Your feature article on Frank Robinson and what he means to Cornell (“It’s a Wonderful Life,” May/June 2011) couldn’t be more deserved and timely. He is one of the University’s stars in what he has accomplished at the Johnson and is as bright, wonderfully articulate, focused and—perhaps most important—kind as any person I’ve known. His prolific output of Haiku, which he shares annually

with members of the museum, is additional evidence of his talents. Thanks for this coverage.

*Haiku verse by Frank
Is fun in not demanding
Very high I.Q.*

Jim Hazzard ’50
Ithaca, New York

I can understand the aesthetic appeal of Alberto Giacometti’s *Walking Man II*, but similar works are found in major museums around the world. Frank Robinson would have been wiser to accept the \$104 million offered for it. That money would go a long way to meet the unique needs of the museum while Giacometti’s art could easily be viewed elsewhere.

Gerald Schneider ’61
Kensington, Maryland

Ed. Note: Well, we respectfully disagree. We think Frank Robinson has done a superb job of meeting “the unique needs of the museum” without selling off its treasures.

In the article about Frank Robinson, the sentence that reads, “The building’s original plans—by the firm of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, with John Sullivan ’62, BArch ’63, as architect in charge . . .” would be more accurate if it referred to I. M. Pei & Partners. That was the name of the architecture firm in the early Seventies, when Pei designed the Johnson Museum. Pei Cobb Freed & Partners is the name of the firm today; that firm designed the new addition to the museum, with John Sullivan still the architect in charge. I. M. Pei, though still living, has not been an active member of the firm since 1990.

Maddy Gell Handler ’65
New Haven, Connecticut

Correction—May/June 2011

“It’s a Wonderful Life” (page 34): Due to an editing error, our article about Frank Robinson failed to mention his full title. He is the Richard J. Schwartz Director of the Johnson Museum. Our apologies to Frank Robinson and Richard Schwartz for this unfortunate oversight.

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'Passion for Justice'

A Sixties activist praises the efforts of today's students

Afew days before my nineteenth birthday, on a mild night more than forty years ago, I guarded a window outside Willard Straight Hall as part of a "protective ring" organized by Students for a Democratic Society during the famous Straight takeover. I considered myself an activist for social justice—and still do.

Not long after my sixtieth birthday, I took another action for social justice just a short distance from that window when I bought a Cornell T-shirt at the campus store. A colorful tag attached to the shirt had a photo of one of the workers who had made it. On the tag, she explained that the Alta Gracia brand was unique because its workers in the Dominican Republic are unionized, well-treated, and paid much better than similar workers in other countries. The worker's statement explained that by working for Alta Gracia she was able to support her children and send them to school.

I was able to put my money where my principles are, thanks to the current generation of student activists in the Cornell Organization for Labor Action (COLA) and Cornell Students Against Sweatshops (CSAS), who had persuaded the store to sell Alta Gracia clothing. This was just one of many successful campaigns that have been waged by COLA and CSAS. To cite another, in 2010 their lobbying resulted in the University administration threatening to drop its athletic-wear licensing contract with Nike. This action by Cornell and other universities helped convince Nike to take responsibility for providing laid-off Honduran workers with a \$1.5 million relief fund, vocational support, and

health care. COLA and CSAS also sent delegations to the huge and historic labor demonstrations in Wisconsin and Ohio that protested challenges to public employee bargaining rights, and here in Ithaca they urged the city council to adopt a living wage ordinance.

I'm fortunate because my job at the ILR school's Division of Extension and Outreach and my position on the ILR Alumni Association's board of directors put me in contact with the inspiring and impressive students in COLA and CSAS. I returned to Cornell in 1986 after working as an organizer, representative, negotiator, and educator for several labor unions. Drawing on my experience and contacts, I advise and assist ILR students who are interested in working in the labor movement or other social justice organizations. Today's students seem more focused and practical than those from my undergraduate years, but—most important—they have the same passion for justice.

At a time when college students are often characterized as mainly concerned with careers and money, I'm proud of the activist Cornell students I have met. I encourage you to visit the Cornell Store or to go online and buy Alta Gracia logo clothing. Every time you wear it, you can feel a connection to the students who are dedicated to working for fairness and justice in the world. There have always been some students willing to take risks to work for justice, and in the past few years the number doing so seems to have increased. I find that gratifying, and I feel a strong connection with them. They give me hope.

—Ken Margolies '71, MPS '11

Student support: CSAS members (left to right) Susanne Donovan '13, Gleb Drobkov '12, Mario Cespedes '13, Melissa Lukasiewicz '14, Debby Cho '12, Rachael Blumenthal '14 and Molly Beckhardt '14.



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From the Hill



Bright future: Sunny skies greeted graduates and their families, as caps and gowns dotted the Hill.

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Cornell Celebrates 143rd Commencement

Despite a severe thunderstorm the previous night that had campus officials—not to mention grads and their families—concerned about the weather, Schoellkopf was bright and sunny for Commencement. Addressing the 6,000 graduates on Memorial Day weekend, President David Skorton emphasized the values that define Cornellians. “These values include, among others, respect and affection for each other, embracing and celebrating differences, openness to new ideas, willingness to reach out to others in friendship, and, in widely and wildly varying ways, to lift the world’s burdens by what we do every day, in ways large and small.”

He also praised the Class of 2011’s accomplishments, from working with Mayan children in Belize to researching economic challenges facing Mongolian farmers. He noted that 80 percent

have jobs or grad school plans, up from last year’s 75 percent. Acknowledging the solemn fact that a number of students have lost their lives in recent years, Skorton indicated an empty chair in the front row of the seated graduates and noted the attendees wearing pins in memory of a senior who died in a fire in early May.

In Schoellkopf the previous day, former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani spoke at Senior Convocation. Giuliani stressed the need for young people to develop their leadership skills by holding strong beliefs, developing the ability to solve problems, and preparing relentlessly for the future. “Happiness in life is not just about your being what you want to be,” Giuliani said. “Happiness in life is figuring out how you fit into this vast society, how you make your contribution.”



Net result: Fine wire mesh fencing is planned for the Suspension Bridge, with nets installed below other spans.

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Nets Chosen as Bridge Barriers

On May 31—the last day before the City of Ithaca would have required removal of the temporary fences on seven gorge bridges on campus and its environs—the University submitted its site plan application for permanent suicide prevention methods. After contemplating a variety of barriers, Cornell opted to install netting, made of low-visibility tensile steel mesh, underneath six of the spans; on the seventh, the Suspension Bridge, the University aims to replace the current metal bars with vertical netting. “We’ve taken care to submit designs that will preserve the aesthetic value of the bridges and vistas,” says vice president for student and academic services Susan Murphy ’73, PhD ’94. “We believe the designs also will make vulnerable members of our community feel safer and reduce the incidence of a highly lethal and potentially contagious form of suicide.” Approval of the barriers on University-owned bridges rests with the city’s Planning and Development Board; Ithaca’s Common Council will decide whether to install them on city-owned spans.

Senior Dies in C-town Blaze

A senior died in a Collegetown house fire in May, just weeks before he was set to graduate from the Hotel school. Twenty-one-year-old Brian Lo was killed in a midnight blaze that officials believe was caused by an unattended stove. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Lo was from East Rockaway, New York. In the *Daily Sun*, DKE president Chazman Childers ’12 described him as “the guy who was always happy, and his happiness was infectious.” The building, on Cook Street, housed thirteen students in eight apartments.

Endowment Up; CIO Out

On May 4, the Office of University Investments announced a “preliminary investment return” of 19.3 percent, as of April 30, for Cornell’s long-term investments (LTI), a pool of funds that includes the endowment and two smaller funds. With this gain, the LTI’s value increased to \$5.28 billion, up from \$4.43 billion as of June 30, 2010. Its value had been \$6.14 billion on June 30, 2008, prior to the financial crash later that year.

The news came on the heels of a surprising announcement that the University’s chief investment officer, Michael Abbott, had stepped down on May 1 after holding the job for only six months. In a press release, Tommy Bruce, vice president for university communications, stated that “it had become apparent that [Abbott’s] style of conducting business is inconsistent with Cornell’s policies and expectations. Accordingly, he and the University have agreed that it is in their mutual interests to end the relationship.” Senior investment officer A. J. Edwards is heading the office on an interim basis.

Four Charged in Frat Death

Four people have been charged with misdemeanors in the alcohol-related death of nineteen-year-old human ecology student George Desdunes ’13. Former Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledges Max Haskin ’14, Ben Mann ’13, and Edward Williams ’14, and a fourth defendant whose name was not released due to his age, were charged with first-degree hazing and first-degree unlawfully dealing with a child. (The latter charge refers to providing alcohol to someone under twenty-one.) Additionally, Williams faces a charge of second-degree criminal nuisance. None of the defendants is currently enrolled at Cornell; they have pleaded not guilty and were released without bail.

Court documents released in the case offer a more detailed look at the circumstances surrounding Desdunes’s death in February. According to the papers, he died following a mock kidnapping ritual “where the pledges can quiz an older fraternity brother on the fraternity lore that is expected to be learned by the pledges.” The documents report that Desdunes and another brother, Gregory Wyler ’12, consented to being restrained and quizzed about SAE. “When Mr. Desdunes or Mr. Wyler answered a question incorrectly they were given a substance to consume or told to do exercises such as situps or crunches,” the papers say. “The substances that Mr. Desdunes and Mr. Wyler were given included water, flavored syrups, sugar, and vodka.” The following morning, the fraternity custodian found Desdunes unresponsive on a couch in the library; he was pronounced dead at Cayuga Medical Center and found to have a blood alcohol content of .35.

In March, the University withdrew recognition of SAE and required its members to vacate the house, located on McGraw Place. The fraternity has been banned from campus for at least five years; if and when it is reinstated, it would be on probation for an additional three years.

Wheels Up for New Campus Bike-Sharing Program

The University launched its new bike-sharing program in early May, giving students, faculty, and staff the chance to “check out” bicycles like library books. The program began with twenty bikes available for day-long borrowing at Uris Library; after registering online, users show their Cornell ID at the circulation desk and receive a helmet and key to unlock a bike parked outside. Members get twenty-five free hours of bike use per week and can pay for additional time. The program is planned to run from March to November, weather permitting. For more information, go to bigredbikes.cornell.edu.

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Balancing act: Have Cornell ID, will travel

Willard Straight Board Closes Ceramics Studio

The Willard Straight Student Union Board has voted to close the building's ceramics studio, a Straight fixture for more than half a century. The move prompted supporters to present the board with a petition, signed by more than 700 people, opposing the decision. But as executive director Michael Motley '12 told the *Daily Sun*, with hundreds of student groups clamoring for event venues, the board couldn't justify devoting the space—large enough for dance classes or coffeehouses—to the studio, which has limited appeal among undergrads.

The Internet, Explained

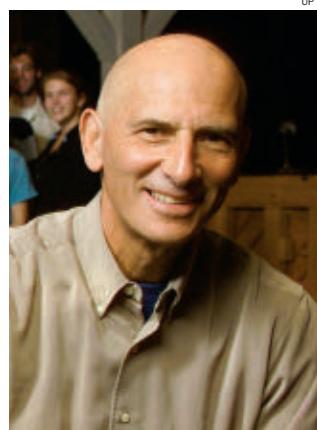
Al Gore didn't invent the Internet by himself. He had help—lots of it—from Ken King and his colleagues in higher education, many of them at Cornell. That's the key point made in "The Origin and History of the Internet: A Lecture by Kenneth M. King," which was recently released by the Internet-First University Press. The video is an enhanced version of a talk given by King, who was Cornell's vice provost for computer services from 1980 to 1987, to the Cornell Association of Professors Emeriti. In it, he traces the "political history" of the Internet, from its origins in Arpanet in the Sixties to Gore's push for a National Information Superhighway in the Eighties and up to the present. Throughout, he emphasizes the key role played by universities in creating and developing the Internet, which was originally conceived as a network of scholars.

Another recent Internet-First release is a lecture by Gerry Rehgugler '57, MS '58, on the 5,000-year history of the plow, including the one developed by Ezra Cornell for laying telegraph wire. For online access to these and other releases, go to Cornell-Cast (<http://www.cornell.edu/video/>) or the University Library's eCommons site (<http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/62>).

Theatre Director Retires

After nearly three decades as founding artistic director of the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, David Feldshuh has retired. "When I arrived at Cornell, the Schwartz Center was a hope," he recalls. "My first job was to represent the idea that Cornell could and should offer excellence and give students the opportunity to participate and learn the crafts of theater, film, and dance in a state-of-the-art facility." Opened in 1988, the center draws

13,000–15,000 audience members each year, about half of them students. Feldshuh, a Pulitzer-nominated playwright for *Miss Evers' Boys*, is also a physician; he practices emergency medicine at Cayuga Medical Center and is a clinical instructor at the Medical college.



David Feldshuh

Sentencing in Heroin Case

A former English major and *Daily Sun* editor has been sentenced to two and a half years in prison and two years of post-release supervision after pleading guilty to third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. In December, Ithaca police apprehended Keri Blakinger '11 near the Hillside Inn on Stewart Avenue and charged her with possessing more than five ounces of heroin with a street value estimated at more than \$50,000. (At the time of her arrest, initial reports put the drugs' value as high as \$150,000, prompting national media coverage.) A plea deal reduced the charges from second-degree possession.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

President **David Skorton**, named to a four-year, non-renewable term on the NCAA Division I board of directors.

Google employee **Ben Cole '10**, East Asian studies major **Max Liu '11**, and biological and environmental engineering major **Allison Truhlar '11**, winners of Gates Cambridge scholarships.

ILR professor **Ron Ehrenberg**, winner of the Jacob Mincer Career Achievement Award from the Society of Labor Economists for lifetime contributions to economics.

Professors **Jon Kleinberg '93** (computer science), **Paul McEuen** (physics), and **Carl Nathan** (microbiology and immunology), elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Project Blue Horizon, a team of Cornell systems engineering graduate students, which set world records for altitude and size with its high-tech, high-altitude balloon in March.

Randall Meyer '12 and **Rachel Perlman '12**, named Goldwater scholars.

Clyde Barker '54, MD '58, professor of surgery at Penn, elected president of the American Philosophical Society.

Art professor **Michael Ashkin**, awarded a fellowship to the MacDowell Colony.

Astronomy professor **Martha Haynes**, honored in May with a symposium to celebrate her sixtieth birthday.

President **David Skorton** and professors **Geoffrey Coates** (chemistry and chemical biology), **Sol Gruner** (physics), and **Laurent Saloff-Coste** (mathematics), elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Karen Chi Lin '13 and **Andrew Schoen '12**, winners of Udall scholarships.

Computer science professor **Doug James**, awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for his work on sound synthesis.

New Grad Drowns in Gorge

An alumnus who had received his bachelor's degree at Commencement the previous day drowned in Fall Creek Gorge in late May. Kendrick Castro '11 of Reston, Virginia, was wading in the water near the Stewart Avenue bridge when he slipped and was swept downstream. He was pulled out of the creek by passersby, who administered CPR but were unable to revive him. Castro graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with a degree in information sciences; according to a letter from President Skorton to the Cornell community, Castro planned to continue composing electronic music after graduation.

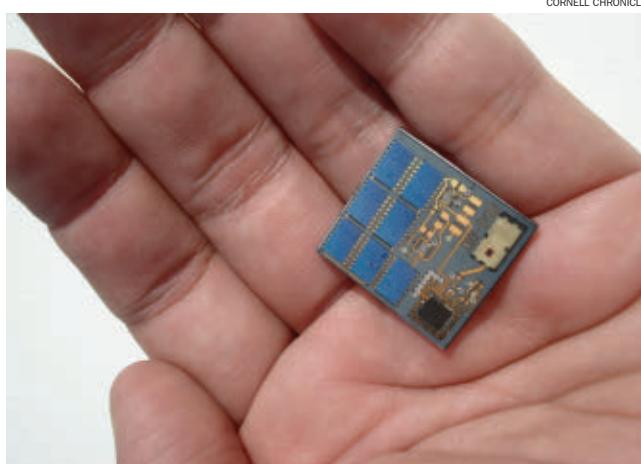
Seven New Trustees Elected

This spring, six alumni and one undergrad were elected to the Board of Trustees. They are: Alexander Bores '13, an ILR major; Gregory Galvin, PhD '84, MBA '93, president and CEO of Kionix, a micromechanical technology commercialization company; Rana Glasgal '87, MEng '92, an associate vice provost at Stanford; Douglas Braunstein '83, CFO of JP Morgan Chase & Co.; Ruben King-Shaw Jr. '83, chairman and CEO of the health investment and advisory firm Mansa Equity Partners; Chiaki Tanuma, MPS '80, president and CEO of the Asian hospitality holding company Green House Group; and Karen Zimmer '91, MD '98, clinical director for ECRI Institute Patient Safety Organization, a nonprofit health services research agency. Bores fills the student trustee seat, Galvin and Glasgal are alumni trustees, and the rest are trustees-at-large.

Chip Satellites Launched on Space Shuttle Endeavor

When the shuttle *Endeavor* took off on its final voyage in mid-May, its payload included prototypes of tiny microchip satellites designed in the lab of mechanical and aerospace engineering professor Mason Peck. Named "Sprite," the postage-stamp-sized devices will be mounted on the International Space Station to test their performance in the harsh environment of space. Eventually, they could travel to Saturn to collect data as they enter its atmosphere. "Their small size allows them to travel like space dust," says Peck. "Blown by solar winds, they can 'sail' to distant locations without fuel."

On hand for the shuttle launch was Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97, wife of *Endeavor* commander Mark Kelly. Giffords continues to recover from the head wound she suffered during the mass shooting at a constituent event in Tucson in January.



Snack sized: A sample of *Endeavor*'s tiny payload

R&D

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

Fiber science professor Juan Hinestroza has developed a cloth that can selectively trap noxious gases and odors. This spring, fiber science and apparel design major Jennifer Keane '11 designed masks and hoodies using the fabric.

Refuting a key claim of the open access movement, communication postdoc Philip Davis has found that free online access to academic journals does not produce more citations—though it does promote increased readership across broader groups.

The University has released a new variety of organic corn. Known as D2901, it was bred to thrive in the Northeast.

New York's maple industry has the potential to grow into a \$92 million annual enterprise, says the head of Cornell's Adirondack maple forest. Mike Farrell notes that producers currently tap less than 1 percent of available trees statewide, generating \$12 million a year.

People can often determine who is a criminal by "gut instinct." According to a study by human development doctoral student Jeffrey Valla '05, MA '08, we can distinguish between criminals and noncriminals from photos but have a harder time separating violent offenders from nonviolent ones.

A study by grad student Jenny Wan-Chen Lee finds that an "organic" label persuades consumers that foods are superior. She and her colleagues gave subjects sets of cookies, yogurt, and potato chips; those marked "organic" were deemed to taste better and have less fat and calories—though they were actually identical to the "regular" ones.

Biological and environmental engineering researchers have developed a portable, rapid, inexpensive test to detect rotavirus—a common cause of diarrhea that kills more than half a million people a year, most of them children in the developing world.

The gamitana fish plays a vital role in carrying seeds down the Amazon River, ecologists report. But due to overfishing, populations have dropped as much as 90 percent over the past few decades.

When a spouse dies, the survivor tends to experience more illness, more mental health issues, and earlier death than nonwidows. Human development professor Anthony Ong has found that a steep drop in positive emotions engendered by a spouse—not bereavement per se—causes the health decline.

In work that could aid the legal system, human development professors Charles Brainerd and Valerie Reyna have found ways to distinguish false memories from real ones. Real memories, they say, are recalled more easily, more vividly, and with greater confidence.

More Champions!



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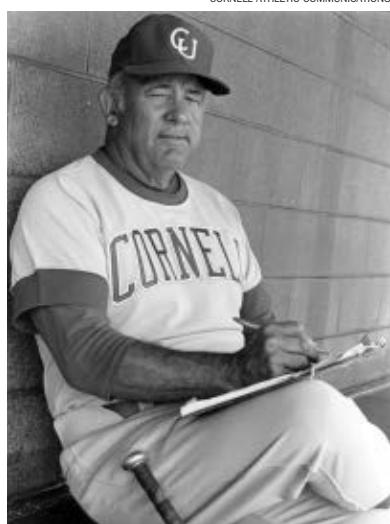
LINDSEY MECHALIK



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Congratulations to three more Big Red championship teams: men's lacrosse, men's tennis, and women's polo. The men's lacrosse team was unbeaten in Ivy League play, posting a 6-0 regular-season mark and winning the first-ever Ivy tournament with convincing victories over Yale (11-7) and Harvard (15-6). It was the team's ninth straight regular-season Ivy title. They advanced to the NCAA tournament, where they defeated Hartford before losing to eventual national champion Virginia. The men's tennis team won its first-ever outright Ivy title with a perfect 7-0 league mark. They lost to Louisville in the first round of the NCAA tournament, but ended the year with an outstanding 26-5 record. The women's polo team was literally unbeatable, winning all 21 of its matches and earning its 13th national championship with an 18-10 victory over Virginia at Oxley Equestrian Center.

R.I.P., COACH THOREN Longtime baseball coach Ted Thoren passed away on May 10 in Ithaca after a long illness. He was 89. A 1949 graduate of Ithaca College, Thoren began his Cornell career as a graduate assistant football coach in 1952. He became an assistant baseball coach in 1955 before being named Cornell's 13th head baseball coach in 1962. Over the next 29 seasons, he won 541 games and was enshrined in seven different halls of fame, including the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Ithaca College Hall of Fame, and the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame. He also received the Cornell Legend Award in 2008 and the Cornell Football Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.



Ted Thoren

Sports Shorts

ALL-AMERICANS The men's lacrosse team featured four all-Americans this season, led by the USILA Division I Player and Attackman of the Year, **Rob Pannell '12**. A finalist for the Tewaaraton Trophy, Pannell was the nation's leading scorer with 42 goals and 47 assists in 17 games. He was also named Ivy League Player of the Year for the second straight season. Joining him as a first-team All-American were **Max Feely '11** and **Roy Lang '12**. Feely anchored a Big Red defense that held opponents to 8.2 goals per game, while Lang scored 27 goals, including a team-high four game-winners. **Jason Noble '13** received All-American honorable mention on defense.

NEW OWNER In May, **David Einhorn '91** agreed to buy a share of the New York Mets for \$200 million. A fan of the team while growing up, Einhorn is president of Greenlight Capital, a hedge fund he started in 1996. This is not his first foray into the sports world: in 2006, Einhorn finished 18th in the main event of the World Series of Poker and gave his entire prize of nearly \$660,000 to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

NEW COACH Hockey games with Clarkson will become a little more interesting next season, as the Golden Knights have hired **Casey Jones '90** as their new head coach. Jones had spent the previous three seasons as the Big Red's associate head coach under **Mike Schafer '86**.

Spring Teams

Final Records

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| Baseball | 10-30; 7-13 Ivy (4th, Gehrig Div.) |
| Men's Lacrosse | 14-3; 6-0 Ivy (1st) |
| Women's Lacrosse | 6-8, 3-4 Ivy (5th) |
| Varsity Hywt. Rowing | 7-3 |
| J.V. Hywt. Rowing | 5-4 |
| Fr. Hywt. Rowing | 5-4 |
| Varsity Ltwt. Rowing | 4-3 |
| J.V. Ltwt. Rowing | 5-1 |
| Fr. Ltwt. Rowing | 5-2 |
| Women's Varsity Rowing | 6-3 |
| Women's J.V. Rowing | 5-4 |
| Softball | 27-22-1; 12-7 Ivy (1st, South Div.) |
| Men's Tennis | 26-5; 7-0 Ivy (1st) |
| Women's Tennis | 9-11; 1-6 Ivy (7th) |



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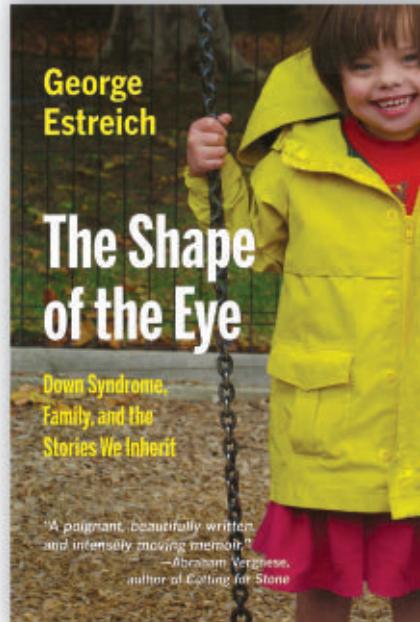
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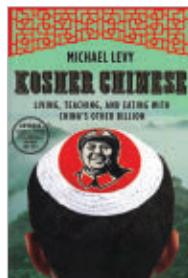
The Stories We Inherit

The Shape of the Eye by George Estreich, MFA '89 (Southern Methodist)

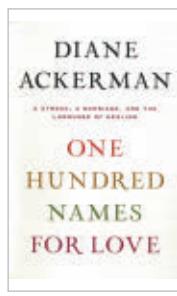
Estreich's memoir tells the story of his younger daughter, Laura, born with Down syndrome, and delves into the science of genetics, family history, and the career of John Langdon Down, the nineteenth-century physician who described the patients who would later bear his name. As Estreich writes, "Laura's chromosome count taught me that every child is a genetic risk; years later, remembering an infant I did not know, I learn—again—that it is not only the chromosome, but our response to it, that shapes the contour of a life."



Kosher Chinese by Michael Levy '98 (Holt). During Levy's Peace Corps tour as an English teacher in the city of Guiyang in central China, far from the economic powerhouses of the country's coastal cities, he became the reluctant host of the Guizhou University Jewish Friday Night English and Cooking Corner Club, was drafted onto the local basketball team, befriended members of the Bouyei minority, witnessed his students' struggles with the ins and outs of Chinese-style capitalism, and saw how the "other billion" lives. While trying to avoid cultural *faux pas*, he also learned to eat "anything with four legs but the table."



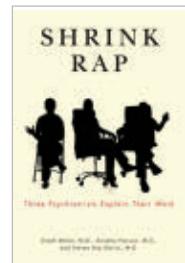
One Hundred Names for Love by Diane Ackerman, PhD '79 (Norton). When Ackerman's husband, the novelist Paul West, suffered a stroke in 2005, it was tailor-made to be a writer's private hell: he was diagnosed with global aphasia, and the monosyllable "mem" was the only thing he could say. Ackerman swamped her husband with language and insisted that he talk. Against the odds, West recovered his ability to speak and write. Even though his writing has changed, the flavor of his imagining remains the same. "A bell with a crack in it may not ring as clearly," she writes, "but it can ring as sweetly."



Spiral by Paul McEuen (Dial). Heeding the advice to write what you know, McEuen—professor of physics and director of the Kavli Institute at Cornell for Nanoscale Science—makes his hero, Jake Sterling, a Cornell nanoscientist, and employs the University and Ithaca as the setting of his debut thriller. When the apparent suicide of an emeritus professor of biology in Fall Creek gorge turns out to be murder, Sterling must draw upon his knowledge of nanotechnology to uncover the killer and stop a plot to release a World War II-era bioweapon.



Shrink Rap by Dinah Miller, MD '88, Annette Hanson, and Steven Roy Daviss (Johns Hopkins). While the psychoanalyst's couch may be the general public's image of psychiatry, psychoanalysis is a small subspecialty of the discipline. "Psychiatry can be seen as a mysterious and covert medical specialty," write the psychiatrists who run the podcast series "My Three Shrinks" and the "Shrink Rap" blog. "Many would replace the image of the couch with an image of a brain, though neither fully captures what our field is all about." The writers aim to demystify psychiatry and describe their field in plain English.



Fiction

The Metropolis Case by Matthew Gallaway '90 (Crown). Using his characters' obsession with Wagner's *Tristan and Isolde* as his focus, Gallaway weaves together the stories of three opera singers and a music-loving lawyer in a debut novel that moves from the opera capitals of Europe to New York City, and from the nineteenth to the twentieth century.

This Beautiful Life by Helen Schulman '83 (HarperCollins). After the Bergamot family moves from Ithaca to New York City's Upper West Side, their comfortable new life is turned upside down when their teenage son forwards a sexually explicit video that goes viral on the Internet.

Non-Fiction

An Englishwoman in California edited by Zoë Klippert '64 (Bodleian Library). Catherine Hubback, Jane Austen's niece and a novelist in her own right, emigrated from England to Oakland, California, in 1871. Her letters home give a portrait of a turbulent time in U.S. history. Klippert edits the letters and provides an informative background to Hubback's life.

A Physician Under the Nazis edited by David Glenwick '71 (Hamilton). A professor of psychology at Fordham University edits his father's memoirs, written when he was a Jewish physician during World War II in the Ukraine, the Warsaw ghetto, and concentration camps, and chronicling the start of his new life in America.

Rising Force by James D. Livingston '51 (Harvard). A former GE physicist and lecturer at MIT explores the concept of magnetic levitation—"maglev"—and describes the science behind electromagnetic forces, superconductors, force fields, and the development of maglev trains that can travel as fast as 270 miles per hour.

Prison Blossoms edited by Miriam Brody, PhD '88, and Bonnie Buettner, PhD '84 (Harvard). A professor of German studies and her colleague edit the 1890s-era prison writings of the anarchists and labor organizers Alexander Berkman, Henry Bauer, and Carl Nord, which were smuggled out to Emma Goldman and others in the movement.

The Quest for the Cure by Brent R. Stockwell '94 (Columbia). Exploring the history of drug research to combat Alzheimer's, cancer, and other diseases, an associate professor of biology and chemistry at Columbia describes the complex path to medical breakthroughs.

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Wind Swept

**With his roommate and a dog named Ted,
Brett Hamock '07 narrowly survived the tornado
that devastated Alabama**

Twenty-six-year-old ILR grad Brett Hamock '07 was at home in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on the afternoon of April 27 when the college town was struck by a massive tornado. He shared a second-floor apartment on the south side—an area popular with grad students and lower-income families—with Cooper Ellenberg, a classmate from the University of Alabama law school, and a Wheaten terrier named Ted. Partners in a small law practice focused on indigent criminal defense, Hamock and Ellenberg had spent the day in court; they were working in their home office when the tornado hit.

A week later, with the storm's aftermath displaced from the news by the killing of Osama bin Laden, Hamock called the CAM offices seeking to raise awareness about the disaster and the devastated communities it left behind. Temporarily living with friends in Birmingham and commuting to Tuscaloosa in a borrowed 1990 Plymouth Voyager—his BMW was totaled in the storm—Hamock recalled the tornado.

I was sitting at my computer and we were watching the news on television. There was a tower cam on a building in Tuscaloosa; you could see the tornado barreling toward the city. When it dropped, the storm tracker said, "If you live between 15th and 39th streets, you have five minutes to evacuate because this thing is coming right toward you." We lived on 27th Street, right in the middle of the storm path; we didn't have time to go anywhere. Then the power went out. We heard people outside screaming. At this point the tornado was a mile wide.

I knew it was a horrible idea to go out there because of the debris that would be flying around. Cooper and Ted and I took refuge in a bathroom that had no windows. I knew I was going to die. I thought, I can't believe I went to school for seven years and worked so hard, and I'm dying right now. There are so many things I want to do, things I would have handled differently that now I won't get a chance to fix.

They say it sounds like a freight train, and maybe it was the adrenaline, but we didn't hear anything. All we heard was the wind pick up and debris hitting the building. But we could feel it pick the apartment complex up off the foundation and set it back down. I heard a snap and that's when the roof came off. It was probably only twenty or thirty seconds but it felt like for-

ever. I had my iPhone, and got on Facebook and posted my status: "Hey, I just got hit by a tornado. Somebody tell me when it's OK to come out."

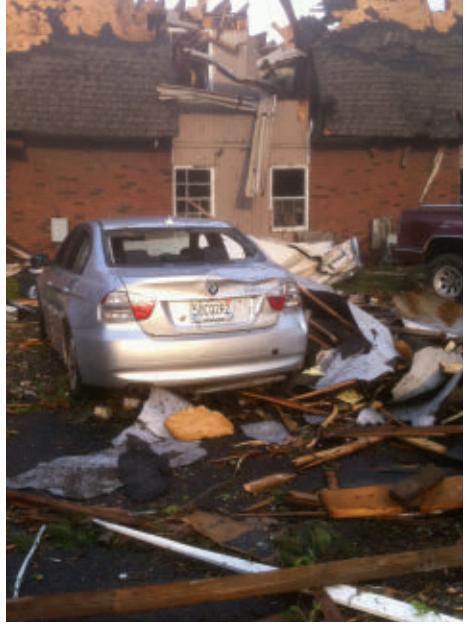
Then it was dead silent outside. It smelled like Pine-Sol, and I was like, "Oh God, I bet there are pine trees in our house." And we opened the bathroom door and it was like being outside. The whole apartment was exposed. The living room was gone, the kitchen was gone, my bedroom was gone. The rubble and debris were everywhere.

As soon as we crawled out, we were told we had thirty minutes to evacuate because another tornado was coming. We grabbed what few things we could but I couldn't find my car keys. We got out to the parking lot and there was debris everywhere. I had just filled up my car with gas and his was on empty, so we were running a cost-benefit analysis. Is it better for me to try to find my keys, or do we take his car and pray we don't run out of gas before we get hit by another tornado? We decided he would run upstairs and try to grab a few things, and I started moving the debris from around his car—pieces of the roof, a fence, a light pole—so we could drive out. All the car windows were destroyed from the air pressure; there was six inches of debris and dirt inside and safety glass everywhere.

Driving around, it was crazy. The south side of Tuscaloosa was like a Third World country. The traffic was chaos. People had grabbed their guns to fend off looters. There was a guy walking down the road with an assault rifle in one hand and a baby in the other. None of these people knew there was another storm coming; they were just happy they had survived the first one. But the second storm actually changed track and hit another town.

We'd been mostly working from home, and our home office had all our files in it. They got blown away and there's no telling where they are; a sign from a Tuscaloosa restaurant was found 120 miles away. We can't find some of our clients, and we're worried because a lot of them live in the hard-hit areas. There are hundreds of people dead from an event that lasted a few minutes. I'm fine, but there are so many people living like refugees who have nowhere to go.

When we went back to the apartment to see what we could salvage, I found my Cornell diploma, intact in the frame, with a picture of McGraw Tower overlooking Cayuga Lake. I'm going to hang it in my next office, the sole survivor.



Totaled: After the storm, Hamock used his iPhone to snap photos of the devastation, including (top) the remains of his apartment complex, home office (bottom left), and car.

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Background: After majoring in Social Work at Cornell, Katrina James went on to earn a Master's in Social Work and a J.D. from NYU. She now practices at Skadden in New York and stays true to her social work roots through the firm's pro bono cases.

A Cornell Grad Is: Says James, "What stays with me is a strong sense of loyalty and community. Responsibility, but also an independent spirit. Free thinking, but also deliberate thinking."

A Cornell Grad Gives Back: James's enthusiasm for Cornell is seemingly endless. She has served as Alumni Class President, President of the Black Alumni Association and Co-Chair of her first two reunions. James currently sits on the Alumni Board for the College of Human Ecology and the Mosaic Committee and is Chair of the University Council. Why so involved? "I feel a duty to give back to an institution that gave so much to me. I wouldn't be where I am today as a professional or as a person without Cornell." **BMW North America is proud to support Katrina's efforts with a donation to the Annual Fund of the College of Human Ecology.**

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Showman: Arthur Laurents '37 in the Fifties

Arthur Laurents '37 died in New York City on May 5. This profile of him appeared in The 100 Most Notable Cornellians by Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, Isaac Kramnick, and R. Laurence Moore, published in 2003 by Cornell University Press.

In giving serious attention to street gangs and racial prejudice, *West Side Story* violated the "sacred code of show business: musicals are for nonthinking joy." Author of the books for *West Side Story* and *Gypsy*, two outstanding Broadway musicals, Arthur Laurents '37 won acclaim as a leading dramatist, librettist, and screenwriter in the second half of the twentieth century.

Arthur Laurents was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 14, 1918, the son of Irving Laurents, a lawyer, and Ada Robbins Laurents, a teacher. As a teenager at sum-



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mer camp, Arthur became “wildly stagestruck” after he was picked for a part in *The Crow’s Nest* because he was “agile enough to climb up the mast of a ship and bright enough to remember some lines.” While a student at Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, he regularly attended the theater in his neighborhood as well as in Manhattan.

In 1933, Laurents entered Cornell. With encouragement from Raymond Short, his freshman English teacher, he decided to become a writer rather than to follow his father into the legal profession. A theater major, Laurents (who would be dubbed “the meanest mouth in show business”) was not impressed by the faculty or the curriculum in the department. The reading course he designed for himself, *The Socially Conscious Drama since 1848*, was, he thought, “one of the pathetically few [classes] I took at Cornell that I enjoyed or from which I learned anything.” When Professor Alexander Drummond advised students never to begin a play with a telephone ringing, Laurents defied him by writing a first act that did just that. He knew he was declaring war, but dismissed Drummond as a “casually overt anti-Semite.” Not surprisingly, Drummond suggested that Laurents give up playwriting.

pitals, Laurents wrote his first Broadway play, *Home of the Brave*, in 1945; it’s the story of an Army psychiatrist and a Jewish soldier whose amnesia is the result of guilt over the death of his possibly anti-Semitic buddy. Praised by some as bold and important, the play closed after sixty-nine performances. In 1949 United Artists released a film version of *Home of the Brave*, rewritten as an exploration of prejudice against blacks rather than Jews.

After his next play, *Heartsong*, flopped during pre-Broadway trials in 1947, Laurents moved to Hollywood. He produced the screenplay for Alfred Hitchcock’s *Rope* (1948), wrote a script for Anatole Litvak’s *The Snake Pit* (1948), and worked on *Caught* (1949) and *Anna Lucasta* (1949). Laurents returned to Broadway in 1950 with another flop, *The Bird Cage*, but scored an impressive hit two years later with *The Time of the Cuckoo*, a comedy-romance set in Venice that is about the relationship between an American spinster—brilliantly played by Shirley Booth—and a married Italian shopkeeper. The play was subsequently turned into a film, *Summertime*, with Katharine Hepburn, and a musical comedy, *Do I Hear a Waltz?*, with music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Blacklisted in Hollywood as a “fellow traveler” for much of the Fifties, Laurents fled to Paris. In mid-decade, he returned to the Broadway theater. Despite a fine performance by Kim Stanley, *A Clearing in the Wood* closed after less than a month in early 1957. In the fall, however, he was part of a great Broadway triumph, *West Side Story*—with music by Leonard Bernstein, the book by Laurents, lyrics by Sondheim, and conception, choreography, and staging by Jerome Robbins—electrified audiences. Laurents won praise for updating the story of the star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet, seamlessly integrating the dialogue and plot with the music, creating for the Anglo Jets and Puerto Rican Sharks the “talk of the juveniles, or a reasonable facsimile,” and weaving it into “a magic fabric.”

Following the success of *West Side Story*, *Gypsy*, with lyrics by Sondheim and score by Jule Styne, enjoyed a two-year Broadway run, spawned a film that was a smash hit, and became one of the most frequently staged musicals in the United States. Based on the memoirs of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, Laurents’s libretto concentrated on Gypsy’s ambitious, overbearing stage mother, played by Ethel Merman. In 1973 Laurents directed a revival of *Gypsy*, this time starring Angela Lans-

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lthough Laurents remembers his undergraduate years with little affection, they were formative. As assistant editor and drama critic of the *Daily Sun*, he wrote regularly about topics that interested him. As a member of the liberal-socialist American Student Union, he gained firsthand experience with progressive politics and red-baiting. He also met Fannie Price ’37, the frizzy-haired Young Communist Leaguette, whom he would later make the model for Katie Morosky, the heroine of his film *The Way We Were*. In 1937 Laurents attended the peace strike organized by the Young Communist League, which featured placards calling for “Peace at Any Price, Except Fannie Price.”

Following graduation, Laurents performed in a nightclub revue and wrote a few radio scripts. When the United States entered World War II, he enlisted in the Army. Assigned at first to a paratroop unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, he spent most of the war writing scripts for military training films and radio scenarios about the rehabilitation of veterans and the problems of returning servicemen. Drawing on his research in veterans’ hos-

bury, for which he earned a Tony nomination and a Drama Desk Award.

The Sixties were somewhat less kind to Laurents. He directed a musical comedy version of Jerome Weidman's play *I Can Get It for You Wholesale* in 1962, a musical remembered only because it marked the Broadway debut of Barbra Streisand. Two years later he was librettist and director for *Anyone Can Whistle*, a show with music and lyrics by Sondheim that lasted for only nine performances. In 1967, Laurents wrote the musical libretto for *Hallelujah, Baby!*, which examined race relations through the lives of a young black couple played by Leslie Uggams and Robert Hooks. Despite lackluster reviews, the show ran for nine months, and Laurents picked up another Tony.

In the Seventies Laurents scored his biggest commercial successes with screenplays for *The Way We Were* (1973) and *The Turning Point* (1977). *The Way We Were* allowed Laurents to explore the anticommunist witch hunt in Hollywood during the Fifties, through a romance between Streisand, playing a left-wing intellectual, and Robert Redford, playing a WASP novelist. Columbia Pictures considered, then rejected, Cornell as the setting for Katie Morosky's college days.

Acclaimed as "literate, mature, and compelling," *The Turning Point* featured stellar performances by Anne Bancroft, as a prima ballerina on the verge of retirement, and Shirley MacLaine, as a talented dancer who gave up her career to raise a family. The film earned Laurents an Oscar nomination for best screenplay.

A gay man, Laurents took special pleasure in directing *La Cage aux Folles* (1983), the musical about the homosexual owners and transvestite stars of a night club in Saint-Tropez. He worked hard to insure that "people and emotions" remained at the heart of this often bawdy play. A box-office smash, *La Cage aux Folles* won six Tony Awards, including best musical.

Laurents remained active in the Nineties, writing several plays: *Nick and Nora* (1991), a musical; *Jolson Sings Again* (1995), a treatment of the Hollywood blacklist; *The Radical Mystique* (1995); and *My Good Name* (1997). Although none of them found an audience, Laurents became the center of attention again, in 2000, with the publication of *Original Story By*, a candid, acerbic, even fierce memoir of his life in the worlds of art, love, and politics, that concludes, "I'm still sexual, still skiing, still crusading . . . [and] I have begun a new play, of course."

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A Good Read

Sarasi Jayaratne '12 works to bring books to the children of Sri Lanka, a nation ravaged by natural disaster and civil war

In the dark hours of a jungle night in 2007, Sarasi Jayaratne '12 lay in bed listening to the sound of Sri Lankan security forces cleaning their weapons outside the windows of her guest house. She also heard them speaking in hushed tones about the likelihood of an attack from the Tamil Tiger rebel troops positioned within shooting range of the village.

Such nights were the norm for these villagers, but it was fraught for a teenage Girl Scout and high school sophomore from suburban Virginia. She slept with

her passport under her pillow.

Jayaratne, daughter of Sri Lankan-born parents, was on the teardrop-shaped island in the Indian Ocean pursuing a mission she'd launched as a high school freshman. That project has grown into the Keep Reading Foundation, which has so far shipped close to 20,000 English-language books to more than fifty schools in rural Sri Lanka.

Her odyssey began on Christmas Eve 2004, when a magnitude-9.1 earthquake on the ocean floor near Sumatra caused a

tidal wave that overwhelmed the coast of Sri Lanka and also ravaged parts of Indonesia, Thailand, and southern India. In Sri Lanka, more than 160,000 people died and thousands of others were left homeless. In the wake of the devastation, 168 schools lay in ruins or had vanished completely. "I remember watching CNN all that day thinking, 'I would not know what to do if I didn't have a school,'" she says. "I decided to do whatever I could to help those children get their education back on track."

Aiming to replenish the libraries of

Page turner: Sarasi Jayaratne '12 presents donated books to Sri Lankan schoolchildren.

schools under reconstruction or convening under tents, Jayaratne reached out to her Girl Scout troop and began a fund-raising drive that garnered \$150 the first day. She wrote and collected letters to members of Congress and visited the Sri Lankan embassy in Washington, D.C. (twice, because of an ambassador change). Doors opened. Her simple, articulate appeal won over scores of policymakers, neighbors, friends, and ultimately the children and teachers she would meet on her trips to Sri Lanka. "The children treated me like a superstar," Jayaratne says. "They were so happily surprised that a teenage girl—someone almost their age—could do something like this for them."

English is a secondary language in Sri Lanka, whose people mainly speak Sinhalese or Tamil dialects. However, most of the country's universities are modeled on the British educational system, where English is the *lingua franca*—and Jayaratne says it has an important role as a bridge language. The civil war between Sinhala and Tamil ethnic groups may have ended, but tensions remain high; Jayaratne believes that increasing English literacy for both groups could serve as a uniting force.

Jayaratne has traveled to Sri Lanka four times as part of her efforts to dis-

tribute books written for children roughly aged five to twelve. The donations include English language primers and textbooks as well as books from *Mother Goose* to *Harry Potter*; shipping costs average \$400 to \$500 per batch of about twenty boxes. During her 2007 trip, Jayaratne met a retired English teacher who now heads the Keep Reading Foundation's Sri Lankan branch, a connection that has helped the group reach into more remote parts of the country. Jayaratne's group has also worked closely with the Janavijaya Foundation, a nonprofit, faith-based organization that provided disaster relief for victims of the 2004 tsunami.

Her most recent trip, in January, had its harrowing moments, as the countryside was flooded by relentless monsoon rains. Accompanied by her parents, she traveled across a sodden landscape marked by mudslides and flooded roads. Their efforts were met by enthusiastic students from ten schools who came despite the deluge. In a relatively dry spot, they listened to the tall young woman from America talk about the importance of education, and her gift of books earned ceremonial honors. Included in the donations were hundreds of pairs of reading glasses, since corrective lenses are almost nonexistent in

many rural areas.

In photos of her trips, the schoolchildren appear in traditional uniforms—the girls in white shirts, ties, and skirts; the boys in white shirts, ties, and dark pants—giving the collective impression of orderliness and even economic stability. Jayaratne was surprised by their neat appearance—until she was advised to judge the children's relative well-being by looking at their feet. "Some of them had worn-out shoes or no shoes at all," she says. "I learned that many of them are very poor and must walk long distances just to get to school."

For her efforts as a Girl Scout, Jayaratne received a Gold Award, the organization's highest honor. At Cornell, where she is majoring in biology with an eye toward becoming a doctor, she serves as a co-leader of the Sri Lanka Association and is studying Sinhalese, so she can communicate better during her trips abroad. "When I visit those children, all of the troubles I face in trying to help them disappear," she says. "When I see that it makes them truly happy that someone from far away cares about their future, it gives me hope that we really can do something to change the world."

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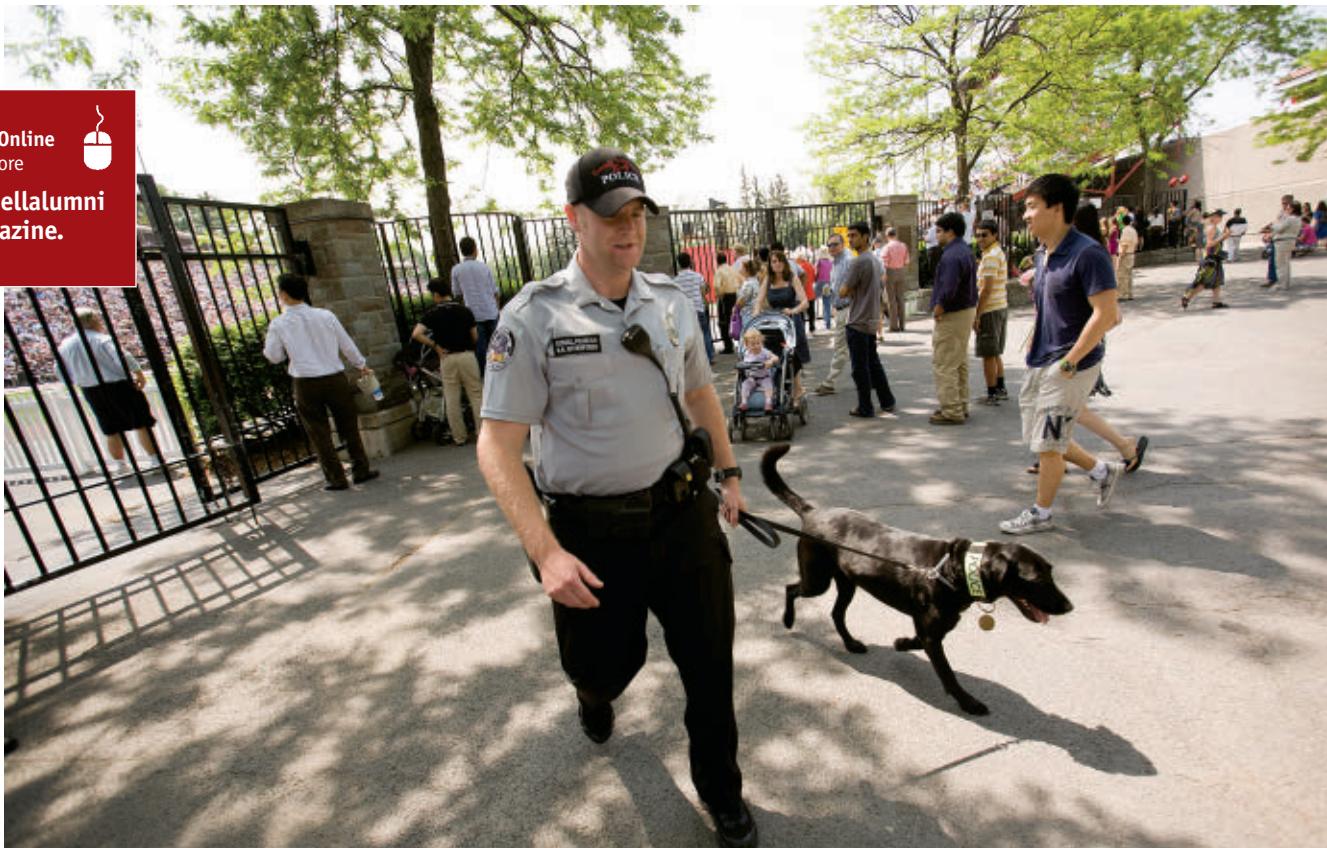


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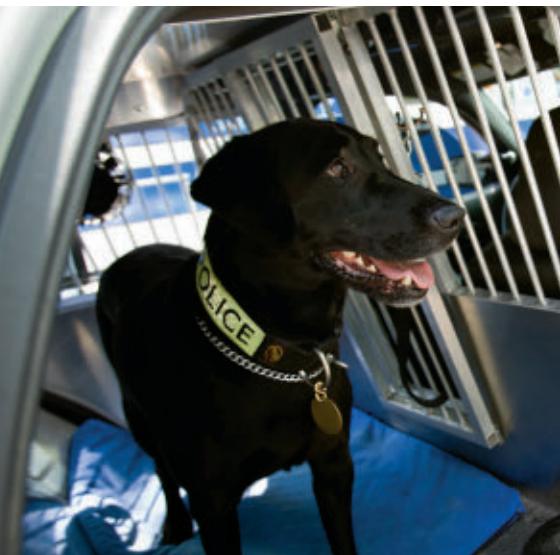
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Good collar: Officers Kevin Noterfonzo and Reggie during Commencement weekend (top). Above: Reggie in his custom car.

One of the University's most highly specialized employees works for peanuts—or, rather, tennis balls. Named Reggie, he's a five-year-old black Lab serving as a K-9 officer with the University Police (and moonlighting as chief recycler of used athletic equipment, which the Reis Tennis Center donates by the bagful).

The second dog on the CUPD force—his predecessor, Sabre, retired in 2008—Reggie is the four-legged half of the University's explosives detection team. He and his handler, patrol officer Kevin Noterfonzo, check University venues for bombs before major events like Commencement and appearances by high-profile visitors such as Convocation speaker Rudy Giuliani. They also investigate suspicious packages, both on campus or (at the request of other law enforcement agencies) elsewhere in the community. “Reggie is a great resource,” says CUPD Deputy Chief David Honan. “If we have a suspected device, we can have Kevin and Reggie come out and render it safe and reopen a building. If we didn't have that skill set, we'd have to shut down the building for hours and wait for a bomb squad or another dog from out of town—and that's a lot of money and disruption of University operations.”

Trained as a successor to Sabre, Reggie was adopted at thirteen months through Rudy's Rescue, an Upstate New York animal welfare group that specializes in Labs. Transferred from a high-kill shelter in Kentucky—where his original owners surrendered him for being too big a handful—Reggie had gone through two failed placements with Rudy's Rescue when Noterfonzo got a call asking if he was still looking for a K-9 partner. “More or less, the dogs that people don't want, we want,” Noterfonzo

says. "You want to make sure they're hyper and crazy over a certain toy. Reggie loves his ball, and that's what he looks for as his reward."

The pair underwent 180 hours of training through the Southern Tier Police Canine Association in Binghamton, leading to federal and state certification as an explosives detection team; they still do eight-hour refresher courses every other week. "The canine nose is 800 times more powerful than a human's," Noterfonzo notes. "There is no technological tool as advanced." As his uniform, Reggie wears a fluorescent green collar bearing his own tiny badge and emblazoned with the word POLICE; the team's specially equipped squad car includes a heat-detection system that, in case of an air conditioning failure on a hot day, lowers the windows, turns on the fans, flashes the car-top lights, and pages Noterfonzo. When the team inspects a large building like Bailey Hall—a process that can take several hours—Reggie requires breaks for rest and water every twenty to thirty minutes. "When he's searching, he's breathing through his snout and his mouth is closed, so it's almost like he's hyperventilating," says Noterfonzo, noting that CUPD may train a second K-9 officer to share the workload, if funding becomes available. "That really wears him down."

No longer a rookie, Reggie has his share of war stories. Although most suspicious packages or devices prove to be benign, he did detect explosive residue in the bedroom of a young man whose father had called Ithaca police concerned he might have bomb-making materials. Since Reggie is also trained in search and rescue, he has been called upon to find lost people; in August 2010 he helped locate the body of an undergraduate who had died in an accidental gorge fall. "Reggie found the track of where he had gone," says Noterfonzo. "He indicated the direction of where we could start looking, and sure enough that's where we found him."

The relationship between the partners doesn't end when they clock out; Reggie lives with Noterfonzo and his family. At home, Reggie has another job: best buddy to the Noterfonzo children, aged nine, four, and one. "He acts more like a kid than a pet," the officer says. "He has a dog bed, but he sleeps with the kids." To stay sharp for work, Reggie isn't allowed to play with tennis balls while off-duty—but there are ample bones, pig ears, and tug toys for his enjoyment. "At home he's pretty much a pet," Noterfonzo says, "but he lives like a king."

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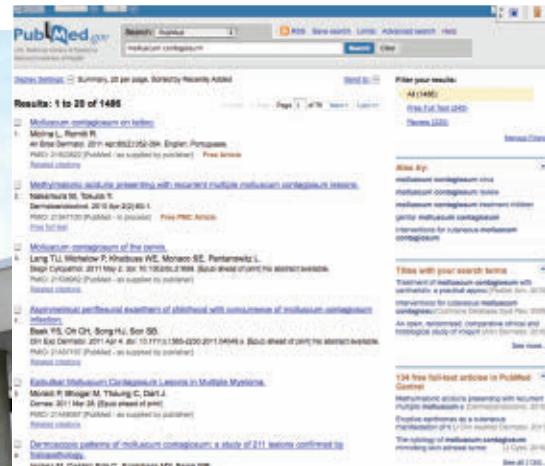
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Long-Distance Call

Weill Cornell faculty give MDs at Ithaca's Cayuga Medical Center a primer on navigating research resources



Hospital corners: More physicians from Cayuga Medical Center, located on Ithaca's West Hill, are getting faculty appointments at Cornell. Inset: A page from the research website PubMed.

The half-life of medical knowledge is finite," says Adam Law, an endocrinologist at Ithaca's Cayuga Medical Center (CMC) and a clinical assistant professor of medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College. "I was told it was seven years when I started medical school. Now it's probably three or four." Doctors don't stop studying when they graduate from med school; the ever-evolving nature of medical science makes continuing education an inherent—and required—part of a physician's career.

Through a growing partnership between Cornell and CMC, Medical college faculty are offering continuing education to Ithaca-based MDs—despite the fact that the med school is located 200

miles away in Manhattan. Last fall, public health professor Madelon Finkel and Helen-Ann Brown Epstein, head of education and outreach at the Weill Cornell Medical Library, taught a ten-week course in evidence-based medicine—a burgeoning field in which knowledge gleaned through the scientific method is brought to bear on clinical practice. "We wanted to do something that affects the practice of all doctors," says Law, who helped launch the course during his term as CMC staff president, "not a specific content area like heart failure or varicose veins, but something that every doctor has to know about." A case-based primer in navigating online research resources seemed an ideal first topic for what is hoped to be an annual offering, Law says. "This is the first

time these three campuses were integrated in this way, where you had physicians affiliated with Cayuga Medical Center participating in a course taught by Weill Cornell faculty and housed in facilities at Cornell University," Law says. "I think it's a fantastic precedent."

The course is just one way that physicians at CMC and Weill Cornell have been working together, as leaders of the two institutions promote collaborative efforts to enrich both. For example, Weill Cornell grand rounds have been simulcast in Ithaca; Medical college faculty are giving individual continuing education lectures, both in person and remotely; and CMC physicians have received faculty appointments at Weill Cornell and are helping to train students and residents. "The physician groups in New York City and Ithaca are getting to know each other better," says President David Skorton. "It's a very positive relationship in both directions."

On a Thursday night last December, a dozen CMC physicians gathered in a Cornell classroom, wired for distance learning, for a meeting of the evidence-based medicine course. From the Manhattan campus, Finkel and Epstein led a discussion on molluscum contagiosum, a viral skin infection that one of the participants, a pediatrician, had just seen in a two-and-a-half-year-old girl. The question at hand: is a severe outbreak of the disease associated

with immunosuppression?

"It's spread by direct skin-to-skin contact," Finkel noted. "So do you think she gave it to her brothers? Or they had it first?"

"She's the youngest, so the brothers had it first," the pediatrician offered. "It's a very common skin condition. What's unusual is that she had such a large flare."

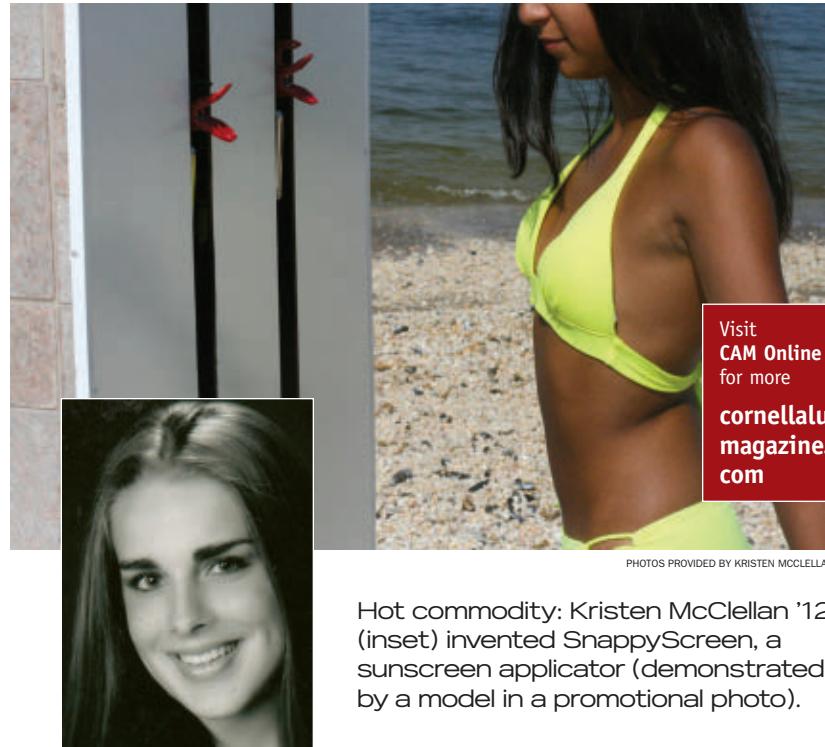
"She's not HIV positive?" Finkel asked. "Or any of the boys?"

"She tested negative at birth, and we have only that test to go on," said the pediatrician. "I don't know how long she's had it, but at least several months, and it has just recently flared. When she came in today, her diaper area was covered with it."

For the next hour, Finkel and Epstein guided the physicians through online searches of the medical literature using resources like the research aggregation site PubMed, aiming to see if the toddler's skin infection could herald immune issues—and how she might best be treated. (Throughout the discussion, the participants viewed the teachers on one screen while a second showed the desktop of Epstein's computer.) They found intriguing, potentially relevant studies in sources like the *International Journal of Dermatology*, but no definitive answer. "These are real-world issues," Finkel said. "These are patients coming into your office every day. Sometimes a perfect article will appear and tell you exactly what you need to do and everything is marvelous and wonderful—and in other cases it takes more searching. But I think we arrived at a couple of suggestions to further test the young girl as well as her brothers to rule in or rule out possibilities." Epstein suggested consulting a textbook, possibly in dermatology, immunology, or pediatrics. "See if you can get a bit more background before you jump to the journal literature," she said. Added Finkel: "Sometimes PubMed is just not going to do it for you."

CMC emergency physician David Feldshuh took the course with the aim of expanding his knowledge as evidence-based approaches become increasingly important; he also craved some practical advice on researching a medical condition affecting his 100-year-old mother. "The teachers were very gracious, open to questions, and flexible," says Feldshuh, a clinical instructor of emergency medicine at the Medical college who is also a professor of theatre at Cornell. "The course introduced me to a new vocabulary, and the distance learning part—if not completely natural—is a great way to make things possible that might otherwise not happen."

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Hot commodity: Kristen McClellan '12 (inset) invented SnappyScreen, a sunscreen applicator (demonstrated by a model in a promotional photo).

Burn Notice

Student entrepreneur hopes her sunscreen machine is a hot seller

Clouds, as the saying goes, come to die in Ithaca—that bastion of gray skies where sunbathing is largely an indoor sport. The city is an unlikely birthplace for SnappyScreen, a sunblock application system that's having a trial run at an Aruban resort this summer.

SnappyScreen doesn't come in a tube or bottle. It's a device, invented and patented by ILR student Kristen McClellan '12, that airbrushes an even coat of lotion onto the body. Think of it as a sunscreen shower. Users step inside a seven-foot-high semi-circular booth and select the grade of UV protection. Eyes closed, they rotate as vertical rows of nozzles mist them evenly; no slathering on of creams, no end-of-the-day blotches. One application would cost about \$2, says McClellan, who plans to donate a percentage of her profits to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

A native of Locust Valley, New York, McClellan got her business start as a youngster selling lemonade, handicrafts, and snails harvested from Long Island Sound. At twelve, she co-founded a neighborhood "day camp" babysitting service that netted as much as \$1,000 a week. The idea for SnappyScreen came to the fair-skinned entrepreneur as a senior in high school, after she and her sister lamented how long it took to slather on sunblock for a trip to the beach. "On a vacation, time is really important," says McClellan. "People can spend up to an hour applying sunscreen to themselves and their kids." She got help building the initial SnappyScreen prototype from a neighbor, a retired engineer; they constructed it from scratch in her family's driveway. "I wanted something resembling an outdoor beach shower," she says, "the kind you use to wash sand off your feet."

Last fall, SnappyScreen earned McClellan a spot as a finalist in a national young entrepreneurs' competition sponsored by the New York Stock Exchange and mtvU, a channel available on some 800 campuses. She appeared on its "Movers & Changers" show in December, missing out on the \$25,000 grand prize but garnering \$5,000 toward marketing and producing her latest prototype. She got some help in developing the business from eLab, a Collegetown startup incubator run by Student Agencies; open to all Cornell students, it has a dozen projects in various stages of progress at any given time. So far, says eLab adviser Daniel Cohen, the three-year-old facility has nurtured seven revenue-generating companies, including a file-hosting service and a penny auction site. "Kristen's concept has a good chance of making it," says Cohen, a human resources lecturer in the ILR school. "She's at the stage where she's ready to launch her prototype. That's when you find out if the market is there."

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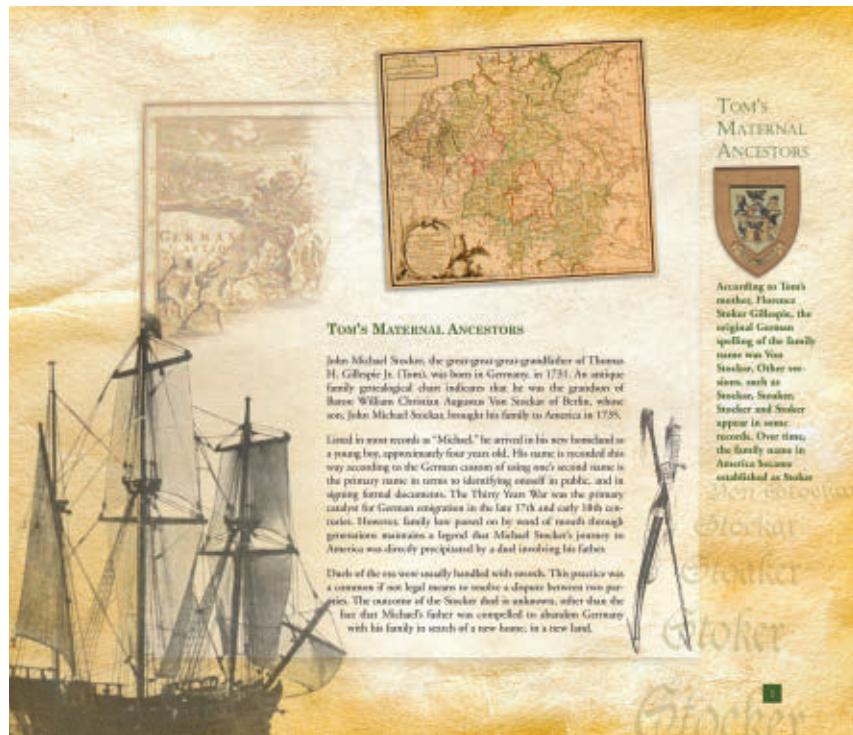
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In 2004, Tom Hostage '89, BS '90, wanted to create something special to mark the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his parents, Mike Hostage '54, MBA '55, and Dorothy Noll Hostage '54. He decided on a coffee-table book, a colorful and comprehensive account of the family tree, as well as the lives of Mike and Dot and the ten kids they raised.

Hostage had the means: he's co-owner (with his brother, Tim Hostage '91, BS '93) of a commercial printing company in Framingham, Massachusetts, which offered access to a fully equipped production facility. The golden anniversary

spurred him to thoroughly research his ancestry, interview dozens of family members and friends, and collect hundreds of photographs and documents. The end result was not only a professionally bound family history, but a business venture as well. "I saw how people reacted to the book," Hostage says, "and realized that I had found something I love to do and that other people might enjoy."

Hostage founded Bespoke History, a publishing company that he runs out of his home in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. (It takes its name from a British term meaning an item custom-made to a buyer's

Roots: Tom Hostage '89, BS '90, and Sherri Bredenberg-Hostage '89, BS '91 (opposite), run Bespoke History. Above: A sample page from one of the company's volumes.



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specifications, as in a “bespoke suit.”) The company aims to preserve memories in the form of finely crafted books—professionally designed tomes that require, on average, about eighteen months to complete. As such, Hostage’s clientele is decidedly upper income, folks who can shrug off the sluggish economy and pay anywhere from \$30,000 to \$100,000 to commission a family heirloom. Although Hostage can’t name names, he says he’s currently completing projects for the descendants of a legendary National Football League team owner, as well as for the former CEO of a major international firm.

One of Bespoke’s first productions was *A Place on the Hill*, a 165-page, four-color book celebrating seventy-five years of the West Campus chapter of Sigma Phi for which Hostage interviewed more than seventy alumni, reaching back to Ralph Carpenter ’31. The company’s first multi-generational history commission came from Tom Gillespie ’55, BA ’56, a principal in a Connecticut-based investment management firm. “It’s something that will be in my family for generations—and it’s also digital, so he can update it any time we want,” says Gillespie. “It’s meaningful beyond my family, too. The book has been passed around in my church, my community, even my grandchild’s school. It’s an American story.”

For years, Hostage did nearly all of the research and writing, though he recently recruited some Boston University grad students to assist him. His wife, Sherri Bredenberg-Hostage ’89, BS ’91, serves as Bespoke’s photo editor, a job that can involve scanning hundreds or even thousands of images for each project. In one family’s gothic mansion in the Boston area, the Hostages found a den

filled with cabinets containing forty-five years of albums comprising more than 20,000 photos. After months of work, they condensed the collection into a seventeen-volume series—high-quality hardcovers with dust jackets bearing foil-stamped titles on the face and spine and eighty-pound coated-stock paper inside, averaging about 250 pages per book.

Bespoke’s other products have included a memorial booklet honoring the life of Tom Gillespie’s brother, the late Bob Gillespie ’60, BA ’61, and a 140-page history of the Steppingstone Foundation, a nonprofit that develops educational opportunities for inner-city schoolchildren. Although telling family tales remains Hostage’s passion, he notes that with a handful of large companies inquiring recently, “I think corporate history is going to be a big part of our growth.”

Of the ten kids in his family, says the former CALS communication major, “I’m the one who often sat around listening to the adults talk. I asked questions, and over time, I became a collector of the family’s oral history.” Essentially, that’s what he does now, conducting dozens of personal interviews to complement the facts with colorful anecdotes and reminiscences. A member of the Association of Personal Historians, Hostage delves zealously into genealogy. In the process of reviewing historical records, he often uncovers ancestral gems and paints a family portrait against the backdrop of history. For instance, while researching the family of Peter Plamondon ’54, an owner of the Roy Rogers restaurant chain, Hostage connected Plamondon’s great-great-great-great-grandfather to a French army regiment that had been sent to Quebec. He also explored the story of Plamondon’s great-uncle and great-aunt, who perished during the sinking of the *Lusitania* in 1915.

Another family from Pennsylvania asked Hostage to find a missing link in its ancestral history. Through grassroots genealogical research, he located a baptism registry; it eventually allowed him to identify the child’s grandparents, who had emigrated from Ireland in 1731. “They’d been looking for that answer for 200 years,” says Hostage, “and we found it in about three months.”

— Brad Herzog ’90

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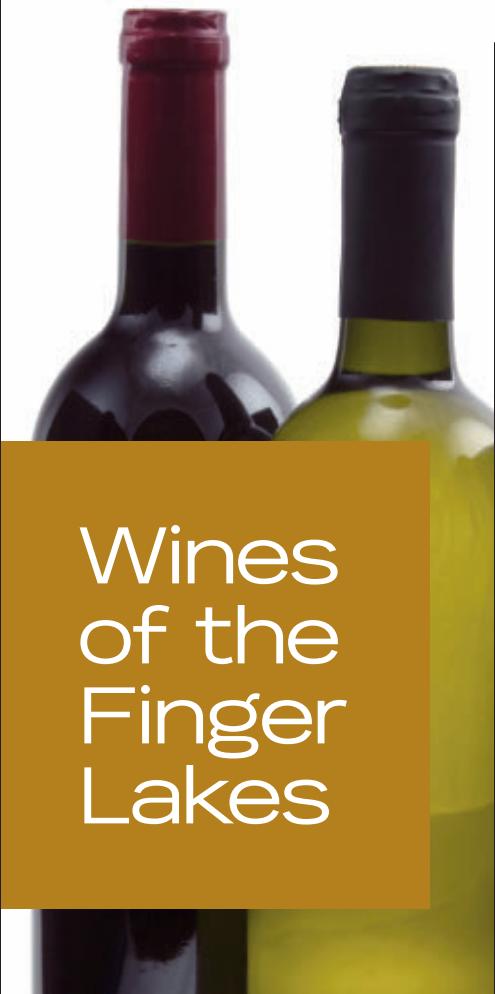
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Bouché had long dreamed of making fortified wines, having grown up in a family business specializing in their production. Using money saved from years working as an electrician, he began to build the winery in 2005 and construction was completed five years later. The first wines went on sale in spring 2011: 500 bottles each of Bouché's red and white fortified wine, made from grapes grown and crushed at Seneca Lake's Lamoreaux Landing Wine Cellars. The juice was transported to the Ithaca winery, where honey was added to it as it fermented to



provide more sugar for conversion to alcohol. The fermentation was stopped with the addition of brandy, leaving unfermented grape sugar in the finished wines.

Due to a trade agreement with the European Union, these wines cannot be called "port." Bouché calls them "Meleau," from the Latin *mel* (honey) and the French *eau* (water). The white is especially lovely; made from Muscat grapes, it is invitingly aromatic, with an apple-y flavor made more complex by hints of pepper, vanilla, and honey. The wine's sweetness is beautifully balanced by its acidity and alcohol.

Many think of sweet wines only as dessert wines, but Bouché recommends Meleau as an aperitif as well as an accompaniment to richly flavored first courses, braised meats, and cheeses as well as dessert. Both wines may be ordered from www.portsofnewyork.com.

— Dave Pohl

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Urban Cowboys

How college pals (and native New Yorkers) Jon Daniels '99 and A. J. Preller '99 led baseball's Texas Rangers to an American League pennant—and the team's first-ever World Series

By Brad Herzog

Last October, as smoke from celebratory fireworks drifted into the sky and confetti danced in the breeze, some 54,000 win-starved fans cheered themselves hoarse in the Ballpark at Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers. Three neon words shouted from the scoreboard: HELLO WORLD SERIES.

For the first time in the fifty-year history of the franchise, the Rangers had won the American League pennant, having just defeated the twenty-seven-time-champion New York Yankees. The Rangers mascot, a Stetson-wearing Palomino, waved the Lone Star flag as team president (and retired Hall of Fame pitcher) Nolan Ryan held up the championship trophy. "Our fans have waited a long time," Ryan told the assembled masses. Then he tipped his cap to the team's general manager, a thirty-three-year-old Cornell graduate whom a sportswriter once described as "five-foot-eleven and built like a ballpoint pen." Said



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The old ball game: A. J. Preller '99 (left) and Jon Daniels '99 (right) with Rangers outfielder Mitch Moreland during the American League Division Series in St. Petersburg, Florida, in October 2010

Ryan: "It's a credit to our organization—to Jon Daniels and the staff he put together."

From his perch in a suite above the field, Rangers senior director of player personnel A. J. Preller '99, a classmate and fraternity brother of Daniels who oversees the team's scouting operations around the world, could only marvel at the merriment. They say everything's big in the Lone Star State—but who would have guessed that two of the primary architects of the biggest moment in Texas baseball history would be a couple of Big Red pals from the Big Apple?

A championship celebration had seemed a long way off when the two men took charge of the team five years earlier. Daniels's promotion in 2005, just forty-one days past his twenty-eighth birthday, made him the youngest GM in major league history; it was the hook for so many media stories that he felt as if he had changed his first name to "twenty-eight-year-old." There was a good deal of skepticism; the *Dallas Morning News* reported that some people were calling him "Doogie Howser, GM." Indeed, the press conference announcing his hiring sounded almost apologetic. "He came from a different gene pool," said Tom Hicks, then the team's owner, "and that's OK."

Actually, it was part of a baseball trend. Back in the day, the GM position was usually reserved for lifers, former players who operated on instinct. But in recent years the game has embraced a cadre of well-educated, under-forty number crunchers comfortable with the comprehensive quantitative assessments that have worked their way into the baseball lexicon—statistics like WHIP (walks plus hits per innings pitched) and defense-independent earned run average. Yale's Theo Epstein is GM of the Boston Red Sox; Princeton's Mark Shapiro is president of the Cleveland Indians; Harvard's Paul DePodesta is vice president of player development for the New York Mets.

But when Ryan took over as Rangers president in 2007, more than a few observers wondered if a strikeout king who's as Texan as the two-step could find common ground with a twenty-something from Queens who had never played organized baseball beyond Little League. By all accounts, however, the relationship is strong, based on mutual respect. "We have a lot of shared values and a lot of similar beliefs about how to build a team and how to treat people in an organization," says Daniels, who lives with his wife, Robyn, and two children in the Dallas suburb of Southlake.

Although an “I ❤ NY” coffee mug still sits on his desk, Daniels admits, “I do own a pair of boots.” And while his parents still call him Jonathan, he is known throughout the Rangers organization by the more cowboy-like “J. D.” But being comfortable in your own shoes is one thing; being embraced by the boot-wearing masses is quite another. In sports, such acceptance tends to come with success—and Daniels had high hopes from the beginning. At his first organization-wide meeting after his inaugural year as GM, a dinner-and-bowling affair, there were speeches and laughs; then Daniels had everyone’s ring finger measured. “My mission is the same as that of the twenty-nine other general managers,” Daniels said at the time. “It’s first and foremost to win.”

In Texas, that was a tall order. Daniels had inherited a weak minor league system, an overpriced major league roster, and a franchise that had won a single playoff *game* in half a century, dating back to its origins as the lowly Washington Senators. A couple of months into the 2010 season, the team’s ownership situation was in limbo, as the Rangers filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. A group led by Ryan and Pittsburgh sports attorney Chuck Greenberg (who is no longer with the team) would eventually win a contentious auction for the franchise in mid-summer.

Despite this gloomy record, Daniels and Preller were opti-

mistic. The night after Daniels was announced as GM, he called Preller, who had joined the Rangers a year earlier and was scouting prospects in the Dominican Republic. They talked for hours—making grand plans, envisioning possibilities. Says Preller: “We basically said that we were going to get this thing done—together.”

T

hey met as freshmen on the Hill—a couple of baseball nuts on opposite sides of New York fandom. Daniels collected baseball cards, played stickball at Cunningham Park in Queens, and occasionally snuck into Shea Stadium to watch his beloved Mets. A couple dozen miles east in Long Island’s Huntington Station, Preller lived and died with the Yankees. “At that time,” he says, “it was mostly dying.” Whether playing with a Wiffle ball or in a Babe Ruth League or on a summer traveling team, it was, he says, “all baseball all the time.”

The two met through mutual friends and pledged Delta Chi together. They lived in the fraternity house for two years and

Thrill of victory: The Rangers celebrate their 5–1 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 5 of the 2010 A.L. Division Series, advancing to the league championship series against the Yankees.

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'My mission is the same as that of the twenty-nine other general managers. It's first and foremost to win.'

then shared a Collegetown residence that is now condemned. ("Should have been when we lived there," Daniels says.) When Preller attended lectures for an ILR course called Arbitration in Sports, Daniels occasionally tagged along. Even when reading the sports pages as a kid, he was interested in the action behind the scenes, often turning to the transactions section first; he was fascinated by the roster-building side of the game. But Daniels didn't sense a future for himself in sports, so he took his degree in applied economics and management to Boston, working for wine-and-foods conglomerate Allied Domecq.

Preller, on the other hand, was making inroads into baseball. He earned twelve credits by landing a semester-long internship with the Philadelphia Phillies, even winning the organization's fantasy league (yes, there is fantasy baseball amid reality baseball). After graduation, he took an unpaid position with the Arizona Fall League, where he worked under legendary slugger-turned-executive Frank Robinson, who was later hired as vice president of on-field operations for Major League Baseball. The MLB offices are in New York City, and Robinson brought his protégé with him. For three years Preller soaked up an education—in Robinson's office, over dinner, at games—from an all-time-great who became a mentor and friend. At the same time, he was tapping his ILR training to moonlight in the labor relations department of the MLB commissioner's office. "You couldn't ask for a better background, a better foundation to get started," he says.

Daniels, who was spending his days overseeing Dunkin' Donuts franchises, found himself living vicariously through his college pal. "I was more focused on his job than I was on my own," he says. He began accompanying Preller to baseball's winter meetings; there, he met the assistant general manager of the Colorado Rockies, who offered him an internship paying \$275 a week. "I felt it was a once-in-a-lifetime chance," he says. The following year, in 2002, he joined the Rangers as an operations assistant. Owner Tom Hicks noted his "brilliant baseball mind," and he rose through the ranks with unprecedented speed—director of operations in 2003 and assistant general manager in 2004, when Preller arrived in Texas after three years with the L. A. Dodgers. When longtime GM John Hart resigned following the 2005 season, Hicks tapped Daniels to replace him.

The guy who came late to the game was now in charge; his office was right next to Preller's. The two executives were younger than about half of the Texas players, and some stumbles during their first years on the job did little to inspire confidence. After a few questionable trades and ill-fated free agent signings, the weekly *Dallas Observer* labeled Daniels "BOY BLUNDER."

When the 2010 season began, the team's prospects seemed especially dim. Just before Opening Day, a media report revealed that Rangers manager Ron Washington had tested positive for cocaine the previous July. Washington had appealed to his bosses for leniency even before the test results came in, arguing that he'd made a single bad decision. "Ultimately, we believed in Ron as a manager and as a man," says Daniels. "We believed in giving second chances, and we still felt he was the right guy to manage our club." Washington expressed his gratitude to an ESPN reporter, saying of Daniels, "He didn't judge me. He supported

me. And I could never say enough about that support."

The Washington decision was one of several high-profile calls the team executives made over the next few years. They included some daring moves—like trading their best pitching prospect for a twenty-six-year-old recovering addict. Once highly touted, center fielder Josh Hamilton saw his career derailed by drugs. But by 2007, he was clean, sober, and still supremely talented. After consulting nearly a dozen staffers, some of whom balked at the idea, Daniels pulled the trigger on the deal with the Cincinnati Reds. Last year, Hamilton led the majors with a .359 batting average and was named MVP of both the American League and its championship series. In celebration, his teammates eschewed the usual champagne, dousing him with ginger ale.

Earlier in 2007, Daniels made another trade that fit into his grand plan, which revolved around a cost-efficient commitment to developing young players—a significant change of direction for a team that once signed free agent Alex Rodriguez for \$252 million. Daniels began laying the foundation for the Texas turnaround in July 2007, when he traded All-Star first baseman Mark Teixeira to the Atlanta Braves for five prospects under age twenty-four. Two of them were shortstop Elvis Andrus and relief pitcher Neftali Feliz. Andrus was an All-Star on last year's pennant-winning team; Feliz saved forty games, struck out Rodriguez to end the pennant-clinching game, and was named A.L. Rookie of the Year.

Daniels also built his World Series team through free agency. Eight-time All-Star Vladimir Guerrero was once among the top hitters in baseball, but by age thirty-five he was on the downside of his career. In 2009, with the L. A. Angels, he played in only 100 games, recording 15 home runs and 50 RBIs, less than half his career average. Still, Daniels felt he was a risk worth taking. "He was in good shape, and I think he knew that people maybe doubted him a little bit," he says. "That's a pretty powerful motivator." Daniels bet on Guerrero's comeback with a one-year, \$6.5 million offer—barely a third of the slugger's previous salary. Guerrero (who's now with the Baltimore Orioles) responded by batting .300 with 29 homers and 115 RBIs, earning the Silver Slugger Award as the league's top designated hitter. In the American League championship series against the Yankees, he clinched the pennant with the hit that won Game 6.



While Daniels represents the new breed of stat-savvy GMs, he insists that numbers are "second to the human element," and that old-school baseball acumen is still vital. "All information is good information," he says, "but when it comes down to it, if I had to pick one or the other, I'd defer to our scouts." Every roster decision is the product of player evaluation, and as the man essentially in charge of player acquisition for the Rangers, Preller oversees roughly forty-five amateur, professional, and international scouts. "You can't be everywhere at once," he says. But apparently he tries, traveling

Preller describes scouting as ‘looking at a fifteen-year-old kid who has never played organized baseball and trying to determine if he has a chance to play in the big leagues someday.’

constantly—from Sarasota to Santo Domingo to Seoul. He has amassed nearly two million frequent flyer miles, often averaging several flights per day. Although he has an apartment in Dallas, during the first four months of 2011 Preller (who is single) spent a total of four nights there.

Under his guidance, the Rangers have quadrupled their international scouting budget, even opening a baseball academy in the Dominican Republic. “My whole life, I’ve loved the international aspect of the game,” says Preller, who wrote an undergraduate term paper about baseball in Latin America. He describes the scouting experience as “standing on a field in Venezuela, looking at a fifteen-year-old kid who has never played organized baseball, and trying to determine if he has a chance to play in the big leagues someday.”

Sportsmen: Daniels with Rangers manager Ron Washington



Daniels relies heavily on scouts, his philosophy being that he knows his own limitations—and his employees’ strengths. Last October he invited about a hundred people on his acquisition and player development staff to Arlington to be honored on the field before the first home playoff game. “You have to hire good people and let them do their jobs,” he says. “A. J. is a perfect example of that. I think he’s the best in the business at what he does.”

One of Preller’s top finds came from overseas. Pitcher Colby Lewis was selected by the Rangers in the first round of the 1999 amateur draft, but he struggled early in his career. By 2009, he was pitching in Japan. Having beefed up the team’s Pacific Rim scouting operation, Preller heard that Lewis had vastly improved, so he and two colleagues went to Hiroshima to judge for themselves. “We’ve found players a lot of different ways, trying to think outside the box,” says Preller. “But to go to Japan and bring back an American guy who hadn’t had much success over here really wasn’t what teams were doing.” But Preller had faith in his scouts, and Daniels trusted Preller’s judgment. Lewis played his way into the Texas starting rotation last year; in the playoffs he went 3-0, including a masterful performance during the final game against the Yankees, a team whose payroll cost nearly four times as much as the Rangers’.

The team’s international expansion has been part of a general improvement in its player development program. In 2010, *Baseball America* ranked the Rangers’ minor league system fourth overall; 20 percent of the big league team’s playoff roster consisted of players drafted and developed within the previous five years. As a result, Preller has drawn attention as a GM prospect himself. “If there’s a Jon Daniels, Part II, this is it,” *Baseball Prospectus* declared midway through last season. “The Rangers’ success has been fueled in large part by players that Preller has his fingerprints on.”

Last year, the pieces of the puzzle were coming together by mid-summer, and the Rangers were in first place. But when the mid-season trade deadline arrived in July, Texas had a choice: try to coast to the postseason, or refuel. Daniels chose the latter in a big way, acquiring clutch pitcher Cliff Lee from the Seattle Mariners in a six-player trade.

The move established Lee as the ace on a pitching staff that had changed so much over the summer that the season’s first three starters



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You're out: The Giants' Cody Ross is forced out at second as the Rangers' Elvis Andrus turns a double play in the second inning of Game 4 of the 2010 World Series.

didn't even make the playoff roster. In 2005, when Daniels took over, Texas pitchers had allowed nearly five runs per game; in 2010, they allowed fewer than four. Texas won ninety games and the A. L. West division title. And during the playoffs, Lee emerged as one of the best postseason pitchers of all time. (In the off-season, Lee rejoined the Philadelphia Phillies in a much-ballyhooed free-agent deal.)

Game 5 of the first round of the playoffs against the Tampa Bay Rays was, at the time, the most significant game in Rangers history. Several hours before the first pitch, Daniels called his assistants to a meeting at their St. Petersburg hotel. They arrived to find him wearing a fake mustache and sitting in a rocking chair; he announced that he was treating them to a couple of rounds of miniature golf. "At that point, we'd done everything we could," Daniels explains. "We were just spectators."

A sense of humor is a must in a job where turnover is so high that the thirty-three-year-old Daniels is now the eighth-longest-tenured GM in the major leagues. He has learned to ignore the ever-opinionated media and blogosphere, which may be the most difficult part of a public role in the sports industry. "It's hard to be fully prepared for it, but it's very much part of the game, the business, and the position," says Daniels, who signed a four-year

contract extension in March. "The team is somewhat of a public trust, and we're stewards of it."

As it turned out, a near-perfect script unfolded during the rest of the American League playoffs. The Rangers beat the Rays, then knocked off the Yankees. When the last out was called, and the team was World Series-bound, Daniels and Preller joined in a heartfelt group hug in an executive suite. "We had some struggles early," Preller says. "But in that moment, just seeing the joy of everyone in the State of Texas, and being able to do it with a guy I grew up with and had a lot of good times with, that made it all the better."

Of course, they would have preferred an even happier ending—one in which the Rangers, rather than the San Francisco Giants, won the world championship four games to one. "Hopefully this is just the beginning," Daniels said upon accepting *Baseball America's* Executive of the Year award a few weeks later. "Now we've got to find a way to get a little better, to get back there next year and win those last three games." □

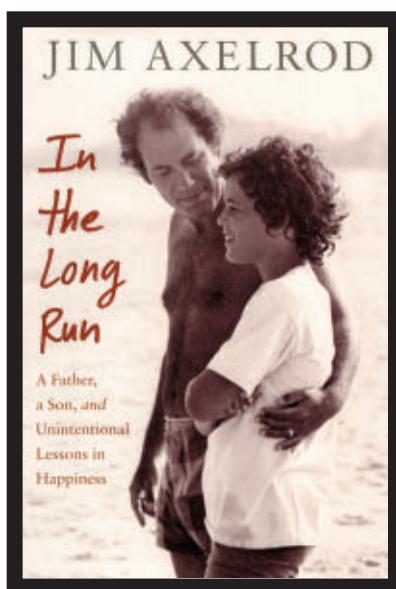
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Training Day

My BlackBerry started buzzing on my right hip just as the crowd got its first glimpse of Barack Obama. I'd put it on vibrate, since I knew I'd never hear the ringtone once Obama appeared on the floor of the Toyota Center in Houston. The roar was immediate as he glided into the arena from a corner tunnel, and grew louder still as each of his loping strides carried him into fuller view of the crowd. By the time he jogged gracefully up the stairs to take the stage, I couldn't hear a word of the instructions my cameraman was yelling at me from four feet away.

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In an excerpt from his new memoir, CBS News reporter Jim Axelrod '85 recalls the moment when—in the midst of covering an Obama campaign rally—he vowed to follow in his father's footsteps by running a marathon





I was standing on the media riser—a plywood platform set six feet off the arena's concrete floor, atop rickety scaffolding concealed by rectangles of rough royal-blue fabric. A dozen TV reporters were crammed together, each provided with a four-foot-wide broadcasting space marked off by electrical tape.

As chief White House correspondent for CBS News, I'd been assigned to cover Hillary Clinton during the Democratic primary campaign. I'd loved getting the assignment, seeing it at the outset as just the kind of validation I'd been looking for from a new set of bosses. In the last year of his increasingly unpopular presidency, George W. Bush wasn't going to generate enough interest to get me on the evening news regularly. Lame ducks never did. So the White House was not the place to be.

When the assignments for the campaign had been doled out three months earlier, Obama was intriguing but still a long shot. Clinton was clearly the plum. Covering her positioned me not just for a short-term supply of lead stories but also for another few years on the biggest beat in TV news if she went all the way.

But since then, Obama's strong performance had raised the possibility that I hadn't landed the plum after all. I'd grown eager to see him live on the campaign trail. The breathless descriptions I'd been reading of the raw emotion Obama generated in the crowds hadn't set any standards for journalistic objectivity, but the reporters who wrote them hadn't oversold.

Standing in front of the camera making my last-minute preparations before I went on, I looked to my left and saw an African American man in his mid-thirties hoist a boy onto his shoulders so the kid could get a better look. The man's face was pulled tight in a severe smile, astonished to be sure but cautious as well, as if he wasn't quite sure he could trust what he was seeing. The expression on the face of the five-year-old was simpler: innocent, undiluted joy. Even if the boy didn't fully understand the meaning of the moment, he was on his daddy's shoulders. That alone was apparently reason enough for his ear-to-ear grin.

Houston might have seemed like an odd place for Obama to be on February 19, 2008, given that it was primary day in Wisconsin, but he was already looking ahead to the Texas primary in two weeks. I checked my watch, which I kept on New York time no matter where I was to stay synchronized with CBS headquarters in Manhattan. It was 9:15. At the bottom of the hour, I would update my report with a live shot for the West Coast feed of the CBS Evening News.

If, as some grizzled cameraman once told me, TV news is "hours of boredom, moments of terror," the live shot is the moment of terror. Not only can your whole day go to hell in an instant, your whole career can. There's a gazillion ways to screw up the shot—technical screwups, editorial screwups, going blank



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Going live: Axelrod at an Obama campaign event in Houston, where he got a life-changing e-mail

Network news reporters are judged first and foremost by their ability to flawlessly deliver a four-sentence live introduction to a pretaped story with an insouciant air of command to millions of viewers.



On the air: During his career at CBS, Axelrod has reported from the White House as well as from hotspots around the globe.

just when you're supposed to speak to seven million people—and every member of the live-shot team spends the last fifteen minutes checking and rechecking potential trouble spots to prevent TV tragedy.

On the media riser in Houston, Rob the cameraman and Giovanni the sound tech checked cables and lights while Chloe the producer linked up with the control room in New York. Inside the TV truck parked just outside the Toyota Center, the satellite operator made sure we had a steady broadcasting signal. As the correspondent, my obsession, naturally, was with myself. In my fifteen-minute run-up to the live shot, I flitted from applying a new layer of powder on my forehead to checking my tie knot, from smoothing the wrinkles in my suit jacket to making sure my earpiece fit snugly. Then I took a moment out of tending to the cosmetic touches and barked at the ever-calm Chloe to double-check the facts of what I was about to report.

Most of my two-minute story was a preproduced video spot running roughly a minute and a half and providing an overview of what was at stake in the Wisconsin race. That gave me fifteen seconds to introduce the spot live and fifteen seconds on the back end to add a final thought. The whole idea was to provide a way for me to update my story if anything had changed from the 6:30 East Coast broadcast. Good thing, because a few minutes after 9:00, we received word that Obama had been declared the winner in Wisconsin. Harry Smith, substituting for Katie Couric in New York, would handle that headline in his toss to me. My job was to seamlessly weave a reaction to Obama's win into my live intro.

Blowing the live shot would ruin the rest of the night and most of the next day, until I had another chance at one. Forget a thick Rolodex of sources or a finely honed ability to bang out sharp, urgent copy under deadline pressure; network news reporters are judged first and foremost by their ability to flawlessly deliver a four-sentence live introduction to a pretaped story with an insouciant air of command to millions of viewers. In the minds of the executives who run the network news operations, a single "um" or "uh" can undermine a reporter's credibility. And God save the correspondent who actually breaks eye contact with the camera to look down at his notes.

Over the years, I'd wrestled the live-shot demons to the ground. Somewhere between a live bungee jump on the local news in Syracuse and a live battlefield report under missile fire the night the war in Iraq started, I'd reached an accommodation with the pressure. Like learning to play the piano, speak French, or hit a nine iron, it was all a matter of repetition. In Syracuse, Raleigh, Miami, Dallas, Skopje, Brussels, Riga, and Amman, I'd figured out how to cleanly negotiate all the dangers and threats a live shot could present. I wasn't Edward R. Murrow, but I rarely flubbed. I still got butterflies when a director's gruff voice would urgently cue me, but hundreds of successfully negotiated live shots over the years had liberated me from the thought of a spectacular flameout recirculated in perpetuity on YouTube.

Or at least I thought it had. In the last few weeks, I'd grown less able to ignore the thoughts of failure. CBS News, my professional home for the past dozen years, had been through a violent shake-up. My new bosses were unfamiliar with my rock-

solid live reports from the Iraqi battlefields. Not only were all the executives long gone who'd watched me go live flawlessly for ten minutes at a time, under fire, in the triple-digit heat of the Iraqi desert without a single "um," but so was Dan Rather, whose favor I'd earned and protection I'd enjoyed. Lately there'd been hints that my Clinton coverage had caused my stock to fall with the new executive team, but I wasn't sure. It could've easily been my paranoia, honed, like every TV reporter's, to museum-grade quality. Then came a meeting with my boss, CBS News president Sean McManus, which confirmed my suspicions with brutal clarity.

Most network news correspondents worked on three- or four-year contracts. The executives negotiated your next deal based on how often you'd been on the air during the last one. The system had been good to me over the years. I'd pushed for and received high-profile assignments—Afghanistan, Iraq, the Kerry campaign—to guarantee me an ever-increasing supply of exposure and airtime that I was able to redeem for big raises at the end of each of my three-year deals. But less than two weeks earlier, for the first time in my career at CBS, I'd pushed for a shot at a big job coming open and had the door resolutely slammed shut. Waiting on that riser, I felt some extra pressure. I needed to nail the live shot to see if I could wedge that closed door back open just enough to let a sliver of light through.

I could feel a film of sweat on my palms. Since that meeting with Sean, I'd been shaky going live, like a professional golfer suddenly unable to make a three-foot putt after twenty years of sinking them without a second thought. In golf it's called "the yips," a dreaded condition indicating that after years of battling the pressure, your nerves are shot. I was fighting a sinking suspicion that I'd contracted the broadcasting yips.

Which explains why at 9:28 New York time, I was standing on that platform in Houston, attempting to shut out 18,000 delirious voices chanting "Yes we can" by reciting the new copy I'd just dashed off about Obama's win. I needed to set it in my frontal lobe. I'd have one chance, and the slightest sense of panic could throw me off and cause me to go blank. Like a supplicant quietly chanting a prayer to ward off evil, I rehearsed my first line over and over, hoping to ensure a smooth start to my live shot when it was for real.

"Right now Barack Obama is riding a surge of momentum that the Clinton campaign would do anything to stop." I paused and took a deep breath, like I was between sets of bench presses. "Right now Barack Obama is riding a surge of momentum that the Clinton campaign would do anything to stop." I stopped and collected myself again. "Right now Barack Obama is riding a surge of momentum that the Clinton campaign would do anything to stop."

I couldn't decide where to put the emphasis: "a *surge* of momentum" or "a *surge* of *momentum*." I kept repeating it both ways, hoping one would sound better than the other to my ear. What was wrong with me? Forty-five years old, two Ivy League degrees, the chief White House correspondent for CBS News, and I was paralyzed with indecision about which of two words my bosses would want me to hit hardest.

The buzz I felt on my hip as Obama took the stage snapped me out of the inane debate I was conducting with myself. I pulled my BlackBerry from its holster. I had no time to check the e-mail beyond the basics—sender, subject heading—just to make sure no one was forwarding any last-second development that would change my story. A quick look told me it could wait:

*From: Moughalian, Dave
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2008 9:48 PM
To: Axelrod, Jim
Subject: pretty cool*

It was from my buddy Dave, who had a habit of sending me e-mails just before broadcast time, usually to vent some impassioned hatred of George W. Bush. I loved Dave, an in-it-for-life friend since we'd been ten years old, but his timing often sucked.

We'd grown up three blocks apart, ran track together, dated



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the beautiful Parisi sisters in high school, and were roommates for a year after college. His mother was my high school English teacher, a wise and enchanting Armenian who immigrated to America when she was thirty-two and proceeded to teach a generation of kids in our small New Jersey town how to write. In a soft voice dipped in honey and rose water, Mrs. Moughalian had drilled into us a three-word guiding principle: Show, don't tell.

Ever since I'd met him on the first day of fifth grade, Dave had been a calming presence in my life. He took in the chaos of my parents' home—four kids; a demented Hungarian sheepdog with a thick, matted white coat and ceaseless, paint-peeling bark; and my force-of-nature father—like a kid watching a pack of agitated chimps at the zoo. He was curious and intrigued, drawn to something in the overflowing passion of the Axelrod family. Perhaps it made him feel better about the stark stillness in his own home. My father spun through our house like an F-5 tornado. Dave's father, an engineer who was often gone for months at a time on business, would return to brood deeply about his lost old-country life amid stacks of metallurgy journals. I'd always thought Dave needed the roar of the circus to balance the soft voices of the library.

Once I saw Dave's name on my BlackBerry screen, I knew I could wait until after the live shot to open the e-mail, and I returned to preparing for my imminent moment of terror. In my earpiece I heard the music that signaled the start of the broadcast. I reviewed my newly tweaked live top one more time, took a deep breath, and waited for the toss from Harry Smith.

"Jim Axelrod joins us now from Houston. Jim, a big night

for Barack Obama . . .” I took it from there. All the prep work paid off. I nailed the shot, integrating the new information without a single “um” and emphasizing “surge.” The control room cleared me, and I was done for the day. I unhooked my earpiece and microphone, careful to keep an impassive expression fixed on my face. I wanted to project a business-as-usual demeanor to mask the elation produced by my clean kill. Relief oozed warmly through my system. There was no better salve for the welts raised during that meeting with Sean twelve days earlier than the hope that I could still turn it all around.

I looked down at my BlackBerry again. There was nothing from New York. On the one hand, that was good news; no rockets launched about some screwup. On the other hand, while I didn’t expect any “attaboys” for a job well done—a mistake-free live shot was what they were paying me to deliver, after all—I worried that the bosses had all gone home after the East Coast feed and missed my folding in the new information without

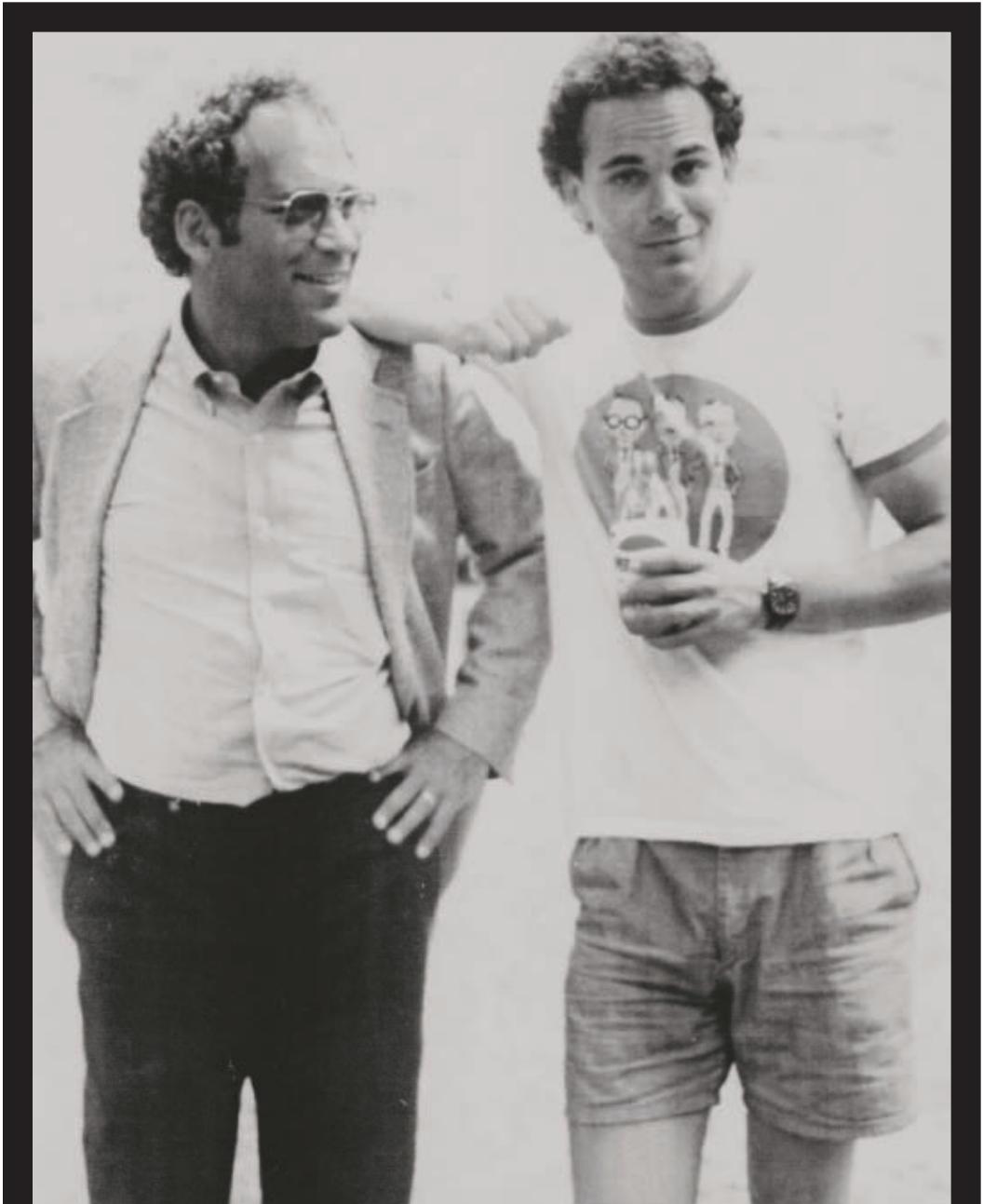
breaking a sweat. I needed my new bosses to see what the old ones always had and begin to thicken the ice that had started to feel remarkably thin beneath me.



might’ve been done for the day, but Obama wasn’t. While he raised the roof delivering his stump speech, I walked off the arena floor and into an outer lobby, looking for a corner that might shield enough of the noise so I could call my wife. I checked in with Stina twice a day, bare minimum, once when she woke up and again just before she went to bed, and tried to catch her several other times so I could talk to our three kids as well. I could tell from the four rings before she picked up, and her sleepy voice once she did, that

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Like father, like son: Axelrod and his dad



she'd fallen asleep reading to Bobby, our four-year-old.

"Hi, honey," she said, her voice trailing off. She sounded so worn-out. Sure she was tired of raising three kids alone, with me gone for months at a time, but this was more than fatigue. She was worried. This had nothing to do with her husband's new bosses and a change in his professional standing. In the eight years since my father died, she'd watched me head off to cover two wars, suffer enough post-traumatic stress to require several months of therapy, then allow my unrestrained ambition to lead me to an intensely demanding job at the White House. Until his death we'd been walking a path together, holding hands. Then suddenly I'd dropped hers and veered off into some thick woods, chasing something I couldn't catch. The easy joy Stina had always found as a wife and mother had started to leach from her home.

"That's okay, Stina," I told her. "Back to sleep. I'll talk to you in the morning. Love you." I hung up feeling hollow and detached. The balancing act I'd worked out long ago between my scampering up the career ladder and remaining connected to my wife and kids had started to feel badly outdated.

Wandering back into the arena, I climbed the stairs up to the media riser, pulled out my BlackBerry, and scrolled down to Dave's e-mail. I hit Open and saw a chart:

| YEAR | FIRST NAME | LAST NAME | AGE | TIME |
|------|------------|-----------|-----|---------|
| 1980 | ROB | AXE | 44 | 3:42:43 |
| | ERT | LRO | | |
| | | D | | |
| 1981 | ROB | AXE | 45 | 3:39:53 |
| | ERT | LRO | | |
| | | D | | |
| 1982 | ROB | AXE | 46 | 3:29:58 |
| | ERT | LRO | | |
| | | D | | |

It took a moment for me to realize what I was looking at, and just a split second more for my nose to wrinkle and my eyes to fill. Dave, who loved to tool around on the Web, panning for whatever nuggets he could find from our pasts, had found my father's race times for the three New York City Marathons he'd run in the early 1980s.

The tears were no surprise. I'm a world-class weeper. Since she was five, my daughter, Emma, has proudly declared, "My dad cries more than most men." Funerals and weddings are for amateurs. I've lost it at the end of *Charlotte's Web*. But nothing brings the tears more reliably than thinking about my dad.

His was one of those deaths that left everyone shaking their heads and scared the hell out of the men in the neighborhood. Never mind the three marathons he'd run in his forties. He'd eaten right and hadn't been much of a drinker. His parents had been ninety-one and eighty-nine at his funeral. And my mom was a health-food nut who'd made my dad the first guy on the block to mix wheat germ into his yogurt. He bubbled over with vigor. If they could've figured out a way to harness his energy, he could've lit Cleveland for a decade. All that, and he'd died at the age of sixty-three in January 2000, following a nine-year battle with prostate cancer.

I put the BlackBerry back in its holster and watched Obama finish his stump speech. "Yes we can. Yes we can. Yes we can, Houston." The electrified crowd didn't want to go anywhere, but after ten minutes, they realized he wasn't coming back

onstage. The houselights went up, and the arena began to clear.

Wanting to look at my dad's race times again, I climbed down off the riser and found a dull-brown metal folding chair, collapsed and leaning against a wall. I grabbed it, unfolded it, and sat down, rocking slightly back and forth with my BlackBerry extended at arm's length to accommodate my rapidly deteriorating vision, which I'd been refusing to acknowledge.

"Okay, let's see here, he ran 3:39:53 when he was forty-five."

I was whispering to myself, lips barely moving, as I went from column to column, performing calculations.

"He ran 3:39:53 when he was forty-five," I repeated, digesting what I was seeing. My mind raced to the next set of numbers. "Then 3:29:58, when he was forty-six." That stopped me for half a second. I remembered my dad telling me, when I was a kid and he was in the middle of his marathon years, that breaking 3:30 was a big deal. Going sub-3:30 meant running a little more than twenty-six miles at eight minutes per mile, an impressive pace.

"He broke 3:30 when he was forty-six," I continued to myself.

I sat and rocked for half a minute more, thinking of the framed photograph hanging in the front hallway of our home in the Washington, D.C., suburb of Chevy Chase, Maryland. There was my father, enraptured, crossing the finish line of one of those marathons, his arms thrusting straight up in triumph. I could use some of that. His body may have been exhausted, but his eyes were dancing. A running magazine had published it, clearly looking to inspire.

"I'd need at least a year."

I'd never run a marathon, but I'd watched my dad as he planned his training, beginning a year before the race. I knew the kind of dedication required just to finish a marathon, never mind to run one in eight-minute miles. The old man was already in top shape when he did it, having run steadily for four years before he took on the challenge. I didn't even pause—

"I could do this."

—which was slightly delusional, given that I was in the worst shape of my life, flabby in every imaginable way. Without much of a fight, I'd surrendered to the grind of the campaign trail, dismissing the thought of exercise as an indulgence the long hours didn't permit. At that moment, leaning forward in that brown metal chair, elbows on my knees, BlackBerry in my hands, belly drooping over my belt and sagging toward the floor, I couldn't run around the block.

"It might be just what I need."

I knew the New York City Marathon was always run in late October or early November. In other words, right around Election Day. No way, especially if Hillary won the nomination. But 2009 was a definite possibility. I'd be forty-six years old. My dad's age when he ran his last New York City Marathon would be my age running my first.

"Twenty-one months. I could do that."

I tried to slow myself down to take full measure of what I was contemplating. But I couldn't. My very next thought was on me in a heartbeat. It wasn't a choice. It was instinct. There was nothing conscious about it.

"I bet I can run it faster than he did." ☀

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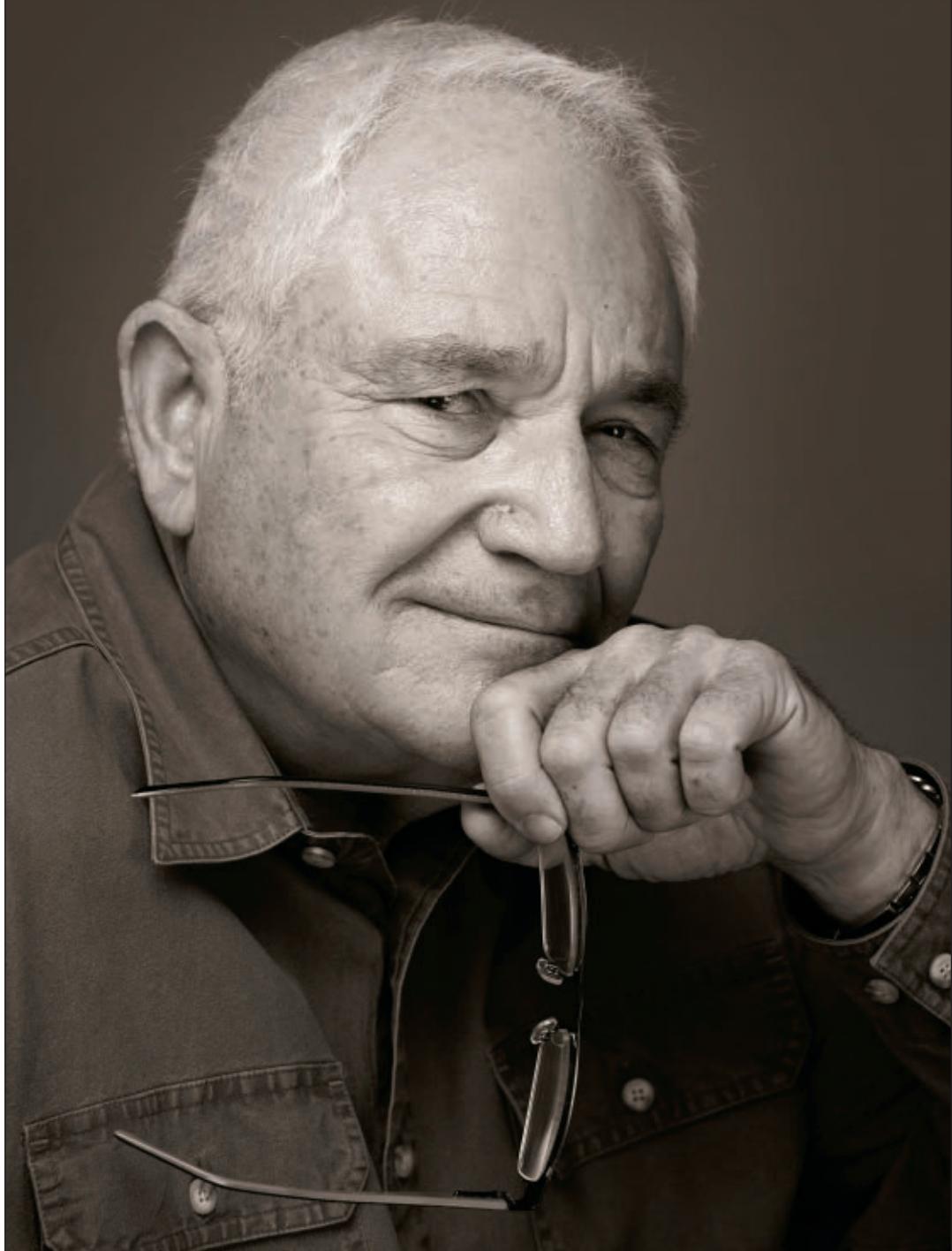
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At the Eighty-Third Academy Awards in February, Javier Bardem and Josh Brolin—a dashing pair of chisel-jawed, dark-haired actors clad in matching white dinner jackets—presented the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay. In his suave Spanish accent, Bardem listed the nominees: *Another Year*, *The Fighter*, *Inception*, *The Kids Are All Right*, *The King's Speech*. Brolin then opened the golden envelope and announced the winner: David Seidler '59 for *The King's Speech*, a historical drama about George VI's struggles to overcome his stutter with the help of an unconventional speech therapist.

Seidler took the stage, looking a bit lost; he needed help finding the microphone, which was so slender as to be almost invisible. But once he located it, he brought the house down. "My father always said to me," the courtly, white-haired Seidler told the elegantly clad audience, "I would be a late bloomer."

At seventy-three, Seidler became the oldest person to win an original screenplay Oscar—the pinnacle of a career that began in the mid-Sixties with six episodes of the long-forgotten TV series "Adventures of the Seaspray." Until *The King's Speech*,



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Screenwriter David Seidler '59 on curing his stutter, winning an Oscar, the power of the f-word, and why he didn't write *The King's Speech* as an undergrad. (Hint: girls were involved.)

Seidler's best-known film was the 1988 Francis Ford Coppola picture *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*, starring Jeff Bridges as an ill-fated automotive entrepreneur. Much of his work had been in television biopics, including *Malice in Wonderland* (about gossip mavens Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons), *Onassis: The Richest Man in the World*, and *Come On, Get Happy: The Partridge Family Story*.

For Seidler, *The King's Speech* was a labor of love. Not only did it resonate personally—a childhood stutterer himself, he'd been inspired by the king's strides in overcoming his speech impediment—but the film was decades in the making. In the early Eighties, he'd asked the king's elderly widow (Elizabeth, the Queen Mother) for permission to write about her husband's speech problems, but she'd told him the subject was still too painful and requested that he wait until her death. He agreed—never imagining that she'd live another two decades, passing away in 2002 at the age of 101.

Born in London, Seidler came to the U.S. with his parents as a toddler to escape World War II; he claims that his stammer began on the transatlantic crossing. He grew up on Long Island and majored in English on the Hill—where he first put

his mind to the idea of writing about George VI. "That organ, however, was easily distracted by girls," Seidler recalled in an essay published in the *Daily Mail* last December, "so nothing much came of the effort."

When he finally tackled the subject in late 2005, he wrote it as a stage play; once the movie rights were optioned he swiftly adapted it to the screen. Directed by Tom Hooper (who helmed the TV miniseries *John Adams*), *The King's Speech* stars Colin Firth as Bertie, the future King George VI; Helena Bonham Carter as his wife; and Geoffrey Rush as speech therapist Lionel Logue. It was nominated for twelve Oscars and won four, including Best Picture; in addition to his Academy Award, the film earned Seidler a BAFTA (the British Oscar), a Critics Choice Award, and a Golden Globe nomination, among other honors.

In mid-April, Seidler returned to Ithaca to introduce the film at Cornell Cinema and answer questions from the audience. It was just the second time he'd been back to campus since his graduation; his previous visit was in 1979. Before the screening, Seidler spoke with CAM over drinks at the Statler Hotel.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: What's it like to win an Oscar?

David Seidler:

It's most peculiar. It's really very strange. No pre-imagining quite prepares one. One does fantasize. What if I win? How will I feel? And then it happens and it's somewhat otherworldly, like being abducted by aliens.

CAM: Do you remember walking from your seat to the stage?

DS: I was very conscious of "Don't trip, don't fall on your face, it's going to look bad." When I got up there Javier Bardem and Josh Brolin turned it over to me—but nobody had warned me that the microphone is very thin and black, and of course everyone is wearing tuxedos. I had trouble finding the mike, which was a little embarrassing.

CAM: Had you prepared a speech—and if so did you stick to it?

DS: I had loosely prepared some remarks. I couldn't stick to them very well because my first line got too long a laugh, and they count that in your forty-five seconds. I had only given my first sentence when this damn prompter was saying, "Wind it up, wind it up." I had to leave out all my thank yous.

CAM: Was there actually someone giving you the wind-up sign?

DS: It's a digital prompter that says WIND IT UP in big red letters.

CAM: At one of the most important moments of your life? That had to be distracting.

DS: Yeah, a little bit. But nobody wants to listen to the writer.

CAM: As you noted in your speech, you're the oldest person ever to win for Best Original Screenplay. In our youth-obsessed culture, was that particularly sweet?

DS: It's a nice victory lap. It has added a zero to my price, which is really good. I've got a lot of work. Everybody takes me terribly seriously. It's a wonderful thing. But I'm glad it has happened to me now, and not when I was younger.

CAM: Why?

DS: I can see how it can mess up your head. It's so divorced from reality. It's so bizarre that I think a younger person could get really off track, because you can start taking yourself too seriously.

CAM: Why did you want to write about King George VI's speech problems?

Royal couple: Queen Elizabeth and King George VI, parents of Queen Elizabeth II





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DS: I was a profound stutterer, and a childhood of stuttering is no fun. But during the war my parents encouraged me to listen to the king's speeches and they would say things like, "David, he was a far worse stutterer than you, but listen to him now." He was never perfect, but he was able to give stirring wartime speeches that rallied the troops, the commonwealth, the free world.

CAM: So at the time, the average Brit knew he had a stutter? It wasn't concealed, like FDR's paralysis from polio?

DS: It was hard to hide. FDR's legs you could put a blanket over; you could avoid showing him standing up. But if the king has to speak and he can't, you can't hide that. So everybody knew it but nobody said anything. It was swept under the carpet. That's why very little was written about it, or about Lionel Logue, because the royal stutter was a source of embarrassment. In those days, it was called a speech defect—and if you had one you were a defective person. You couldn't have the King of England called a defective person. So it was known throughout England but never talked about.

CAM: How did you feel about the film getting an R rating, solely for the scene in which the "f-word" is used as a means of speech therapy?

DS: To rate *The King's Speech* the same as, say, *Saw 3-D* makes you wonder, what are they smoking and where can I get some? On television and radio, you can advertise a film called *Little Fockers*. Who are we kidding? There's a great deal of hypocrisy. Those words are in that scene for a specific purpose. It is not puerile, there's no sexual innuendo, no insult, no threat. It's purely for therapeutic reasons.

CAM: Why was that scene so important to include?

DS: It's one of the very few scenes that I could not prove actually happened—but I know it must have, or something very similar to it, because it's a cathartic moment that every stutterer goes through. In my case I was sixteen. I knew that if I didn't get a good handle on my stutter by late adolescence, my chances went down precipitously, because the older you get, the



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Talking points: Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush in *The King's Speech* (top). Above: King George VI addresses his people on September 4, 1939, the day after Britain declared war on Nazi Germany.

**‘I am still a Brit,
even though I
am also an
American
citizen. And
when the Queen
Mother says to
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“Please wait,”
you wait.’**

harder it is to deal with. I was sixteen, hormones were raging, I couldn't ask girls out on a date—and even if I could and they said yes, what was the point? I couldn't talk to them.

CAM: So how did you cope with it?

DS: I got very discouraged and depressed at first, but I'm not a depressive personality. I don't stay down long. I get angry. I get defiant. So I started verbalizing in my bedroom, jumping up and down on my bed, basically the f-word. And my thoughts went something like this: "This is f-wording unfair. Why have the gods visited this affliction upon me? I haven't done anything terribly wrong; I didn't sleep with my mother or kill my father. And if I'm stuck with this affliction the rest of my life, f-word you all. You're stuck with listening to me, because I am not going to remain silent. I have a right to be heard." And that psychological turn was the beginning. Within two weeks my stutter had, to a large extent, melted away.

CAM: Why did you agree to the Queen Mother's request that you wait until after her death to write about her late husband's speech problems?

DS: That's when my American friends realized I really am still a Brit, because Americans don't understand it. I am still a Brit, even though I am also an American citizen; I carry both passports. And when the Queen Mother says to an Englishman, "Please wait," you wait.

CAM: Did you understand why she wanted you to hold off?

DS: I did. It had been such a profoundly painful experience for her, and she was still so embittered that David [King Edward VIII] had abdicated, had not done his job, had forced her husband to become king when he didn't expect to be king, hadn't been trained to be king. He wasn't even qualified to be king with his speech impediment and his fragile health. And she felt, with a fair degree of justification, that this had killed him, that he had died prematurely. She didn't want to be reminded of it, and I could get that. And I didn't think I was going to have to wait that long.

CAM: What was it like to see it finally brought to the screen?

DS: It was a huge relief. This movie almost didn't get made so many times. The financing was so tricky. After a few days of rehearsal and seeing Colin nail it, I thought, My goodness, it's not only getting made, it's getting made *well*.

CAM: Can you describe a scene that you find particularly affecting?

DS: There's a scene after Bertie has had a very bad time with his father, who has bullied him about giving a speech on the radio—"Spit it out, boy!" He's lying in his study with a wet towel over his eyes, and he gets up angrily to put on the phonograph record that Logue has given him, expecting to hear himself stutter. And of course we hear him speaking Hamlet's soliloquy brilliantly, and Tom [Hooper] did something really wonderful. You see something come into lower frame; it's Elizabeth in her dressing gown. And you pan up and see her face, and for the first time she's hearing her husband speak beautifully. I was terribly moved by that scene.

CAM: What's next for you?

DS: I have three movies signed up. I'm doing a script called *The Lady Who Went Too Far*, about Lady Hester Stanhope, who went to the Middle East during the Napoleonic Wars and became a female Lawrence of Arabia. I'm doing a rewrite of a script called *Judge* for Robert Downey Jr. And I sold to the producing team of the *Bourne* and *Indiana Jones* movies a script called *The Games of 1940*, based on a true story about the Olympic games, which officially never took place. They were scheduled to be in Tokyo, but they didn't happen. In Stalag 13A near Longwasser, Nuremberg, 150,000 Allied prisoners of war were being kept in appalling circumstances to crush their spirit. They decided that, to retain their humanity, they would hold an international prisoner of war Olympic games in 1940, and they did it without the Germans knowing.

CAM: Does having won an Oscar affect your creative process? When—like every writer—you sit down alone to work, does something feel different?

DS: I don't know. I haven't worked for seven months. It's very disconcerting. It began with the Telluride Film Festival and it's been nonstop. After the Oscars I went to New Zealand for a month to chill out. Now I'm back and I've got to get to work.

CAM: Last question: Where do you keep your Oscar?

DS: I was going to use it as a doorstop. But currently it's on a cabinet shelf in my dining room, flanked by my two BAFTAs. 

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For Young Alumni, Undergrad Was Just the Beginning

By Scott Pesner '87

On May 29, Cornell's alumni ranks grew as more than 3,500 undergraduates and 2,500 grad students became alumni. While this glorious transition has happened annually for nearly 150 years, the benefits and opportunities available to Cornell alumni in the "real world" aren't always apparent to new graduates. "During my time as a student, Cornell seemed like a massive and overwhelming community that engages the majority of your time, passion, and interests," says Mike McDermott '09, co-president of his class and a law student at Boston College. "Becoming a member of the alumni community is seen more as an unwanted finish line—who wants to leave Cornell?"

McDermott's attitude about alumni involvement changed his final year of undergrad, when he volunteered for the Senior Class Campaign. "Through the campaign and my work with the alumni community," he says, "I learned that graduation is *not* the end of life with Cornell." Like many Cornellians, McDermott has kept in touch with his fraternity brothers and teammates. But he has also developed amazing friendships with members of the Class of 2009 he barely knew—or never even met—when he was on campus.

Class co-presidents Stephanie Rigione '10 and Darin Lamar Jones '10 have had similar experiences. Both Rigione (a Boston native) and Jones (who grew up in Florida) are now in New York City, home to 18,000 other Cornell alumni. Rigione has parlayed the

skills she gained while working on the Senior Class Campaign into a career in fundraising, while Jones is studying at the Union Theological Seminary. "I thought I would need to work really hard to keep my Cornell connections, but just the opposite has happened," said Rigione, who attends young alumni events, participates in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN), and hangs out at the Cornell Club-New York. "The network was here—it fell into my lap."

Cornell's role in life after graduation has been on the mind of Alina Zolotareva '11, who serves as co-president of her class. "We love Cornell, but we don't all understand what lies ahead for us," she says. "Some of my classmates think, I'll never see some of these people again. But I now know they're wrong. You will see these people again because there will be plenty of opportunities to do so."

Indeed, helping Cornell's newest alumni stay connected is the task facing Margaux Neiderbach '99, who joined Alumni Affairs and Development as its first director of student and young alumni programs in 2009. Her



Big Red spirit: Rebecca Robbins '09 (left), Stephanie Rigione '10, and Alina Zolotareva '11 at the young alumni reception at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in January

staff of four includes three young alumni: Pat Burns '09, Corey Earle '07, and Svante Myrick '09. Their mission is to engage Cornellians from orientation to graduation and beyond, with the goal of establishing lifelong relationships. Neiderbach and her team travel across the country producing young alumni events and meeting with graduates. They create opportunities for students to become involved in the alumni world, increase student and alumni interaction, and support young alumni volunteers and leaders in their roles on behalf of the University. In addition,

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her group oversees the Senior Class Campaign, class programs for alumni up to twenty years out, and reunions for the youngest classes. "I truly enjoy connecting with young alumni, finding out what excites them about the University, and creating opportunities for Cornell to benefit them personally and professionally," Neiderbach says.

To support student and young alumni initiatives, Neiderbach's team depends on the talents of many of its young alumni stars, such as Rebecca Robbins '09, co-president of her class. "It's imperative that we stay connected and that we give back," Robbins says. "But 'I'm giving back' doesn't just mean financially; some classmates are not able to. So we're also thinking of creative ways to engage people to give back in the form of time and talent."

One unique event that Robbins helped manage, with the support of Student and Young Alumni Programs, took place last summer in New York City. Members of the Class of '09 welcomed the Class of '10 to New York with a panel that focused on the transition from student to professional or graduate



New grads: Margaux Neiderbach '99 (center), director of student and young alumni programs, celebrates Commencement 2010 with class presidents Stephanie Rrigione '10 and Darin Jones '10.

student. Panelists—who represented a variety of post-Cornell career paths including finance, medical school, law school, accounting, consulting, non-profits, and marketing—discussed alumni opportunities and life outside of work. After the event, members of the two classes went to a nearby bar to continue networking. "I think it was really successful for both the panelists and the attendees," says Robbins, who is looking

into other events to bring her classmates together with other alumni.

The biggest challenge for Student and Young Alumni Programs is getting young graduates to keep their contact information up to date. As they move and change jobs frequently, it can be hard to keep track. "We hear from young alumni all the time who think there aren't activities in their area," Neiderbach says. "Once they update their information, they start to receive event invitations and volunteer opportunities and realize that Cornellians are everywhere and they are quite active."

As Student and Young Alumni Programs develops, it will offer more ways to bring alumni and students together. This summer, for example, networking events will be held for undergrads working as interns in New York City, Boston, and San Francisco. In May, a "Life After Cornell" presentation by alumni leaders offered information on CAAAN, regional club programs, diversity alumni associations, career services, and networking opportunities. The Class of 2011 was also invited to participate in the first-ever "Reunion Zero" on campus two weeks after graduation, featuring a barbecue and opportunities to mingle with the other 6,000 alumni celebrating their reunions.

For the past two years, student leaders have traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference. "It was impressive to see 700-plus alumni from so many generations coming together because they enjoy giving back, and knowing that I'll be doing the same," said Jeff Stulmaker '11, co-president of his class. Neiderbach's team is also working with colleagues across the University to invigorate Homecoming Weekend (September 16–18) by adding events specifically for students and young alumni. In addition to producing events, her office partners with regional clubs to develop young alumni groups and has offered the most recent graduating classes a free one-year subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

With engaged young alumni and a talented staff in Ithaca, Cornell can count on the newest generations to step up. "You realize after you graduate that Cornell is more than just a four-year experience," said Rrigione. "The alumni experience has so far exceeded my expectations. I've been displaced from Ithaca, but I haven't left Cornell."

Senior Class Campaign Gets Creative

It's a Cornell tradition to ask the senior class to fundraise for the next generation, usually through a scholarship or gift to the Annual Fund. This year, Senior Class Campaign co-presidents (and now class presidents) Alina Zolotareva '11 and Jeff Stulmaker '11 added a new dimension. In addition to financial gifts, donations of time and talent were encouraged. "Our theme was 'Time, Talent, and Treasure,' to focus on ways to give back to Cornell through volunteering to benefit the University," says Zolotareva. Students participated in phonathons through the campaign, planted a campus garden, volunteered with mental health and sustainability initiatives, and produced videos (search on YouTube for "161 Things To Do Before Graduating Cornell") that not only prompted giving to the class campaign, but also encouraged students to "Leave Your Mark."



Alina Zolotareva '11 and Jeff Stulmaker '11

Outgoing CAA President: 'We've Made Great Progress'

By Nancy Abrams Dreier '86

My predecessor, Rolf Frantz '66, ME '67, noted in his final column that during his time in office he'd seen dramatic changes at Cornell. President David Skorton and his wife, Professor Robin Davisson, came to Cornell, and there was a significant reorganization of Alumni Affairs and Development with the arrival of Vice President Charlie Phlegar and Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs Chris Marshall. Rolf hoped that my tenure would be a bit calmer.

The last two years have been anything but calm as we have navigated an environment of change and growth. As the new Alumni Affairs Strategic Plan emerged and the organizational chart evolved, the role of what was then called the Cornell Alumni Federation became clear. It was our charge to align with the Office of Alumni Affairs to support its mission of engaging alumni.

In the first one hundred days, the board overwhelmingly approved a motion to return to the organization's original name, Cornell Alumni Association, to increase its recognition among all alumni. Our next order of business was to collaborate with Alumni Affairs staff, members of the Board of Trustees, and other advisers to reimagine our purpose. We spent time determining the proper structure of the association's board to best represent and serve our member organizations and all alumni. We've made great progress, and I expect that the finishing

touches to the governing documents of the organization will be made over the summer.

Led by association vice president Stephanie Keene Fox '89, Shana Mueller '95, and Meg Tallman '92, the Directors from the Regions and members of our training and development committee completed an online toolbox of training materials for board members and regional club leaders. The addition of webinars for training has facilitated communication and allowed volunteers to collaborate in real time.

As the owner of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, CAA has worked to publish an award-winning publication that delivers a balanced presentation of Cornell and its alumni. A priority over the last several years has been to seek University support for distribution to all alumni. At the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in January, Charlie Phlegar pledged University resources to enable a new digital era for the magazine. My thanks go out to Charlie, Vice President of University Communications Tommy Bruce, CAM editor and publisher Jim Roberts '71, Dick Levine '62, Bill Howard '74, Rolf Frantz, and many other committee members for their tireless efforts.

Additional board priorities include training and development and rewards and recognition. We look forward to working with Laura Dembow and Tina Gourley in identifying volunteer leadership and training opportunities for all alumni. As we seek to recognize our valued



volunteers and constituent organizations, we'll collaborate with Beth Hamilton.

The list of opportunities and activities is long, and the 2011–12 board will have plenty of chances to make its mark. I'm thrilled to pass the CAA tiara and baton to the incoming president, my dear friend Stephanie Fox. Stephanie has distinguished herself as a team builder and an admired leader.

It has been an honor to serve on the CAA board for the past thirteen years, and I am looking forward to joining my predecessors (and friends) as a president emerita. In closing, I'd like to thank David Skorton, Charlie Phlegar, Tommy Bruce, Chris Marshall, and Jennifer Lynham Cunningham '92 for their incredible support.

Rhodes Awards Winners Announced

The Cornell Alumni Association has announced the recipients of the 2011 Frank H. T. Rhodes Award for Exemplary Alumni Service. This highest alumni honor, named for Cornell's ninth president, recognizes graduates who have given long-term volunteer service to Cornell throughout their lifetimes to a wide variety of alumni organizations. This year's recipients are Robert Abrams '53, Walter Bruska '50, Anne Estabrook '65, MBA '66, Muriel "Micki" Bertenthal Kuhs '61, Ginny Wallace Panzer '55, and Steven Siegel '68. The awards will be presented at a dinner on Friday night of Homecoming weekend.

ILR Honors

The School of Industrial and Labor Relations honored two of its alumni at a formal awards dinner in March at the Pierre Hotel in Manhattan.

Barry Hartstein '73 received the Judge William B. Groat Alumni Award, given for achievement in the field of industrial relations and support of the school. A partner at Littler Mendelson, PC, Hartstein is a member of the University Council, the ILR Advisory Council, the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations, and the executive committee of the ILR Alumni Association.

Also that evening, the Jerome Alpern Distinguished Service Award was presented to Joseph Scelfo '79, MBA '80, executive vice president



Joseph Scelfo '79 (left) and Barry Hartstein '73

and chief financial officer at Hess Corporation. The award honors an alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding service and support to the school, and recognizes those whose career accomplishments have been primarily outside the field of industrial and labor relations.

41 This is my official resignation as your reporter, but I plan to write a Reunion Report for the Sept/Oct issue to end my Tour of Enjoyable Duty. I hope to get personal reports from those of you who looked forward to the 65th and attended along with me.

Why am I retiring? We are finding increasing stress in our downsizing/decluttering, although we still hope to stay here and handle the complexities of medical problems and schedules. All of you share these, so I don't need to elaborate.

When I heard that **Jean Way** Schoonover had died in early April, I had the same sinking feeling that I had five years ago when we all arrived for our 65th Reunion and my dear friend **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins had died suddenly on the Tuesday before. Jean became a good friend as I became your reporter, with lots of news about meetings she attended. She was a model class president—charming, but modest about her high intelligence and business acumen. We have all lost a very dear friend.

Three of you sent news forms this year that I have not yet noted: **Martha Perkins** Melfi (Syracuse, NY), **Jean Palmer Gerlach** and husband **Theodore '38** (Lebanon, NH), and **Marjorie Lee** Treadwell (Naples, FL, and Grosse Ile, MI) with a report that life in both areas has many enjoyable features, not the least of which is leading her singing group, the Warblers, playing golf, attending marriages of grandchildren, and enjoying a 5-year-old great-grand. Ken now has 14 greats, but none are nearby—our great regret, though it may be one of the reasons we hang on to our home for visits that we enjoy.

Cornell Alumni Magazine continues to amaze me with its extraordinary content and beautiful photography. It is a privilege to have been a member of the Class Notes team, but even without that feature there is much to enjoy in each issue. My congratulations to my colleague **Warner Lansing**, PhD '49, who has done a superb job reporting on '41 Men. As I write this column in early April, I will hope to see you and Willie Ann at reunion. ☐ **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, kid12054@netzero.com.

Like Shirley, I am resigning as your men's reporter, but also like her, I shall try to write a post-Reunion Report before I "clear out my desk."

I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my relationship with Shirley over these past five years. To an engineer like me, she is awesome at expressing herself. The members of the staff at *Cornell Alumni Magazine* that I worked with have also been a real class act. Adele Robinette, who is the Class Notes editor and associate publisher, has been especially helpful and understanding. (Judging from my performance, the class notes part of her job must be a little like "herding cats!")

As for why I'm joining Shirley in retiring from my class duties, in my case, it's that I've regressed so much in the last year! I suppose we're all going through similar experiences. The thing that annoys me most is that I can't remember anything! Literally! However, God willing, I hope that by the time you read this, I will have made

it to reunion and that you will have done so too. ☐ **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trail S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlansing@bellsouth.net.

42 "Join us at the Blarney Stone Irish Pub in Seattle to watch the Cornell men's hockey championship game!" Imagine getting such an invitation! Takes me back to our years in Ithaca and our championship teams. Cornell also boasts the NCAA 149-pound wrestling champion; the team placed second in the Division I championships. How great that we can compete with collegiate powerhouses when we have no athletic scholarships! Makes us very proud.

Always nice thoughts from **Ed Markham** (Bainbridge, WA), who heard from **Gus Vollmer** (Butler, NJ). Ed and Yoshiko plan to meet Gus at the Montana Ranch and Crow Indian Pow-wow Fair in August. It's time for a famous "rum in a milk can party." Ed looks forward to the 70th. The Markhams also enjoy their family get-togethers and their three great-grands, who all live in the Puget Sound area. **Kathryn Fiske** Weikel (Pottstown, PA) so enjoyed watching her grandson Geof in the "Ace of Cakes" show on the Food Network for four years. But now, sadly, it has ended. "My daughter **Jane Weikel** Manthorne '66 and husband Bryce had a reunion to celebrate my 90th birthday. Geof made a cake that was a replica of the English Tudor House that was my home from birth until I came to Pottstown in June 1942. A great time was had by all." Kathryn continues her 20 years of volunteering at the local hospital and so "enjoys seeing young mothers and their newborns and patients being discharged as life goes on."

Esther and **Tom Flanagan** (Norwich, NY) are enrolled for 2011, but sent no news. **William and Betty Luxford Webster '39** (Hamburg, NY) thought of moving to Wyoming, where two of their children reside, but are happy where they are. Bill's hobby is playing the piano for senior sing-alongs. He has 150 gigs planned at six different facilities. His songbook was inspired by Babe and **Bill Lynch '39**. He'd like to hear from **Bill Templeton** (Oceanside, CA) and **Ruth Harder Dugan '35**. **Virginia Stockamore** Henry (Albany, NY) still volunteers with the Red Cross at the Albany Medical Center Hospital, where she meets interesting people; she gets satisfaction out of helping. She also enjoys Vanguard and the Albany Symphony. She says that all the courses, activities, etc., at Cornell "have contributed to a richer, more meaningful life." **Helen Sleeper** Ryan (Hightstown, NJ) sent a phone number but no news.

Henry and **Gladys McKeever** Seebald (Wyomissing, PA) are celebrating their first great-granddaughter. **Richard Shotwell**, MS '54 (Glen Cove, NY; RAShotwell@aol.com) traveled from Auburn to Long Island visiting family and friends and attending reunions of three classes he advised at Springs Central School. They also enjoyed a cruise to the Bahamas with a Florida Masonic group. **Margaret Belknap** Smith (Laurel, MD; monga2042@webtv.net) cruised the Baltic countries and welcomed the birth of her tenth and

eleventh grandchildren. Margaret belongs to the prayer shawl ministry at her church. Since 2005 she says she has "made 334 shawls that have been distributed around the world. One went to a tribal chief in Mali, West Africa. The group has made 904 to date." Quite an accomplishment.

Isabelle Ward Esposito moved to a Bennington, VT, apartment in a senior residence to be near her daughter. She is having difficulties adjusting from a home to apartment living. She gardens during the summer and enjoys crossword, jigsaw, and Sudoku puzzles. (Ed. note: Me, too!) Isabelle stays fit doing a little gardening, but hasn't as yet gotten involved with any organizations. She also enjoys just walking, year round. She'd love to hear from **Muffy "Ruth" Wiggins** Kreidler.

I have discovered a book that was to me amazing, and I'm sure all would be as shocked as I was to find out about Russia during WWII. *Hidden in the Spotlight* by Greg Dawson tells the true story of his mother during the conflict. Very interesting. Do e-mail those above or contact me to get phone numbers. Thanks to all who continue to support our class and for sending in information about your lives. This column only exists because we want to hear about our "old" friends. So do keep in touch with me throughout the year. Address, e-mail, and phone number are below. I'm usually home and love to hear from you. Hope you are all doing well. ☐ **Carolyn Finneran**, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, Carolynfinn@comcast.net; tel., (253) 326-4806.

43 Sadly we turn down an empty glass for longtime friend **Bill Vanneman '31**, who made it to 102 in fine fettle, but not to 103. I had recently read that nobody looks back on old age, but, alas, I never got to ask Bill if he ever thought about what it was like to be 100. Thanks to his exemplary legacy I was invited to make what turned out to be the most fun speech of my life.

One of the rules imposed on us class correspondents is that we follow the name of anyone who did not attend the Big Red Schoolhouse on the Hill with (NC)—not Cornell—so that the People in Fact-Checking don't waste time chasing the Wild Goose (NC). Like the time I neglected to indicate (NC) after Tooth Fairy (NC). For the current issue I have asked that the aforementioned PIFC do not delete (NC) prior to sending to the People in Type-Setting.

In a recent request for news and dues, we asked for opinions of where Barack Obama (NC) has succeeded and where failed. [In error, we sent the same form twice. Please hold the duplicate till midway through his second term. There's a dear.] The majority of you voted with **Dick Bonser** for John McCain (NC), but found Sarah Palin (NC) a poor choice for VP.

"Despairing over politics," bemoans **Al Gould** (Jekyll Island, GA), "the most recent 40 years, but really the last 211. Bring back G. Washington and the United States. I fear that our Great Generation let too much slip away." Al also wistfully recalls a crush he had on "great gal" **Ruth Cosline** Rhynedance '44.

Many think the Bush residue and the Republican bloc make the job impossible. Others agree with **Bill Leuchtenburg** that Obama has succeeded in health care and foreign relations, and failed in job creation. Not at all incidentally, Bill has just marked his 30th year of collaboration with Ken Burns (NC), which began with "Huey Long" and has included such epics as "The Civil War," "Baseball," and "The National Parks." He will be seen on camera in "Prohibition" and "The Roosevelts" and is now working with Burns on "The Dust Bowl."

Jarman Kennard (Fairview Park, OH) engages in the Huff & Puff exercise program and sings barbershop, while **Tom Baskous** (Schenectady, NY) plays fiddle with the Adirondack Fiddlers and viola with the local senior concert orchestra. **Mary Honor Crowley** Rivin (Santa Fe, NM) writes: "Doc prescribed 60 pills twice daily at \$605, of which insurance would pay \$141. I argued for and was granted absolution without sacrament." **Jane Strahan** Davis (Danville, AR) still paints and would like to hear from "anyone in Ornithology back in the day."

John Vanderslice (Valencia, PA; pop. 384) reports that he enjoys hearing from **Bill Grimes** (Tucson, AZ). So do we: "Sorry about the scrunched-up writing, Miller, but like everything else in my life, it's diminishing. I live in a premier retirement community—full care until no care is needed, and then the rush to re-rent your digs. Between now and that day we have endless games to play, endless meals to eat, endless doctors to see. Still driving, helping great-grandkids with 529 funding, awaken happy every day." Upbeat news also from **Lillian Fuller** Jones (Las Vegas, NM): "Volunteering at the local museum, practicing sign language, clay sculpture, walking our dogs along the river bank."

"**Joseph '45** and I live quietly and comfortably in the Health Center in Denville, NJ," writes **Doris Fenton Klockner**, who would like to hear from one-time roommate **June Gilbert** Klitgord. **Susannah Krehbiel** Horger, MD '47, reports: "A great occasion was a family reunion. Husband Joseph, all six children, and eight grandchildren with significant others added to the glory of the day." This from **Pat Rider** Huber (Cromwell, CT): "Cruised the Cape Cod Canal and attended the Annual Scallop Fest in Bourne. Wonderful food on a gorgeous day!" Asked how the recent recession has affected her, **Barbara Styles** Hagan (Hendersonville, NC), who misses **Jane Adams** Wait, responds: "All of our children, grandchildren, and in-law children are employed or in school. Who needs more?"

James Joyce (NC) writes: "And thanks be to God, Johnny, said Mr. Dedalus (NC), that we lived so long and did so little harm." □ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

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Helen Wright Murphy (Wappingers Falls, NY) retired in March 2010. How is that going for you, Helen? **Pearne Billings** (Syracuse, NY) writes that he is the most decorated WWII veteran in New York State, with 15 medals. **Bobbie Hall** Bowne (Sidney, NY) shared these thoughts: "News seems hard to come by, but perhaps that's because the 'good news' is not the new news, but being able to say 'Well done!' occasionally. Cornell '44 can surely say, 'Well done!' We are well and so thankful to have family nearby. I have started a

Parkinson's support group with about 15 PKs who support and learn together. Days are never long enough. We keep busy." **Chuck DeBare**, JD '49, spends summers at the Jersey Shore. He and wife Mary, both previously widowed, were looking forward to their 23rd wedding anniversary. "With ten grandchildren and six children with families, who all visit us at the shore, Mary and I need a vacation come August," he writes. "But lucky us, we're both in good health and enjoy a full and busy life."

Dwight Scholl '86 writes on behalf of his mother, **Eleanor Bloomfield** Scholl, that although she has had several health setbacks, she is doing much better. When he wrote, Eleanor was on her way to Bermuda with her daughter, Debbie. "It seems that being retired in Hawaii, we are busier than when I was working," writes **Milton Stolaroff** from Kailua Kona. "We play bridge once or twice (or thrice) a week, have a lot of friends and social activities (Monday night poker with 'the guys'), and have many great restaurants for delicious dinners out. If any of our classmates are looking for a place to retire, I can very strongly recommend Hawaii!" Milton sends thanks to **Dotty Kay** Kesten for keeping everyone up to date on class activities. "You are doing a great job!"

Gretchen Eichorn Facq (Bound Brook, NJ) writes, "I'm well and still active in an orchestra (cello), painting, garden club, French club, bridge club, etc. Alas, husband John has Alzheimer's, as did his sister and mother, and is much weakened, but he's still sweet and good-natured and helps as much and wherever he can. He's not up to traveling, so we're homebodies, except for day trips." Gretchen sent her compliments to the alumni magazine: "It's terrific—I really enjoy it." **Wayne Faulkner** (Stone Mountain, GA) writes that his health remains good and he's still "hanging in there." **Alice Gallup** Stout has been in a nursing home since early 2009; her husband, Neil, visits her often. In season, he brings fresh vegetables to the facility from the home garden and keeps her up to date on news from friends and family members. "We are both proud of the achievements of our two grandchildren," Neil writes. "Jeffrey was a Rhodes scholar and spent three years at Oxford U. Abby opened a B&B resort in Costa Rica in June 2010. Both are doing very well." **Joe Flynn** (San Diego, CA) reports the happy news that on April 7, 2010 he became a great-grandfather for the first time.

Here's one more item from **Betty Scheidelman** Droz, who appeared in the last issue. She was recently asked to speak at her Kappa Alpha Theta sorority in Ithaca on the occasion of the 130th anniversary of the sorority. She was asked to give a presentation on how different sorority life was 70 years ago. "I think the biggest change," she said, "is the distribution of men and women. When we were at Cornell, the men outnumbered the women seven times. Now it is about equal—a huge difference in the dating potential."

We've gotten through a lot of news these past several issues, and look forward to the next round of updates from the annual class mailing. Happy summer! □ **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.

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I attended the mid-winter Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), enjoying the company

of over 800 Cornellians and learning a lot, too. One of the highlights was seeing President Skorton and hearing him speak. When he took office, I somehow missed the fact that he plays the jazz flute and saxophone and has a Newfoundland dog, interests that I can't resist passing along. He spoke of how well Cornell is doing in hockey and wrestling and said Cornell is among the top ten employers in New York State. In spite of the economic downturn, the alumni fund is up and there is a 71 percent increase in new donors. A survey shows that Cornell is the seventh most diversified collegiate institution. He described a strategic plan to maintain faculty excellence, as almost half of the faculty are more than 55 years old; the university will need to hire as many as 1,000 new faculty members in the next decade. The university has established a \$100 million Cornell Faculty Renewal Fund to begin hiring immediately.

Your co-correspondent (**Julie Kamerer** Snell) welcomed son **Mark '76**, PhD '80, when he came from his Albuquerque home to Washington on business at an interesting time. His visit coincided with the government "shutdown," and a quick return trip was narrowly averted when Congress took temporary action on the budget. He was able to keep his appointments before returning home. I was also delighted to see **Margaret Hulsair Hart '82** in the executive office of Riderwood, a retirement community where I live.

We have eight Cornellians in Congress. They are **Mark Kirk '81** (R-IL), **Bob Andrews, JD '82** (D-NJ), **Chris Gibson, PhD '98** (R-NY), **Hansen Clarke '84** (D-MI), **Bob Filner '63**, PhD '73 (D-CA), **Kurt Schrader '73** (D-OR), **Nan Sutter Hayworth, MD '85** (R-NY), and **Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97** (D-AZ). (At latest report, the latter is recovering well from the shooting, which was good to hear.) Classmates living in the states mentioned will be interested, particularly if you approve of their political views. Our thanks to Chris Marshall, associate VP for Alumni Affairs, and **Kelly Speiser, GR**, in the same office, who kindly gave us the list after the announcement was made at CALC.

We are sad to report that **Carolyn Worcester Vandecar** passed away on March 1, 2011. Her daughter tells us that she was extremely proud of her Cornell roots. Her husband, Philip, predeceased her in 2008. We extend our sincere sympathy to a son and daughter and their families, who survive her.

Co-correspondent **Bob Frankenfeld**, BA '44, MD '47, attended the American College of Physicians meeting in San Diego in early April as a roommate to his son, the first time they'd been alone together since Boy Scout camping. He tells us, "I had been to such meetings in the past 56 years, but what struck me about this one was the diversity of those attending: America is truly the melting pot of nationalities, and 45 percent were female. At my first meeting, in 1954, when the Navy flew several hundred of us from Washington, DC, to Chicago, less than 1 percent of attendees were female; they were called 'hen medics.' The plenary sessions at that time took place in a huge ballroom that seated 2,500. There was an ashtray at every seat, so when the room was darkened to show slides, I had the eerie sensation of watching a film set in the moors of Scotland because the smoke was so thick. It's much different now. The content of the meeting is still great, but some of the speakers seemed to be polishing up their act as stand-up comics." Bob had a short, but unforgettable vacation, the highlight of which

was attending a baseball game that was delayed by rain on and off for five hours. His party left after 11 p.m. in the fourth inning and walked more than a mile to their hotel in torrential rain, the only protection a flimsy towel given to them to distract opposing pitchers. He considers this just another proof of his definition of a vacation: TROUBLE. We hope you'll find a dry spot for your next one, Bob.

Bob and I would love to hear from you by post or e-mail. ☐ Julie Kamerer Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, Julie.Snell@verizon.net; Robert Frankenfeld, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

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This is a continuation from the many news forms you sent in early January 2011. Margaret

Chauvin Rinehart (Costa Mesa, CA) worked at the Orange County Fair last year and helped with the Youth Expo. She is a volunteer receptionist at the local senior center and at church. Ruth Magid Woolfe, BA '45 (Boca Raton, FL) is a docent working with the local wildlife and wetlands, which includes the Green Cay Wetlands, Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge, and Wakodahatchee Wetlands. Phyllis Stapley Tuddenham (Naples, FL) volunteers at her retirement village library. She and Bill took a CAU trip to the Netherlands last May and spent three weeks at their time-share in England in July. Their daughter-in-law works as a consultant in international law for the State Dept. in D.C.

Dorothy Hotchkiss Haberl (Golden, CO), widow of Frank '47, keeps in touch with most of her college friends. She still enjoys sports—tennis, skiing, and golf. "Graduating in Home Ec helped me in the household and family business." Zoe Crichton (Denver, CO) is still active in Pi Beta Phi. She said, "I enjoy reading and playing bridge, but old age is a challenge." Irene Ketcham Blum sent a new address in Cambridge, MA. I'm sure she'd like to hear from her college friends. Pearl Woodruff Brown (Marblehead, MA) wrote, "I still like to travel." We also received dues but no news from Gloria Clyne (Syracuse, NY) and Mary Charles Jamison, BA '45, MA '46 (Newton Square, PA), widow of Charles, BME '45.

Thanks again for your newsy notes. Just a reminder, reunion news will appear in the next issue, so look for news of the classmates who attended. ☐ Elinor Baier Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

This column was written before reunion. News of our 65th will appear in the Sept/Oct issue.

Jules Gagnon Jr. (West Babylon, NY; joa gann@earthlink.net) continues his "all hours" volunteer work as a church deacon. He assists at Eucharist services, performs baptisms, volunteers at parish outreach, and works at RCIA (Roman Catholic Instruction for Adults). Yet he claims to be retired. Jules has written homilies and eulogies, but never fulfilled his goal of writing America's great mystery novel. Family commitments kept him from our 65th. He sends best wishes, especially to fellow TKEs.

Owen Birnbaum, BA '45 (Boca Raton, FL; owenclaire@aol.com) plays competitive table tennis and does very well against 40–50-year-olds. He'll test his successful knee implant in the 80-plus division, All-Florida tournament. Owen fondly remembers studies with Prof. Robert Cushman,

chair of the Political Science department. "Dr. Cushman strongly recommended me to Yale Law School, where I graduated in 1947. Since my last mention in your column, I've seen Jack Levene '47, BA '46, a fellow Beta Sigma Rho and South Floridian." Owen and Claire play social bridge with Burt '45, BA '47, and Jacqueline Leavenworth. In summer 2009, they drove up to D.C.; in 2010, they flew to the West Coast—all to visit family.

Gabriel Pesce, BCE '49, MS '51 (Port Hueneme, CA; gpvtcl@aol.com) served on CAAAN (Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network) in 2009. Back surgery recovery in 2010 cost him a year of service. He is eager to again interview potential Cornellians. Gabe usually participates in the L.A. Cornell Club's "Day at the Races" at Santa Anita. He and Lois sold their Santa Barbara ranch four years ago and moved to Port Hueneme. Gabe is commodore of the US Navy Yacht Club-Channel Islands, is a homeowner board member, and volunteers with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He would like to hear from Bob Cologgi '43 and Betty Bilger Coale '49.

After a year with Esso and two years earning an MBA at Harvard, Raymond Hunnicke (Roxbury, CT; rhunnicke294@earthlink.net) landed in the fledgling semiconductor industry. For 15 years, he worked at development with industry pioneers. Then he founded Lewis Corp., which manufactured ultrasonic cleaning systems, using advanced semiconductor technology. His cleaning systems soon found their way into the clean rooms of all the important chip manufacturers. In retirement, Ray enjoys maintaining his large, old (1790) house and barn. His sole, inauthentic addition is a four-car garage. Ray also builds cherry furniture for his "kids and g-kids." His fondest Cornell memories include learning-to-fly weekends and finding quiet, scenic spots for study. He'd most like to hear from former roommate Hank Harper, who was best man at his wedding. Send news to: ☐ Paul Levine, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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You'll be reading this in the heat of the summer, but I am writing it as the snow is finally leaving and the daffodils are making a brave appearance in Rochester. Given that winter is just behind me, let me offer a recap on another successful athletic season in Ithaca. We all remember how exciting Big Red sports were in 2010. Well, men's basketball wasn't as successful this year, but there is still plenty about which we can brag. The women's ice hockey team won the ECAC championship for the second year in a row, before losing in the semifinals of the NCAA championships. The wrestling team was the runner-up in the NCAA championships for the second consecutive season. Sophomore Kyle Dake '13 won his second straight NCAA individual championship at 149 pounds, marking the fourth year in a row that a Cornellian has won an individual championship. For the first time ever, five Cornell wrestlers won All-American honors. Finally, two members of the women's fencing team qualified for the NCAA championships, both in foil. They both finished in the top 20, earning Cornell a 17th place finish.

As I write, the news forms haven't arrived yet, so I am grateful to my friend and our class president Pete Schwarz, BEE '46 (peter-d@rochester.rr.com) for news about himself and family. Starting in January, Pete and Elaine opened their home

to Rotary District Governor-Elect Pervez Ahsan Khan and wife Maimoona, who were visiting from Islamabad. Pervez's Rotary classification is "agricultural consultant," so Pete arranged an interesting tour of Cornell's Agricultural Station in Geneva, where they met the "broccoli professor." In March, Pete and Elaine attended Cornell's symposium "Unpacking the Nano: The Price of the World's Most Affordable Car" about the low-priced car (about \$2,200) produced by Tata Motors in India. They heard Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62, chairman of Tata Sons Ltd., explain that the car was designed to provide an affordable and safer alternative to the scooters used in India. Pete adds, "A trip to Ithaca would not be complete without visiting Barlow Ware. We had a delightful visit with him and his friends living at the Bridges in Cornell Heights. He's happy, he's active, and he loves living there."

Pete also announced that his youngest grandson, Joey Vinegrad, will enter the Class of 2015 in Electrical Engineering. He will be a fourth-generation Cornellian following a long line of Cornell Engineers: his great-grandfather Ralph C. Schwarz, 1908 (BME); great-granduncle J. Walter Schwarz, 1907 (BME); Pete; his great-uncle Ralph '42, BME '43; his aunt Suzy Schwarz Quiles '76 (Human Ecology); and aunt Mary Schwarz '81, MAT '95.

You'll be reading this around the time the Class of 1946 is in Ithaca celebrating their 65th Reunion. Margaret Newell Mitchell, our reunion chair, and other class officers will be working on our 65th. Keep us posted on your thoughts for next year's reunion. Send them to Margaret at mnm1947@aol.com. Jay Milner (imilner@comcast.com) reports that not only is he still solvent in these troubling times, but so is our class treasury. In addition to being active with CAAAN's program of meeting with student candidates for Cornell, Jay keeps busy with his community's interfaith dialogue group, which now is entering its "teen" years. He and wife Edith are also active with the 55-plus seniors of their congregation. Trips in the offing are "a long-promised and oft-postponed visit to Bermuda, a visit to son Joe '89, a professor at the U. of Toronto, and then a visit to parts of Alaska we missed the first time around." Jay writes that he looks forward to the noble 65th Reunion next year and welcomes ideas about what the class giveaway might be.

I look forward to reading your news forms and sharing the latest with the class. If you haven't filled one out yet, please feel free to drop me a note or give me a call instead. ☐ Arlie Williamson Anderson, arlie47@aol.com; tel., (585) 288-3752.

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Jim Chadwick, San Jose, CA: "I lacquer the patio, put out trash, hike, give out advice, read the Times, go to our cabin in Carmel Valley, assume without proof, and complete my poetry. Things are static. Wait two more years, then vote! California—I love it! We need more Californias, but I love all states. No complaints here, but Aroostook, ME, would be better. I'm retired. I volunteer for anything! Writing, playing flute, walking, listening, and contemplating 1925 through 1948. My last car, a 1991 Trofeo, went 310,000 miles in ten years. Now I drive a 2005 Lexus 8, which has only 100,000 miles on it. I'll keep it till the end of self. It would be fun to tap my maple trees for syrup once again, boil it, and make fudge. [Jim's originally from Houlton, ME.—Ed.] Most pressing

problem today is tomorrow. Just keep hugging my darling wife, Heidi."

Alan Van Poznak, MD '52, Tenafly, NJ: "Busier in retirement than at work. Much musical activity, recording in schools and churches, making CDs from the more than 2,000 tape recordings I made during 20 wonderful years at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue in NYC. Situation is deteriorating: Arnold Toynbee, in his analysis of 21 civilizations, showed that there was an essential spiritual force that undergirded each of those civilizations. When it was lost, that civilization was on its way to its end, either by change from within or conquest from without. We have lost (or abandoned) that spiritual force, and our reward (such as it will be) is on its way. Will we ever learn and trust more to our creator rather than to our own wit and muscle? Response spells our destiny. Victor Hugo put it very well in *Les Misérables*: 'Life is to give.' Daughter **Catherine**, MD '95, is an oncologist at U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, specializing in bone metastasis from breast cancer. Granddaughter **Marisa** '01 is in practice of internal medicine in Providence, RI."

John "Dutch" Dodge, Greenlawn, NY: "Retired—in garden. US situation? Deteriorating! Fix it! New York State is too expensive. Where's better? Bought a pick-up last year, replacing a 14-year-old one. This will be my last vehicle. Biggest problem is too much mail and war. Biggest events in my life were meeting my wife and the birth of a great-grandson, making four living male generations. Lost a good friend, **Sam Mitchell** '53 (Ag), who lived in East Williston, NY." **Tolita Irwin** Logan, Stuart, FL: "Busy knitting. The government is spending too much of our money on unreasonable programs, socialist leanings. Elect clear-thinking, unaffiliated people who are not party-bound. Catching up on paperwork, seeing a doctor, picking up two screens that my cat demolished. Trying to stay healthy and welcoming my three children, who visit often. Car runs real well and a new one would be hard-pressed to equal it. Keeping up with all the repairs on a 32-year-old house and have been remodeling parts of it. My life is blessed, having been married to two wonderful men, **Norm Christensen** '42 (three kids; two Cornellians), and Harold Logan (both deceased). Not worried about whether the sun shall shine tomorrow. Life really is beautiful. Keep living, loving, and praying to God."

Barbara Cole Feiden, White Plains, NY: "Reading, writing (freelance), and reminiscing. Outlook improving. Convince Republicans that people, not business, come first. New York is great—people with varied backgrounds, the excitement of NYC, and the beauty of Westchester County. The light of my life was marriage to **Barry** '49, 61 years ago, April 1949." **Charlotte Smith** Moore, Binghamton, NY: "Bridge, reading, crosswords, volunteering, visiting children, wintering in Arizona with sisters. Things going downhill nationally. Solution: unknown. Binghamton has affordable housing and beautiful fall foliage, and it's near Cornell. But! High taxes and lousy legislators who are highly paid to do a poor job. Going to a cello concert performed by the chief cellist of the Montreal Symphony. Went to Massachusetts for Thanksgiving and Christmas, then to Green Valley, AZ, from January through March."

Peter Lovisa, Pelham Manor, NY: "Tennis, sailing, bridge. Small businesses and manufacturing very slow to hire. Remove uncertainty and reduce regulation. Repeal Obama healthcare. Reduce pension costs. Fire the teachers. NYC has great Broadway and museums, plus taxes and

corruption. Alaska might be better. Playing tennis tomorrow. Will cruise to Southeast Asia. Bought a Lexus 460; lease on 2008 car was up. Spent two weeks in Turkey. It was great. However, I did not see a US flag among all the other flags flying in front of the hotels and restaurants and ships. Back pain bothers me. Meeting my future wife was the greatest event in my life. Life is meant to be joyful. Enjoy your family and your friends, find joyful work, and spread joy as you are doomed to become dust."

Gerry Haviland, Brunswick, ME: "Digging out from piles of bills accumulated while I was in the hospital for two months. Things are improving. I have infinite faith in the voters coming up with a decent vote. Maine has good government and beautiful vistas, nothing to complain about. Purchased a Toyota Prius, downsizing for my wife. I wear size 16 shoes and she wears size 7. I weigh 185 lbs.; she weighs 98 lbs. No car 'fits all.' Wish I were with some '48ers now. Most pressing problem is getting my strength and my driver's license back. I survived a near life loss from taking too many pills. My wife and three daughters brought me through it. Life is better than the alternative." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

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Robert Halperin (Atherton, CO; rmhalperin@sbcglobal.net) writes that he is president of the Robert and Ruth Halperin Foundation. His "after-hours" activities include travel. "Betting Favorites," an article on handicapping horse races by **Vin Rogers** (Storrs Mansfield, CT; vinrogers@charter.net), appeared in the Jan/Feb issue of the *Horseplayer Magazine*. His horses have recently been running at Aqueduct Racetrack. **Eleanor Flemings Munch** (Gaithersburg, MD; nemunch@cs.com), married to **Neil** '48, writes that she is retired and enjoying her life in a retirement community. She has been active with handbell choirs for 31 years. From her years on the Hill, she remembers Sigma Kappa friends most fondly. **Roy Kahn** (Oakland, CA; romakah@yahoo.com), a psychologist, is retired and married to Arlene. He recently became WABDI's 2009 World Deadlift Champion in the age group 80-84.

Rosemary Sheil Malia, MA '51 (Fairport, NY), who is retired, is reading, knitting, singing in the church choir, walking the dog, and traveling. She is "excited and proud" that granddaughter **Mackenzie Malia** '14 is a sophomore in Arts and Sciences. She is the third generation of Malias to attend Cornell. Rosemary's son **Stephen** '76 (Maumee, OH) was in ILR. Her first great-grandchild, Benjamin Robert, was born last August.

We extend our condolences to **Jack Rupert**, JD '51 (Lakewood, OH; rup18129@aol.com), our class president, on the loss of his wife, Jinny, who passed away in the summer of 2009. Jack writes that he is past president and board member of the Cleveland Zoo; past chairman and life trustee of WVIZ-PBS; chairman and life member of the Cornell Arts College Council; Cornell University Council life member; Audubon Ohio life member and former vice chairman; and former treasurer of Ohio Canal Corridor, bringing the canal trail into downtown Cleveland. He is continuing with genealogy work and gardening and plays tennis three times a week. Last August, he moved to a house "two doors down" from the one they moved into 45 years ago. Asked what he'd rather be doing, Jack says, "Continuing with all of the above, plus interviewing Cornell applicants for CAAAN. I like what I'm doing and hope to continue well into the future. My life at Cornell has continued for so long that I have many fond memories, including our children's lives at Cornell and their alumni activities, and our grandson **David Keating** '10's great experience. I saw a number of old friends at Reunion and still hear from them."

Vera Johnston Farrell (Livingston Manor, NY; farrellvera@yahoo.com), the widow of one of our class's athletic greats, **James** '50, is retired. She is president of the library board of trustees and a booster of the Garden Club and various musical performance organizations. She recently gave a talk on "Dividing Perennials" at the Garden Club; she gives a talk every couple of years and tells us, "They really like me because I don't charge!" Vera's exciting news is that after 65 years she finally made a hole-in-one! An avid golfer, she plays "any sunny day above 50 degrees." Vera notes that what she has been doing recently is "staying out of doctors' offices," and adds, "I'm lucky to be able to do whatever I feel like!" Her fondest memories of Cornell are the "beauty and vibrancy of the post-war campus viewed from a small-town perspective." She keeps in touch with all of her old Cornell friends. Vera's grandson **Mack Farrell** '11 is graduating this June, and grandson Jay Lotz enters the Ag school this coming fall. Jim Farrell, who passed away in 2005, played tackle for Big Red football and was on the varsity baseball squad, usually covering first base.

Paul Kiely (Naples, FL; lizandpj@earthlink.net) is retired and enjoying after-hours sports. He tells us that he's been traveling—"seeing most of the world"—and adds that now he'd rather be "seeing the rest of the world." "Fun at the DKE house" is his fondest memory of his years on the Hill. **Bette McGrew** Benedict (Chincoteague, VA; jmoore2278@charter.net) is retired and living at Brandywine Assisted Living at Fenwick Island, DE. She writes that she is busy with the activities provided at the facility and tells us that she'd rather "be at home playing with my cat." Bette's fondest memories of Cornell are the "wonderful friendships!"—and she would very much enjoy hearing from her old friends. She can be reached easily at her e-mail address. **Norris Smith** (Wallingford, CT; norreysmith@mmsn.com) is "embarking

on a wild effort to write a semi-fictional book, with five major characters based about half on my own experience in the US and Asia." He adds, "If anyone is trying a similar folly, please share your pleasure (and struggle) with me!" Norris's fondest memories of his days on the Hill are "the Cornell Daily Sun and my Telluride friends." Asked whom he would most like to hear from, he laughs and says, "With my worn-out head, difficult to select!" Thanks everybody for all your great news. Please keep it coming! ☐ **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, 1625 Lilac Lane, Crescent, PA; tel. (724) 784-0371 or (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

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At a luncheon in Florida, **Sonia Pressman Fuentes** (Sarasota; spfuentes@comcast.net) was chatting with the woman who happened to sit next to her. They exchanged names, cards, and finally maiden names—and then realized that they were classmates. The woman was **Jo-An Miner Webb**. "We had been casual friends at Cornell," Sonia writes, "but I didn't know her well. We hadn't seen each other in 60 years!" Jo-An (jwebb2000@webtv.net) lives in Holmes Beach, FL. Sonia's career was as a lawyer, you may recall, with a number of federal agencies, notably the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where she was the first woman attorney. For more about Sonia's life and career, see her website, www.erraticimpact.com/fuentes.

Bruce Ames (Berkeley, CA; bnames@berkeley.edu), who earned his PhD from CalTech in 1953, is a senior scientist at Children's Hospital Oakland Research Inst. and a professor emeritus of biochemistry and molecular biology at UC Berkeley. In the 1970s, Bruce devised the widely used Ames test, which employs *Salmonella* bacteria to screen chemical substances for their ability to cause genetic mutations and cancer. His current research involves the relationship between micronutrients in the diet and those all-too-familiar degenerative diseases of aging. Bruce is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, has won more than a dozen prizes, medals, and awards, and has published more than 500 scientific papers. For more about Bruce's research, see his website, www.bruceames.org.

Former class president and former Cornell VP **Walt Bruska** (Shelburne, VT; wbruska@myfairpoint.net) has been president of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for the past six years and a board member for the past 12 years. Last fall Walt attended the annual 1948-52 football team reunion in Ithaca at the time of the Homecoming game against Yale. Other football players present were **Robert "Bucky" Ellis** (Barrington, IL); **Joe Dwyer**, JD '52 (Olean, NY); **Frank Bradley** (Cape Cod); and **Dick Loynd** (Short Hills, NJ). Among the non-football-player guests were **Jim Hazzard**, class treasurer **Ben Williams**, and **Libby Severinghaus** Warner. Retired Navy captain **Jim "Trig" Tregurtha** (San Diego, CA; triggerjm@att.net) continues to pursue his interest in the sea. He is a volunteer docent for the San Diego Maritime Museum and San Diego Historic Ship Tours and sails on the California state flagship. After 30 years as a Navy officer, Jim spent 15 years doing engineering maintenance of large buildings. "Life is good!" Jim writes, "Always has been."

Ann Ellis Raynolds, MEd '53 (Quechee, VT; Rayann802@gmail.com) still has a private practice as a psychologist in Quechee and in Claremont, NH. She is also on the boards of the Vermont

Psychological Association, the Special Needs Support Center, and Health Care for All. Chemical engineer **Norton Babson** (West Caldwell, NJ) was the director of the startup department in the engineering and construction division of American Cyanamid Co. He sponsors an annual lecture at the Montclair Art Museum and is a master gardener of Essex County. During WWII, Nort served on the destroyer **Henry W. Tucker**. Engineer **Bernie Herman** (Cherry Hill, NJ; bernardh11@comcast.net), former CEO of Okidata Corp., is a commercial arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. He is also on the boards of the local Jewish Community Center and Goodwill Industries. My husband and I occasionally see Bernie at Cornell events here in Philadelphia. In North Dartmouth, MA, another Bernie—**Bernie Roth** (ebroth@hotmail.com)—does pro bono consulting to charities on Cape Cod, the south shore of Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. He is also on the investment committee of the New Bedford Foundation.

Hotelman **Dave Brooke** practiced "hamburg-eology," as he puts it, for 21 years, from 1955 to 1976, as a franchiser of Burger King. Dave spends summers in Rochester, NY, and winters in Naples, FL. Electrical engineer **Milt Lopatin** (Falls Church, VA) was head of the test and evaluation group for the Naval Electronic Systems Command. **Ben Ellison** (Sugar Land, TX) was president of Ellison Engineering and Research Co. in Framingham, MA. During WWII, he was a firefighter with the Navy in the Philippines. **Barbara Voorhees Taylor** (Rye, NY) taught for years in the Milton Elementary School in Rye. Her late husband was **George '43**, BS ORIE '50.

A sad note. Economist **Pat Fritz** Bowers, one of our Annual Fund representatives, died unexpectedly in December. In 1950, right after graduation, Pat and I roomed together in Manhattan. She was then working as a statistician in the research department of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Subsequently, in 1965, she earned a PhD from New York U. and was a professor of economics at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York for 36 years. From 1996 to 1999, she was chair of the economics department. My husband and I had dinner with Pat regularly when we were in New York, often discussing art and the theater, both passions of hers. We are among the many who miss her. ☐ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

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Sue Pardee Baker and husband Tim are being honored for a combined century's worth of work at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health—Tim in international health and Sue in injury prevention. "Our dean commissioned a portrait of Tim and me to be unveiled on April 12. There will be a big celebration honoring us. Who'd have thunk it, 60 years ago! Wish I could join you all in June." **Sabra "Piper" Baker** Staley (Arlington, VA) is "becoming addicted" to cross-country trips on Amtrak to visit grandchildren. She attended (her third trip in four years) a grandchild's wedding in a Portland, OR, doughnut shop and, later, 2,000 feet up, a wedding aboard a WWII B-17 bomber. She is no longer employed with Close Up Foundation—funding ran out—but remains bookkeeper/gopher/chauffeur for a condominium community. Fond

Cornell memories include her first loop in a Stearman [a training biplane during WWII], flying with skis instead of wheels with the Cornell Pilot's Club, and putting a goldfish in the dorm housemother's finger bowl. **Mary Perrine** Johnson (Salt Lake City, UT) and husband Bob "had the fun of attending reunion with the Class of 1950, which we did primarily to observe the first (annual?) Caper Convocation, an ad hoc event created by classmates to commemorate the Cornell life and times of my cousin **Willy Joy '50**. Not only did we have a dandy time, but we also got a refresher course in campus changes, where to park, and so on."

Bill Field, MBA '53, was amazed to see news he sent to the Alumni Office almost two years ago published in the Nov/Dec issue of this magazine. Here is a current update: "Marilyn and I took our second trip to China with Stanford Travel/Study in October 2009, traveling from Beijing and Shanghai down the eastern coast to Hangzhou, Ningbo, Xiamen, Hong Kong, and across the strait to Taiwan. While in Beijing we had dinner with two very impressive students from Cornell's Asia Pacific Program, a joint venture between Cornell and Peking U. The program is under the able direction of Prof. **Xu Xin, PhD '03**. After the holidays, we were off to Egypt with Stanford in January last year. We did all the tourist things—pyramids, pictures on camels, Nile River trip with galabeya party (during which I had the pleasure of jitterbugging with an Egyptian belly dancer, and also won first prize for the best costume with my interpretation of Ramses II using a laundry bag from the ship and a brass headpiece obtained from a street hawker), visits to Luxor, Abu Simbel, etc. After a few months off, we traveled to New York for our annual ballet fix, and then on to Barcelona for sightseeing before boarding *Corinthian II* for a Stanford/Yale trip to the French and Italian Rivieras (with side trips to Aix-en-Provence, St. Paul de Vence, Nice, and Palermo) and on to Athens. Finally, it was off to Somerset County, England, for a week-long course on and tour of stately homes."

Bill O'Hara (Webster, NY) writes, "I have been 'downsized!' While in the Caribbean last fall, my son and daughter bought a 'villa' for us and moved us! We had been planning on doing this in about three years. The problem: our villa holds about 10 percent of what was in our home. We have spent five months just getting rid of 'stuff!'" After 15 years of retirement, **Jack Howell** has gone back to work two or three days a week at Praxair, his former employer in Tonawanda, NY, to assist with a development effort and to consult on some technical issues. He is enjoying it. Wife **Betty (Meng)** doesn't say how she feels about it. **Chuck Ahrend** (Harrisonburg, VA) became a great-grandpa recently. He plays golf as often as possible and committee work allows. He hopes to have seen us all in 2011. **Ernest and Mary Sofis** (Hingham, MA) report two daughters, one son-in-law, two grandkids, and one spouse going on 52 years of marriage. Ernest has been elected curator for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall in town. "Will be a huge challenge."

Walter Dean (Marietta, GA) writes; "I had the required cardiac arrest in December '09. The doctors say I'm a lucky guy. Thanks to the EMT. Back to work April 2010." Walter is an adjunct professor of mathematics at Chattahoochee Technical College. "Just a typical job for an Ag school grad." His fond memory of Cornell is the view of the lake and campus "as we crested the hill coming in from Owego." In July '09, **Jim and Pat Gundersen Stocker** '53 moved from their 24-year home

in Menlo Park, CA, to a retirement community in Medford, OR. There was a "very touching farewell party from Bay Area Cornellians we had worked and celebrated with," Jim writes. "No '51 classmates here at Rogue Valley Manor, but **Wes Weston '50** and **Don Ogren '52**, MBA '55, gave us a warm early welcome. Meeting Pat—who became my wife two years later—in the fall of '50" is Jim's fondest memory of Cornell. **Reg Rice**, MBA '52, one of those Menlo Park friends left behind, remembers beating Michigan in football as his favorite Cornell memory and asks, "When are we going to be at least respectable on the gridiron?" **Ken Dwinell** has moved from Long Island to Life Care Center, 2399 Boston Rd., Wilbraham, MA 01095, to be near his wife, who is under hospice care, and his stepson. He would enjoy hearing from classmates at the new address.

Our reunion report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue. Please send your news to: ☐ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

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It's spring in Pittsburgh: 80 yesterday, 50 tomorrow, and after that, questionable. It was a hard winter that I suspect brought some losses. Mine were two special people. **Richard Morrow Ross** died on February 17. Rick married **Jane (McKim)** in 1952—both of them my good friends for a long time. My sister-in-law **Michelle Striker Boffa '57** was a gift from my brother **Robert '57** when he married her in 1958. Michelle died on her 75th birthday, March 15. I know we should be grateful for what we have had.

We are grateful, and we do plug along. **Eugene Nester** (Seattle, WA; gnester@u.washington.edu) retired from the U. of Washington in June 2010. He is revising a textbook in microbiology, completing several research papers, and "finishing up odds and ends." He writes, "I will continue to have an office at the university. How often it will get used remains to be seen." He would have done nothing differently at Cornell and cites Dr. James Sherman, chairman of Bacteriology, as having had the greatest impact. **Mike Scott** (McLean, VA; philomike@verizon.net) has spent five years since retirement involved in a local community theatre company, producing, directing, building and painting sets, and promoting shows. He has been taking theatre courses at George Mason U. and recently researched the first play performed in the American colonies. Is anyone, apart from Mike, able to name it? If so, his e-address is above. At Cornell he would have . . . ? Guess. "Taken some theatre courses!" Greatest impact: "My comparative religion professor who, at the end of our last class, read to us from *The Prophet*."

In 2000, **Ted**, MS '53, and **Trudy Kreuger Winsberg** (Boynton Beach, FL; tandtwin@bellsouth.net) sold most of their farm to Palm Beach County for a wetland park, which opened in 2005. They retained 50 acres around their house on which their daughter has a native tree nursery and a friend a 400-subscriber CSA. Although busy with that, Trudy remains active in the League of Women Voters, worked hard on the November election, and serves on the county's water resources task force. At Cornell they wouldn't have changed anything. "We met there and made long-lasting friendships that we enjoy today. Cornell has been a preeminently important part of our lives." Greatest impact? Dr. Nyle Brady and Prof. **Martin Cline**, PhD '42, in the Agronomy department.

George Conneman, MS '56 (Ithaca, NY; gjc4@cornell.edu) spends time with the Town of Ithaca Planning Board and as president of both Eastwood Commons Condo Association and Friends of Ithaca College. He is active with FarmLink, which helps the older generation transfer business to the younger, and he travels. Impact at Cornell? "My professors too numerous to name, but particularly Chet Freeman and Stan Warren." **Robert Stahr** (Redmond, WA; rsstahr@gmail.com) is a docent at the Museum of Flight and a volunteer at a children's hospital, Child Life. Tennis, writers groups, and visits with family take time. He has started a

collections and contributed to many publications. At Cornell she would have taken more history and anthropology course. Professors Nettels, Stern, and Gates had the greatest influence, and Buckminster Fuller at a special event. **Daniel Divack** (Great Neck, NY; kathedivack@aol.com), who retired after 40 years as a practicing ob/gyn, is now painting and reading. He likes the Teaching Company Series. He has opera and ballet subscriptions and does some traveling. He feels he was "too young to realize what was out there" during his time at Cornell. He is not the first person to comment that the "advisor system" was inadequate.

' I had the pleasure of jitterbugging with an Egyptian belly dancer.'

Bill Field '51

book about his father, a good family man and "a great leader in the world of tennis officiating." He would have changed nothing at Cornell despite a term on probation "that taught me a big life lesson." Impact? Prof. Katz, Heat/Power Engineering.

Warren and Sally Hotchkiss Rockwell (Brackney, PA; rocksal@frontiernet.net) retired from teaching and civil engineering and have written *Moments Foreign* about their 40 years overseas. They would have done nothing differently at Cornell and still drive up for football games. Sally lists Dr. Smart as having had the greatest impact: "I had my first son while attending his class." **Irwin** and Helen **Sitken** (Chatham, MA; isitkin0402@gmail.com) follow the sun. He plays golf two or three times week. In summer he hunts old woodworking tools, especially tape measures, and volunteers as assistant curator at the Chester Ranlett Tool Museum in Eastham. Winters they both attend classes at Florida State U. and have enjoyed many Road Scholar programs. **Dave**, JD '58, and **Phyllis Perl Stearns '54** (lakeside10@comcast.net) are in Sarasota, FL, where, in 2010, Dave had "a veritable ball" at the 80th birthday party Phyllis threw for him. All the kids and grandkids came. Long retired from the practice of business, corporate, and tax law, he cites Marshall Stearns and William Shannon as having had the greatest impact at Cornell.

Robert Messner (Warren, VT; messner@wcvt.com) bicycles, hikes, flies sailplanes, skis, cooks, reads, and travels. He enjoys all of it. At Cornell he might have gone for crew or sailing club, but wouldn't have done much differently. Impact? **'Fred H. 'Dusty' Rhodes, PhD 1914**, V. Nabokov, and the profs who taught Money Banking and Currency and undergrad Constitutional Law." **Donald Collins** (Ft. Lauderdale, FL; IBDRC@aol.com) maintains his 65-ft. Viking M/Y, travels to Europe each year, and stays busy with yacht club activities and investing. He also recently visited the Mayo Clinic looking for an answer to his neuropathy. At Cornell he would have liked to have played more, but was too busy working. Greatest impacts: "Prof. Strong, advisor and director to the Engineering COOP plan, and ROTC Army Signal Corps—both contributed to starting my career in TV broadcasting."

Barbara Kirk Andrews-Hail, MA '53 (Warren, RI; barbarahail401@gmail.com), now retired from the anthropology museum at Brown U., is an independent consultant on Native American art. She has worked with various museums on Native American

Clifford Eddy (Webster, NY; ceddy001@rochester.rr.com) writes, "After retirement I found satisfaction in knowing my family better. I am an audience as my wife reads me various drafts of her poems. We talk weekly with our two daughters in California and learn the adventures of my two grandchildren." Cliff wishes he "had been more outgoing in my Cornell years." Greatest impact: "That would be the teachers in the Chemistry department, since I went on to be a chemist." **Thomas Newton** (Hudson Falls, NY) volunteers as a site interpreter at Grant Cottage in Wilton and is the longtime treasurer for the German American Society of the Adirondacks.

Matthew Zak (Rochester, MI) is reading, walking, playing the piano, and watching Tiger Baseball on TV. He says his late wife **Jean (Sprott)** had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. In August, **Eli Manchester Jr.** (Cohasset, MA) retired as chairman and director of Keweenaw Scientific Corp. "Both daughters, one a Cornell Law graduate, and five grandchildren live only 20 minutes away. We greatly enjoy watching the various grandchildren's activities. Looking forward to our 60th." In Cayce, SC, **Alan Rose** (aerosr@att.net) has enjoyed residential real estate appraisal work since retiring from the hotel business. He also enjoys visiting with the grands. He cites Prof. Howard Meek, the Hotel school dean, as having had the greatest impact. He, too, is "looking forward to our 60th Reunion in 2012." Hope you all are, too. It is June 7–10, 2012. ☐ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

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By midsummer '11, most of us will probably have attained 80-hood. We're a pretty bright group—got into Cornell notwithstanding competition from vets, etc., right? But in the summer of '31 we were mostly struggling to learn how to gurgle "mama" and "more" and the ever-useful "no," so we weren't 100 percent up on current events. **Chuck Juran** (Prescott, AZ) has kindly provided factoids probably not entirely realized: 16 percent of the nation unemployed. Yearly average income for the employed: \$1,856. Average new house: \$6,790. Average new car: \$640. Gallon of gas: 10 cents. Loaf of bread: 8 cents. **Bill Vanneman '31**: a brand-new grad.

Alan Perlmutter's Big Sur (CA) River Inn became Cornell West for a musical interlude in early January when Alan and wife Nancy welcomed the Cornell Glee Club on its winter western swing. The club performed for school kids and other locals at the inn's Redwood Log Restaurant. The Perlmutters' son **Ben '12**, in his third Glee Club year, sang solos for the neighbors. Later in the day, the club provided glee at Carmel High School and still later at Stevenson School in Pebble Beach. **Todd Kolb** (Ridgefield, CT) notes that wife Nancy Sokolowski Kolb's *The Breast Cancer Companion: A Guide for the Newly Diagnosed* was chosen by the *American Journal of Nursing* as one of the year's three best consumer health books. Checking in near the end of football 2010, he added: "I watch the pros play football on Sundays, and while there are skills to marvel at, I much prefer the games we played." Such as Cornell 20, Michigan 7. Sixty years ago this fall.

Nan Reed Ruiz (Fort Collins, CO) writes: "Alpha Phi sister **Marian 'Penny' Van Valkenburgh Goodrich** and I get together pretty regularly, especially as she and I take the same yoga class. Otherwise she's pretty busy with her therapy dogs. I keep in shape walking the track at the senior center. Colorado State U. has lots of wonderful music programs and I go to the Denver Symphony with the senior center once a month in the winter season." Retired *Parade* by-liner **Lynn Rosenthal Minton** (NYC) reports that Rachel Minton, daughter of her TV newscasting son **Tim Minton '79**, will enter Cornell with the Class of '15.

Dick Hayes (São Paulo, Brazil) and wife Jane drew the whole family to their country home to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary last summer. Dick says he spends quite a bit of time setting things up to trot about South America—Argentina, La Paz, Cochabamba and Lake Titicaca (Bolivia), and Bogota and Cartagena (Colombia)—plus the Balkans and the Baltic in recent years. "And we get to the US an average of at least once a year." They don't see many Cornellians "aside from **Carson '50** and **Ellen Bromfield Geld**." They hope to compensate somewhat by making our 60th (June 6–9, 2013).

Dave Rossin (University Park, FL) and **Al Harris** (Naples) coordinated a bus excursion to convey 23 people to the Royal Poinciana Country Club to hear President David Skorton's State of the University report at the annual winter dinner event of the Cornell clubs of Naples and Sarasota-Manatee. **Lil Affinito, Bill**, MBA '58, JD '59, and Nan Bellamy, Dean '52, MBA '56, and **Barbara Green Bock, Dick and Peg Jones Halberstadt '56**, Al and Betsey Harris, Don and Eloise Mix Unbekant '54, and **Dave and Sandy Rossin** enjoyed it warmly. Much fellowship and good conversation, we're told. Dave has been taking and giving courses at the nearby Lifelong Learning Academy, studying the Middle East, governmental budgeting and appropriations, and "what is going on right now" from other pros. "In every course I took or taught, there were seniors in the classes who brought their own experience into the discussions." Dave teaches energy politics. That should get folks' attention. And no prelims.

Wolf Prensky (Germantown, MD) feels "fortunate not to be alone" after being widowed five years. He's joined companion Sharanjit in the D.C. area. His four grandchildren, "still young enough to enjoy spending time with Grandpa," love to visit the capital environs, and he loves visiting them in Manhattan. He recalls sharing a cornfield in 1962 with **Barbara McClintock '23**, PhD '27,

the 1983 Nobel Laureate, for her genetic studies of maize. He offered to "get rid of the weeds in her planting. If anyone is to cut or injure one of my plants, it better be me," was the reason she refused me," says Wolf.

Our Russian-born, Kentucky-raised Class of 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellow, **Nickyta Fishman '12**, who's majoring in computer science and minoring in Spanish, wrote the class with thanks for our continuing financial support. He's chief technology officer of AccuScholar, a startup software company he and high school classmates founded. It's a student's aid and selling well. Nick's taking classes at the master's level and is a teacher's assistant, a summer engineering intern at Google, and an accomplished pianist. Kinda like **Jan Button-Shafer**. "I'm extremely grateful to the Class of 1953 for helping to make it possible to take advantage of countless opportunities" at Cornell, she wrote. ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

and have six children and 14 grands, most of whom live in the Seattle area.

In answer to the question: "What in your past 55 years has been valuable in preparing you for our Fourth Quarter?" **Rhoda Brenner Marks** answered, "Acquiring an inquisitive mind has allowed me to be involved in many different activities." Rhoda travels, runs a home business, serves on many committees at her temple, and enjoys the company of her four grandsons, all of whom live nearby. They should keep an inquisitive mind working overtime. For the past 52 years **Kenneth Sheldon** has been volunteering with the fire department in McDonough, NY, and is still active. Church work and sharing sports with his grands fill out his calendar. **Leonard Zucker** has cut back to working part-time as a real estate attorney, which has allowed him to travel with his three Cornell graduate offspring and their offspring. Included in their family adventures have been Nantucket, Israel, London, and points in between. When at home in Springfield, NJ, he is a member of a public affairs lecture series committee for Fairleigh Dickinson U.

Patricia Jerome Colby and husband **Mason**, BME '55, are pleased to have found a way to stay cozy all year round—buy two condos, one in Ohio and the other in Naples, FL. Mason is still singing "Good Night Little Girl" with the Waiters and has returned to campus for the past six reunions. Putting singing aside, Mason works for Habitat for Humanity and Pat continues her work with the Stephen Ministry. **Ruth Behrens** White's study of French and German enabled her to substitute as a foreign language teacher at Natick High School, which led to an active social life with retired teachers. Her community work involves serving as a precinct warden for the town. Ruth enjoys sharing her own love of music with her young grandson by teaching him basic music appreciation and sight-reading.

Mary Lou Treharne Warren retired in 1985 after 30 years teaching Home Ec and went on to work as a realtor for another 23. She is presently co-director/treasurer of Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry in Clifton Park, NY. She and Dan will celebrate their 55th this year with all kids and grands aboard. **Mickey Siegel** Wagner's very full life consists, in part, of continuing ed courses, bridge, opera, and theatre in NYC, family and friends, tutoring foreign immigrants for Literary Volunteers of America, and most importantly, staying close to her three granddaughters, who provide an important glimpse of their generation. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

54 Spring is here—that marvelous season before the heat of Washington slows all to a pace even a snail would think leisurely. These columns, I have found, flow with the seasons and my enjoyment of each. However, though I might enjoy each in its turn, nothing can top the campus in October, wearing its autumn mantle.

As Sinatra sang so poignantly, we are in the autumn of our years, but we, like the campus, remain colorful, engaged, and ever-changing as we adjust to life's ever-present alterations. One classmate who keeps giving with seemingly never flagging energy is **Barbara Johnson Gottling**, who has been entertaining and housing talented musicians from around the world in her Cincinnati home for years. She took a nasty fall last August, but was up for her role of musical hotelier by October when the Harlem Quartet, the Escher String Quartet, members of the Emerson Quarter, and many others came to call. Barb is indeed a gracious hostess of note. When her visitors arrive, they are announced by a doorbell that sounds the hour-strike of the Cornell chimes—created by her late husband, chimesmaster Phil.

A note from **Ethel Rabb "Wallie" Kass** says, "Life is still joyful and interesting" along the banks of the Russian River. Wallie sings with the River Choir and leads docent tours for school children through the Armstrong Woods State Park. **Eileen Wehrmeyer Whitfield** has moved a couple times recently in order to accommodate restricted mobility, but that has not stopped her volunteer work—teaching cooking classes to low-income mothers. **Barbara Schickler** Hankins has loved and been involved with the world of politics since her days at Cornell, i.e., before she could even vote. She is presently living in Bethesda, having moved from Texas five years ago, and remains a very active volunteer lobbyist for the League of Women Voters. She has worked at many levels in the legislative field, both elected and appointed, over the past 50-plus years. Even though she has traveled extensively, Barbara has yet to explore Egypt and Eastern Europe and has thus placed them on her "bucket list." **Jeanette Picciano Wood** has also been dedicated to community service. She was elected Washington State senator for four years and a representative for six. She has now been appointed by the governor to serve as a trustee for Edmonds Community College. Jeanette and **Russ '53, B Chem E '58**, have been married 55 years

55 Besides her work with Flora Pacifica, **Cherie Woodcock** Mitchell is busy with volunteer work, helping to raise funds for Southwestern Community College's new satellite campus in her hometown of Brookings, OR. She also serves on the Chamber of Commerce and is treasurer for the AFS, which hosts girls from Malaysia and Australia. Her husband, Don, just celebrated the 50th Reunion of the 4-H Fellowship, "a wonderful educational program that led him to an exciting career in several countries." Last spring Cherie and Don were planning a trip to Maui "for two weeks of sunshine and Kindles." Also actively volunteering is **Hans "Wolfi" Duerr**, who devotes time to the local food bank and serves on its advisory board, as well as two others. We're happy to hear that Wolfi

is recovered from his 2009 open-heart surgery and was able to get away for two weeks in the Virginia/D.C. area last September. "Otherwise I've been busy attending seven OLLI classes per week and serving on the OLLI council in Green Valley, AZ," he reports. OLLI is Osher Lifelong Learning Inst., a non-credit educational program for 55-plus learners. "I'm in continuous contact with **Dick Schrader**, MBA '58, and **Tad Cameron**," Wolfi writes. "**Jim Fanning** '54, LLB '57, is a winter visitor to the Green Valley and a participant in OLLI activities as well. My basic physical activity is hiking in the beautiful mountains surrounding Tucson and swimming three to four times weekly." You may run into my brother-in-law, **Bill Webber** '54, MD '60, one of these days, Wolfi. Bill bikes three times a week around the Tucson hills.

Cornell roommates **Dick Mathewson** and **Don Maclay** and their wives got together for dinner and the Cornell Glee Club concert held at UC Los Angeles last January. "The venue was full and all those assembled knew the words for the giant sing-along at the end of a great evening," Dick reports. He has been attending many university presentations, as well as the Cornell Club of Orange County business luncheons. "All presentations are interesting and made by Cornellians," he says, with subject matter ranging from cancer research to diet, dining out, financial issues, and more. **Dick Kurtz**, BS Ag '58, also praised the Glee Club, which had performed in San Diego. "I even had the chance to sing the Cornell songs with a group of fellow ex-Glee Club members, which made my week," he writes. "Of course I practiced all week before the concert to make sure I knew all the lyrics!" Dick reports that **Tad Slocum** was also delighted with the concert.

From **Bill Haponski**, PhD '67: "I finally was able to contact my friend **Hau Wong Ho** after almost 60 years. Ho is still in Hong Kong and travels extensively in China on business." Bill's book, *One Hell of a Ride*, was called "the best book on combat in Vietnam" by the former Chief of Armor and Cavalry. Bill and Ho were planning a reunion for late last winter in Florida. When I was working at the Chem E school at Cornell in the late '80s, **Phil Grosso** and I talked on the phone once or twice. "I'm still very active in chemical engineering," Phil says, "and when people ask me, 'When are you going to retire?' I answer, 'I hope never.'" He credits Cornell with giving him the required basic knowledge, plus a major case of workaholism. "Fortunately, I work with a lot of young people and I'm actually able to keep up with them most of the time. We use GoToMeeting a lot so they don't get to see my few remaining gray hairs—no webcams allowed here. I feel very lucky to remain viable and enjoy it. To me it isn't work, it's an opportunity to apply what I've learned over the last half-century-plus. Many thanks to Cornell!"

Great news from **Don Jacobs**: "**Fran (Walden) '56** and I are heading for a new venture. Both of our now-too-large homes in Pennsylvania and South Carolina are on the market—and when that's settled we will move out to Valley Forge, PA, and head to that next phase of life with enthusiasm." The Jacobses celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at the start of 2011 and they're ready for 20 more. "Some of our friends know Debby, our special daughter, who enjoyed a landmark 2010. Debby was given an award by our county and her employer for working 25 years without ever missing a day or the 7:03 train, despite having difficulty telling time. That award was recognized and she was interviewed by NPR about her

achievement. She loves her new apartment with her group, and just celebrated her 50th birthday." The Jacobses' two sons are doing well, too. Jerry (Penn '79) retired from Patna Investments and is now a wealth manager. Richard (Purdue '89) loves his work at Notre Dame U. Granddaughter Andrea graduated with honors from Villanova. "Fran and I have slowed down our travel a bit, though we still have a bucket list of a few places that we'll visit once we settle down," Don concludes. In closing, thanks again from your grateful correspondent for your fabulous e-mail response to the request for '55 news. There's lots more to report but no more room this time—so watch for our next issue! ☐ **Nancy Savage Petrie**, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Hello, classmates. This article is being written before you gathered at Cornell in June, and I hope you had a fine reunion! Gail and I were sorry that we were not able to join you, but we were overseas celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. The truth is that when we made our plans last year I completely lost sight of the reunion dates. I missed all of you. **Phyllis Bosworth** will do a great job telling me what I missed and what you enjoyed. The reunion report will be published in the Sept/Oct issue.

Robert Hutchins and wife **Susie (Howe)** live in Longmeadow, MA. Bob is semi-retired from his precision machine shop business, but still keeps his fingers in the pot. He volunteers at the local senior center and sings with a group at nursing homes. He spends his winters in a condo on Marco Island, FL. He was happy to see Narby Krimsnatch return to the campus and misses his old roommate **Robert Browning**. We miss you too, Bob.

Artist **Alice Blum** Harrison (Morristown, NJ) says she will never retire. She has been busy creating exhibitions, co-authored *Artist Guidebook*, and has been included as one of 40 international artists in "Masters Collage." **Grace Goldsmith Wahba** (Madison, WI) is still teaching and doing research at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. She is also working hard on her Argentine tango! **Shirley Dean Loomis** (Pebble Beach, CA) continues to enjoy calligraphy and had a large show of her work at a local art center this past summer. Husband **Hersch** has been awarded the title of Distinguished Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. He will continue to teach for several more years. They are involved with the performing arts in their area.

Gail Gifford Rudin (Manhasset, NY) always enjoys the AEPhi luncheon at the Cornell Club in the fall. She took two of her grandchildren to London for a week. **Ginny Tyler** Renouard (Paradise Valley, AZ) has had a lot of exciting travel. She was chased by Somali pirates on a cruise in 2008, and then by Hurricane Earl this fall in Nova Scotia. She will next go to the Antarctic in January. **Syrell Rogovi** Leahy (Fort Lee, NJ) has taken two terrific Cornell trips. One was last year to Greece and, as I was writing this column, she traveled to Sicily. **Roy Curtiss III** still resides in Paradise Valley, AZ. He tells us that 2010 was a great year and that he published more research manuscripts and filed more patent applications than ever before. He gave lectures last year in Israel, India, and China, with other trips to Ireland and Italy to attend scientific meetings. He also took his younger family of five to South Africa for the World Cup

and attended 22 matches including the finals. He then drove 15,000 km to see the country.

Leland Mote (Big Bear Lake, CA) harvested five tons of Pinot Noir grapes for his vineyard in Cambria, NY, which is about 11 miles from Niagara Falls. He would like to know if any other members of our class are raising wine grapes in New York State. **Constance Clibron** Boll (Rowayton, CT) is retiring from the charitable foundation she started in 1970 and plans to winter in Vero Beach. Her youngest granddaughter, **Sarah Boll** '10, who graduated from the Hotel school, works at Daniel Restaurant in NYC.

Allen Unger (NYC) is still in private practice in cardiology and looked forward to reunion. It was also nice to hear from **Jack Shirman** (Quechee, VT), who spent two weeks touring Vietnam and Cambodia. He says that people there love Americans. He plans a New Year's cruise to celebrate his wife's 75th birthday and his daughter's 50th. The trip will include three children, their spouses, and ten grandchildren. **Chris Schmid** (Clifton Park, NY) reports that a group that includes him, **John Andersonluh**, and **John Talierco** and their wives winters in Boynton Beach, FL, at the Quail Ridge Country Club. They "play golf, eat too much, talk about old times, and enjoy each other's company." They all planned to be at reunion. **Cidney Brandon Spillman** and husband **Bob** '53, BArch '54 (Bethlehem, PA) wrote that they will be at reunion and then celebrate their 55th anniversary in July. Congratulations to **Richard** and **Sheila Veron** (White Plains, NY) on their 50th wedding anniversary. The family party was joined by **Morty** and **Audrey Greenberg Landau** '58, **Marty**, JD '59, and Barbara **Samel**, **Bob**, MD '60, and Marilyn **Timberg**, and **Bob** and Judy Chernaik.

Again, Phyllis and I send our best wishes to you all, and I hope to run into many of you in the years to come. ☐ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

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A number of classmates claim to be retired, but it seems that they are extremely active. **John Fisher**, four years into retirement, has been boning up on non-Western cultures, spending considerable time in Vietnam and Cambodia. Besides the language differences, he cites crossing the street there as a unique experience. **Bill Hoblock**, retired as assistant counsel to the New York State Bill Drafting Commission, is still active in private practice; he has a son and a daughter who are also lawyers. **Jay Eisenhart** stays active cutting wood and pruning trees in addition to serving as a Sunday School superintendent. **Michael DeNicola** represents a Japanese company on several software standards organizations' boards of directors. He is also heavily involved with the Calgary branch of Optimists Int'l, specifically in their junior curling and golf programs. **Fred Abeles** is an avid bicycle rider, logging around 6,000 miles per year. His daughter is also a sports enthusiast, teaching scuba at Cornell.

"Still working full-time" is included in the reports of four distinguished classmates. **Bill Angell** is a practicing surgeon and a bicyclist. He also enjoys kayaking, sculling, and backpacking and is getting into golf. **Roger Soloway**, MD '61, is on the faculty at U. of Texas Medical School, Galveston, where he is a professor of internal medicine, in addition to holding a number of other titles. He frequently visits his children in Philadelphia and looks forward to the Cornell Med Class of '61's

50th Reunion. **Justin Martin**, who started at Cornell but graduated from St. Bonaventure in 1957, continues to practice orthodontics in Penfield and Ovid, NY, and for some time was president of the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists. He owns an extensive beef farm in Canandaigua, and for eight years was a delegate, representing New York, to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; he has worked closely with the Cornell Vet college. **Lee Phillips**, an attorney in Los Angeles, is vice president of the Santa Barbara Film Festival and remembers being a member of the Big Red Marching Band and paying rapt attention in Vladimir Nabokov's classes. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Karen Anderson Mahshi, a longtime California resident, was involved with Cornell Plantations as a student employee and a volunteer and that experience has had a lasting influence on her life. She is a delegate of the Herb Society of America, herb chair on the State Board of California Garden Clubs, and a consulting rosarian for the American Rose Society. She also volunteers with nonprofit horticultural organizations through Rotary, making and collecting quilts for Rotoplast Int'l.

It's less than a year before it will be time to head to Ithaca for our 55th Reunion. Be on the lookout for more information coming this fall. Class officers will be attending the annual meeting in January to finalize preparations with the reunion committee. Volunteers are always welcome. ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCReuss@aol.com.

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Ken Meyers (ken.meyers@dynastyresources.net) has established a US-China advisory and consulting service leading his company in helping US companies develop their China strategies and assisting in local business culture; he works in NYC. **Beverly Amerman Lewin** and her husband, **Lawrence**, PhD '59, live in Israel (Ramat Hasharon; lewinb@hotmail.com). Bev has just published a textbook, *Writing Readable Research* (Equinoxpub.com), based on her 30 years of teaching scientific writing to PhD students. **Marilyn Drury**-Katillo reports that she travels as a Road Scholar on a Dickens Fellowship, but this is ending, she says, since her property taxes jumped 66 percent last year. She will still garden

Last December, he launched a quarterly electronic journal on economic damages, entitled "Dunn on Damages," hoping to fill a niche bringing current developments and analysis to attorneys and expert witnesses. He reports never getting a day off as he works at home in Corte Madera, CA. **Linda Richards** Warren (grandmakittkat@hotmail.com) will relocate again, this time from Gulf Breeze, FL, to the San Francisco Bay Area next year. **Philip Coombe Jr.** still farms 1,200 acres and 150 head of cattle in Grahamsville, NY, where he lives with **Carolyn (Russell) '59**. Phil is proud of their community's new library and museum, reported here previously, for which he was so active in raising funds and helping to build, having given "thousands of hours to that effort." **Frances Browne Caspar** (gcaspar@prodigy.net) has been a hospice volunteer for 20 years in her community of Avon, CT. She says she is totally committed to the hospice concept, particularly if it can be in the home.

Don Reid (donmar@comcast.net), an aerospace physiologist, and his wife, Mary Alice, enjoy travel and also especially enjoy several months every year in their cabin near Leavenworth, WA. Don believes he has beat chronic lymphocytic leukemia, "since all is well in that department." The Reids live in Tucson, AZ. **Joyce Halsey** Lindley (jlindley@rochester.rr.com) is back to normal activities after a total knee replacement last December. She is active in support of her local library and "does a lot of political action stuff—progressive Democratic, of course." Joyce would like to hear from **Dottie Gibson** Brennan. **Richard Wimmer** (dickwimm@yahoo.com), still out in Agoura, CA, reports that his latest book, *The Wildly Irish Sextet*, was published by Counterpoint a year or so ago.

And last, in his continuing quest to visit every country in the world, **Al Podell** tells us: "In February I finally finished all of Asia and Oceania, with depressing trips to East Timor and Nauru, two of the poorest places on the planet, then spent April in Kosovo and May in Portugal, to finish off Europe. That leaves me with the Nasty Nine—Chad, Somalia, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Yemen, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Angola—which I hope to knock off in a 70-day, do-or-die journey this coming winter." So again we send Al off with best wishes for surviving yet another round and, we hope, in successfully completing his decades-long quest. With that, I send cheers to the Class of '58 for a great summer, while watching for news. ☐ **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

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Under the pen name of Lawrence Grey, **Grey Perry** has written a book titled *Letters from Grampy: Advice to Make the Most of Your Teen Years*. The book, published by CreateSpace, is a series of essays on subjects that will give a heads-up to any teen: sex, dating, study habits, specializing, smoking, drugs, responsibility, privacy and reputation, dancing, dads and moms, religion, cars, homework, sports, and many other pertinent subjects. For more information, check out www.lettersfromgrampy.com. Grey originally wrote the book for his own six grandchildren, and discovered other teens liked it, as did their parents and grandparents, so he expanded the original scope of the book. "It's a book for teens," he says, "not for their parents or grandparents, although the latter will be the ones who most likely will buy the book for their teen as a birthday gift or stocking stuffer."

Louesa Merrill Gillespie '58

Sharon Flynn is another active volunteer with Rotary, an organization with which she has had a long relationship. This past March, she received the Rotarian of the Year award from the All-Hudson County Rotary Assembly. In 1957 The Rotary Club of White Plains supported Sharon as she was working toward her master's degree at the U. of the Philippines. Another Rotary club chose her to lead a team in a group study exchange to Bavaria in 2007 and Sharon was the club's group study chairperson from 2008 through 2010. These days, she enjoys her membership in the Jersey City Rotary Club, where she has been in charge of the luncheon programs and using the ethnically diverse makeup of Jersey City to feature programs covering Indian, Chinese, Irish, Italian, Polish, and Filipino holiday celebrations. Along with Rotary activities, Sharon found time to work on last year's census and edits a monthly newspaper, *Easy English News*, geared toward those for whom English is a second language.

Dividing her time between Boynton Beach, FL, and New York is **Florence Bloch** Farkas. In addition to being a classroom volunteer, Flo also uses her professional experience as a nutritionist by serving as a member of the board at her country club.

I'm sorry to report that **Eileen Hoffman** King died in January after a brave battle with cancer. She was one who put her Home Ec school nutrition education to good use as a hospital's staff dietitian at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. She and her husband of 51 years, Earl, raised a son and daughter and were grandparents of six. They had been living in Rochester since 1980; one of Eileen's volunteer activities was as a docent with the Susan B. Anthony house. She also was active in her church and in local arts and drama performances.

and continue with her history, linguistics, and English literature interests in Park Ridge, IL. **Nach Waxman** (nachwaxman@nyc.rr.com) says he continues to be active in Kitchen Arts & Letters, his NYC bookstore specializing in the literature of food and wine. He and wife Maron, travel widely in the US, from Iowa, where they do food judging at the State Fair, to Louisiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, and West Virginia. This year they are also traveling to Israel where their son, a rabbi, is enjoying a sabbatical year, and will travel with him and family to Egypt. Nach continues to sing with a Manhattan community chorus doing new and traditional Jewish music.

The **Johnson**s, **Dale (Reis)** (dalejohnson@cox.net) and husband **Dick** '57, traveled from their home in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, to Cornell last fall for a weekend celebrating the accomplishments and generosity of Dale's parents, **Sanford** '29 and **Jo Mills Reis** '29. Dale reports that the family had a great get-together. **Sandra Mosher** Dwork (dwork_shelby@earthlink.net) has overcome many ailments during the past year, from heart attack through shingles and more, but she reports that she's better now, able to drive and resume her activities in Shelby, NC. **Roberta Arvine** Fishman (robbiefishman@optonline.net) has also recuperated from major heart surgery, following a hip replacement, and considers driving a car "a gift and a true mental lift." She hopes to begin traveling again this fall. **Louesa Merrill** Gillespie continues running the Beachmere Inn in Ogunquit, ME—"In business with my daughter; a great setup," she reports—where she can participate from the sidelines, care for her husband, and still be active in events like judging a national flower show in Lima and seeing Machu Picchu.

Robert Dunn (attydunn@comcast.net) has retired twice and neither time has stuck, he says.

Grey is a third-generation Cornellian; his great-grandfather **James Owen** graduated in 1871; his father, **Rollin Perry, MEd '47**, was a dean in the Arts college. Other Cornellians in the family include Grey's brother **Owen '55**, Grey's son **Geoff '85**, Geoff's wife **Christine (Stefanou) '85**, and granddaughter **Demi '13**, a chemistry major. Grey's business career included being an officer with a Japanese joint venture company, Sekisui Chemical and High Voltage Engineering, in Massachusetts, and a small plastics company in Connecticut. He also owned a travel agency specializing in golf vacations to Scotland and Ireland. After retiring in 1997, he and wife Nancy moved to eastern Tennessee. Grey has long been active in his fraternity, Sigma Phi; he was national chairman, 2000–03, and is now chairman emeritus. Son Geoff is an alumni director of the Cornell chapter.

Len Rubin continues to practice psychiatry in NYC and "still lives downtown in a rapidly changing Greenwich Village." He writes, "I really enjoy this phase of my working life, independent of any external corporate or academic structure. Most of my patients are in their 20s, 30s, and 40s (they keep me up to date on cultural references). I hope to continue this way until I no longer can—I figure I've easily got another 10 to 15 years!" Len visited Barcelona early in the year—"a beautiful, interesting city, with great food and architecture." Last October, he attended a lunch in Washington, DC, recognizing recipients of NEA Opera Honors. The lunch, held at the Supreme Court, was hosted by Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, an avid opera fan. "I was rewarded with a delighted grin when I identified myself to Justice Ginsburg as a fellow alum not only of Cornell but also of James Madison High School."

Even though it was doing extremely well, the millwork company that **Bruce Pfann**, MBA '65, of New London, NH, worked for abruptly shut down last year. Bruce then joined a small local health-care software/hardware company. "I knew next to nothing about the operational side of the health-care business, but I charmed the CEO and was hired. Since then I have become the marketing manager (although not by title) and am beginning to learn the ins and outs of the medical office business, which at times (okay, all the time) is overwhelming. I'm discovering the 'pain' that physicians and office managers experience day-by-day, and feel real empathy for those who are in private practice. With all the new regulations, it's a brutal world. But I'm enjoying the challenges—which change day to day. With all the electronic gadgets, software changes, and hundreds of competitors, it keeps me alert and interested." Bruce and wife Kathy try to travel to some out-of-the-country place each year (Italy and England are favorites). Every September, there's a reunion of Chi Psi '59ers, sponsored by **Phil McCarthy, JD '65**, in Sedgwick, ME. "Phil is a fabulous host, although his boat navigational skills (he was in the Navy, if I can believe that) come into question occasionally. Fifteen to 20 guys show up for the three-day event of sailing, eating, jerking each other's chains, etc.—almost exactly what we were doing at Cornell. Phil also brings in local celebrities, who give terrific talks about their experiences. It's really interesting every year."

Appreciation of the Romp-n-Stomp video produced during our 50th Reunion continues to spread. The Class of '43 is sending the video to all of its 416 living classmates. The class president, **Miller Harris '43**, took the course and was very close to its creator, Prof. Harold Thompson. **Harry**

Petchesky had asked Miller to attend our reunion and play Prof. Thompson's role in the Romp-n-Stomp revival, but Miller declined. Afterwards, says Harry, "he was sorry he didn't come."

Our class news form (you have renewed your class membership, right?) asked about Cornell friends you would like to hear from. Here's a suggestion: update your info on the Cornell alumni website (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/services>) and look for friends and old acquaintances there. ☐ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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Michael Glueck, a retired radiologist board-certified in nuclear medicine who lives in Newport Beach, CA, has put his professional background to excellent use in his recent writing assignments. In December, Mike published an article in the local newspaper on the controversial topic of airport radiation, pointing out that an airport body scanner delivers a minuscule and thus essentially harmless dose of just .01 millirads. His March column, entitled "Don't Panic," responds to the thousands of radiation scare articles, particularly on the West Coast, that followed the catastrophe in Japan whose outcomes included damaged nuclear reactors. Mike notes that potassium iodine tablets are selling out and activists are calling for the shutdown of nuclear power plants in the US, but cautions against reacting to fear-mongers. He stresses the fact that low doses of radiation are unlikely to cause illness and notes that we can measure our exposure to it with small radiation monitors easily constructed from instructions found on the Internet. Undoubtedly, his readers find Mike's sensible and informative comments welcome in these trying times. On a more personal front, Mike and his wife welcomed three new grandchildren this past fall, a boy born to his daughter and her husband in New York City, and boy and girl twins born to their son and his wife in Los Altos Hills, CA.

Richard "Nick" Nicoletti, LLB '63, and wife Angela built a new house on the site of their long-time vacation property on the shores of Granite Lake, NH, and moved there full-time after many decades in the Boston suburb of Waban. They did this after their respective retirements, Nick's from the practice of law and his wife's from her career as a nurse practitioner at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where she directed the teen clinic, counseling and treating pregnant teenagers. Luckily for their Boston-area friends, they make regular trips back to the city, in Nick's case for continued psychoanalytical training at the C.G. Jung Inst.-Boston. In New Hampshire, the pleasures of the Nicoletti's lakeside location are greatly enjoyed by family members, and Nick says, "We love the visits to and from our three sons and their families, including their wives and our eight grandchildren." Son **Rick '85** lives in Southboro, MA, with his wife; both are computer engineers working for startups, he for a pharmaceutical and she for an e-storage firm. Living in Williamsburg, MA, **Mark '87** and his wife are both emergency room doctors working for the hospital that serves as the trauma center for the Berkshire region. Son Russell and his family are now in Sunnyvale, CA, where he works for Yahoo! and his wife is a linguist who translates scientific documents from and into German and English. Nick spoke to **Dave** and **Betsy Feeney** around the Christmas holidays. "Dave is a

senior tax partner at Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft, the Wall Street firm, now in his 49th year there and not ready to retire," Nick reports.

Two classmates report family-related moves. **Bob Lockard** writes from his new place in Glen Allen, VA: "Ellen and I have moved back to Virginia to be closer to our two granddaughters in Maryland, though I miss the golf in Florida," and **Thomas Hunter** says he and wife **Connie (Purick) '63** moved to Raleigh, NC, in December 2010 "to be close to daughter **Sarah '98** and her family."

During the conference of Cornell class officers that took place in Washington, DC, in January, **Rebecca Quinn** Morgan received a major university honor when she was given the Helen Bull Vandervort Award, presented annually to alumni of the College of Human Ecology "who exemplify outstanding performance in each of the following areas: service to the college and university, professional and/or volunteer roles, and contributions as recognized by one's peers." During the presentation to Becky, official congratulations from the Class of '60 were extended and several classmates were in attendance. **Carol Sue Epstein** Hai was a previous recipient of the Vandervort Award.

Barry Weintrob sent a brief update: "I retired in August 2010 as chief financial officer of WTCA [World Trade Centers Association]. Sheila and I welcomed a fourth grandchild, Sophia Elana Papas, in January 2011. We still live in Brooklyn, but spend more time in our apartment in West Palm Beach, FL."

In April, several fortunate and extremely appreciative Boston-area Cornellians, including your correspondent, were shown around the new American wing of the Museum of Fine Arts by Frank Robinson, whose position as director of the Johnson Museum on the Cornell campus was endowed by **Richard J. Schwartz**. During the event, hosted by Cornell trustee **David Croll '70**, Frank revealed the energy, enthusiasm, and extensive knowledge of art history that has made him such a successful leader of the museum for almost two decades. Along with providing a stimulating overview of the artifacts in the MFA wing, he pointed out that a number of noted American artists had a Cornell background, including the pioneering abstract painter **Arthur Dove**, Class of 1903. I eagerly await your news! ☐ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

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All of us are now comfortable and basking in the afterglow of our terrific 50th Reunion, the great activities, and the renewal of long-ago friendships. However, as you read this edition of the '61 class column, remember that the content was submitted a full two months before the actual event. A complete reunion report will be in your Sept/Oct issue of CAM.

Our first contributor to this pre-reunion column is **Allan Metcalf**, author of five previous books on language. He has now come out with a sixth: *OK: The Improbable Story of America's Greatest Word*. "Yes, it's all about those little letters OK that in 1839 began as a joke (abbreviation for 'all correct'—get it?). Almost as lame as what we used to read in the *Widow*, but then developed into a worldwide success and a quintessential expression of the American view of life. How's that? What's that? You'll just have to read the book, available from Oxford University Press."

Now, a note from **Jerry '58, MD '62**, and **Judy Rensin Mandell**. "We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last December. I (Judy)

continue to write (freelance)—regularly for the *Los Angeles Times* travel section (despite the fact that I live in Virginia—yay, computers!) and for other mostly mainstream print publications.” **Gary Busch** sends along the following. “I have been busy with the election in Guinea, which is proving to be a bit dramatic, as are the elections in the Congo-Kinshasa. My new book is out. *Free for All: The Post-Soviet Transition in Russia* reports on my work in Siberia and the Russian Far East from 1992–96 setting up the logistics system for the Russian aluminum industry and the politics of the KGB, the GRU, and the oligarchs. It’s on Amazon and the others and as an e-book. Now I’m off to Switzerland to see my new granddaughter; generally keeping busy and productive.”

Bill Onorato continues his world journeys and writes, “I have been involved as an expert witness in a major international energy-related arbitration. The oral hearings will be in Paris this year. I was selected as consulting upstream petroleum legal advisor by the World Bank’s Central Oil, Gas, and Mining Group. This consultancy aims to put together small, ad hoc teams of experts to spend a week or so ‘in country’ to rectify distressed World Bank energy projects. I continue to teach my upstream petroleum legal training course, World Legal Systems and Contracts for Oil & Gas, twice yearly in London for the CWC Group. We had a family skiing get-together in Durango, CO, at year’s end, after which I left for a ten-day hiking/trekking trip in Chilean Patagonia in March.” After seeing this itinerary, I don’t think we need to inquire about Bill’s health!

Carol Bonosaro, writing from Hawaii, says, “I’m still happily engaged in my full-time job as president of the Senior Executives Association, a professional association of the top career executives in the federal government. I was named to the National Council on Federal Labor Management Relations early this year, which has taken a fair amount of my time. I manage to get away each year to travel, however, usually to Europe, but finally saw a bit of the US last fall on a delightful New England cruise.” **Marvin Amstey** wrote from his home in Rochester, NY. “I’ve retired as professor emeritus of ob/gyn from the U. of Rochester Medical Center. As a collector of oriental rugs for nearly 40 years, I am now serving as a consultant to the Oriental Rug Mart in Victor, NY. It’s the largest and most diversified Oriental rug dealer in central New York. I also am engaged in Oriental rug studies and music theory classes at the Eastman Community School.”

Digging through the e-mails, I found this note dated last fall from **Thos Rohr**. “Just last night I returned from a wonderful golfing trip to Latrobe, Dublin, London, St. Andrews, and County Down. The highlight of the trip was spending Saturday afternoon at Arnie’s house in Latrobe reminiscing about the many years we have played together all over. National golf links on Long Island, Augusta National, Bay Hill, The Tradition in Palm Springs, and Waialae and Kapalua in Hawaii.” And lastly, from Pittsburgh, I received this note from **Preston Shimer**: “Currently I am the foundation administrator, ARMA Int’l Educational Foundation. I am also enjoying the success of a pet project: the Upper St. Clair Community and Recreation Center. As I ponder the future, the task I am avoiding most is cleaning out years of accumulated stuff from the garage and basement, a problem shared with many classmates, I’m sure.”

Reunion is coming just in time for this correspondent. Yes, I am eager to attend and enjoy

the festivities. It is also a premier opportunity to get your news and information for future columns. So send along any and all news you have to share with your classmates. ☐ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

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A while ago **John Neuman** shared a thought with **John Lowrie** about reunions: “With each successive reunion, we get better at what we can give to each other as no one else in our lives could do, based on the experiences of our earlier years revisited in the context of more than 50 years later.” Sounds like another good reason to plan on joining us June 7–10, 2012.

Rick ’60 and Lori Krieger Yellen are pleased to let us know, “Our oldest granddaughter (the first of five), Samantha Yellen, has been accepted early decision into the Class of 2015. She will study Environmental Biology in the Arts college. Sam will be a fourth-generation Cornell legacy.” Her great-grandfather was **Maurice Yellen ’22**. Samantha’s father is **Robert Yellen ’86**, and her great-uncles are **Irving Yellen ’22** and **Max Yellen, LLB ’18**.

A wonderful conversation with **Gail Strand Wiley** (cuscowilla@comcast.net) brought the news that she and Bud share our enthusiasm for New Zealand. The Wileys visited son Jim and his wife in pre-earthquake Christchurch and plan to return despite the fact that that family has returned stateside and presented them with their sixth grandchild. A master gardener, Gail is still potting, volunteering, and exercising. They enjoy spending summer time at their “shack” in Wisconsin. At home in Lisle, IL, Bud is working on a nature photography certificate at Morton Arboretum.

Nancy Terrell Weight (weightn@comcast.net) planned a June trip from her Denver home to California to visit her sister and thence to Texas. “My mother died just a year ago at age 99—a very sorrowful occasion that brought her children, all her grandchildren, and some great-grandchildren to Kerrville for memorial services. She was one of those grandmothers who was very influential in the lives of those she loved. I miss my trips to Texas, and so, even though she’s gone, I’ll go to visit my brother and family. I am a great armchair traveler—I’m the perfect person to invite to one’s slide show of your family’s latest vacation.” She was looking forward to photos from

Larrie Dockerill Rockwell’s heli-skiing adventures in British Columbia (larrierockwell@yahoo.com).

Bowie, MD, is home to **Nam** and **Wendell Glasier** (wglasier@aol.com). Wendell retired from the US Dept. of Labor and plays racquetball and softball. Fishing, casinos, and horse racing keep **Edward Newell** (Derby, NY; edzzhorse@yahoo.com) happy in retirement. “I love being retired,” notes **Evelyn Eskin** (evelyneskin@mac.com), “and husband **Dave Major ’61** still loves working. Our children and grandchildren (all girls!) are busy with the challenges of raising a family in this crazy world—not easy!” Evelyn and Dave downsized into downtown Philadelphia several years ago. Also retired, but no less active, **Larry ’60** and **Nancy Lawrence Fuller** (nlfuller@prodigy.net) spend summers in North Carolina and winters in South Carolina, when not traveling to be with their extended family. Nolly and **Judy Leach Evans** (jevans1000@comcast.net) of Baltimore also have a part-time home in South Carolina. Judy retired from Johns Hopkins.

J. Kent Hewitt ’59 and **Myra Maloney Hart** (mmh32@cornell.edu) enjoyed trips to Egypt,

Jordan, London, and Banff last year, in addition to numerous domestic trips with family. Myra remains involved with Harvard Business School and serves on several corporate, nonprofit, and university boards. They, too, have downsized, and live in Belmont, MA.

Ski patrolling and sailboat racing keep **Dale Benedict** busy when he’s not working at American Axle & Manufacturing. He planned to retire this year. Wife **Marion (Krause) ’66** volunteers with Meals on Wheels. The scattered Benedict family, all ten, enjoyed a spring reunion at the Von Trapp Lodge in Stowe, VT. Sailing is also a favorite activity for **Joy Harwood Rogers** and Bob Parker (rogersparker@comcast.net). Joy sings (beautifully) with Seattle Choral Company; Bob hikes and skis. When Joy’s daughter visited from Dubai last summer, the group spent a week at Whistler, BC, where they went on the zip line (“sheer terror”), canoeed, and enjoyed family times together.

It’s becoming more difficult to tell the children from the grandchildren in the handsome portrait of **John ’60 and Helen Zesch Ward**’s family (hzward@comcast.net). How is it that we all can have so many grownups at family gatherings when they were so young just a few years ago? In Greensboro, NC, **Fred ’59** and **Carol Shaw Andresen** (fhacs@triad.rr.com) hosted Friendship Force guests from Australia and Azerbaijan, as well as a regional conference. They have eight grandchildren, ranging in age from 13 to 6. Robbinsville, NC, was the meeting spot for Bob and **Betty Kreps Zielinski** (bandzielinski@aol.com) and Joe and **Marilynn Schade** Stewart (marilynn@optonline.net), who enjoyed a reunion at the Stewarts’ son’s B&B there. Marilynn and Betty were Cornell roommates and Joe and Bob were company mates at West Point. The Zielinskis continue their theatrical performances, despite a grandson’s query about why they had to do the same play over and over.

“Does anyone have a good fundraising suggestion?” asks **Karin Nielsen** McNamara (kmcnamara@rochester.rr.com). She volunteers with the Rochester Science Museum and they are wishing to add another. Karin and Bob enjoy the antics of a granddaughter, 2, and her twin cousins, 1. **Jack and DeeDee McCoy Stovel** (ddstovel@sbcglobl.net) enjoy being close to their grandchildren in San Carlos, CA. DeeDee has written several cookbooks and volunteers in Redwood City; Jack teaches at Castilleja.

Have you put a note on your calendar yet for June 7–10, 2012? Do it now! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

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It is two years and counting until our big 50th Reunion! Put June 6–9, 2013 on your calendars now! Meanwhile, I really need news from all of you! Since many of you pay your class dues automatically through the university, you might overlook the fact that any kind of news—written or e-mail—would still be most welcome. My address is at the bottom of the column and I welcome yours!

News from classmates. We had dinner last month with **David ’62** and **Ginny Hoffman Morthland**. The Morthlands spent a week skiing in Telluride using our condo. They keep busy with golf and sharing time with one of their sons, who lives in Tucson with his two children. Steve and **Marjorie Walker** Sayer (Guilford, VT) traveled south to get out of the Vermont weather for the month of March. They saw Civil War battlefields from

Gettysburg to the Mosby Rangers trails, including Winchester, VA, which changed hands 72 times over the course of the war. The Sayers went as far south as Stone Mountain, GA. Marjorie had another exhibit of her paintings last April at the Jaffrey Civic Center in Jaffrey, NH. **Elenita Eckberg Brodie** wrote that in November she went to Tanzania for a photographic safari with **Vicki Fielding Maxant** and her husband, Stan Murphy. From zebras outside the tent to elephants in the hotel garden, it was an unforgettable experience.

Marty and **Vivian Grilli deSanto** lead busy lives. In early June they visited Kansas City to celebrate granddaughter Bella's first birthday with her parents, **Jim King '87** and wife Candace. In August, the Kings visited the house on the beach that the deSantos had rented and brought new baby Brooke Rhyan. Also included in the visit were Vivian's daughter, Jennifer, and her family, who live near the deSantos in Wilmington, NC. Vivian spent two weeks in Italy with a good friend at a villa in Treia, Le Marche, on the Adriatic Sea. After a quick turnaround when she returned home, the deSantos flew to Las Vegas to meet up with **Bing '62** and **Cathy Dedeck Steffen**. They saw several shows, drank margaritas, and dined "sumptuously." On the way home, they stopped in Kansas City to see the three grandchildren. Thanksgiving found them in Pinehurst with son David, daughter-in-law Lori, and granddaughters Alyssa, Katie, Jena, and Maddie. Believe it or not, Vivian and Marty stayed home for Christmas and hoped to get to Florida in the winter to see son Tony and family and daughter Jo and her family.

Penny Harris Block and husband Keith live in Evanston, IL. Penny is executive director of the Block Center for Integrative Cancer Treatment. She is proud of the excellent breast cancer survival data with their program. Bantam published *Life Over Cancer*, a map to integrative cancer treatment as practiced at the Block Center, in 2009. Penny completed her PhD in psycho-oncology at the U. of Chicago in 2008. Keith and Penny have four grown children, the youngest of whom graduated from Cornell summa cum laude in 2010. They have five grandchildren. Penny enjoys Tai Chi, skiing, trekking, hiking, and skydiving. Keith and Penny spent a vacation last year trekking through the "superb" country of Bhutan. **Marge Nelsen** Free now lives in Niceville, FL, on the Florida Panhandle. She retired in 2009 from the Jackson, MS, area. She feels she is living in paradise, and describes the area as "beautiful beaches, great community, and lots of educational and service opportunities." She has three daughters and five grandchildren ranging in age from eight months to 16 years.

Many of our classmates are members of the Cornell University Council. Those on the Council for life are **Ed Butler**, MS '65, **Carol Bagdasarian Aslanian**, **Jim Billings**, MBA '64, **Richard Bradley**, MED '65, **James Byrnes**, MBA '64, **William Kidd**, MBA '64, **Marty Lustig**, **Joe**, MBA '66, and **Nancy Cooke McAfee**, and **Dick Lynham**. **Donna Forsman**, BFA '64's term ends this year; **Charles Abbe**, MCE '65's in 2012, and **Neil Ann Stuckey Levine's** in 2013.

Judy Clarke Bennett, volunteer registrar for many of our reunions, has been through a difficult time. Her granddaughter, Mackenzie, 6, died in early March after suffering from a horrible cancer, rhabdomyosarcoma, for two-and-a-half years. Her life was celebrated with a service and a balloon launch in April. You can read more about the positive aspects of her life at www.Caringbridge.org/visit/MackenzieGonzalez. Her story was also

told by the *Miami Sun Sentinel* in Nicole Embrou's article "Cancer Warrior." Mackenzie's mother—and Judy's daughter—is **Sue Bennett Gonzalez '91**. Judy enjoys living in West Palm Beach, FL, and tries to play mah-jongg and Bingo. That's all for this month! I hope to hear from many of you via e-mail—it's so easy! ☐ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

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Time for our annual mid-summer missive! CAU has just begun, so here's hoping you've run across some classmates, wherever you are and whatever you're up to. To start things off, here are folks you may not have heard about in some time.

Fred Winch III, whose news is appearing here for the first time, has retired to Pisgah Forest, NC, after a long career as a Foreign Service officer with the US Agency for Int'l Development. Fred and wife Renata must have enjoyed all the travel such a field includes, for they're still at it, having visited Zimbabwe, South Africa, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Another reason they have to keep on the road is visiting their two daughters, both of whom live in England. Last summer, they attended a Winch family reunion near Ithaca. Fred's other interests are conservation and wildlife. Physician **Nina Tolkoff Rubin** (Brookline, MA), last in this column a quarter-century ago, is yet to retire from both her positions: medical director of dialysis and renal transplants at Massachusetts General Hospital, and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. She and husband Robert have one grown daughter. Nina is definitely a New England sports enthusiast, as she lists her interests simply as the Patriots, Celtics, and Red Sox.

Yet another still-working classmate is attorney **Nelson Keshen**, last here in '93. He is still practicing law, primarily in estate planning, probate, and trust administration. His opinions on estate planning were quoted in *Forbes* magazine last February. When not working, Nelson and wife Talma, who live in Miami, FL, like to fly to Santa Barbara, CA, to be with their two grandchildren. **Dick D'Amato** writes that he also still works as an attorney and that his wife's name is Dee, but provides no other news. **Nancy Hockensmith** Beach, last heard from in '96, has retired, but from what career she doesn't say. Nancy and husband Richard live in Minneapolis, MN.

Small world department: We were in Aspen last February, having dinner with friends, and during the evening I happened to mention, in some context or other, that I was a Cornell grad. When the party at an adjoining table rose to leave, one gentleman paused to say he, too, was a Cornellian. I asked which class. Sixty-four, he replied. Turns out it was **Warren Jones**. Now that he's retired, Warren and wife Kathy divide their time between two homes, spending summer and winter in Aspen, spring and autumn in Wilmington, NC. The Joneses have two children, whom they visit frequently. They also make a couple of foreign trips annually. Another double-homer is **Stephen Abramson**, who still works as president of his own firm, APS Pension & Financial Svcs., specializing in pension, insurance, and estate planning, in Woodbury, NY. Steve and wife Phyllis live in nearby Hauppauge and have a country home in New Lebanon, NY. The Abramsons have two grown children and five grandchildren, one of whom, Alexander, will enroll in Engineering this autumn. The

Abramsons enjoy tennis and travel, recently to Thailand and last March to San Diego for a family reunion. At home, Steve is a Family Service League board member, a Hadassah Associate, and a National Leadership Forum participant.

Retired physician **Lois Weyman** Dow and husband Bill Rowe (Greenville, DE) make "lots of trips" to Virginia, where both her son and daughter live, to enjoy time with her three grandchildren. **Joan Greenspan**, who retired long ago as an executive with the Screen Actor's Guild, now enjoys traveling widely, including to Jerusalem to visit a niece who is a cantorial student there, to Barcelona to celebrate a sister's 40th wedding anniversary, and to Iceland, of all places, for this Fourth of July holiday. Well, the local volcanoes could provide some fireworks. **Kathleen Peterson** has retired after a 44-year career as a pastor for the United Methodist Church. She and husband David still live in Lemont, IL, where she enjoys gardening.

I'm sad to report that a valuable member of our 45th Reunion committee, **Joanne Herron**, passed away in February.

That's all for now. Thanks to all who responded quickly to our appeal for class dues and the news I need to fill this column. I've now received enough for a couple of columns, but more is needed to get us to the 2012 news/dues cycle. 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.

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A group of us enjoyed a fun lunch in a waterside restaurant in Punta Gorda, FL, in March. Joining me and happily exchanging news were **Joe Ryan** (jryan9778@aol.com), **Judy Kellner** Rushmore (judesr@gmail.com), **Warren Emblidge** and wife Carol (wemblidgefr@yahoo.com), **Dave** and Hazel **Bridgeman** (dazel43bman@aol.com), **Chip**, ME '66, and **Patty Gros Bettle** (cbettle@comcast.net, PGBettle@aol.com), and **Neena Martin** Lurvey (nlurvey@comcast.net).

Patty and Chip commented that they refuse to retire because they are having too much fun working. Patty has re-upped as president of the Sarasota-Manatee Cornell Club. Chip is consulting in a wide variety of industries and has just received a composition-of-matter patent for one of his many inventions. Neena shared the sad news that her husband, Bob, died last October. She is staying in Estero, FL, and facing life anew. Joe and wife Eileen return to Buffalo in April following their pattern of living half the year in Buffalo and half the year in Venice, FL. It's been particularly fun for me to spend time with Joe and Eileen while I'm in Venice for the months of February and March. Not only does Joe handle our class communications, but he and Eileen also head up their condo association in Venice. Warren is president of S. J. McCullagh Inc., a coffee company working with global growers of coffee beans.

Judy Rushmore and Joe Ryan organized the lunch in Punta Gorda. Afterwards, Judy wrote, "I love life and enjoy connecting with family, friends, and Cornell alums when I am at my homes in Nantucket, Belmont, MA, and Naples, FL. The last weekend of March I'll fly to New Orleans, where more than 50,000 people are expected to attend the third annual Louisiana Roadfood Festival, an event organized by my son **Stephen '96**, who grew up in a foodie family. When I am not in my kitchen

cooking or entertaining, I am in my garden or pedaling around the countryside on my bike. I have signed up for my 16th bike tour with B & R for September, a trip from Berlin to Dresden."

George Arangio, MD '69 (casarangio@aol.com) received a letter from our scholarship recipient, **Stephanie Rigione '10** (sar225@cornell.edu), thanking our class for our sponsorship. She is co-president of the Class of 2010 and writes, "I live in New York City and work in fundraising for Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. I was a Communication major at Cornell, co-president of the 2010 Senior Class Campaign, and a manager at the Cornell Annual Fund's student phoning program. My major and extracurricular activities prepared me for my current position, which I absolutely love."

Torrey Harder has been featured in the Cornell publication *Vested Interest* (vol. 23, fall 2010), which highlights Torrey's philanthropic planning to benefit Cornell. In the past he created an annual lecture series that is now in its fourteenth year and brings to the public some of Cornell's best-loved writers and poets speaking on aspects of the history, philosophy, and human experience of nature. The William H. and Jane Torrence Harder lecture and garden party honors Torrey's parents. Recently, he established the Lauren E. Harder Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to undergraduate students in the Dept. of English. The fund honors his daughter **Lauren '99**. Torrey has been dedicated to entrepreneurial investing for over 30 years and has been generous with his time and gifts to Cornell.

Dave and Hazel Bridgeman (dazel43bman@aol.com) moved from San Jacinto, CA, to Ft. Myers, FL, in April 2010. "We thought a change of scenery and being closer to family and friends

would do us good," they write. "So far we've been very happy with our decision." **Peggy Haine** (Realtor.1@PeggyHaine.com) celebrates her best year ever working as an associate broker helping people buy and sell property in the Ithaca area. She writes, "Stepdaughter **Rebecca Hoover '94** is practicing family medicine in Missoula and has an adorable 1-1/2-year-old; her husband, Dustin Walters, is a hydrologist. My husband, Peter, retired as an editor at Cornell last year and is pursuing his many agricultural interests." Peggy also reports that **John Diebold** died in July 2010 from a heart attack and will be remembered as a shining light to so many of us.

I was on campus in April to attend the Emerging Artist Series, an annual event in memory of my daughter, **Lauren Pickard '90**. This year the group was Fallen Riviera, an indie rock group, who were terrific. It was also a treat to have lunch with my scholarship student, **Margaret Chou '11**, who will graduate this year and plans on going to law school. Spring flowers and trees were blooming, and walking through the Arts Quad were groups of potential students and their parents with tour guides extolling the joys of Cornell. Keep the news coming. ☐ **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanhpj@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 Do you remember the unusual weather we had last winter? Now, in the heat of summer, most of us are sweltering. Go figure. Hope that you were part of our 45th Reunion. We had many people registered, and we look forward to seeing many more of you when we celebrate our 50th in 2016. We will have a complete report from this

year's reunion in the next issue of this magazine. But now, the news:

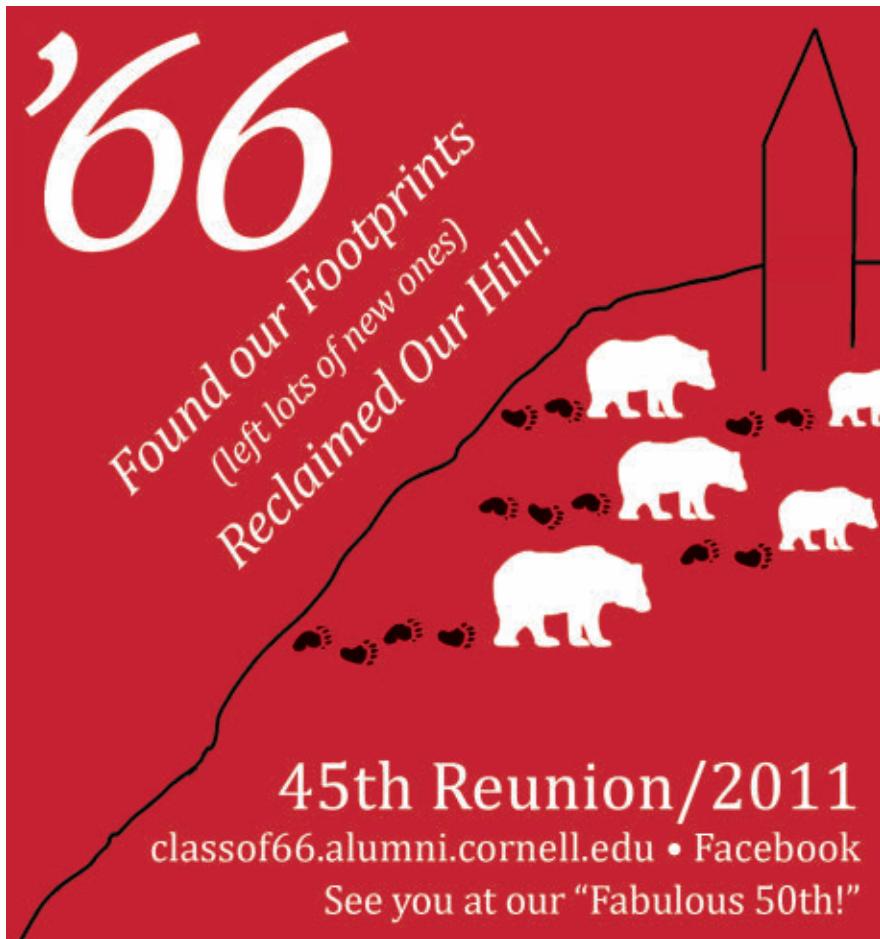
Dot Hoffman Fine, BS Nurs '69, and husband **Bill '65** (Dublin, Ireland; dottyoichbill@yahoo.com) had a Cornell Thanksgiving with the Dublin Cornell Club. They also attended a party celebrating the Spirit of Zinck's Night. "We will hook up with **Peter, PhD '72**, and **Anne Ryder Hobbs, MA '69**, in London before Christmas on our way to Paris." Dot and Bill will be in Ireland for five years. **Pam Troutman Kessler** (Zurich, Switzerland; JPKessler@ggaweb.ch) wrote that she is active as a deacon in church, plays volleyball, has a "veggie patch," and takes long dog walks with a view of the Alps and nearby lakes. She and husband Jürg have toured in Jerusalem, Moldova, Hungary, and southern France. Pam added that they visited with **Susan Blair Jenny '65** when Susan was in Switzerland.

Daniel McGowan (mcgowan@hws.edu) writes from Geneva (New York, not Switzerland!) that he is now professor emeritus at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Talking about higher education professionals, **Ron Berenbeim** ([Ronald.berenbeim@conference-board.org](mailto:conference-board.org)) is semi-retired, but still teaches at NYU, a curriculum entitled Professional Responsibility: Markets, Ethics and Law. Last year, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach the course in Paris. He and his wife have two daughters. **Patrick Gross** has a new e-mail address (pat.gross@TheLovellGroup.com) and lives in Bethesda, MD.

Rick Chandler (curator@bainbridgehistory.org) became the full-time curator at the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum this past summer. "My traveling exhibit, Whales in our Midst: Killer Whales in the Salish Sea, won the State Exhibit Award from the Washington Museum Association," he reports. Rick and wife Timmie live on Bainbridge Island, WA. From **John Cobey** (Cincinnati, OH; [jacobey@ctks.com](mailto:jcobey@ctks.com)): "I'm still practicing law—the same place for 42 years." He added that he and wife Jan Frankel are active with the Cornell Club of Southern Ohio. Farther west, **Arthur Purcell** (earthpic@aol.com) writes that he's joined the 21st century and is teaching online for the U. of Denver in energy and the environment. He has students from four countries and says, "It's a new world out there."

Jim Shulman (jesjmskali@aol.com) "continues on a five-year project of organizing volunteers in the Berkshires to build a hand-carved wooden carousel, as the community's largest permanent art project and the first wooden carousel built in New England in 100 years." See the site at www.berkshirecarousel.com. Jim is president of the carousel group, and is a retired psychologist and hospital vice president who lives in Galena, OH. **Barbara Allen Ariano** writes, "Anthony and I are entering a new phase of life—retirement! Looking forward to attacking the 'to do' list! We have moved from the NYC area to the Raleigh, NC, area. **Dennis Lutz**, ME '67 (decalutz@comcast.net) writes from South Burlington, VT: "As most people of our age, we have been dealing with an elderly parent and the selling of her house in this market. Still doing volunteer work at the local theatre and trying to stay in shape by skiing, snowshoeing, and using the treadmill. The only part that really sucks is the 5:15 a.m. walk with the dog in -5 to -15 temperatures. I continue to work as the public works director/town engineer for Essex, VT. The public's response seems to have mellowed now that they are dealing with a 'gray-haired' old guy."

Mary Wellington Daly (mary@daly.us) and husband Rich have been retired and living in Tucson, AZ, since the fall of 2003. They enjoy the



climate, bicycling, hiking, swimming, and golfing. They also have season memberships to the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and a local theatre company. Mary writes, "It has been a joy for me to serve as the program chair for the Cornell Club of Southern Arizona for the past two years. We have an active group and meet about once a month for activities ranging from lectures and museum visits to parties and picnics." **Peter Haughton**, MD '70, wrote, "Retired December 27, 2010, after 34 years as physician-in-charge and director, University Health Service at SUNY New Paltz, NY. Continuing to live in Kingston, the mid-Hudson Valley of New York."

Harold "Hap" Gray (hopgray@roaddrunner.com) sent this news from Avon, OH: "I try to spend as much time with my 'perfect' granddaughter Reagan, 2, as possible. I continue my retirement job as owner/manager of a Merry Maids franchise. (It keeps me off the streets and forces me to get up in the morning.) I have driven my '05 softail Deluxe Harley to Sturgis, MI, Laconia, NH, and many state HOG rallies." ☐ **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; **Deanne Gebell Gitner**, dgg26@cornell.edu; and **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 **Ted Feldmeier** (Eliot, ME; joan.feldmeier@yahoo.com) writes that he has retired. His activities feature "(mainly) physical fitness—everyday stretching (after warming up), four-mile run every other day, and two times weekly strength exercises. Purpose of this routine is to slow the normal aging process (some of aging, I believe, is due to physical inactivity or the wrong type of physical activity for years on end)." **Robert L. Thompson** (Washington, DC; Dr.Robert.L.Thompson@gmail.com), who retired from the U. of Illinois last May (he's now professor emeritus), received the American Farm Bureau Federation's Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award for 2011 (can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXrnGTjylnI>). **Jeffrey Rose** (Las Vegas, NV; normandycap@gmail.com) is engaged in due diligence for CapWest Securities and Normandy Capital Group, dealing in securities through Pacco Capital Solutions, Greeley, CO.

Helene Dansker Bergman (New York, NY; muymimada@aol.com) is an interpreter/translator for English and Spanish and has been doing a great deal of international travel for pleasure. "After trying since 1993, we passed a bond issue for a new library," reports **Senetta Hill** Koch (Manhasset, NY; don45west@hotmail.com), who serves as president of the board of trustees of the public library there. By day, she manages technical classroom training for Information Builders. As for what she'd rather be doing: visiting Italy! **Roger Goldberg** (Ada, OH; r-goldberg@onu.edu) is associate vice president for academic affairs at Ohio Northern U. **Katrina Clark** (New Haven, CT; Katrina@fhchc.org) is executive director of Fair Haven Community Health Center.

At a gathering in New York, aside from the pleasure of dining with the newly elected *Sun* board for 2011–12, courtesy of the indomitable impresario **Stan Chess** '69, JD '72, I caught up with **Al Lurie** '43, LLB '44, likely one of the few around now who witnessed, as the *Sun's* correspondent, the fabled "Fifth Down" game at Dartmouth in '41. Although it's still recalled as perhaps the finest moment of sportsmanship when the Red conceded to the Green on Monday after reviewing what Al said were quite primitive game

films and gave up a hitherto undefeated season, I was heartened to learn from Al that the Cornell student body was outraged, especially at then-President Edmund Ezra Day (didn't you think he was a Hall?) who was accused of perfidy in making the concession—he had graduated from, of all places, Dartmouth. Faced with the same situation on the gridiron more than a half-century later, Colorado's Bill McCartney was rightfully pummeled in the media for not emulating the Red. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 **Clemont "Cle" Austin** (caustin@eaaustin.com) continues to run his 104-year-old construction company and is the fourth generation in his family to do so. He admits it has been challenging, given the 30 percent decrease in revenue. Cle remains in touch with his SAE fraternity brothers and has been elected to the board of trustees of the Erie (PA) Community Foundation. **Rick Beck** writes that he has traveled a couple of times to Florida from his home in Baggs, WY, and also attended the 2010 NCAA wrestling finals in Omaha, NE, where Cornell did really well. Rick's main focus is running an irrigation canal; he doesn't plan to retire until he is 85.

I am sorry to report that **Linda Rappoli Plank**, wife of **Gregory** (country@mindspring.com), died in December 2009. They had been married 42 years and had three daughters and four grandchildren. Gregory's first book, *Saving the St. George*, was published by AH&LA Educational Inst. His second book is with a publisher. Looking back, Gregory observes that his education in the Hotel school gave him the background to enjoy working in the hotel business for more than 45 years. Living 45 miles north of Atlanta, he is very close to two of his children. In his free time, Gregory reads the lessons at church and does some speaking for companies and college classes.

C. Edward Kemp, DVM '71 (eds330@aol.com) writes that he retired from a 25-year career practicing veterinary medicine and has been a residential real estate broker for 15 years in his wife's firm, Carol O'Loughlin Real Estate, in Falmouth, MA. Edward enjoys his participation in classic automobile events and getting together with his Sigma Pi brothers as frequently as possible. He looks forward to more travels to foreign countries and continuing his involvement with Alcoholics Anonymous after more than 15 years of sobriety! **Laura Sevush Langworthy**, married to **Richard** '66, BS Ag '70, continues in her career as an interior designer in the Boston area. In 2009 she was occupied with her youngest son's wedding in July on the Island of Nantucket. **Tom Silliman**, ME '70 (Tom@eriinc.com) is president and CEO of Electronics Research in Chandler, IN. When not working full-time, his hobbies include roping and working cattle on a ranch in Lynnville, IN. In April 2008 he won the engineering award from the National Association of Broadcasters. Send your news to: ☐ **Mary Hartman** Schmidt, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 Hope you're all enjoying the summer. So many of our classmates are doing such wonderful volunteer work. **Dale Coats**, a volunteer with the local library and arts center, writes from Ogdensburg, NY. He is sorry to have missed the Theta

Chi mini-reunion at the Cornell-Colgate game, but hopes to make it next year. In between his land speed motorcycle racing activities, **Don Verdianni**, ME '71, works as a local and national Red Cross volunteer and local emergency manager. **Jim Miller**, a supervisor for student teaching at SUNY Cortland, is a member of the Cornell Council, a CAAAN chair, and wine-tasting chair for the CAA/Central New York (lucky you!). **Stuart Lourie** journeyed to Japan in June 2010 and visited with Phi Epsilon brother **Chiaki Homma** '70. He continues to serve as scholarship chair and board member (15 years) with the Cornell Club of San Diego. He also serves as a trustee at the California Int'l Business U., San Diego.

Lawrence Dean retired in 2009 from Greenfield (MA) Community College and does volunteer work with the college foundation. He spends lots of time caring for his parents in Lansing, NY, and grandchildren in Derry, NH, and still finds time to follow the Cornell lightweight crew. **Joel Allen** retired from Cornell Cooperative Extension in July 2007 and "can't believe how busy I've been since"—traveling, active in the Hudson Rotary Club, volunteering at his church and with the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association. He also serves as a board member and volunteer with the National Park Service at Lindenwald, home of our country's eighth president, Martin Van Buren. **George Frank** is part of the admissions committee at the medical school in Seattle, WA, and finds that "it's exciting to be involved selecting the next generation of physicians."

Marsha Gold (Washington, DC) is an active board member of the James Renwick Alliance, a support group for the Smithsonian Craft Gallery. **Martha Germanow** Green is busy with three grandchildren living close by in Paradise Valley, AZ, but still finds time to be active with Scottsdale Sister Cities Assn. **Lucy Whyte** Ferguson (El Prado, NM) co-published *Clinical Mastery in the Treatment of Myofascial Pain*, did a presentation in Toledo, Spain, in late 2010, and volunteers her chiropractic services to Taos Pueblo, to "give back to and connect with the Native American community within my larger community." **Sara Weisblat** Schastok has volunteered for ten years with the Evanston Community Foundation and enjoys the challenges of building a permanent endowment for Evanston.

Peter Flynn and wife Jacquelyn enjoy visiting their children, two of whom are Cornellians, in NYC, and work with many heritage preservation and theatre nonprofit organizations in the Buffalo area. **Marshall Cary** (Statesville, NC) is a busy retiree, helping family members and relatives and continuing his interest in history and politics, which was "further stimulated at Cornell." **Steve Kussin** realized a lifelong dream after 21 years in education. He is now reporting on WCBS Radio in New York; his "Eye on Education" airs five days a week, three times a day. He appreciates hearing from classmates who have picked up on his broadcasts (sk3015@aol.com). He and wife Sharyn, married 40 years, have three sons, all Cornell graduates.

Ted Hudson (Centreville, VA) retired from the Bureau of Land Management, US Dept. of the Interior, in 2009. He was saddened by the news of the passing of **David Cone**—a "poet, novelist, naturalist, and environmentalist." **Mike Hogan** (Delmar, NY) is looking at tough times ahead, having been reappointed as commissioner of mental health for New York State by Governor Andrew Cuomo. We wish you the best, Mike. **John Mitas II** was elected to the American College of Physicians

in October 2009; it's their highest honor, awarded to only 50 fellows from among 130,000 members. Since retiring, he also serves as special advisor to the CEO of ACP for disaster medicine, public health, and vaccine-related matters. He is on the executive committee of the National Disaster Life Support Education Consortium to improve healthcare providers' education, preparation, and response to disasters and public health emergencies of all types. He represents ACP to the Critical Infrastructure Protection Advisory Council of the Depts. of Health and Human Services and of Homeland Security. He is co-editor-in-chief of the *Core Disaster Life Support* manual published by AMA Press in spring 2010. Thanks and well done, Dr. John.

Marguerite Waller has a new book coming out this fall: *Postcolonial Cinema Studies* will be published by Routledge in September. She says her Cornell courses in literature still play a huge part in her life as graduate advisor in the comparative literature department at UC Riverside. **Michael Masnik** is "still working for the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a senior biologist performing NEPA review for the licensing of new nuclear power plants." Given developments in Japan, Mike, you must be very busy. Mike and wife Annette spend their time between their home in Vienna, VA, and their cabin in the Virginia mountains. **Susan Larkin** (Brooktondale, NY) had a photography show at the Mann Library gallery, a result of her studies of photography at Tompkins Cortland Community College. She volunteers at the Caroline Food Pantry and co-facilitates a support group for the Finger Lakes chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Please keep the news coming to: ☐ **Tina Economaki Riedl**, triedl@optonline.net.

70 Summer is in full swing and I have "fresh" news from our classmates for you. Hope you all enjoy a safe, healthy, and fun (!) warm-weather season this year!

Patrick Kelly (pkelly42@sympatico.ca) and wife Angela continue to live in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, where they are both in choirs as part of their extracurricular activities. Patrick is a retired high school teacher and is now doing pro bono work as a mental health counselor for the Ottawa Fire Service. In July 2010 he sailed the coast of Croatia from Split to Dubrovnik—and he'd rather be sailing right now. He has two grown daughters: Siobhan is studying in Buffalo, NY, at Medaille College to be a vet tech, and Stephanie lives in Toronto and works as a restaurant manager. Patrick's fondest memories of Cornell are walking uphill from Collegetown to campus and Larry Dega's Elba Pizzeria in Collegetown. He would like to be in contact with **Udo Schlentrich** (Hotel). **Harry Brull** (Salida, CO; harry.brull@PDINinthHouse.com) has a new career as a disc jockey on his local community radio station (Monday nights from 9–11 p.m. Eastern time at www.khen.org). He also spends a good bit of time on his bicycle, including a ten-day tour of Croatia, as well as the usual Ride the Rockies. Harry and wife **Myra (Barrett)**, PhD '71, took a Fall 2010 trip to New England and New York (including Ithaca), and saw several Cornellians in the process.

Bruce Baird (bbaird@cov.com) writes to us, in order of importance: "I am a retired Little League Baseball coach and camping chair of a Boy Scout troop." He is also co-chair of the White Collar Practice Group at the Covington and Burling LLP law firm. Bruce lives in the Washington, DC, area. **Mark Finkelstein** (mark.finkelstein@gmail.com)

moved from Ithaca to Pecan Plantation, a wonderful community southwest of Ft. Worth, TX (near Granbury). His extracurricular activities are golf, tennis, and, above all, aviation. He got into flying in the last few years and has his pilot's license and his own small plane. Pecan is an aviation community with two airstrips. Mark doesn't think he will make it to our 45th Reunion, but hopes to join us for our 50th (I like that advance thinking!).

Bruce Panas (CDRMSC30@comcast.net) and wife Bonnie really enjoy life in The Villages, FL. Bruce claims that he is the oldest (or nearly so) member of the class and so is seriously happy to see the sun rise each day! He has been retired for 13 years and enjoys golf, bowling, and traveling. There is nothing he would rather be doing. He plays three or four rounds of golf each week and spends a lot of time with their two Shih Tzus. Bruce has been in touch with **Tom Chegash** '71 and **Frank Masterson** '71. **Neil Murray** and wife Janet live in Schenectady, NY, while he is at SUNY Albany working on embedded systems at the Air Force Research Lab in Rome, NY, with Prof. Sandeep Shukla of Virginia Tech. He was scheduled to attend ISMIS in Warsaw in late June, followed by TABLEAUX in Bern in early July, and Janet was planning to accompany him. Neil writes that current budget deficits in New York make it a difficult time to be in the SUNY system.

Suzanne Grisez Martin (suzannegmartin@gmail.com) announces that she has finally become a grandmother! Madeleine Kelly Martin was born Aug. 25, 2010 in Sydney, Australia, to Suzanne's daughter, Stephanie (Williams College), and her fiancé, Richard Kelly (Oxford). The new parents met in Sydney and moved to NYC this past April. Suzanne's son, Douglas, is a graduate of Brown U. Suzanne and husband David (Cranbury, NJ) are both still working, with no short-term plans to retire. She still has her own management consulting business and most of her work is with the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. **Edgar "E.J." Stevenson** (Titusville, PA; ejs47@verizon.net) traveled to the UK last fall to attend the Ryder Cup in Wales and visit relatives in Ireland. "Recuperating from various ailments," he writes. "Hope to return to the golf course this year."

David Hurwitz (dhurwitz2@earthlink.net) and wife Penny live in Framingham, MA. In 1989, David joined the chemical industry practice at Arthur D. Little, Inc. in Cambridge, MA, then joined some colleagues at a strategy boutique in 1999. "Twelve years later I am the managing director of the latest incarnation, Edica-Garnett Partners LLC. We provide business and technology strategy, global business development, M&D, and R&D/Innovation support to operating companies and private equity firms." David says that consulting is an extremely "lumpy" business. He has been thinking about trying to align with green technology/clean tech companies. "Not thinking about retirement! The rest of my time is devoted to guiding my boys: Mike is in management with Staples in marketing and merchandizing, and Ross is trying to make it as an actor on Broadway! We spend summers in Hull, MA, recharging batteries at the beach just south of Boston." ☐ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 As you read this column, your classmates (and you, too, we hope!) will have already attended our 40th Reunion in Ithaca. Be sure to look for a full reunion report in the September/October issue.

This month, your correspondents received a nice newsy note from **Nancy Miller** (nancy@milleracupuncture.com). "After finishing an MBA at the U. of Rochester, I had a career in the corporate and nonprofit worlds. In early 2001, I was able to switch gears and start a master's program in acupuncture at the Tai Sophia Inst. in Laurel, MD. For the past seven years, I have been practicing acupuncture in Arlington, VA. Richard Bishop, a marine engineer, and I have been married for nine years. We enjoy hiking in the British Isles. I've kept in touch with **Carol Maus Greenberg** '69, **Susan Primmer** and her husband, veterinarian **Robert Harris**, DVM '74, and **Charles Reisen**, who is my second cousin."

Rob '70, MBA '72, and **Marlynn Lampert Littauer** (mlittauer@msn.com) have lived in Seattle for 22 years. Marlynn writes, "Rob and I are expecting two new grandchildren, which will bring the grand total to four. **Amanda Littauer** '98 is an assistant professor at Northern Illinois State in Dekalb. Her partner, **Laura Steele** '97, is also at NIU. Their daughter Zoe, 9, looks forward to being a big sister. Our son Doug and his wife both work for the Washington State Dept. of Transportation." Marlynn and Rob celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Maui with their children and grandchildren. They keep in touch with **Caryn Furst**, **Paul Rothchild**, and **Rob Marangell** '70, MBA '71. Marlynn has been retired from the field of nonprofit fundraising for eight years. She and Rob spend a lot of time at their beach house on San Juan Island (off the Washington coast just south of British Columbia), where they do lots of fishing and enjoy the glorious scenery. Marlynn requests that if anyone is passing through the beautiful Pacific Northwest, please give her a call.

William Wellnitz, PhD '78 (wellnit@aug.edu) writes from Augusta State U. in Georgia, where he is a professor of biology. "Since 2005 I have been director of the State of Georgia component of the national Science Olympiad, a K-12 competitive science activity. In 2009, I was executive director for the national Science Olympiad tournament that was held in Augusta for three days in May. I have been on the biology faculty since 1980. In June I will retire from academia and move to Rochester, MN (spent 31 years in the South and need to move north and find cold weather again). I will become very involved as both a medical and educational volunteer." William's children are all actively involved in the arts. His older son is doing independent film work in Asheville, NC, and his younger son is part of the technical theatre crew at the Shakespeare Company in Washington, DC. His daughter is director of the Dance Exchange in Takoma Park, MD. Her original piece "Drift" was voted as best of the year at the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center in D.C.

Michael Kubin (mekubin@earthlink.net) writes, "On January 25, my sons Zach, **Daniel** '08, and **Gregory** '09 threw a 60th birthday party for me. It took place at a really fun Manhattan wine bar (New York Vintners) and the turnout was terrific—especially the Cornell contingent. Attending were **Dan Bernstein** '70 and these members of our own class: **Ted Grossman**, JD '74, **Martin Michael**, **Jerry** and **Aimee Goldstein Ostrov** '72, **Bert Distelburger**, **Rick Leland**, and **Stu Oran**. **Bob Beleson** was the MC for the evening and did a bang-up job destroying any shred of self-respect I had left." Mike is CEO/managing director of Ionic Media Group, a media planning and buying company based in Encino, CA. He is also EVP of Invidi Technologies, a company that has developed

proprietary technology in addressable advertising on television. His partners are Google, NBC, Motorola, and WPP, among others.

John Henrehan (johnhenrehan@yahoo.com), who married later in life, has a son in high school and a daughter away at college. He is elated to report that his daughter, Sally, made the affordable in-state choice to attend Virginia Commonwealth U. She is a freshman and quite happy with her choice. John plays recreational volleyball twice a week and goes ballroom dancing about twice a month. In his note, he reported that he was looking forward to attending reunion in June. Many thanks to our many classmates who responded to our request for news. Please look for your news in future issues of the magazine. ☐ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

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Mark your calendars! Planning has started for our 40th Reunion, to be held June 7–10, 2012. The following classmates are taking the lead in the planning: **Nancy Roistacher**, **Deirdre Courtney-Batson**, MA '75, **John Nicolls**, BArch '73, MPS '01, **Rick Banks**, **Bill Toffey**, **Annie Freedman Spoot**, **Bob Maroney**, **Bonnie Brier**, and **Stephanie Stern**. Bonnie Brier has also agreed to serve as membership chair for our class, in an effort to maximize participation. Our 40th promises to be a magnificent event, filled with special friends and great memories. Don't miss it.

Joseph Parent, BA '71, writes: "As my sophomore year started, I realized that I needed to make a shift in focus, major, and even college—from the College of Engineering to the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in Psychology. My interest in the workings of the mind evolved into a deep connection with Buddhism, and just after graduation I met my mentor, Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche, who had escaped from the Chinese invasion of Tibet and was at that time teaching in North America. An incredible coincidence happened: as I was on my way to live at his Boulder, CO, meditation center, the U. of Colorado—in Boulder—called and told me I'd been accepted to their PhD program. After training for many years in both Eastern (Buddhist) and Western (social) psychology and earning a PhD, my path eventually led to applying Buddhist mindfulness practice and psychology to sports performance, particularly golf. Currently, I live mainly in Ojai, CA, and Los Angeles, and teach at the Ojai Valley Inn Resort and at the Los Angeles Country Club. I've had the great good fortune to have my first book, *Zen Golf: Mastering the Mental Game*, remain a best seller for nine years, with a quarter-million copies in print in seven languages. I've also been fortunate to work with some of the elite players in golf, helping both Vijay Singh on the PGA Tour and Cristie Kerr on the LPGA Tour to reach number one in the world rankings. There has also been the opportunity to apply what I teach to every field of endeavor. That led to my other career—as a keynote speaker, teaching how to be 'At the Top or Your Game' in business and life. I haven't found a way for cars to have cleaner running engines, but I've found a way to help people have cleaner running minds."

James Johnson married Alaiyo Bradshaw on July 12, 2010 and his teenage daughter was one of the bridesmaids. **Laurel Brandt**, MA '74, and husband Art Leavens became grandparents for the first time in November when daughter Sydney gave birth to a girl. Sydney's return to work (following

a maternity leave) coincided with Lauren's retirement from public service. "So, after nearly two decades as a prosecutor, I am now a nanny," Lauren says. "And I am exhausted! Babysitting is more arduous than trying a murder case!" Lauren "may practice law again—or not. I have also been knitting and fantasizing about being a 'fiber artist.'" **Thomas Ames**, ME '77, changed jobs and is now deputy director of the Horsham Lands Redevelopment Authority, charged with creating a redevelopment plan for the former Naval Air Station in Willow Grove, PA. The Navy base is closing and the HLRA is planning for reuse of the 892-acre parcel,

a block of seats for the game; simply contact **Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS '75 (mjs27@cornell.edu) for availability. Prior to the game, there will be a gathering of the Classes of the '70s. Details will be posted on our class website at www.cornell73.com as they become available.

I will have celebrated my 60th birthday, the age at which the Ohio Dept. of Aging sends me my Golden Buckeye discount card, by the time this column gets printed. I eagerly anticipate flashing this card around town and I still optimistically hope for continued improvement of my tennis, a sport I first took up in my 50s! Our

‘After nearly two decades as a prosecutor, I am now a nanny.’

Laurel Brandt '72

which constitutes almost 8 percent of the town's land. Tom and family are still in Bucks County, PA, where they have lived since 1980. **Judith Harrod** Strotz continues to work at the US Dept. of State. For most of her career she has focused on East Asia—China and Southeast Asia—but lately she has been working on cyber security policy. Judith's daughter is a junior at James Madison U., majoring in history. **Leslie Smullin** Bourne is a psychologist living in Massachusetts and has two sons. **Kay Grebe** Gunderson (gunderson5@charter.net) says she'd love to hear news from classmates.

Wendy Trozzi Libby, MBA '77, started her second college presidency with a move to Stetson U. in DeLand, FL, in the summer of 2009. "I joke with everyone that all good New Yorkers eventually choose to live in Florida, so this makes perfect sense," she says. "Stetson is a wonderful place with rigorous and challenging academic programs, Division I athletics, high emphasis on community engagement, and a historic campus only 25 miles from the Atlantic. Our College of Law is in St. Pete. My husband, Richard (a retired college president), and I love being in central Florida and at Stetson. Send your grandchildren and you will have somewhere warm to visit!" **Louise Shelley** has been appointed university professor at George Mason U. and is co-chair of the global agenda council on organized crime of the World Economic Forum. She looks forward to the wedding of her daughter Hester, a mathematician, this summer. **Julie Elson**, **Diane Kravitz** Bondy, **Rona Levine** Sherriff, and **Marti Stahler**, MAT '75, traveled up and down the California coast together to "celebrate the BIG Six-OH." Diane sent a gorgeous picture of the four women, which unfortunately we couldn't include in the Class Notes due to space constraints.

Any classmates who use Facebook can visit our new page there (<http://tinyurl.com/4nfppee>) and post comments and photos. **Elias Savada** created the Facebook page following a January 2011 class meeting at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. ☐ **Gary L. Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

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Save the date! Cornell Red Hot Hockey will square off against Boston U. on Saturday, November 26, at Madison Square Garden, NYC. Our class has

class's celebrations of our 60th birthdays have been and are being held across the country. Those who have participated have had such good times that most locations already are planning another get-together. As we continue to celebrate, additional locations and celebratory details will be available on the class website.

Thanks to those of you who completed a news form for this column, with a special shout-out to the classmate who omitted writing any identifying information, but reported that he has a son Lucas, 8, and gets together regularly with **Carlos Hurtado** '72 and **Bill VerPlanck**. **Leah Bissonette**, MS '76 (Encinitas, CA; lebissonette@cox.net) has become the managing partner for power for North America for the environmental consulting firm ERM. She has been involved with fabulous projects all around the world and is having a great time. **Doug Currey** (douglisaj@yahoo.com) reports that he retired after 34 years with the NYS Dept. of Transportation. After 30 years in the Big Apple, he and wife Lisa have moved to Avon, CO, to get their high school kids in a small Christian high school and enjoy the mountains. He is doing a lot of skiing and keeping up with the kids' sports and social lives. Doug volunteers at Vail Christian High School and is committee chairman of Vail Valley Young Life.

Mark Liff (mrliff2@comcast.net) remains a frequent visitor to campus. His daughter **Stephanie** '11 graduated in May and his son Noah begins his Cornell adventure in the fall. Smart timing, Mark! His oldest child, Lauren, is completing her plant science studies in their home state of New Jersey. Mark anticipates lots more good family time on campus in addition to his frequent visits as one of Cornell's investment bankers. **Michael Nozzolio**, MS '77 (nozzolio@nysenate.gov) of Seneca Falls has been re-elected to a tenth term in the NYS Senate and selected as secretary of the NYS Senate Majority Conference; chairman of the Crime Victims, Crime, and Corrections Committee; and co-chairman of the NYS Senate-Assembly Redistricting Task Force. He also serves as of-counsel to the law firm of Harris Beach.

Michael Peter (mjjustdoit@gmail.com) and wife Wilnive definitely are globetrotters, having spent last summer at their summer home in Aurora, NY, and winter in their Ft. Lauderdale primary residence and cruising the Keys, Bahamas, and Caribbean on their motor yacht, *Gloria's Sun*,

on which they spent two recent summers touring Spain, France, Italy, the Greek Isles, Sardinia, and Corsica. They have become acquainted with their new neighbor, **Leland Pillsbury '69**, also an Ithaca-area "townie" and Hotel school grad. Presently they are working on a major project to help bring resources to Haitian earthquake victims with the production of a "We Are the World"-type of song and music video called "Haiti Thanks You" sung by all-Haitian kids through the United Nations.

Dan Smith (smithdc@hawaii.rr.com) has completed 30 years of emergency medicine practice serving the underserved, sick, and indigent in the ER and currently is the department's chief. He has spent 11 years in Hawaii and finds it wonderful living at his vacation home. Wife Jan now is the author of three successful chemistry texts. **Bill Totten** (billtotten23@yahoo.com) served as president of the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia from 2008-10. After 15 years, he left A.G. Edwards/Wachovia Securities/Wells Fargo Advisors to join Edward Jones Investments. Bill participates in the alumni baseball game most reunion weekends and continues to enjoy Big Red football involvement and his fraternity relationships. He has enjoyed reconnecting with **Nancy Miller Clifford**, MA '76, and her husband, **Richard '74**, MBA '76.

By the time you read this column, I will have returned from our June Baltic cruise and enjoyed the White Nights in St. Petersburg, a great way to celebrate my 60th. I travel again in October with fellow Cincinnati Art Museum docents to China with our curator of Asian art, so my Delta Skymiles account will enjoy a substantial increase in 2011! ☐ **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 As I review the many responses to our request for news, I continue to marvel at the diversity of our classmates and the interesting and important things that we are involved in throughout the country and around the world.

Randee Mia Berman has invited us to listen in to her Internet radio show at www.centannibroadcasting.com. The show, which she co-hosts, is called "The Johnny Mandolin Show" and is broadcast live from Giovanna's Restaurant in New York City, Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. She mostly does humorous social commentaries, limericks, and interviews with musicians, artists, and writers. Randee is also working on a couple of books, fiction and non-fiction. **Meredith Lloyd** sings with the North American Welsh Choir and is excited about their anticipated tour of New Zealand in the fall. When not singing, Meredith keeps active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and helping injured animals find new homes. Speaking of being overseas, **Douglas Foy** reports he has been living in Singapore for more than 20 years. He loves the people and culture, as well as the weather so he can enjoy tennis and scuba all year round. He is starting to think about college for his daughter Lauren, who is starting high school, and also for son Alex, 13. Douglas travels back to the States once a year.

Nora Bredes directs the Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership at the U. of Rochester. She is active in state and local politics as the president of the Eleanor Roosevelt Legacy Committee, working to train, support, and elect pro-choice Democratic women. **Carol Singer-Granick** continues as an associate professor of pediatrics and director of pediatric endocrinology and

diabetes at New Jersey Medical School/UMDNJ, where her husband, **Mark Granick '73**, is also on the faculty. **Alice Johnson** Fornari informs us that she is assistant dean for medical education, Hofstra North Shore/LIJ School of Medicine, which is opening in August 2011.

Congratulations to **Harry Baumes** on his promotion within the US Dept. of Agriculture as the director of the office of energy policy and new uses (OEPNU), which provides policy advice for the office of the secretary and other officials on energy and bioproduct issues. **Barbara Gales** (Lebanon, NH) works at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in White River Junction, VT, as the director for the Polytrauma Clinic evaluating veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic brain injuries. She also performs disability evaluations for veterans. She keeps in touch with **Renee Alexander** in Ithaca and **Phyllis Turner-Williams** in Saudi Arabia.

Benny Lorenzo acquired a majority/controling interest in Kaufman Bros. LP, making it one of the largest Latino-owned banker/brokers in the country. The firm focuses on the technology, media, green technology, and healthcare services sectors. Benny says that the new undertaking has been one of his most challenging but also one of the most rewarding. He is sure to emphasize that he could not have accomplished the challenge without the support of his wife, Wanda, and children Manuel and Xiomara. **Gary Dufel**, ME '75, still in Danbury, CT, spent ten days in the Andes of Ecuador as part of an Engineers Without Borders (EWB) group assisting in bringing potable water to a number of villages. Gary serves as the professional mentor to the U. of New Haven's student chapter of EWB.

Nancy Porter retired in 2009 and comments that she doesn't know how she had time for a full-time job. She keeps busy volunteering, traveling, and working on projects around her house. **David Eng** (Larchmont, NY) got together with classmate **Gary Ng**, BArch '76, and they shared lots of stories. He adds, "We also discussed second/next homes—please send ideas to me at: daviddoneone@aol.com." **Lucinda Gibbs** Robinson sends word that her first book, *Natural Herbal Therapy: How to Cure Yourself of AIDS, HIV, Cancer, and Many Other Ailments With Herbs*, is now available on Amazon. Lucinda, an herbalist since 1973, says she has developed regimens using only all-natural substances to overcome many conditions, "with very specific herbal combinations proven effective over many years of use." Thanks for all your news. Keep it coming! ☐ **Jack Jay Wind**, jjw@mwhlawfirm.com; **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu.

75 It has been a fabulous Cornell weekend! No, it wasn't our official reunion (but that is just four short years away, so mark your calendar for June 2015), but the gathering of nine Delta Gamma sisters in Washington, DC. I welcomed trip planner **Diane "Kope" Kopelman** VerSchure '74, **Laura Musick Wright '74**, **Elyse Byron**, **Christine Curran**

Williams, **Maria Mickewicz Lewis**, **Elizabeth Levenback Shamir**, **Karen Broten** Sieburgh '73, and **Jill Abrams Klein** '80 to a sunny spring retreat from reality as we toured museums and federal buildings, shopped at Eastern Market, walked Embassy Row, and sampled a wide range of ethnic cuisines at local restaurants.

Our DG-in-DC weekend brought two of my Cornell roommates to town. Sophomore roommate **Maria Mickewicz Lewis** flew across one continent and two countries from Calgary, AB, where she, husband Dave, and their three children reside. Maria (marialewis45@gmail.com) serves as a contract land man, overseeing leases and contracts for government drilling for Taqa, Abu Dhabi National Energy Company. Life after work includes two distinctly different challenges: the creative effort of building a new house designed by her son's girlfriend, and the mental vs. physical game of learning to play golf. Senior-year roommate **Christine Curran Williams** (christine.c.williams@gmail.com) lives in Potomac, MD. At the same time husband Keith retired as an actuary in Washington, DC, Chris began her own consulting practice as a registered dietitian specializing in diabetes nutrition and education and medical nutrition. Daughter Kelly graduated from Ithaca College and works as a physical therapist, Elizabeth is a Barnard College grad working in the D.C. area, and **Matt '12** is in Engineering.

Liz Levenback Shamir (Ft. Washington, PA) has her own financial planning practice affiliated with First Financial Group in Bala Cynwyd. She and her husband have a son begin-

ning studies at Yale and two daughters, one of whom is married and living in Switzerland; the other is a student at Hofstra U. Laurie Musick Wright and husband Greg are in Rutland, VT, where I'm happy to say the snow has finally melted. She balances her graphic design practice at LMW Design Inc. with enjoyment of the great outdoors. Laurie is also pursuing a more recently discovered interest in bioenergetic massage and shen touch, receiving and studying this hands-on healing modality from Italy. There's a special gleam in Laurie's eye when she talks about the fun of being a grandmother to two energetic boys, Cole, 4, and Case, 1, who are sons of daughter **Jamie Chicchetti '99** and her husband, **Eric Ziehm '99**. Jamie and Eric were both Animal Husbandry majors at Cornell and now operate their own horse ranch, Higher Ground Farm, in Eagle Bridge, NY. Laurie's mother, **Patricia Tapscott** Musick Carr, PhD '74, lives near her in Vermont and is still very active in the creative arts. Pat's sculpture will be installed at the new Human Ecology building during Council Weekend, Oct. 20-22, when she will also celebrate the 40th Reunion of the 1971 Ivy League Championship football team, coached by her late husband Jack Musick. Go Big Red!

Across the river in nearby New Jersey, **Eric Rosenblum** is managing director for EPR Resources, located in Princeton. He is involved in management and consulting with banking institutions and real estate groups in the tri-state region. Eric recently directed the move of Princeton's American Boychoir School, a formidable challenge. He and wife Barbara enjoyed visiting their youngest son,

who was studying in Italy on a semester abroad. In Eric's spare time, he volunteers as chair of the facilities committee of the board of trustees at the Hun School. **David Fischell**, PhD '80, and wife **Sarah (Thole) '78**, ME '79, reside in Fair Haven, NJ. David is a Cornell trustee and marched with daughter **Erin '10**, who graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Erin led Cornell's team at the autonomous underwater vehicle team competition in San Diego, and the team repeated as world champs! Sister **Jennifer '13** is in the Arts college and plays in the Big Red Band. David is CEO of Angel Medical Systems in Shrewsbury and hopes one day to teach a semester at Cornell.

Also in the healthcare field is **David Freed**, president and CEO of Nyack Hospital, in Nyack, NY. David commutes from Upper Montclair, NJ. He writes that he has "successfully avoided alumni information requests for the last 34 years!" Thank goodness he is ready to give us some basics. Over the years, David earned his MBA and MS from New York U. and a doctorate in health administration from the Medical U. of South Carolina. His expertise is in difficult hospital turnarounds, and he takes pride in putting Nyack on solid footing, earning national distinction in emergency department turnaround time. His hobbies include "house recovery," noting, "I live in a once-condemned house that I renovated." He also enjoys long-distance bicycling and motorcycling. As director of communications and senior policy analyst for the White House Office of Science and Technology, **Rick Weiss** feels that he has survived two years in the most demanding job he has ever held. Working for the President's science adviser, he's concluded that "public service is not for the weak of heart, but this seemed like the time to add my shoulder to the cause." He credits classes with professors Kingsbury, Eikwort, and Morse for having a significant impact on his life, as well as time spent with Prof. Eisner in the years since graduation. Rick and wife Natalie Angier reside in Takoma Park, MD.

Daphne Schneider works in geriatric primary care at the Cambridge Health Alliance, a Harvard Medical School teaching affiliate in Somerville, MA. In neighboring New Hampshire, **Gary and Sherry Burnett Young** celebrated their 34th anniversary; they met at Cornell in 1972 "and never looked back." Gary is still very involved in hockey, now as a college referee. They still see and keep up with many of their Cornell buddies, including **Monty Templeman** and **Tony Zieno**. Sherry and Gary can't wait for their upcoming trip to Africa this year, a safari to Victoria Falls, and a visit with their son in Switzerland. Bon voyage!

Please help us help you read more about your Cornell classmates. Take a few minutes out of your busy day to send us a few insights into your life after Cornell, friends you have seen, and memorable moments on campus. We'll share the news in our upcoming columns. ☐ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com.

76 The news for this column is light, as we haven't yet received the latest supply of news forms from the annual class dues mailing. Look for a full report on our 35th Reunion in the next issue.

In response to a plea for news **Amy Lubow** Downs wrote that she has been married for 22 years to Daniel. She works in retail now and has two sons. One is in his junior year at Cornell, and

the other will be starting college in the fall. She has kept in touch with a few classmates and enjoys hearing from them. Since leaving the field of engineering to pursue music, **Joe Meo**, ME '77, has arranged the horn parts and played all the saxophone parts for Blues great Johnny Winter's next CD. He didn't have the release details when he wrote, but he believes that it will come out in the next few months. Other musical activities include playing at Connecticut Republican Linda McMahon's election-night gala. Though she failed to win the votes, she threw a great party.

Although she has not written anything in years, **Laurie Greenbaum** Beitch kindly sent some news after receiving my e-mail. She is a landscape painter, primarily working in pastels, in upstate New York. Currently she has two pieces in the Northeast National Pastel Exhibit at the Arts Center, in Old Forge, NY. She is also going to have a solo show at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie, NY, and will be included in a show at Franchesca Anderson Fine Art in Lexington, MA, in 2012. Right before Christmas she spent the day with **Steve Graebert** and his wife, Judy, who live in Maine, and **Chip Johnson** and his wife, Giuseppa, who live in Medfield, MA. They had a great time laughing and catching up. In the fall, she and husband Doug met **Anne Garden**, BFA '76, and her husband, Leonard, who live in Greenbrae, CA, at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Laurie says that she is very lucky to have retained these wonderful friendships all these years. On the home front, daughter Mollie is in the process of transferring to nursing school. Daughter Sarah is a freshman at Niskayuna High School. On a sad note, Laurie's professor, mentor, and friend **Zevi Blum** '55, BArch '57, passed away on February 25, 2011. Over the years his humor, wisdom, and encouragement helped her to persevere. She feels she was very lucky to have known him.

Nancy Arnosti says that work and family are good, and in reasonable balance. She enjoys consulting with her US and European life sciences clients so much that retirement is a word that applies only to others. Nancy sees her daughter, Julianne (Vanderbilt '12), as often as possible, and she has learned to love Nashville. Along with her son, Derek, she recently visited New Orleans as part of his college search. As an engaged political activist, she takes a month-long "sabbatical" every two years to work full-time for the cause. She was looking forward to our 35th and spending time with friends old and new. ☐ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net.

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2010 was a good year for **Dana Eisenman** Sherwin (dana.sherwin@gmail.com). She joined the national firm RSM McGladrey Inc. as Director,

Health Services in their New York office. She also married Jeffrey Levine! "My older son is a junior at Carnegie Mellon U., and my younger son is in 11th grade at Roslyn High School. He studies classical guitar at the Juilliard School's pre-college program." Dana adds that she is on the board of Care for the Homeless, "a not-for-profit organization in NYC providing medical and social services to homeless individuals. I am also on the advisory board of the Griffith Leadership Center at the U. of Michigan's School of Public Health, where I went to graduate school."

From **Bob Edwards** (Seoul, Korea; bob.edw73@gmail.com): "I am managing a joint venture partnership with GS Caltex, enjoying travel in Korea and elsewhere on this side of the Pacific (e.g., China, Cambodia, Saipan, Australia), and raising our two boys (with wife Melissa) in an exciting, competitive, and diverse environment." **Bradley Piatt** (bradpiatt@enter.net) is senior director of generation technical services at PPL Generation LLC, an international provider of electricity and natural gas headquartered in Allentown, PA. **Cheryl Spielman** (cheryl.spielman@ey.com) also sent her business card. Cheryl is a tax partner at Ernst & Young in their human capital practice. When **Amy Birnbaum** (amybirn@gmail.com) wrote in February, she was juggling work and two kids—one a senior in high school applying to colleges. Amy and husband Bernard live in Bronx, NY. More to come in the next issue. Send news to your correspondents at: ☐ **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

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In response to my regular plea for news for this column came the following missive from **Eric Cotts**:

"I am middle-aged! My kids are freaks and my dog dominates my household. I am a physics professor at Binghamton U., and soon (three years) won't have to be chairman of the department no more. We sent our kids to small liberal arts colleges where they would get their (our) money's worth, and now one is studying poetry in graduate school and the other is on his way to studying chemistry in grad school. I walk the dog every morning, far into the woods me and my buddies own, and thank God my wife likes me."

On to the more serious stuff. **Holly English**, formerly of counsel with Post, Polak, Goodsell, MacNeill & Strauchler PA, has joined Nuck, Freeman & Cerra as a partner and will continue to practice in all areas of employment law. The author of *Gender on Trial: Sexual Stereotypes and Work/Life Balance in the Legal Workplace*, Holly has written numerous articles for *New Jersey Law Journal* and other publications. She is a past president of the board of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL), remains a current board member, and is on the board of the NAWL Foundation. She is also a member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Women Lawyers' Association and the board of the New Jersey Women's Forum. Holly moderated a NAWL event, "Appellate Advocacy in the New Jersey Supreme Court," featuring all sitting and retired female justices of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Also on the legal beat, **Jonathan Honig** published several pieces on mediation and securities law in the *New York Law Journal* and is working on federal legislation issues with the NYS Bar Association. Employment law and real estate practices have also been very active because of market conditions. Since Jonathan's son is working in

Africa, he traveled to Morocco for a visit and enjoyed an adventure riding camels through the Sahara dunes. **Wayne White** resigned his position as general counsel of Sindicatum Carbon Capital Americas to become US legal director for Brookfield Renewable Energy, based in Marlborough, MA. It's hard leaving Houston, he says, but great to embark on a new adventure.

After serving as interim chair for two years, **Michael Coburn** was named chair of the Scott Dept. of Urology at Baylor College of Medicine, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1990. He is also the vice-chair for academic affairs at Baylor. Michael specializes in urologic trauma, reconstructive surgery, and male reproductive medicine and surgery. The current Carlton-Smith Chair in Urologic Education, Michael chairs the graduate medical education committee at Baylor and is immediate past-chair of the Academy of Distinguished Educators.

Peter Chatel has taken on a new role at the Coca-Cola Co. as director of product and package quality. After spending 32 years in the corporate world, **Minda Cutcher** started her own business three years ago as a financial advocate for seniors. Her website is <http://mindacutcher.com/>. **Stephen Cushman** has published *Riffraff*, a new volume of poems, with Louisiana State U. Press. He is Robert C. Taylor Professor of English at the U. of Virginia.

Steven Carter continues his publishing adventures in Brazil, where he has benefitted from that country's economic transformation. After his first two books (*What Smart Women Know* and its sequel, *Men Like Women Who Like Themselves*), written several years ago for the US market, became bestsellers in Brazil, he recently added *Men Who Can't Love* and *Secrets of Self-Esteem* to the list. All four of these titles were purchased by Avon Brazil for distribution through their representatives and the "Bing, Bong, Avon Calling" campaigns. The initial order from Avon Brazil was for more than 500,000 copies, bringing his sales in Brazil to nearly 2 million copies. Steven attended the Bienal do Livro (their national book fair) in August and expects to be there again this summer. He wonders if it's time to move to Brazil.

Walter Milani returned to New York after 18 months in Macau, where he was production company manager on a \$250 million Franco Dragone production at the City of Dreams Casino (www.thehouseofdancingwater.com). While in Macau he met a charming British couple who ran the wine bar Macau Soul (www.macausoul.com). It turned out to be **David, PhD '74**, and Jacky **Higgins**, who spent 1971-74 in Ithaca while David earned his PhD in veterinary medicine, before moving to Hong Kong. They shared some nice memories of their days on the Hill, especially of the bands that were around at the time. Cornellians will always get an extra warm reception at Macau Soul. Before heading home, Walter also rewarded himself with a fascinating vacation in Australia, China, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

Joining forces with **Peter Anderson, MPS '92**, **Jim Gapek** (jgapek@earthlink.net) is developing a new concept in member-based clubs, intended to redefine the club experience and reshape the face of health, fitness, and well-being. It's called The Pavilion and it's based on the premise that exercise and fitness alone are not enough for good health. The Pavilion couples traditional wellness solutions with an array of complementary modalities and technologies such as pulsed electro-magnetic

field and far infrared devices, which are increasingly being incorporated into mainstream health organizations. All this in a facility that includes cardio and fitness equipment, mineral baths, massage, an upscale cafe, a wine bar, cooking classes, and even a "smart living" science center exhibiting the latest in home technologies. Jim is looking for a few more partners to move the venture forward and turn it into a national brand.

Melinda Dower was planning to join a group of fellow alums, informally called the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC), which meets at Cornell reunions every year. **Pat Reilly, Athena Jamesson**, JD '88, and **Linda Bruckner** were also expected to attend this year. Melinda is in her last year of work as an environmental scientist in New Jersey, after which she plans to reinvent herself at least once or twice—now that her two children have graduated from Carnegie Mellon and are gainfully employed. That's it for this installment of the Class of '78 news. I've got the honors again for the next issue (Sept/Oct), as Cindy and I switched rotation. Send your updates to: ☐ **Irene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com.

79 We heard from **James Rooney** and **Ellen Gorowitz**. Ellen has published a science fiction book called *Mindgames* that is available on Amazon. According to James, in addition to the usual aliens and interstellar warfare you would expect in a work of science fiction, "*Mindgames* explores what would happen to society if some people had telekinetic powers and others did not. It has what every worthwhile novel must have: a really great villain." James has also been writing. He has completed a paper he began to research while taking an archaeology course at Cornell. The paper, which addresses whether the Bronze Age Minoan civilization on Crete was destroyed by a tsunami, was published in two parts in the Spring and Fall 2007 editions of *Amphora*, a magazine put out by the American Philological Association. The article, titled "The Minoan Tsunami," can be found at the Association's website by clicking on the *Amphora* link and looking for editions 6.1 and 6.2.

Betty Gnau Robinson, MEd '86, and husband Oscar (South Otselic, NY) run a successful dairy farm. Betty teaches agriculture and received the Outstanding Eastern Region Senior Ag Teacher in NYS award in June 2010. In 2009, she received the 4-H Lifetime Achievement award; Betty has been a 4-H club leader for 23 years. She attended the Cornell University Dairy Science Club Reunion and had a great time.

Karen Sing has been living in Southern California for 29 years and really enjoys the perfect weather in San Diego. When not working, Karen and her husband enjoy cycling, deep sea fishing trips, and travel. Karen has kept in touch with her friends from the swimming team, rugby, and ice hockey. A year ago she was on campus and had fun watching the women's ice hockey team and admiring their new locker rooms and training facilities. **George Rogers** is an attorney in Washington, DC. In his free time, he enjoys singing in the choir at his temple, hiking, and cross-country skiing on the wooden skis he bought while at Cornell. George would like to hear from **Don Semler '80**, BArch '80, and **Bob Bradshaw**.

David Scheer, Sherrie Zweig, Sandy Rockefeller Fey, Ellen Altsman Spektor, Judah Kraushaar, MBA '80, and wife Michelle, **David**

Medford '80 and wife **Nancy (Dobkins) '80**, and **Marjorie Werner** Stein and husband Mark got together on Oct. 16, 2010 for fun and memories at Haru restaurant in Times Square. They were friends from Donlon Hall and High Rise 1 and had not all been together in more than 30 years. Yet they all felt and looked exactly the same! Some of the group saw *Memphis* that evening and had dim sum in Chinatown the next day before having a great laugh at *The Divine Sister* at the Soho Playhouse. They left the weekend thinking they can't wait another 30 years before getting together again! **Vanessa Sampson-Stroman** and husband Ron visited **Ruth Trezevant** Cyrus and husband Eric in Florida in October 2010. They had great times on the beach and even better food. Vanessa works as a radiologist in Washington, DC, and Ruth is a VP with a medical benefits firm.

Mark Hansen (meh47@cornell.edu) is coming close to a quarter-century of living in Asia. He is head of Asia governance and strategic initiatives at Standard Chartered Bank. He and wife Dianne live in Singapore and celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary with a romantic weekend visiting the Taj Mahal. When former president Hunter Rawlings and Economics professor Kaushik Basu hosted an alumni event in Delhi, Mark and Dianne attended. Mark is active in Cornell alumni activities both in Singapore and in the Asian region. If any classmates live in the region or plan on traveling to Asia, please drop Mark a note. **Tiernan Shea** and her family returned to Houston in the summer of 2010 after four years in London. It was their sixth move as a family and they are all happy to leave the damp climate behind and embrace the Texas sunshine. Tiernan is at home with her youngest child, Kiera, 11, while her middle child, Brooke, 16, finishes high school in London. Her oldest, Travis, 19, is a sophomore at Bates College in Maine. Husband Doug Boyle is in global marketing with Shell Oil.

For the past ten years, **Philip Raymond**, MS '80 (Marlborough, MA) has been the CEO of Vanquish Labs, a venture of Cornell alumni that has been featured in *Forbes*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and on NPR and has received numerous awards. Vanquish has now been sold and Philip has started a new company, Fungible.net, a disaster recovery lab that salvages data from damaged or corrupted disk drives and other storage devices. He writes, "We have a few Cornellian tricks up our sleeve that will distinguish the Fungible venture from a crowded market for drive recovery tools and services." **Karen Rose Tank** graduated from the Inst. for Integrative Nutrition in NYC and has embarked on a new career as a certified health and nutrition coach (www.RoseHealthCoaching.com). She writes, "Having lived with Type 1/insulin-dependent diabetes for the past 14 years, I have turned my 'disease burden' into a 'passionate gift' to share with others in their struggles with diabetes and weight." Karen counsels people on healthy diet and lifestyle changes and also runs hands-on food preparation/cooking support groups through www.TheSuppersPrograms.org. Karen has sons Alexander, 22, and Spencer, 18, who are both at Princeton U. Her husband, **David, PhD '83** (Applied Physics), is codirector of the Princeton Neuroscience Inst.

Rich Bobrow and family still live in Westport, CT. Son Dylan is heading into his senior year at Lehigh, daughter Rebecca is graduating high school in 2011, and twins Tucker and Kelsey will enter high school this fall. Rich and wife Holly operate a real estate development business and Holly is celebrating being admitted to the Connecticut Bar.

Rich is in touch with **Gene Leone**, **Marty Dymek**, **Rollie Bates**, MPS '84, and **Larry Neuringer**. **Rebecca Maron** Mazin's second book, *The Employee Benefits Answer Book: An Indispensable Guide for Managers and Business Owners*, was published by Pfeiffer in December 2010. She lives in Larchmont, NY. **Kathryn Gleason** returned to Cornell in 1996 to teach landscape architecture and archaeology and research ancient gardens of the Mediterranean. Her work takes her on digs from Italy to Israel and Jordan and even to India. Kathryn received a National Honor Award in Research from the American Society of Landscape Architects. She lives in Ithaca with husband Jeff Zorn and their son, Noah. **Howard Goldman** and wife **Amy (Tayer) '83** of Needham, MA, have a son attending Cornell in the Arts college and playing on the rugby team. Howard wrote that the campus is looking great.

Pat Braus celebrated the fifth anniversary of a nonprofit she leads and helped start, Rochester Education Foundation. The organization raises resources to help city students in Rochester, NY, succeed. They support student book clubs and literacy activities, give students thousands of new books and used musical instruments, and support paid summer jobs for city youth. It is a big change from Pat's previous job teaching science writing at a local college. She's married to **Ed Lopez, JD '81**, and is the proud mother of two sons: one is an MIT grad teaching biology as part of Teach For America in Philadelphia, and the other is a junior at the U. of Pennsylvania. With Pat's husband Ed teaching from Rochester at the ILR school's Employment and Disability Inst., Pat is enjoying more frequent visits to Ithaca.

Lastly, we received the sad news that **John Kearney** of Sunnyvale, CA, passed away on January 25, 2011 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John's family and friends. ☐ **Cindy Ahlgren Shea**, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia Gould**, rdgould@suscom.net; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

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Our classmates have experienced momentous personal, family, and career accomplishments and have so much news to share. We received a terrific response to our request for news and would love to keep hearing from you. Let's continue to stay in touch and see each other at Cornell events.

Many of our classmates have shared news of their children's accomplishments. Congratulations to those who will have children attending Cornell in the fall. **Gregory Gordon** (grg27@cornell.edu) writes that his youngest, Jonathan, will start on the Hill in the fall and is very excited. Older son **Steven '08** will resume medical school at Thomas Jefferson U. in the fall after he returns from Israel. Greg's daughter graduated from the U. of Maryland in 2010 and thoroughly enjoyed her college experience. He would love to hear from classmates.

Esther Elkin Mildner reports that her youngest, Erica, will start in ILR in the fall; daughter Carrie is a sophomore at the U. of Maryland, majoring in hearing and speech sciences. Daughter **Alana '10** teaches high school math through the Teach For America program in Jacksonville, FL. **William and Arlene Orenstein Sussman '84**, MD '80, are very proud of their son, Harrison, who will attend Cornell as a member of the Class of 2015. They look forward to many "road trips" to Cornell over the next four years. William and Arlene celebrated their

20th wedding anniversary and live on Long Island. **Terri Ann Lowenthal** writes that daughter **Joelle Milton '11** graduated in May with a major in American Studies, and her nephew **Tal Akabas '11** graduated from Engineering. Joelle will work at Teach For America in Atlanta, GA. Terri returned to Stamford, CT, in 2007 after spending 26 years in Washington, DC. She works as a consultant to nonprofit organizations and foundations on census and demographic issues and as a skating director and figure skating coach at Stamford Twin Rinks. She serves on the Cornell University Council.

Diane Berson Lebowitz practices dermatology in Manhattan and serves on the faculty in the Dept. of Dermatology at Weill Cornell Medical College. She was elected president of the Women's Dermatologic Society, an organization with the mission of promoting mentoring, leadership, volunteerism, and networking. Her daughter, **Emily Lebowitz '12**, is majoring in Art History and spent the spring semester studying in London. Son **Alex Lebowitz '09** works with a startup group, Avenues:

The World School, building private schools with a global focus on education for nursery through grade 12 in cities around the world. Husband Mark

works as an ophthalmic surgeon in Manhattan.

Jonathan Freidin has been working as a senior software engineer at Carbonite for four-and-a-half years after a couple of years working on his own business. He invites his classmates to check out a paper that he co-authored: http://dge.stanford.edu/labs/caldeirala/Caldeira_research/pdf/Roberts_etal_IEEE_Trans_on_Energy_Conv_2007.pdf. His son, Benjamin, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. in 2010 with a BS in biochemistry/biophysics and biology; his daughter, Natalie, is a junior at Marblehead High School. Wife Lynette is an architectural designer at Poore & Co. in Gloucester, MA, and a graduate of the Boston Architectural College. Jonathan adds, "I was recruited into CAAAN last year and have been enjoying meeting with and writing about candidates from all over Boston's North Shore."

Annette Kriegel-Davidoff has been practicing dentistry for 27 years. She and her husband, a cardiologist at Boston Medical Center, are finally empty-nesters and living in Sharon, MA. She has two daughters attending Boston U. and a son who just finished his freshman year at Cornell. Annette sends out this invitation:

"For all those Founderites out there, the quad will be reuniting for the first time ever for a reunion banana party in D.C. You will have yet another chance to lower your score." **Bruce Reding** has been named an engineering fellow at Corning Industries; he has found his engineering physics degree to be very useful during his 30 years with Corning. Bruce notes that both children are now in college and "this is a source of pride, joy (empty nest—yes!), some sadness, and surprise at how quickly the years have gone by." He would enjoy getting back in touch with his "old EP buddies" **Bruce Leclair** and **Jeff Maynard, ME '81**.

Kimberly Walsh sends her regards from Utah, where she has lived for 20 years. "I tend a small army of cats . . . and enjoy cooking and baking, organic gardening, and reading." Kimberly obtained a postdoctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology and works as a licensed

clinical psychologist. She loves her job and has worked at the same hospital for almost 20 years performing inpatient psychological and neuropsychological assessment for patients from age 6 to seniors. Kimberly also has a private practice in a neurology clinic specializing in assessment and does short-term therapy.

Roberta Walter Goodman still enjoys life in Nashville, TN, and continues to be involved with community affairs as an active board member of her synagogue and local Jewish day school. She traveled with her husband, Lenn, on their second cruise to Alaska last summer; it was even better than their first cruise ten years ago—"spectacular scenery, awe-inspiring wildlife, and perfect weather." Roberta has continued to ride her horse, Teddy, four days a week and make progress on dressage work. Roberta has seven grandchildren ranging in age from a new grandson to a freshman at the U. of Chicago. "No, they're not mine biologically, but I have all of the fun and delight of seven wonderful grandchildren."

Nancy Knelly Kelleigh practices estate planning in Hopkinton, MA, and can be found at www.kelleighlaw.com. Nancy writes about her daughter, Catherine: "Five years ago on Feb. 6, 2006—'Gotcha Day'—I 'got' my daughter Catherine in China. What a wonderful road it's been! I'm long in the tooth for motherhood, but enjoying every minute." **Melanie Kroboth** Chapel works as a divorce mediator in Binghamton, NY. **Eric Rogers** moved with his wife to Park City, UT, for a job with TD Williamson. **Cheryl Rose** writes that she logged nearly 1,000 miles in one week snowmobiling in the Adirondacks. "It's great to finally have snow like we used to get years ago." She invites Cornellians to look her up if they visit Old Forge.

It's terrific to hear from our classmates living abroad. **Jay Chen**, MBA '82, says hello from Hong Kong, where he has been living with his wife, **Lee Tsui Inn '91**, since 1992. Jay writes, "Life is dynamic, pace is fast. Our daughter, Erita, is 6 and her much younger brother, Jack, just turned 5 months. We count our blessings." **Alan Kanuk** moved from Dallas, TX, to Sydney, Australia, in September 2010 with his Australian wife and their children Max, 10, and Sarah, 9. They live near Bondi Beach and enjoy their new life. Alan would

like to hear from his Cornell friends at alankanuk@gmail.com.

Niel Gotightly and his family are in their fifth year based in London with Royal Dutch Shell after spending 13 years in the Navy and 13 years with Ford Motor Co. Niel leads the global communications function for Royal Dutch Shell's downstream business and is also involved

in some sustainable development projects. He writes that he has found time to return to his first love, flying. **Robert Entenman** assumed a new role as director of e-commerce for UniCredit Bank in London. Robert and his Greek wife, Athina, are enjoying belated parenthood with their children Alex, 5, and Cloe, 3.

Please stay connected through our class and Cornell's many events and join our Facebook group, Cornell Class of 1980. ☐ **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu.

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Happy summer! Did you attend reunion in June? Due to family commitments, I couldn't make it back to Ithaca this time. Jennifer will have a special report with all the details in the Sept/Oct column. It is still hard to fathom that we are all in our 50s and 1981 was 30 years ago. Cornell was a magical place to attend college. Did we know back then how fortunate we all were? Oh, to do it all again!

Doug Calby has a dream job at Cornell. Recently retired from Accenture, he is an executive-in-residence with Cornell Career Services. He coaches students through their career direction decisions and their job search processes. He writes, "Good thing we didn't have to compete against these students for jobs back in the day!" Doug recently took a skiing trip in Alta, UT, with Fiji brothers **David Ayers '80**, **Tom Croskey '80**, **Bill Dunbar**, **Jim Kirchgessner**, MS '85, and **Bill Wiberg**. He also sees **Mike Troy** regularly. Mike will begin teaching a one-credit course in AEM this spring on the Ithaca campus.

In NYC, **Edgard Nau** is a podiatrist, a commercial actor, and a karate instructor. He also became a dad to Raphael Eduardo Safran Nau on Dec. 29, 2010. Also in NYC, **Tom Silver** is an SVP at Dice Holdings, an online recruiting firm. **Ilona Pollack** Levine is a clinical social worker at Yale Psychiatric Hospital. She is busy serving as an officer in the Pollack Family Art Foundation and consulting on a documentary about mid-life and aging issues. Her husband, Aaron, is the CIO of Carnegie Hall, so she gets to attend some great shows as well. She recently visited her dear friend **Kimsa Hague '82** in Portland, OR. **Susan Peterson** is director of communications for NYS Senator Owen Johnson in Albany. Susan is also raising sons ages 11 and 15.

Attorney/developer **Barbara Amoscato** Sabaitis is enjoying life in Spring Lake, NJ. She keeps busy doing hot yoga, running the boardwalk, hanging at the beach, and driving her children around to swim competitions and tennis tournaments. We were very sorry to learn that **Chaz Calitri** lost his wife of 20 years, Lorraine, in March 2010. A VP with Pfizer Global Engineering in New Jersey, Chaz is rebuilding his life with daughters Lydia, 12, and Isabelle, 10. Also in New Jersey, **Joyce Lipinski** Cascella is sales director for DSM Nutritional Products. She loves traveling the world for business, meeting new colleagues and clients, and embracing diversity.

Sari Feldman Piltch is a managing consultant at Cambridge Advisory Group, a small actuarial firm in New Hope, PA, working to improve the health of its client populations. In her spare time, Sari enjoys hiking, gardening, and attending art classes. **Darryl Glover** works for the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality as the director of the office of water monitoring and assessment. His new hobby is rehabbing a property for re-sale. **Jorge Loynaz Garcia**, MArch '82, is an architect, interior designer, and urban designer in Miami. Also in Florida is **Gabe Diaz-Saavedra**, who is a regional manager at Koppert Biological Systems selling bumblebees for pollination. This year, he attended Mardi Gras in New Orleans and had a great time with friends.

Richard Hayes writes that he is perfectly content working and lecturing as a physician in the Chicago area. **Susan Stiles**, MBA '91, is the founder and president of her own financial services company in Edina, MN. Her passion is financial literacy and she is working in the Minneapolis public schools to establish a learning center for math. She is also very involved in the Rotary Club. For fun, she visited Napa Valley, where she

tasted and purchased wines for her cellar. In San Jose, **Daniel Fenton** is a partner with Strategic Advisory Group.

This is my final sign-off as class correspondent for the Class of 1981. I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing your news for the past 20 years. Please stay in touch and enjoy these lovely summer days! Take care. ☐ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

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Michael Greenberg, MBA '83, writes from Colorado that he's joined the Bye Energy Strategic Advisory Council. They're developing an electric hybrid propulsion system for light general aviation aircraft, like the Cessna 172 he used to fly at the East Hill Flying Club. He also serves as co-chair of the Lone Tree Cultural Arts Foundation and has worked on the effort to fund, design, and build a 500-seat cultural arts center set to open in South Denver in August 2011. Maintaining his ties to Cornell, Michael continues to serve on the board of directors of WVBR-FM in order to ensure that his children Alexandra and Madeline, 4 and 7, will have quality programming to listen to once they begin arriving there in 2022.

One of the benefits of this class correspondent gig is that from time to time my pleas for news lead to a reconnection with someone I knew personally while on the Hill. Such was the case when my e-mail blast yielded a response from **Valerie Baum** Lingeman, who was a sorority sister of my wife, **Lisa Mummary** Crump, and now lives in McLean, VA, with husband Chris and sons Anton and Adam, ages 8 and 6. Valerie told me that she retired in December from a career with the federal government, working in intelligence. Of course Valerie didn't mean that she's completely retired (we're still too young for that, right?), as she's started her own consulting practice focusing on leadership coaching and organizational development. Their mission is to help diverse stakeholder groups effectively work together to solve tough problems; she's got her sights set on challenges such as creating a more sustainable world and reforming public education and healthcare. Maybe that's how we can tell that we've finally grown up. We focus on making the world a better place for the next generation. Valerie notes that in November she was able to enjoy a wonderful, if brief, reunion with **Mary Jo Santelli-Moyer** and **Marge Metzger** Stell in celebration of their 50th birthdays.

Neil Fidelman Best writes that he's beaten the odds, having recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as a sports writer at *Newsday*. Using a variety of technologies, Neil has managed to maintain a vibrant and active Cornell connection. He plays tennis weekly with **Mike McCoy '84** and attended the Cornell-Colgate hockey game with **Paul Wessel '83** and daughter **Abby '13**. He kibitzes on Twitter with **Aditi Kinkhabwala '00** and **Keith Olbermann '79**. A few months ago he joined a dozen or so mid-1980s Cornellians at a restaurant somewhere in Jersey for an evening to celebrate the memory of their friend **Jeff "Zulu" Rosenberg '86**. Neil wants to pass on a simple note. "Zulu, we know you were there. It was too much fun to have been something you'd miss."

Maru Colbert (Jamaica Plain, MA) writes to update us regarding what she's been doing to stay busy. Believe me, it's been plenty. In her professional capacity as a chemical/environmental

engineer, she lectures at MIT while managing parts of the Spectacle Island project in Boston Harbor. She's invented a washer chemical for metal drink containers and has been involved in the development of the nation's first resource recovery facility. Exercising her artistic side, she's performed in the American premiere of *Death and the Powers* as well as *Best of Both Worlds*, both productions of Harvard's American Repertory Theater group. As balance to these technical and artistic activities, she works off whatever excess energy she has left by running regularly, including two marathons this past year. **Joan Chow** is executive VP and chief marketing officer at ConAgra Foods. She lives in Palatine, IL, although her time is split between their headquarters in Omaha, NE, and her office in Naperville, IL. ConAgra is the maker of such national brands as Healthy Choice, Hebrew National, Egg Beaters, and Orville Redenbacher's Popcorn.

Sarina Monast Bronfin (Ridgewood, NJ) reports how much she's enjoyed seeing Cornell during trips to visit her daughter **Talia '14** in Arts and Sciences. Sarina is having a great time working as an adjunct professor of business at Passaic County Community College. **Suzanne Hancock** Culver, another Tri-Delta with my wife, e-mailed to say how excited she is to be heading to Cornell in May for the graduation of their oldest son, **Jonathan '11**, who will emerge from CALS with a dual degree in Communications and Information Sciences. She will get another chance to visit when son **Nathaniel '14** makes the big walk into Schoellkopf wearing the orange tassel of Engineering. Son number three, Nicholas, is just now beginning his college search and is certainly feeling the family pressure.

Will and Julie DeSimone Conner still live in Brookfield, CT. Julie is busy managing her nutrition counseling center while Will works as a financial advisor for Ameriprise. They've completely emptied the nest in the last few years. Daughter Kristi is a junior at UConn, and second son Brian is in his sixth trimester at New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, NY. Their oldest son, **Billy '09**, has completed an MEd in elementary education and is looking to relocate to the Ithaca/Seneca Falls area (If any classmates know of any elementary school openings, please keep him in mind!). Julie and Will celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary in June and look forward to seeing all of their friends next year at reunion. Julie wants everyone to mark their calendars now, specifically mentioning Bish, Muha, and Gorman on Thorndal Circle, as well as Linda, Eddie, Jeannie, and all former Pancake House staff. Julie and Will would like to hear from you via e-mail to get the party started: julie@healthyweighs.com or will@fullmc.com.

Van, MS '84, and **Gayle Moncrief Bicknell '83**, MBA '84, were kind enough to send on their news. Home for them is still Painted Post, NY, and they're preparing to send their first child, Keliegh, off to college at RIT. Keliegh and her sisters, Logan and Hailey, 15 and 13, enjoy Irish dancing and activities at their local church while also pursuing a number of individual interests. Van notes that he and Gayle have been able to maintain contact with **Koji Morihiro**, ME '83, **Hector Echaniz**, MS '84, **Bob** and **Helen Zamorski Hollands**, and **Mark Wolcott '83**. To all of our classmates out there, please keep the news coming. ☐ **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, maf29@cornell.edu; and **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@nplaw.com.

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Your latest round of news forms has started to come in from the recent class News and Dues mailing, and we look forward to receiving more of your updates. Thanks for keeping in touch!

Several classmates are starting new professional ventures. **Andrew Bucki**, BArch '83 (Dallas, TX; andrew.bucki@rentacenter.com) started in a new position at Rent-A-Center, establishing a construction department. When he's not at work, he enjoys hiking and camping and is scoutmaster of Troop 890 in Dallas, a troop that includes both of his Eagle Scout sons. He remembers hockey games at Lynah and all-nighters in the Rand Hall Design Studio. Friends he'd like to hear from include **Vince Babak**, BArch '83, **Dan Heyden** '81, BArch '84, and **Angelo Alberto** '82, BArch '83. **Joe Graf** (St. Louis, MO; joegraf@swbell.net) recently started a new small business offering mostly industrial mechanical parts and supplies. "Know a mechanist? Have them check out: stores.ebay.com/missouri-mechanic-shop, or Google it!" Joe would like to hear from **Richard Berkley**.

Steven and Jennifer Hughes Kern (jennifer.kern01@gmail.com) wrote from Reinach, Switzerland! Steve left academia after 14 years at the U. of Utah to work in drug development at Novartis in Basel, Switzerland. Jennifer volunteers in the library at the International School in Basel and helps students applying to American and British universities with the application process. **Alan Ioffredo** launched Alena Wealth in 2008. "We attempt to match families' values and wealth goals over long periods of time." Alan also devotes his "time, talents, and treasure" to his faith community. "I lead spiritual exploration groups for young adults and explain the Bible to children."

Judy Fabuss Ross (Northport, NY; JARoss@optonline.net) and husband **Brad** '81, ME '83, are proud of their son **Michael** '13, who has completed his sophomore year in the Engineering college. This fall he will be joined by his younger brother, Kevin, who will be starting at the Hotel school as a member of the Class of 2015! Congratulations also to **Andrew Hahn**, JD '86, a partner at the Duane Morris law firm in New York, who was selected by the NYC Bar Association to receive one of its Sixth Annual Diversity Champion Awards. According to the news release, "The honor recognizes the key role individual attorneys have played in initiating and sustaining change within their organizations and the overall New York legal community." Andrew's practice focuses on commercial and complex litigation, and he has experience in government contracts, intellectual property, banking litigation, and matters involving complex technology. Among his other elected positions and awards, he is certified as a "neutral" for the American Arbitration Association.

More to come in the next issue. Mail in your news form or write your correspondents any time of year. ☐ **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com; **Lynn Buffamante**, LB325@cornell.edu.

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Attention, Class of 1984 hockey fans! We have two blocks of tickets at Madison Square Garden for the Men's Hockey Exhibition Game vs. Boston U. at 8 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 26, 2011 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). One set of 100 tickets is available at \$45 each and the other set of 20 tickets is available at \$72 each. If you want to go, please send your check, made out to the Cornell Class of 1984, to **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, 43 Rose

Terrace, Chatham, NJ 07928. Family and friends welcome! The classes of the '80s are also having a pre-party at Stout, 133 West 33rd St., NY, NY. Details of this event will be sent via e-mail!

A new generation of Cornell hockey fans is in the making. A number of classmates report that their children will head to campus this fall as part of the Class of 2015. **Arlene Orenstein Sussman**, MD '90, director of women's imaging for a national radiologic practice called Virtual Radiologic and celebrating a 20th anniversary with husband **William** '80, reports that their son Harrison will attend Cornell this fall and that they "could not be more proud of his accomplishment." Her sentiments are echoed by **Guy Donatiello**, whose daughter was admitted to the Hotel school, and Lindsay Forness, whose daughter Keri will be in Arts. At the other end of the spectrum, **Chris Wilsey** is enjoying life in Raleigh, NC, and reports with joy the birth of sons Tyler (2009) and Broden (2010).

Elizabeth Muller Casparian, who earned an MS and a PhD at Penn, reports that she lives in Princeton, NJ, with husband **Ted** '82 (A&S). She is the executive director of a nonprofit, HiTOPS Adolescent Health and Education Center, founded in 1987. Located in Mercer County, NJ, HiTOPS has a mission to promote adolescent health and well-being. "HiTOPS helps adolescents clarify their values and make responsible decisions regarding their health and actions and gives parents, teachers, and caregivers of adolescents the tools they need to best support and guide the young people they nurture." Elizabeth's work with HiTOPS was featured in a lengthy article in Princeton's *U.S.1* newspaper, which called her "one of the pre-eminent sex educators in the country," addressing issues of adolescent health and wellness, bullying, and self-esteem. Elizabeth and Ted, whom she met her sophomore year in a Human Development and Family Studies class, have children Will, 21, at the U. of Vermont; **Elliott** '14, 19; and Sara, 14, in high school.

Alison Doubt Mortinger continues to work part-time as an intellectual property attorney with IBM; she balances the demands of work, family, and a move to Shanghai last August for her husband's two-plus-year assignment supporting IBM's growth markets. She reports that their sons, ages 14 and 12, are rising to the challenges of attending an American school abroad and learning Chinese. So far they have traveled to Japan, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Australia, and look forward to seeing as much of the region as possible before returning home to Connecticut at the end of the assignment.

So many classmates are "doing good" and serving their communities. **Cathy Hibbard** spent six weeks last summer working three jobs during the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico: media liaison at the Mobile, AL, command center; wildlife recovery team leader on a boat in Mobile Bay; and in the wildlife morgue in Hammond, LA. Although the last assignment was not at all glamorous, it was the most important. Cathy helped the US Fish and Wildlife Service process and preserve about 600 carcasses to be used as evidence of wildlife damages caused by the spill. If you have the chance, check out Cathy's photos at the spill by searching for Catherine J. Hibbard on Flickr.com.

Maria Sekas-Krum (mhs55@cornell.edu), principal of Krum Consultants in Garden City, NY, provides executive search and consulting services and is currently serving a three-year term on the ILR Alumni Association board of directors. She

founded the ILRAA's Alumni-to-Alumni Network (A2A Network) to help unemployed alumni with five years of work experience through a mentoring program. The A2A Network is open to ILRAA members only, who are seeking employment in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut for the initial pilot program. "We welcome both mentors and mentees to sign up." You can find complete information on the ILR website, www.ilr.cornell.edu/alumni/alumniassociation/A2Anetwork.html. Maria is also the founder and co-president of the ILRAA's Long Island Chapter and does volunteer work for the Ascent School for children with autism. She earned her MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business, and worked for Citigroup, GE, AT&T, and Praxair.

Marlon Brownlee (mkb15@cornell.edu) is continuing his service to his community. He writes: "For the last 19 years, my wife, **Jeaniene (Mosley)**, and I have lived in Maplewood, NJ. We have children Marques and Simone, and have both been very active in our community, leading and working at numerous school-related groups and other organizations. I entered the political arena and have been elected to the Maplewood (NJ) Township Committee and was sworn into office on January 1, 2011. It is a three-year term and I look forward to tackling the challenges of municipal government." By day, Marlon runs his own information systems consulting practice (since 1996), helping clients evaluate, select, and implement business management systems to achieve their strategic objectives. He has had a wide variety of clients around the country such as the City of New York, Liz Claiborne, Homedics, Dun & Bradstreet, Jones Apparel Group, Tommy Hilfiger USA, Federated Department Stores, Target, and J.C. Penney. Marlon was also appointed last year to the Cornell Council and would love to reconnect with other Cornellians.

We actually have a few lucky classmates who are retiring and starting their next act! **Cedric Leighton** reports, "I retired as a colonel from the Air Force after 26 years. I'm now in the process of starting my own strategic risk/leadership consulting firm in the D.C. area and reconnecting with some of my Cornell friends, like **Tom Codella**, **Sam Nam** '85, JD '88, and **Glenn George** '85, MBA '86. So far, I'm enjoying the change of pace and the extra time it gives me with my wife and son, 6." **Laurene Mongelli** Gilbert (Ithaca, NY) writes, "I'm retired from Cornell after 22 years of service in the Dept. of Planning, Design, and Construction. I'm enjoying retirement and was invited to be a member of the City of Ithaca Parks Commission. This time last year I was traveling in Venice, Italy. I'm looking forward to another trip abroad soon. Last year I sold my home in the country and moved to town, where I am enjoying the freedom and convenience of city living. I spent two months this summer in a cabin on Seneca Lake and sampled many of the wonderful wines in that area. I still practice landscape design and consulting as it presents itself." To all who sent news, many thanks. ☐ **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Earlier this year, my colleague **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett had the good idea to cast a wide virtual net out into cyberspace, calling upon classmates to e-mail us word of their recent doings. Even the most optimistic of class correspondents might not

have predicted the result: loads of responses from '85ers, including some who had not, in the quarter-century since we graduated, previously shared news for this column. To celebrate this triumph, I'm going to dispense (mostly) with my usual attempt at snappy patter and get right to shining the spotlight on the Heretofore Reticent.

Leslie Greenberg Josel correctly predicted that I'd be enticed by her contribution to the column. She owns Order Out of Chaos, an organizing consulting firm that specializes in working with the chronically disorganized. Leslie was featured on TLC's "Hoarding: Buried Alive" and also works as an after-care consultant for "Hoarders" on A&E, providing follow-up care to the families featured on the program. **Greig Schneider** confessed that he was moved to respond to our entreaty for news because he's the correspondent for his business school class and "knows what a challenge it is." (We love empathy!) For the past ten years, Greig has been at Egon Zehnder Int'l, a global executive search firm. He has served as the head of the firm's global leadership services practices, and, since December, as co-leader of the US practice. Greig wisely credits his spouse, **Kristen (Daly), MBA '94**, with "keeping everything under control while kids Garrett, 12, Katarina, 7, and Brent, 2, work diligently to make any semblance of 'control' fleeting."

Brian Gurbaxani worked for 11 years as a systems engineer for Hughes Space and Communications (now Boeing Space Systems) in Los Angeles after graduation, and had a lot of avocations in his free time. On a camping trip to Yosemite, he had a "revelation" that he should be doing something else, so he earned a PhD in molecular biology from UCLA and works as a computational biologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. He has "few avocations now that don't center around [his] perfect young children Kayla, 5, and Caleb, 3, and wife Jin." He'd like to hear from any Applied and Engineering Physics classmates.

Karen Bjelke Liljebjelke wrote with excitement about her appointment as an assistant professor of bacteriology on the faculty of veterinary medicine at the U. of Calgary. Congratulations, Karen. From north of the border to south of the border: **Pedro Torre Lopez** switched careers from "designing, building, and operating nightclubs in several Mexican cities" to working as a landscape designer, which he labels "the best job ever." He asked that we send regards to "the Cornell Karate Club members with whom I trained for many years."

Happy to be back in the US on a one-year furlough after working ten years for an educational NGO in Central Asia, is **James Cha**, ME '86. James taught computer classes at Samarkand State U., Jalalabad State U., and Kyrgyzstan Polytechnic U., a job that gave him and his family a front row seat on history. "During our last year in Kyrgyzstan, we witnessed the violent revolution by the people, overthrowing the corrupt Bakiev regime. A few months after the revolution, there were violent ethnic clashes between the Kyrgyz and the Uzbeks. We were able to help several Uzbek families with their recovery and healing." Perhaps on account of this experience, James notes that his youngest daughter, Karis, "wants to be the next Condoleezza Rice."

Promoting healing and understanding of a different kind, **Jennifer Baker** Marafioti wrote that she's been a school psychologist for 14 years, and is now pursuing an advanced degree in educational administration. When Jennifer counsels school kids, she knows of what she speaks, bringing to

the job both academic training and practical experience borne of parenting daughters Lindsay, Haley, Kelsey, and Macey, all of whom are scholarship athletes in lacrosse. Regular column contributor **Ron Handelman** (thanks, Ron!) is also a school psychologist, working with high school students in North Rockland, NY. Ron has a private therapy practice in Montclair, NJ, where he specializes in child and adolescent mood disorders, social skills development, and crisis counseling. Ron still talks to **Pat Plummer**, who lived with him and **Mark Richmond** in Phillips House Cooperative, and sends a nod to the many others who lived there at the time too. "P-House was awesome. We should try for a reunion."

Among our news contributors making a return appearance in this column, several induced profound envy by sharing tales of world travels. **Amy Smith** Linton took a vacation to Rome and Florence with her artist sister. "I learned slightly more about early Renaissance art than I have hard-drive space for." **Deborah Brozina** took the "trip of a lifetime over the Christmas/New Year's break," spending five days on safari in Kenya, where she "saw some of the most amazing sights a person can see: snow on Kilimanjaro, a pride of nine lions feasting on a wildebeest, about 1,000 elephants on the move. It was breathtaking and I came home with 125 GB of photos and video, thanks to an outstanding professional package lent to me by Canon. There are some perks to working in the film business beyond hanging out with Oscar winners!" (Do tell!) **Karen Cronacher** Thurman and her husband of 21 years "traveled all around Israel; took a cruise to Alaska; stayed in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; went on a tour of Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague; spent a week in the Costa del Sol, Spain; went on a cruise to Barcelona, Rome, Athens, Izmir, Turkey, Cairo, Alexandria, and Malta; and last September cruised for three weeks all around Australia and to Bali and New Zealand."

Physicians **John Blair** and **Gregory Rubino** found adventure right here at home. John is an orthopedic spine surgeon in Tacoma, WA, where, in addition to fixing backs, he is dad to six children, including "three toddlers and one infant." Perhaps unnecessarily, he adds, "Very busy." Gregory, formerly a "tried and true New Yorker," writes that he has had to get used to "living in a swamp" as a neurosurgeon in Lake Charles, LA. Gregory asked me to let classmates know that he "offers medical internships at Christmas break." So, for those of you who have ever yearned either to be a brain surgeon or to work in a swamp (or to be a brain surgeon while working in a swamp), please consider reaching out to Dr. Rubino.

Whether you are a world traveler or a homebody, a city dweller or a swamp denizen, in the same field since graduation or in an occupation you never could have imagined would be yours, please send us your news. We love to know how and what you are doing, to wish you "bon voyage" or "welcome home!" and to have the privilege of sharing your good tidings with the class. ☐ **Risa M. Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Roberta Farhi**, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net.

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Our Cornell classmates continue to be a diverse group. Look what everyone is up to this month. **Bob Clendenin**, who was last heard from in *Race to Witch Mountain*, is now on the smaller screen and guest-starring as the "creepy neighbor Tom"

on "Cougar Town." Like working with Courteney Cox isn't cool enough, Bob got to go to Hawaii to film the season finale. It airs in early June, but you can catch it online if you missed it.

As amazing as Hawaii is, can it beat Greenland? **Paul Scott** (paulandrewscott@yahoo.com) and **Anoush Koroghtian-Scott** wrote to say that Paul is a high school environmental science teacher and flew on an Air National Guard C-130 with two of his students to spend a week working with NSF climatologists on the Greenland ice sheet. Anoush recently became VP for legal affairs and general counsel for Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, NY. **Hap Hewes** (hapheves@gmail.com) and wife Susan have been doing traveling of a different kind—college visits with their son and daughter. Any trips to the Hill? They also traveled to Asia. Hap is the VP of business development at ARC Energy, where he works to reduce LED costs in order to provide lighting for areas of the world that don't have consistent, safe lighting. Spare time finds him playing basketball and golf, hiking, and kayaking.

Terry Kent (terry.kent@cornell.edu) is in Cornell's development office. When not working for the Big Red, Terry teaches kayaking, runs a race on Lake Placid, and develops kayak videos. He didn't mention this in his update, but Terry is a three-time Olympian, so if you're going to learn to kayak, he's the best. Check it out at gottakayak.com. **Jeffrey Cowan** was named a Southern California Super Lawyer for the fifth consecutive year. When he's not practicing employment and business litigation, Jeffrey is busy teaching his 6-year-old identical twin sons Jason and Matthew the finer points of T-ball, basketball, and cookie baking. You can catch up on Jeffrey's doings at www.cowan-law.com.

Michael Brairton (brairton@gmail.com) is in dealer network development for Audi of America. "I rehabilitate underperforming/distressed dealerships on a turnaround basis. No shortage of work over the past several years!" Michael's daughter is in her first year rowing crew—he's already gotten to watch her compete in the Manny Flick regattas on the Schuylkill River! **John Poli** and wife Christine live in Mercer Island, WA. John is chief information officer and VP information technology at Washington Dental Service in Seattle.

We had lots of proud sports papas write in this month (we highly encourage this trend) including **Jeff Dunlap** (jeffdunlap@roadrunner.com), who with wife Amy enjoys watching daughters Erin and Casey play club volleyball. The family lives in Cleveland, OH, where Jeff is a partner in the law firm of Ulmer & Berne LLP and serves as a member of the management committee. Jeff would love to hear from **John Smales**. **Joseph Odin** (Joseph.Odin@mssm.edu), an associate professor of medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, has been coaching Little League in his spare time.

Bruce Jones (revjones96@yahoo.com) lives in Janesville, WI, where he is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. He's also chaplain for the Janesville Police Dept. and a YMCA soccer coach. Bruce was working on his doctorate when he wrote, and was scheduled to graduate in mid-May from the U. of Dubuque Theological Seminary with a DMin. Congrats! Also involved in youth sports is **Tom Barreca** (barrecas@optonline.net), who refs football in his spare time—"from youth to prep school." Tom, who lives in Westport, CT, with wife Eileen, is managing director for business development at NASCAR Media Group. He writes, "I sell TV programming to TV networks and strategic content/video for the Web, apps, and

digital devices centered on racing and other sports—from Ping-Pong to football.”

Joy Auerbach Katz (joyakatz@yahoo.com) and husband **Larry '87** hosted their youngest daughter Hannah's bat mitzvah this past March. Shouting mazel tov were classmates **Karen Laufer**, **Nigel** and **Elisabeth Van den Brink De'ath**, **Ora Schiffman-Kirsch**, and **Bonnie Rattner Klugman** (and husband **Rob '85**). Joy is a trusts and estates attorney.

This is the next-to-last column for the duo of **Susan Seligsohn Howell** and **Laura Nieboer Hine**. Our last column will be a wrap-up of Reunion in the Sept/Oct issue. Before we sign off, I'll finish with the last of our personal news in the all-consuming topic of college searches. Susan's daughter Olivia had to decide between three excellent schools, but after a great visit to Cornell, she's going Big Red! She'll be joining my son Sam in the Class of 2015. And Sam's twin brother, Nick, has decided to go to UVA as an Echols Scholar. We're happy with their decisions, and ecstatic that the first round of college choices is done! Keep sending your news to us, and we promise to forward it to the new class correspondents! ☐ **Laura Nieboer Hine**, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net; and **Susan Seligsohn Howell**, susacornell86@comcast.net.

87 One year from now, you will already have had a great time at the Class of 1987's 25th Reunion. Start making plans now for your trip to Ithaca on June 7–10, 2012. Your reunion chairs, **Melissa Hodes**, **Scott Pesner**, and **Debra Howard Stern**, have been working hard to make this another memorable event. Bring your family or come on your own! If you haven't made it back to reunion before, this is the one not to miss!

Congratulations are in order to **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, who was elected to Cornell's Board of Trustees in the alumni trustee elections. We are so proud that the Class of '87 is represented on the board and are sure Rana will be a wonderful representative for Cornell and the interests of alumni. Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to vote in the elections.

Now here is some news. **Amit Batabyal** has been the Arthur J. Gosnell Professor of Economics at the Rochester Inst. of Technology since 2000. He is an active researcher; his sixth book, *Research Tools in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics*, was published by World Scientific Publishing in May 2011. Amit is a frequent attendee at conferences all over the US and overseas to present his research findings. Recently, he has made time to get involved in CAAAN (Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network) in the Rochester area.

Steven "Sonny" Ginsberg shared some news and some memories. On the news front, he reports, “I started a boutique commercial transactions firm in the Chicago Loop in June 2009 (in ‘Garp’ terms, after the plane had already crashed into the house), specializing in hospitality, loan workouts, and related litigation. Ginsberg Jacobs LLC is now 15 lawyers strong, including one other Cornell alum (**Ana Acena, JD '98**). My partner, unfortunately, is from Hahvad (law school), which is why we don’t let him speak to clients.” Sonny also shared a great memory from Take Back the Slope 1986. He recounts, “When the drinking age was raised to 21 in 1985, the university worried that they could not control alcohol (much less other pursuits) on Libe-

Slope, so they moved SpringFest to North Campus (where I had never visited in my four years). We responded by having a SpringFest without bands, and found that the gathering was more important than the guest artists. It felt like a beach party, with boom boxes scattered on blankets along the Slope—but instead of incoming tides we had to avoid random floods of friends practicing their forward rolls down the hill. The university acknowledged the student victory by bringing the concert back to the Slope in '87: Robert Cray.”

Philip Lam has joined the digital design company Hot Studio (www.hotstudio.com). He is principal and general manager of their New York office. He says that “despite the big-picture economy troubles, things in the digital world feel very

where it was 60 degrees and sunny. We couldn't believe that we walked around campus in sweatshirts only and no coats in February. Have no fear, when we woke up the next day it was snowing and did not stop the entire weekend. Always nice to know that some things never change. On to news of our classmates. Thanks to so many of you for sending updates—we appreciate it!

We heard from several classmates along the East Coast. **Lori Schain Hiller** is a New York City school social worker who works in two Brooklyn elementary schools and loves what she does! She has a daughter, 15, and a son, 12. It just so happens that her son's middle school principal is **Lenore DiLeo Berner '86**! Lori keeps in touch with many friends from Cornell on Facebook and once

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robust in terms of business opportunity and activity.” Phil is enjoying life with his wife and two daughters in northern New Jersey. He adds, “Through the magic of Facebook, I've reconnected with numerous Cornell classmates whom I hadn't seen in years, some in over two decades.”

Jennifer Levin Jevens wrote that the veterinary hospital she and her husband founded, Upstate Veterinary Specialists, in Greenville, SC, was named the American Animal Hospital's Specialty Practice of the Year for the US and Canada. Congrats, Jennifer! **Michael Pol** took time out from his job as a senior marine fisheries biologist with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to let us know that he and his lovely wife, Laura, live near the ocean in Onset, MA, “with two terrific kids.” Michael's research is focused on refining commercial fishing methods to improve sustainability. **Rob Goldberg** sent an update from Hawaii. He writes, “I live with my wife, Candle, and our girls Julie, 10, Mollie, 8, Lili, 6, and Karlie, 3, on the beautiful island of Kaua'i. We've traveled to the mainland only once in more than ten years, but we do plan to make the trek to Ithaca for next year's reunion. I'm a ‘country lawyer in paradise’ and we're trying to grow fruit trees (guava, mango, avocado, tangerine, jackfruit, etc.) and raise a few chickens for eggs. Warmest aloha to all.”

If you haven't joined our Facebook page, “Cornell University Class of 1987,” check it out for alumni news and activities. You can also find updates on the plans for our 25th Reunion in June 2012! Send us your news in an e-mail to the addresses below, through the link at our Class of '87 website at www.alumni.cornell.edu, by an update at the Cornell University Class of 1987 Facebook page, or via a Class of 1987 News Form from the class mailing. ☐ **Brenna Frazer McGowan**, bfm26@cornell.edu; or **Heidi Heasley Ford**, hhf6@cornell.edu.

88 The weather in Ithaca always seems to be a challenge, and when my family and I went for a hockey weekend in February it was classic. We left Connecticut on a beautiful, sunny day (the first one during a very long winter) and got to Ithaca,

a year she and her husband vacation as couples with **Alena Tepper Margolis**, **Jamie Platt Lyons '89**, and **Amy Susman Stillman '89**. Several years ago they all went to Costa Rica together, but this year it might be Hilton Head. **Susan Wenz Coyle** and husband Tom are still in New York—not something they are thrilled about. However, they hope to change that in the near future, as Tom is retiring this year and they plan to move anywhere warm. They have four sons who are thriving and making them proud. Their oldest graduated high school last June, completed basic training at Fort Knox over the summer, and will do ROTC at Johnson and Wales U. in Florida, where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in culinary arts management. He is following in his mom's footsteps and plans to operate his own catering business someday.

Nancy Taber Richards runs an artisan cheese-making business just west of Ithaca in Mecklenburg. After some pretty huge snags, she inaugurated her sixth year of business in January 2011. “I started the business with a Dutch cheesemaker, who brought a lot of experience, but sadly, he couldn't get a reliable visa to work here and had to leave the country just eight months into our startup in 2006,” she writes. Nancy now has a young man from Vermont working with her as cheesemaker and is enthusiastic about the future of her business in particular, and about the general future of artisan and local food production in the Finger Lakes. She would be happy to offer a 10 percent discount on cheese purchases to classmates and readers of the magazine, so feel free to look her up if you are in the area. **Kirsten Borror** is in Massachusetts, with one son left at home; he is a senior in high school. Her oldest has graduated, has a job in IT, business process, and lives on his own. Kirsten works in a public high school with children who have learning disabilities, as well as pursuing her art. Check out her blog at <http://kirstenborror.blogspot.com/>.

From the other side of the country, we heard from **Meera Kang**. She is the president and founder of Dormus Development in San Francisco, CA. Her company produces socially and environmentally conscious ventures by revitalizing underutilized properties, involving communities in the planning process, creating public-private partnerships, and

assembling complex layered financing. She is a founding board member and president of the California Infill Builders Association, a nonprofit promoting focused development inside cities and towns and advocating sprawl controls.

Since 2007, **Renee Phelps** Valach has worked as a physician at Bongolo Hospital in rural, southern Gabon in central Africa. She does both internal medicine and pediatrics, and is also the assistant medical director, administrative director of the HIV/AIDS clinic, and lab director. One of her non-hospital activities is Sunday school teacher for the local church, which has 150 children. **Traci Nagle** wrote that she and her family were packing up their New Delhi apartment to move back to Indiana. Traci, husband Sumit, and daughter Tara were living in New Delhi, India, from August to December 2010. While Sumit enjoyed his sabbatical, Traci spent about a quarter of her time in Kolkata (Calcutta), recording Bengali-speaking children as part of her research for an impending linguistics dissertation. She found that, indeed, kids say and do the darndest things! During their stay in India, they also spent a week sightseeing in Kerala, including exploring that state's renowned backwaters by canoe. They also visited Jaipur, Rajasthan, to celebrate Diwali ("the Hindu festival of lights and,

as we discovered, also of very loud fireworks long into the night") and spent a weekend in a centuries-old fort that had been converted into a Heritage Hotel. "When the mileage from that trip was combined with the miles we earned on a trip to the U.K. this summer, even Tara, 7, achieved Silver Medallion frequent-flyer status on Delta. When we told her, she got very excited, then fell into disappointment when she found out that she would not actually be getting any kind of silver medal." They are now back in Bloomington, IN, where Traci is pursuing a doctorate at Indiana U.

Also in the Midwest is **Ed Drimak**. He spent a very nice weekend with **Chris Kauffman** and his family in Nashville: "We managed to catch some head-bangin' hard rock the night before the Titans vs. Texans at LP Field. I then returned home to the St. Louis area to join my wife, Lynn, and youngest, Mara, to welcome home our oldest, Sierra, from UMKC for the holidays." Ed hopes to run into Chi Phi brother **Jay Rietz**, ME '89, on his trip to Japan next spring. Thanks for all the news. Feel free to contact any of your correspondents if you have anything you want to share with your fellow classmates! ☐ **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu; **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bam62@cornell.edu.

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Summer is finally here. Or at least by the time you're reading this it will be. What a winter it was—so much snow and cold, which at times actually brought back all the memories of Ithaca in the middle of winter! We had a lot of news thanks to my fellow correspondent Kim, who did an e-mail solicitation. Let's get right to the news . . .

After 27 years in the restaurant business, just shy of three years ago, **Jim Karas** accepted a position in the banking industry as vice president of executive consulting and conversions with Fifth Third Bank in their commercial division. He writes, "Our Remote Currency Manager solution electronifies cash transactions and has been widely accepted among clients in all segments of the restaurant industry and retail environments." Jim is now back in Florida, close to the beach in Lauderdale. He spent some time with **Steve Theodoropoulos** when Steve and his wife, Lindy, were in NYC from the Philippines. **John Randall** moved to Laramie, WY, to work for a company that puts up meteorological towers for wind energy research. John writes, "It's a lot different from running my own fence company, but then business is business, and running a construction crew building fence or putting up 200-foot-tall towers is actually pretty similar."

Marne Platt is living in Switzerland—or, more accurately: "These days I live on British Airways and do laundry in Switzerland." Since August 2010 she has been global head of regulatory affairs for Novartis Consumer Health. She says, "I'm still single and racking up a string of international bad date stories!" Marne keeps in touch with **Amy Rossabi** (her freshman-year roommate in U-Hall 3). Amy is an attorney with Davis, Polk, and Wardwell in NYC, co-ordinating their pro bono work. **Laura Seaver** sent an e-mail while on a ferry crossing the Strait of Magellan. She and her husband, Tom Grenon, rode their motorcycles through South America in mid-October. As of the e-mail, they had explored Chile, southwest Bolivia, and Argentina. "It's been a great trip so far! When we reached the end of the road in Ushuaia, Argentina, we parked the motorcycles for 11 days and hopped on a ship to Antarctica. That was spectacular! Other highlights included Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia (the world's largest salt flats, where camping was magical), sharing a lamb asado with a rural family on New Year's Day, and enjoying some sunny days on the Carretera Austral in Southern Chile (a beautiful stretch of road, lush from the frequent rains)." You can see more stories and lots of photos on her blog, ridingaround.wordpress.com.

Andrea Avruskin has been the backstage physical therapist at Disney's *The Lion King* production in Las Vegas since January 2010. She treats the dancers, singers, actors, and stage crew for any injuries incurred during the show. She was named an "Emerging Leader 2010" by the American Physical Therapy Association. She also earned a certificate in public relations from the U. of Nevada.

On the Recorder

Glen Shannon '88

For Glen Shannon, the phrase "recorder music" does not conjure images of third graders clumsily tooting "Hot Cross Buns"; instead he thinks of Baroque fugues played by forty-piece orchestras. And he doesn't just think about such arrangements—he creates them. By day, Shannon works full-time at San Francisco graphic design firm TransPacific Digital. But by night, he composes multi-part preludes and fugues that are played by recorder ensembles and orchestras all over the world.

Shannon first encountered the recorder in third grade. "In school, the recorder was a musical aptitude test," Shannon recalls. "If you could do that then you'd graduate to a 'real' instrument." He was promoted to clarinet, and in eighth grade began composing for clarinet ensembles. But even after playing a "real" instrument, including three years in the Big Red Band, he preferred the recorder. And when he won a recorder composition competition in 1995 he felt he had enough street cred in the recorder world to start his own brand, Glen Shannon Music.

While the recorder was extremely popular during the Renaissance, it is underappreciated today, says Shannon. "The recorder is an easy instrument to learn—that's why they introduce it to children early on," he says. "People think of it as a toy, because hearing it played well isn't common." There are about a dozen sizes of recorder, and Shannon writes music for all of them. His contrapuntal, bass-heavy style is influenced by Baroque composers like Bach and Vivaldi. But the most important aspect of his music, Shannon says, is that those playing it have a good time. "When I was playing the bass clarinet in band I was always playing those long tones, and I didn't have a very interesting part," he remembers. "So I decided that the music I write is going to be fun for everybody."



— Adrienne Zable '11

Andrea spends her free time volunteering as a news reader for the Radio Reading Service, dedicated to sight-impaired listeners, at Nevada Public Radio. **Lee Kraus** moved from a faculty position at Cornell, where he had been since 1999, to a new position as director of the Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences at the U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. **Naomi English** e-mailed to tell us that last summer she was instrumental in the multi-hospital registered nurse collective bargaining in Minnesota's Twin Cities. The negotiations covered 12,000 nurses in 14 hospitals, as well as the nurses' pension plan.

Len Feldman has had many encounters with classmates. He ran into **Chris Langone** and **Larry Rosenberg** at the retirement party for long-time forensics coach **Pamela Stepp, PhD '93**, last fall. And he saw **Dave Abramowitz** at the Cornell-Colgate hockey game in Newark, NJ. Len said he has a new job supervising the law practice of plaintiff asbestos cases in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for the firm Weitz & Luxenberg. He lives outside of Philadelphia with his wife and three children. **Sushil Singh** wrote, "I am a cardiologist specializing in pacemakers, in a practice near beautiful Cape Cod. I spend as much time as I can on Martha's Vineyard dabbling in fishing, sailing, and photographing wildlife. I am lucky to have most of my extended family here in the Boston area and I enjoy being a CAAAN volunteer. I would love to see some Cornellians visit for the Harvard hockey game!"

Liz Feldman Bywater lives in Yardley, PA, with husband David, daughter Anna, 11, and son Jonathan, 7. Liz keeps busy running her organizational consulting firm and private psychotherapy practice. She keeps tabs on some of her Cornell friends and Kappa Delta sisters on Facebook, but misses being on campus (after all these years!) and is looking at programs offered through Cornell's Adult University.

Please keep sending us your news via email—or fill out the News Form or jot us a note and mail it in! Thank you! ☐ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Zaplin-ski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net; and **Kim Levine** Graham, kal20@cornell.edu.

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It is April as I write this column and I am riveted by the continuing earthquake/tsunami news out of Japan, where fellow Class Notes correspondent **Rose Tanasugarn**, BA '95, works as the training manager for Kobe Portopia Hotel. Rose posted on her Facebook page at one point, referring to the Japanese word for foreigners, "gaijin": "As opposed to 'flyjin' (foreigners who have made the decision to leave Japan post 3/11), I am 'stayjin.' My rationale: life is too short to be paralyzed by fear of the unknown, especially when it is 1,000 percent better to be here and DO things for people who need our ACTION!" Rose (nt28@cornell.edu) is training for the Kobe Marathon in November and will be running to raise funds for earthquake/tsunami relief. She has been collecting pledges since last spring.

Back stateside, **Brendan Kinney** reports that he is doing real property finance consulting, but would rather be playing with the kids. The one thing he remembers most from Cornell? "The autumn fragrance." He'd like to hear from **Jim Dunlap** and **Megan Shull '91, PhD '98**. **Debra Helfand** and **Jonah Klein** still live in Brooklyn. Debra remains managing editor at Farrar, Straus and Giroux

and Jonah continues as human resources manager at Calvin Klein. They and son Sebastian, 7, spent a few days last year in Texas, riding horses at a dude ranch and visiting the Alamo. **Matt Lawrence** is an investment consultant in Harrison, NY, and a kids' sports coach. His list of Cornell memories reads thusly: "People, beautiful campus, CollegeTown! Too much work." I think we can all relate to that last one. Matt would like to hear from **Barry Leibowitz** and **Eric Simon**.

In central Connecticut, **Mark Focacci**, DVM '94, is a veterinarian who enjoys working out and going to New Britain Rock Cats baseball games. He and wife Katherine also spend time at their house on Cape Cod. His favorite Cornell memory? "That my son, James, was born during my senior year." **Bernadette Rogan Reilly** is the business office manager for an assisted living community in Vermont, where she spends her free time hanging out with horses. She fondly remembers her business economics professor, "Doc Aplin"—that would be Prof. Emer. **Richard Aplin, PhD '59**—and the people at the large animal clinic where she worked part-time.

Liz Russo Gilges and husband **Kent '88** are in Canandaigua, NY, where Liz says she is "living family life full speed ahead," spending her time "chauffeuring children, attending their games and performances, and volunteering." She'd like to hear from **Dale Printy** and **Tom Montagnino**.

Bevan Das didn't give his geographic location, but perhaps that's appropriate for someone who listed his job as "software tester—making sure 4G wireless telecom equipment works right." Bevan was busy last year getting ready for his first triathlon and reading Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time* fantasy novel series. He also reported, "We adopted our older daughter after ten years as guardians/foster parents." Belated but sincere congratulations, Bevan! Belated congratulations as well to **Eve Pouliot** Henson, who was named one of the top attorneys in Texas last year by the publishers of *Texas Super Lawyers*. It was the third year she received the recognition. She is with the Dallas firm Sayles Werbner, where she specializes in intellectual property litigation, business litigation, products liability, and personal injury/wrongful death.

George Renkert is in Wyoming, where he's a ranch manager and raising a family with wife Rebecca. From Rancho Cucamonga, CA, attorney **Robert Little** reports that on June 1, 2011, his wife gave birth to their fifth and sixth children—and second set of twins!—son Joseph and daughter Austen. **Paul Kapp**, BArch '90, and wife Wendy reside in Illinois, where Paul is an associate professor in the School of Architecture at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. His new book, *SynergiCity: Re-Inventing the Post-Industrial City*, is being published this fall by the U. of Illinois Press. Paul remembers the Finger Lakes and the old towns around the lakes, and he'd like to hear from fellow Architecture grad **Rob Klinedinst**, BArch '90.

Now, some class News with a capital N: **Matt Rubins**, who helped organize our 20th Reunion last year, reports, "We had a fantastically successful reunion campaign"—the Class of '90 raised more than \$2.1 million for the Cornell Annual Fund! The fund is where you can make unrestricted donations that go wherever the need is greatest at Cornell; many fund dollars go to student financial aid. To learn more, check out <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/fund/>.

We end this column on a note that shows just how small the Big Red universe is. In March my husband, **Greg Manning**, and I attended a

gala celebrating the 25th anniversary of Third Angle, a contemporary chamber music ensemble in Portland, OR. As we sat down to dinner, we were pleased to see that the evening's wine was from WillaKenzie Estate Winery, owned by **Ronni Lacroute '66**. And the evening's auction included a portrait of **Steve Reich '57**, winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for music. The musical program was dedicated entirely to his works. Alas, they did not include a rendition of "Far Above Cayuga's Waters." Maybe for his next Pulitzer? ☐ **Amy Wang Manning**, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net.

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It's that time of year again: the warm weather is here, the kids are out of school, and we're all busy with barbeques and vacations. I had a great time catching up with you all at reunion last month—please look for the full report in the Sept/Oct issue. Our classmates continue to keep busy with a variety of exciting and impressive careers and activities—and a surprising number of cross-country moves. Without ado, here's the latest!

Speaking of warm weather, **Jill Cohen-Garcia** and husband Rick (Fort Lauderdale, FL) just love the hot Florida weather. They spend most of their time at the Boca Raton Resort and Club with friends and family. Although Jill enjoys her role as the senior vice president of quality and assurance for TracFone Wireless Inc., her favorite pastime is playing tackle football and cheerleading with her children Ryan, 9, and Samantha, 7. The Garcias are a busy bunch: Jill saw Bon Jovi in concert with Kid Rock on vacation in Chicago, IL. The family also went to the Georgia mountains region, Charleston, SC, and Savannah, GA, for vacation in July 2010.

Patrick Phair and wife Tanya (Ann Arbor, MI) are also busy chasing around little ones. When Patrick is not occupied with his investments in energy-related startup companies and projects, he is out on the field coaching his children in various sports. When asked about his fondest Cornell memories, Patrick gave us the same story he tells the kiddos at bedtime—that he, ahem, does not remember having wings and beer with friends; as he tells his children, he spent his college years dreaming and planning for the future. **Robert Dunlap** and wife Heather have a daughter, 2, and a new baby who joined the family in March 2011. Robert earned his MBA from the U. of Texas in 2004 and is now a project engineer with Honeywell Specialty Materials/UOP. Robert and his family live in Colorado, just outside Denver. **Hilary Nagler** is a new mother—to triplets! She is an interior designer and entrepreneur and the partner in a hip antiques store, living blissfully in Santa Barbara, CA. Classmates **Elaine Chiu** and **Robert Leung** added a third son to their family. Benjamin Jack was born in June of last year, joining big brothers Ryan, 10, and Billy, 4.

Elizabeth Henry is an ophthalmologist in a solo practice in Lowell, MI. Elizabeth enjoys horseback riding, showing jumpers, and breaking, training, and raising a foal named "Dino." Dino is a registered Oldenburg colt. Elizabeth and husband Bruno Unzens are also raising their daughter, Alexandra, 2. Elizabeth, unlike Patrick, was slightly more honest with us about her college years; she remembers great times in Ithaca playing darts with the guys over a pitcher of beer.

John Raguin has stepped down as CEO of Guidewire Software, a company he co-founded

nine years ago. John says his time at Guidewire was a great experience, leading a company of almost 600 employees that generated well north of triple-digit revenues. However, the headquarters was in the San Francisco Bay Area, and John's family was in the Boston, MA, area, which translated into a very long commute and too much time away from family. John is now looking for opportunities in New England after winding down his time with Guidewire. Last summer, John participated in a triathlon in Gloucester, MA, with a bunch of friends from the Class of '92: **Darius Deak**, **Keith Strudler**, **Carl Kadlic**, and **Jim Cotter**, ME '93. The group was celebrating Darius's 40th birthday, and everyone had a great time—that is, until the soreness set in!

John is not the only classmate making a big move. **Kathryn Pierson** Lundin (katelundin@yahoo.com) moved to Beijing with husband Steve and their two little boys. Steve will be the general manager in China for Marsh & McLennan, the global commercial insurance brokerage. In preparation for the move, Kate left her job in New York, NY, at the Boston Consulting Group. Kate looks forward to connecting with any of our classmates who are in Beijing! **Jenny Gottleib** Shevick is also leaving NYC, bound for the suburbs—Bedford, NY. Jenny is making the move with her husband and their sons, ages 11, 9, 6, and 3.

Jennifer Leeds (jennifer.leeds@novartis.com) and **Robert Hess** have been living in the Boston area for about 15 years, raising sons Tjaden, 12, and Max, 9. Jenn and Rob enjoy time with friends **Karl Yoder** '87 and wife **Marina Memmo** '89 and **Steve Hodin** '89 and his wife, Renee. Their friends **Mark Blucher** '90, wife Jodi, and their four kids have moved to St. Louis, but the families still get to see each other when they vacation together in Florida. Jenn and Rob saw **Scott Whitney** '90 at the Head of the Charles Regatta and regularly run into **George O'Toole** '88 at various scientific meetings. **Alex Flueck**, PhD '96, stayed with them when he ran the Boston Marathon in April. The big news for the family is that after reunion this year, they packed up and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area (East Bay)! After being at the Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, MA, for eight years, Jenn was promoted to executive director and head of antibacterial discovery at Novartis. She is transferring from Cambridge, MA, to grow the group at their site in Emeryville, CA. Jenn works with **Rich Colvin** '88 in their pursuit to discover and develop new anti-infective drugs. Rob, who was a patent agent with Sunstein, Kahn, Murphy, and Timbers LLP in Boston, received his JD from Suffolk U. in May 2010 and was sworn into the Massachusetts Bar in November 2010. He will continue to practice patent law in the Bay Area. If there are any fellow Cornell alums on the "left coast," they'd be happy to hear from you!

Debra Squires-Lee is also enjoying professional success. She was elected partner in the litigation department of Sherin and Lodgen LLP in Boston, MA. **Kevin Lemanowicz** has signed on for his 15th year as chief meteorologist at Fox 25 in Boston (located in Dedham, MA). Kevin suggests that classmates should tune in when in the New England area, or "check out my receding hairline on myfoxboston.com." Aside from work, Kevin tries to keep up with his two sons, including the older one, who officially became a teenager in August. His family lives in Franklin, MA, and enjoys spending time together at their home in Destin, FL.

Please continue to share news with us via email, through the link on our class website,

<http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>, or on the news form in our most recent class mailing. We love to hear from you! ☐ **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, sheslam@berkshirepartners.com; **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, ams14@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, klk22@cornell.edu.

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Summer's in full swing! My favorite way to spend summer in Ithaca is at Cornell's Adult University—like being back on campus, but with no prelims. CAU runs the entire month of July, and there may still be time to sign up.

In other summer plans, after living in Sofia, Bulgaria, for the past five years, **Dana Leff** Niedzielska is packing up the family and moving to Barcelona. Her daughter will start second grade there and her son will be in kindergarten. The whole family is really excited about it and would love to hear from any Cornellians living in the Barcelona area. **Susan Sperry** has relocated to Washington, DC, from Chicago, with global design firm RTKL, where she does direct marketing and communications for the commercial practice group. Susan's getting connected with other Cornellians through the Cornell Club of Washington.

Sam Levis, who works at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO, announces that he's once again single and back in the dating world. **Renee Hunter Toth** and husband **David** are finding it hard to believe that it's been almost two years since they relocated from Wisconsin to Newbury, MA (about 35 miles north of Boston). David is an endocrinologist with Penobscot Medical Associates in Newburyport, and Renee is at "home" with kids Brayden, 9, and Nadia, 4 . . . although she admits that she's rarely ever actually home! The Toths love being back in the East, where they get to see many of their Cornell friends much more easily. **Todd** and **Ruth Herzog Pack** live an hour away in Nashua, NH, with their girls Claudia and Caroline. Renee and David brought their kids on a pilgrimage back to Cornell and they thought it was so cool to see David's old dorm room in Dickson (how did they put three guys in that one room!?) and eat in the dining halls (unlimited desserts?!).

Laura Strothmann Williams and husband James had a baby boy, Jackson. She also has a daughter, Emily, 3, who likes to be a "little mommy" to Jack. Laura works at Ernst & Young in Times Square, NYC, and lives in Westchester. She recently saw Dr. **Susie Lee** Saunders and Dr. **Maki Kano** Leukerath, who also live in Westchester. "It was great to see old friends!" **Eileen Rappaport** welcomed daughter Lily Kate last summer. Eileen has also changed jobs after eight years: she's joined timepiece manufacturer M.Z. Berger & Co. as a vice president, key accounts. Eileen looks forward to lots of fun trips and outdoor time with her sweet daughter this summer! **Nicole Harris Hollingsworth** and husband **Rey** are proud to announce that son Aaron was accepted into Fordham Preparatory School's Class of 2015 in the Bronx, NY.

Adam Kleinberg's San Francisco digital ad agency, Traction, celebrates its tenth anniversary this month. Traction was a runner-up in *BtoB Magazine*'s list of the top agencies in the country for Interactive Agency of the Year. Way to go, Adam! **Barbara Pantuso** left her job at Frog Design to start a neighbor networking platform called Hey, Neighbor! (heyneighbor.com). She's combining her early career in the hospitality industry with her career in digital media to help

bring neighbors together and build trusted neighbor networks. Ironically, she lives in NYC, where few people know their neighbors, but she aims to change that! One of her investors is **Steve Dexter**, and she keeps in touch with others including **Maureen Donnelly** '91, **Mike Maneka**, **Michelle Freed** Squires, and several others through that other social networking platform.

From the "It's a Small World After All" department, and with apologies to Walt Disney Co., I've been running into Cornellians in random places. Last year, technology consultant and author **Phil Simon**, MILR '97, put out a request via social media to interview companies for his third book, *The New Small*. Only after an hour-long interview did I realize that he had also spent time on the Hill. Phil's book is a behind-the-scenes peek at "how a new breed of small businesses is using emerging technologies to do things simply not possible even five years ago."

Bob and Carol Heppes German have lovely twin daughters Izzie and Katie, both of whom play some ice hockey. Bob helps out on the ice with the Mite hockey program for kids age 8 and under. **Kate Hallada Pinhey** '83 also has a hockey-playing daughter, Shay, 13. That means that **John Torrance** '90 and I see them all with some regularity at the rink in Ann Arbor where our daughter Emily, 9, also plays. Also in my travels, I run into **John Shuck** '87 once in a while. John and his brother, **Greg Shuck** '91, along with a third partner, have been "Brewers of Tasty Liquids" at Carolina Brewing Co. in Holly Springs, NC, since 1995. I'm headed down that way to visit family in July, and I'm really hoping there'll still be some of their Spring Bock left.

It's always good to hear from you—and it makes writing the columns easier. Drop us a line or fill out the old-school card in your dues mailing. ☐ **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; and **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

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Happy summer! I hope you are all enjoying beautiful weather. As I write this column in April in New York, we just had a hint of nice weather and now I'm thinking ahead to summer days! Much of the news this month came from News and Dues forms. **Joel Roach** works as a design engineering manager. "I have been hiring engineers," he wrote. "Our business has picked up considerably over the past six months. Come to Michigan—we are on the rebound! Affordable living and great seasons!" In his spare time, Joel keeps busy (very busy, by the sound of it!) by working as a coach for two youth hockey teams, a youth football team, and a youth baseball team. I guess that is not surprising, given that he is the father of two boys and two girls. "My Squirt A Hockey team won their division in league this year," he reports. "Confirmed for me that my true love (and skill) is coaching and teaching kids. It is the most gratifying feeling to mold a group of kids into a team and to watch them develop." In response to what old friends he would like to hear from, Joel writes, "I'd like to know how my roommates from junior and senior year are doing (Bob and Brett)." So Bob and Brett—if you are out there—drop Joel a line!

Justin Sacks also sent news. "I left the Dept. of Plastic Surgery at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX, to join the Dept. of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. My primary focus is

head-to-toe oncological reconstruction. We are also starting a hand and face transplant program in Baltimore." He and wife Bethany have children Jacob and Emma. **Esther Semsei** Greenhouse, ME '03, wrote that she was the first doctoral student in the Dept. of Design and Environmental Analysis's new program and is now in her second year. She is focusing on the obstacles to aging in place and finding it very challenging. She is moving to a new house designed and built by her and her husband. It is built to be enabling to a range of ages and needs. In addition to her doctoral work, she has been a volunteer for many years for the National Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association and recently coordinated a fundraiser for them.

A few e-mails came my way (in response to a plea for news), some from close by and some from far-flung places. **Jessica Graus** Woo wrote from Ithaca, where she was celebrating After Eight's 20th anniversary! "I'm here with **Kate Benjamin** and **Nancy Snell** Weislogel," she wrote, as well as several alums from other years, including **Alison Torillo** French '95, **Sarah Davies** Hasegawa '96, **Tara Parmiter** '94, **Kathy Heppner** Trogolo '95, **Lisa Brannigan** Rodvien '96, **Susan Washburn** Jones '94, **Nancy Jang** James '96, and **Cindy Morrison** Phoel '94. We've been having a great time catching up, singing, and meeting the current and recently graduated members of After Eight!"

Ben Weinstein sent an e-mail from an airport in Paris: "I am a commercial director and am lucky to travel extensively for work. I sit right now in an airport in Paris on the tail of an amazing trip. I had three shoots back to back; each took me to a more amazing place. First Sebastopol, a coastal town on the Black Sea in the south of Ukraine, with a rich and turbulent history; then Moscow, which I had never been to. Next job was Beirut, Lebanon, the 'Paris of the Middle East.' (It's true.) Finally, I spent ten days prepping, shooting, and editing a commercial in Bangkok, Thailand, had a three-day layover in Beirut for some meetings, and now I'm on the way to Los Angeles. By May 14, I will be back in NYC. I've been living in hotel rooms and airports for eight weeks straight. My life is difficult and exciting and fun."

Josh Zapin sent an email from Boulder, CO, where he lives with his wife and two sons Avery Brooklyn and Elijah Hudson. He just started working at the shoe company Crocs as the director of interactive project management. **Michelle Feldman** Weinberg has also started a new job. She e-mailed, "I just returned to the workforce by starting my own business with a friend. We are the highly educated divorce mediators in the area. I am a licensed marriage and family therapist and worked for various nonprofits throughout my career, but when kid #3 turned into kids #3 and #4 (surprise—they are identical twin girls) I took a few years off. I took some mediation training and now I am ready to work. Our business is Westfield Mediation LLC in New Jersey. Mediation provides a more amicable, cost-effective alternative to divorce litigation." Thanks again for all your news. Have a great summer! ☐ **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcottile@yahoo.com.

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Corey and **Brynn Sigal Wolff** wrote from Hershey, PA. Brynn is finishing a surgery fellowship at U. of Penn, and Corey (corey.wolff@esipowercorp.com) is CEO of Energy Systems & Installation (ESI)

Inc.) in Jonestown, PA, a company that provides alternative energy solutions to the commercial, agricultural, and residential sectors. Their specialty is large-scale solar photovoltaic arrays, and they have clients throughout the Northeast. Corey is also active in Rotary and the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. He and Brynn enjoy spending time with their 5-year-old daughter, Ciera.

Victoria Baeger Daffner (vikdaff@gmail.com) and husband Robert live in Rumford, RI. She writes that her work is split between the V.A. Dental Service—she is the residency director for

year, **Hillary Frommer** was promoted to counsel in the commercial litigation department at Farrell Fritz PC in New York City. Hillary represents businesses, financial institutions, and individuals in federal and state trial courts as well as in arbitrations and litigations involving complex business disputes, shareholder and partnership disputes, employment, and other commercial matters. She earned her JD with honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law. In more legal news, **In Suk Koo** was promoted to assistant general counsel at Delaware North Companies, a global leader

'I've been living in hotel rooms and airports for eight weeks straight.'

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the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program—and private practice. "I am beginning a dental practice in town—I am in the construction phase!" **Tim Simpson** (Lady Lake, FL; timothy.simpson@cushwake.com) is a real estate appraiser with Cushman & Wakefield. **Mark Birtha** (Henderson, NV; markbirtha@msn.com) is president of Sol Casinos in Southern Arizona, overseeing a \$130 million resort expansion. He is also the 2011 president of the Cornell Hotel Society alumni group. **Amy Chiang** is on the move and sent her new address in Haleiwa, HI.

That's all for now. More to come in the next issue. Send your news to your correspondents any time of year, and thanks for staying in touch. ☐ **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.merchant@postfoods.com.

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Recently I received in the mail information for my 20th high school reunion. How is this possible? 20 years?! That got me thinking about what I was doing 20 years ago in August. Remember getting ready to leave for Cornell? You were taking care of tasks like buying a new comforter for your twin bed, getting a shower caddy, and trying to decide whether or not you needed a computer or if a word processor would do. Word processor?!

It's amazing to think of the changes that have occurred since we graduated from high school and how different the needs of college students are today. We were probably one of the last classes to go through undergrad without really using the Internet or e-mail. Sure, we had e-mail, but until senior year, who really used it? No one had cell phones in college so you actually had to meet your friends at a place previously agreed to and be on time. In freshman dorms, the room phone would be dragged out into the hall to get it as close as possible to the lounge to lessen the chance of missing a call. One ring for on-campus, two rings for off-campus. We rented tapes from Collegetown Video, wrote papers on Mac LCs, and usually the most advanced electronic item someone had in their backpack was a graphing calculator. While I appreciate everything that we have now, I am glad we went to college in simpler times . . . although cell phones would have been nice!

And now we return to the present and news sent in by our classmates. At the start of this

in hospitality and food service located in Buffalo, NY. She will serve as primary legal counsel for the company's parks and resorts operation at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. In Suk earned her law degree from Rutgers U.

In a bit of baby news, **Bernard Yu** and wife Wendy are thrilled to announce the birth of son Andersen Leland, on Nov. 28, 2010. Bernard writes, "Sleep has been scarce, but it's been amazing just watching him grow." Happily ensconced in Happy Valley, **Jennifer Graham** (jeg32@psu.edu) is an assistant professor of biobehavioral health at Penn State U. in State College, PA. Farther afield in Ecuador, **Esteban Viteri** has been working hard, expanding the Goddard Catering Group to industrial and events catering, as well as catering ships in the Galápagos Islands. Outside of work, Esteban has a lovely daughter, 3, and volunteers with Kapawi in Ecuador.

To slightly alter a line by Kevin Spacey's character in *The Usual Suspects*: "And like that, poof, it's gone." Our class notes are complete. Please keep sending in news to Veronica and me. We always look forward to hearing from you. ☐ **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vbrooks-sigler@gmail.com.

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Greetings '96ers. We hope you had a wonderful time at reunion. I still can't believe it's been 15 years—and that I have a 7-year-old whose yearlong dance class ended in a recital on the Saturday of reunion weekend! The next column (Sept/Oct issue) will have the reunion update and review so stay tuned. In the meantime, we've got some great work-related news from classmates.

Sean Scott (therealsrs@yahoo.com) writes that his new game development company, MindTrip Studios, has launched its first game, Ring Blade, for the iPhone and iPod Touch. Ring Blade is an arcade shooter with "30 levels of frenetic, fast-paced action" coming to the iPhone for \$0.99. Check out a preview at: <http://www.gamezebo.com/iphone-games/ring-blade/preview>.

In late 2006, after working as a patent litigator in Portland, OR (mostly as outside counsel for Microsoft), **Mike Buckler** (mike_buckler@yahoo.com) left his law firm to become a Peace Corps volunteer in rural Malawi. "From 2006 to 2008, I lived among ordinary Malawians, taught their children, and shared a village house with three male

students, who became dear friends, supporters, and confidants. A voracious reader, I realized that most (if not all) of the development literature was written from above, by donors, politicians, and economists, and that bothered me. So, after returning to the States, I wrote a book about the putative recipients of aid—the 90 percent of Malawians who practice sustenance farming, don't receive a decent education, and live on a dollar a day or less. *From Microsoft to Malawi: Learning on the Front Lines as a Peace Corps Volunteer* (Hamilton Books 2011) is a fundraiser for the three students I lived with. Each has passed the college entrance examination and is ready to continue his education in Malawi, but none has the resources to do so. I hope that book proceeds, and donations from readers, will change that. To read more about the book and its mission, visit www.FromMicrosoftToMalawi.com. You will find, among other things, a nice review from Ralph Nader and pictures of people and places in the book."

Eve Varon Ryan (efrvet@verizon.net), DVM '01, notes that she is about to celebrate her 20th high school reunion, 15th reunion from college, and tenth reunion from veterinary school. Hard to believe how the time flies! She practices and resides in Baldwinsville, NY (outside Syracuse) with her husband, son, 4, a cat, and a rabbit. **Ailie Silbert** (ASilbert@hblawny.com) has been practicing matrimonial and family law in New York City, Westchester, and the surrounding counties for many years and is thrilled to announce that she has joined the newly formed firm Hennessey & Bienstock LLP. When she wrote, she was looking forward to reunion and to seeing classmates at Cornell events in the NYC Metro area.

Marc Tilton (Winter Garden, FL; marctilton44@aol.com) is the president of Cortes Hospitality. He is busy opening new restaurant concepts and trying to grow the brands rapidly. He'd love to hear from his old friend **Maggie MacDougall**. **Mia Pearlman** (mpearlman@yahoo.com) lives in Brooklyn and works as an artist. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, traveling, and rooting for the New York Mets (that must be heart-wrenching these days!). She just finished two new site-specific cut-paper installations in the Netherlands and North Carolina, and is working on upcoming shows at the Smithsonian and Indianapolis Museum of Art in 2012. Mia often thinks fondly of Dr. Food from Risley Dining. "He taught me knife skills!"

Jennifer and **Eric Sinoway** and older son Daniel welcomed the adorable Michael Bradley (I saw the pictures!) to the world on April 7, 2011. The Sinoways live in Summit, NJ; Eric works in Manhattan as president of Axcess Luxury & Lifestyle. **Bill and Gina De Martini Hander** (Boulder, CO; thehanders@msn.com) celebrated the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Carmen Amelia (I saw these pictures too!), on March 8. On a personal note, my husband, **Josh Silverman**, has started working as an assistant professor in the otolaryngology department at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, specializing in laryngology and voice and pediatrics. We look forward to returning to the New York area, as we give Boston a fond farewell.

A quick reminder for those of you in the New York area over Thanksgiving weekend: please join your classmates for the return of the rivalry between Cornell and Boston U. men's hockey on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011 at Madison Square Garden. Check the class website, Facebook, and/or LinkedIn for information about block seating and a class pre-game event. Thanks for your updates!

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With our 15th Reunion now less than a year away, this is the time to start thinking about reaching out to friends and planning on some time in Ithaca next June. As we can all attest, it hardly seems like 14 years have gone by since we took our final prelims, enjoyed the last wine tours, and donned caps and gowns. No doubt this next year will fly by as well!

Another great way to get in gear for reunion is to connect with classmates via the class column. We have lots of room, but not much news to share, so send in some details on where you've been, what you've been doing, and who you've seen in the last few years. Shoot us a quick update while it's on your mind, and we'll include it in a future class column.

Cathy Heinzelman Hill checked in with an update on an entrepreneurial venture she launched in August 2010. Cathy started making jewelry several years ago as a hobby and eventually decided to launch a website, www.hillsofclay.com, to sell her creations. Cathy has a full-time job, so jewelry-making and website maintenance are a labor of love and happen after her son goes to bed and on the weekends. **Ying Ma** sent word of her recently published book, a "politically incorrect memoir" entitled *Chinese Girl in the Ghetto*. Expecting her life in America to be better in all ways than life in China, a girl happily immigrates to Oakland, CA, only to discover "crumbling schools, unsafe streets, and racist people." Check it out on Amazon or at <http://yingma.org>. Ying is a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford.

In anticipation of reunion next year, our class president, **Lauren Myers**-Merion, has been mobilizing alumni officers. Check back for a future column containing an update from Lauren. Some of the priorities we are working on include an improved website, tracking down "lost" classmates, and planning local pre-reunion events to bring classmates together. One more thing we could use help with: finding a new class correspondent. I have enjoyed the class correspondent position since graduation, but it is time for me to step aside in 2012 and share the privilege. If you're interested in the challenge or think of a classmate who might want to try their hand at compiling news and helping keep Cornellians connected, please let us know! It's a great way to stay involved and meet people. Send your news to: ✉ **Erica Broennle Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu/>. On Facebook: Cornell Class of 1997!

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These days when you run into a fellow Cornellian somewhere, you inevitably try to figure out how you might be connected. You talk about your college, major, and extracurricular activities. If that runs dry, you ask about campus jobs and social life. If all else fails you bring up your freshman dorm, trying to make a connection while getting nostalgic and excited whenever you find points of similarity or common acquaintances. For this column, our classmates have taken their similarities beyond the normal: we have two baby Sydney Claires this year! **Richard** and **Alicia Beck**

Waldo wrote that they are enjoying their daughter, Sydney Claire, who was born on Feb. 19, 2010! **Kristen McKeown** Armstrong and husband Kyle welcomed their Sydney Claire to the world on Oct. 22, 2010—a month early! Kristen writes that big sister Hayley, 7, is very helpful with the baby. Kristen works part-time as the head librarian at the Swain School and their family is heading back to Switzerland for their third summer of working at the TASIS summer camp for middle schoolers in the Alps.

In other baby news, **Kenneth Dai**, ME '99, writes that wife **Audrey Chan** '97 gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Alexander and that **Jim Maas**, PhD '66's lectures on sleep still play a part in his life today. Now that he and his wife aren't getting any sleep, I bet they do! **Suzie Ariyaratana Noronha** and husband **Gary** '95 welcomed their second child, David Edwin, on Nov. 27, 2010. Big sister Eleanor is enjoying her baby brother. Their family lives in Baltimore, MD. **Sonja Knezevic**-Kong, ME '00, and husband **Hoon Kong** welcomed Yura Isabelle, born March 23, 2010 in Seattle, WA. After 101 days in the NICU, Yura came home right on her (original) schedule. Congratulations! **Jim**, ME '99, and **Kathy Scully Leiz** celebrated the birth of another daughter, Sienna Grace, in February 2010. She joins big sister Juliette, 2-1/2. **David Haro** and wife Patty welcomed Liam Zachary on Dec. 4, 2010, in Hackensack, NJ. Older son Jonas is absolutely enamored with his new baby brother.

Melissa Pucciarelli writes that she has been keeping busy with work and chasing after her daughter, Evangeline Hope, 1. Sounds like fun! **Rosanna Batista** has been working as a manager of maternal and child health at MGH, which she says is a wonderful opportunity to help vulnerable immigrant and refugee populations. Her staff helps patients with their medical and social needs, and she manages the resources to facilitate the staff's work. Rosanna and her husband Douglas Selinger have two children, ages 2 and 4.

Wedding bells were ringing for **Tim Blanchard**, BArch '98, who was married to Aine Flanagan in the Bahamas on Oct. 30, 2010. Congratulations, Tim! **Elizabeth Morgenstein** married James Audiffred on March 27, 2011 on the beach in Encinitas, CA. Attending from our class were **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, **Betsy Patterson**, **Ayesha Haider Marra**, **Natasha Myers** Pereira, and **Natalie Postea**. The couple had amazingly perfect weather for their big day.

L. Ryan Smart writes that he moved to Syracuse after finishing his orthopedic sports fellowship and joined Syracuse Orthopedic Specialists, a large private group. **Agnes Galvez** writes that she has a new job as the nutrition program manager for Nellis Air Force Base's Health and Wellness Center. "I can't believe that I get paid to post on Facebook, cook in a gourmet kitchen, lead a weight-loss support group, and shop at the commissary!" she says. Agnes also says that she feels very blessed to be a military dietitian, as it is one of the best jobs she has ever had. **Amy Greenstein Cuker** has launched a new business, called Down2Earth Interior Design. It's a Philadelphia-area design practice that focuses on creating sustainable, low-maintenance, and family-friendly interior environments. She created the business plan while she was getting her MBA at LaSalle and now runs the business out of the attic in her new house (in Elkins Park, PA). Amy's husband, **Adam**, is a hematologist at Penn, and they have sons Shalom, 4, and Lev, 1.

When I'm not writing your news I'm busy with my family (chasing Lukas, 18 months, takes up most of my days), my church, my personal training clients, and training for marathon number five, which will be in the books before this news prints. The steady stream of information from our classmates has been so refreshing—please keep it coming! ☐ **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, molly.bracken@socal.rr.com; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, karenkipnes@gmail.com.

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As I write this column, many in the Class of '99 are getting ready to celebrate Mother's Day. I, your class correspondent **Liz Borod** Wright, gave birth to Joshua Luke on Nov. 23, 2010. These past few months have been a blur—a combination of excitement and exhaustion. Parenthood is a whole new world, not unlike entering Cornell as a freshman. And, yes, Josh does have a Cornell onesie thanks to **Salil '01** and **Nicole Neroulias Gupte '01**. Although the majority of my attention has been focused on Josh, I have still managed to keep up with my travel website, Travelogged.com, and work part-time as an adjunct faculty member for a social media course at Columbia U. Graduate School of Journalism.

On Nov. 27, 2010, **Rachel Sterling** and husband Jeremy Sharff welcomed Lucas Aaron. Rachel enjoyed a four-month maternity leave during one of Boston's worst winters. Luckily, the whole family was able to escape to Puerto Rico for a few days and Lucas loved the pool. Rachel has returned to work at Google, where she was promoted to team lead of the East Coast YouTube online media sales team. **Michelle Brandon** Tabnick and husband Richard became first-time parents when Benjamin Richard was born on March 13, 2011. **David Sandoval** and his wife have a baby girl, Catalina. They relocated to Washington, DC, where Dave is the head of legal affairs for a pharmaceutical company. However, he is still keeping his NYC-based band, Delexilio, going; they play "Rock and Roll with a Cuban Soul."

Victoria Stein gave birth to George Samuel Feltman on May 10, 2011. She is a nutritionist at New York Children's Health Project in the South Bronx, where she works with homeless children and their families. She also launched a private practice, Back to Basics Nutrition (www.backtobasicsnutrition.com), which provides family-oriented nutritional counseling. Victoria and her husband live on NYC's Upper West Side. **Meagan Ballard** Hall has two reasons to celebrate Mother's Day this year. She, husband Doug Hall, and son Griffin proudly announce the arrival of their newest family member, Max. He joined the happy family on March 19, 2011.

Jesse Brown and wife **Chrissy Shea '00** are thrilled to announce the arrival of their second daughter,

Marin Elizabeth Brown, born Nov. 20, 2010 in Boston. Jesse, Chrissy, and big sister Hadley have thoroughly enjoyed the first six months with her. **Paulette Rudolph** Gibbons, ME '00, and husband Douglas welcomed the birth of their son Douglas Jr. on February 20. "We look forward to introducing him to Cornell at the 15th Reunion in 2014 (gotta start him early)."

Rachel White (San Francisco, CA) has been dealing with plenty of babies—of the canine variety. She writes: "After a few years in technology, I am returning to my roots in hospitality—if that can be broadly defined as 'making people happy.' I'm working to expand the family business of breeding the most beautiful English and French bulldog puppies in the world. Anyone—throughout the country and around the world—looking to complete their family with a beautiful bully should contact me at rachel@fogcitybulldogs.com or through www.fogcitybulldogs.com. Make sure to mention you're a Cornellian! On Feb. 12, 2011, **Carolina Maharbiz** married **Mahesh Netrvali '98** in Miami. **Heather Hollidge** Madland and **Amy Van Blarcom**-Lackey were two of her bridesmaids.

Although it was not a Cornell-exclusive trip like last summer's young alumni service trip to Argentina, Cornellians were well represented on the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee's

(JDC) study trip to Morocco. **Sam Pollack**, **Cora Iberkleid**, and **Nathaniel Berman '02**, MPA '03, as well as eight other young professionals from New York, Boston, and Houston traveled to Morocco this past March to learn more about the JDC's work there. The group visited Casablanca and Marrakech and enjoyed interacting with the small yet vibrant Moroccan Jewish community. Send your news to: ☐ **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu.

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We're having a Class of 2000 baby boom! **Emily Barocas** and husband Neal Carruth welcomed Max Edwin, their first child, on April 14. The couple lives in Washington, DC, where Emily is the associate administrator for communications and marketing at the General Services Administration and Neil is the supervising senior producer of "All Things Considered" on NPR. Also first-time parents, **Sarah Fogelman** and husband Dave Sachs brought home Charlotte Esther in January.

Wendy Stevens Larson and husband Ryan had a daughter, Simone, in April. They live in Austin, TX, where Wendy is a trademark attorney

Kitchen Confidential

Divya Gugnani '98

Divya Gugnani has three passions in life—food, media, and business—and with the help of a few cooking classes and an MBA from Harvard, she has made a career combining all three. In 2008 she started her own culinary media brand, Behind the Burner, and two years later launched Send the Trend, an online store for trendy and inexpensive fashion accessories. She has also written a book, *Sexy Women Eat: Secrets to Eating What You Want and Still Looking Fabulous*, and has been featured on numerous TV programs, as well as an American Express commercial.

The idea for Behind the Burner came after several years of working in investment banking and venture capital. The Human Ecology grad began appearing as a guest on MSNBC's "Your Business," and the media exposure opened her eyes to the possibility of combining her interests in the form of a website, behindtheburner.com, where visitors could share restaurant-grade tips from professional chefs.

In addition to the site, Gugnani hosts a short-form TV cooking show, also called "Behind the Burner," where she shares tips, tricks, and techniques for food, wine, mixology, and nutrition on location at bars and restaurants. The show is syndicated to more than 20 million households on such channels as NBC New York Nonstop. "People are not dining out as much," says Gugnani. "Instead they want to bring that restaurant-quality meal and experience home, and are dabbling more in cooking. With cooking shows, magazines, blogs, websites, and cookbooks, people are starting to take control of their culinary experience."

— Adrienne Zable '11



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with Pirkey Barber LLP and Ryan is an assistant attorney general with the State of Texas. **Julie Dittmer** Armstrong is pleased to announce the birth of son Joshua Richard on May 31, 2010. Julie says, "I was so excited to see he has red hair like his daddy! Sean and I are having a blast being parents and look forward to fellow Cornellians meeting him." Julie resides in Canton, MA, just outside of Boston, and is taking some time off to be with Josh. A double congratulations to **Debbie Matz** Prosser, who had twins in February. Daniel and Madelyn join siblings Ashley, 5, and Dylan, 2. Proud parents **Julie Miller** and **Rick**

For the past year, **Philip Ballard** has been the speechwriter for the surgeon general of the Navy. "I finally understand why Cornell made us take freshman writing seminars," Philip writes. "I hadn't written a speech since high school and have no medical background, so the learning curve has been steep. I'm also halfway through an executive MBA program at Virginia Tech. That doesn't leave me much free time, but I'm training for two triathlons this summer and am an active member of the City Tavern Club in Georgetown. I also enjoy hosting dinner parties in my new condo in Arlington, VA."

into their family on March 31, 2011. The family resides in Rochester, NY.

Earlier than expected, **Matt Jones** and his wife, Kristin Mihalko (Portland, OR), met their fraternal twin sons, Brendan Garrett and Nathaniel Quinn, on March 29, 2011. Kimberly and **Lawrence Kimmel** also had twins—Daniel Jared and Juliette Morgan—on April 21, 2011 and live outside of Philadelphia, PA. Lawrence is a partner at Kimmel Carter Roman & Peltz PA, a personal injury and worker's compensation firm in Wilmington, DE.

Nathan Connell just finished his year as chief resident in the Dept. of Medicine at Brown U. and will be continuing there as a fellow in hematology/oncology. He regularly sees **Garrett Biegun**, who just became a father to Holtyn. Garrett is chief resident in Brown's Dept. of Emergency Medicine. Nathan also works with classmates **Chia-Ching "Jackie" Wang** (an internal medicine resident) and **Arnoldas Giedrimas** (a cardiology fellow), all at Brown. On the opposite coast, **Angela Hunter** Sparks is a family physician for GroupHealth in Olympia, WA. On December 27, 2010, she and husband Brandon welcomed a second daughter, Aurora Grace, to their family, and older sister Adelaide was thrilled.

Sharon Poczter's education career is coming full circle. In August she begins a position as assistant professor of managerial economics in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell, which is the same major as her undergraduate degree. Sharon also recently completed her doctorate in business and public policy from UC Berkeley. **Mike Barish** is a freelance travel writer and host of a travel-themed Web series sponsored by Chevy that people can watch at his site, www.mikebarish.com. His work has also been published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, BudgetTravel.com, Gadling, and World Hum, and he's appeared on CBS News and NBC New York discussing his specific area of travel expertise, SkyMall. Living in London, **Laura Ruben** Goodall is working as the reinsurance buyer for Arch Insurance Europe and last summer married her longtime boyfriend, Michael.

In between columns, we have a new way to stay connected—through our class Twitter account: @Cornell2001 or www.twitter.com/Cornell2001. If you start following the feed, let us know, since we would like to follow classmates back. We are also migrating our Facebook activity from a group to a page, so we would love for you to "Like" this as well: <http://www.facebook.com/Cornell2001>. Send news to: **Trina Lee**, TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Wallach Hammer**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

‘My memories of Cornell consist of frozen, bitter, chilling, freezing winters.’

Carlos Hill '05

Wilson shared news of the arrival of daughter Abigail Rose on Nov. 29, 2010. The family lives in San Mateo, CA. **Sarah Gish Powenski** and husband **Ted '99** proudly announced the birth of Brynn Abigail, who joins big sister Eliana Lorraine. Congratulations to all the new parents!

David and **Josée Pearce** have relocated from Washington to the northern Adirondacks. The family is getting back to basics and spending time with son Charles. Snowmobiling, ice fishing, and cross-country skiing keep David busy. **Connie Chen** is a fifth-year associate at Kegel, Tobin, and Truce in Long Beach, CA. **Jason Quinn** is the managing director at Barclays Capital in NYC. **Matthew Zales** is vice president at Pine Brook Road Partners, also in NYC.

Over in Taiwan, **Jenny Chen** has parlayed her Cornell experience into a book called *From the Bottom of the Class to Cornell*. Jenny says, "As you can imagine, it's a book about my education experience and about my new company. The book started selling in April; I am very excited! I hope one day to have it published in English, too!"

Chase Twomey was named marketing director for Chicago-based Zoro Tools, a startup distributor of more than 250,000 products. The website launched in May and will support small and medium businesses. Check out www.zorotools.com. **Elisabeth Frankel** Reed contributes to Born and Bred, a new blog affiliated with *New York Family* magazine. The blog is geared toward expectant parents and families with babies and/or toddlers and can be found at <http://www.newyorkfamily.com/newyork/blogs-1-1-1-63.html>.

In June, **Chad Nadler** finished up general surgery residency at West Virginia U. and started a hand surgery fellowship at the U. of Mississippi in July. **Beth Taylor Parker** accepted a position at the U. of Hartford as an assistant professor in the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions. She will continue to be involved with the Hartford Hospital Dept. of Cardiology's research program, where she is currently the director of exercise research. Her husband, **Brooks**, continues to work full-time for the town of Manchester, CT, as their environmental services manager, and is finishing up the first year of a master's in public administration at the U. of Connecticut. They purchased a home in Hartford's West End neighborhood, where they live with daughter Tess, 5, and son Reid, 3.

After ten years in the corporate world successfully managing a team of engineers at Hewlett-Packard, **Jenny Williams Shih** stepped out on her own to pursue a career as an online business coach and consultant (www.jennyshih.com). She focuses on helping right-brained, creative entrepreneurs create a sustainable business doing something they love. **Sarah Sardinsky** is a senior event manager at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC, and was instrumental in helping to plan and execute the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) at the hotel in January. The conference is Cornell's flagship annual volunteer event, with more than 800 volunteer leaders, students, faculty, and staff in attendance, including President Skorton. Many thanks, Sarah, for your hard work and assistance to Cornell putting on this major event!

Send any news, big or small, our way. We love hearing from you! ☐ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

O1 Although our 10th Reunion was just last month, our official Reunion Report will appear in the Sept/Oct issue, since this column went to print beforehand. We would like to thank all classmates that played key roles in planning our reunion.

If you are a parent or an educator of elementary students, you should definitely check out Super Sproutz, founded by classmate **Radha Agrawal**. Super Sproutz's mission is to entertain and educate children about healthy eating habits using fun "super-powered" vegetable superheroes (www.supersproutz.com). Radha's sister and fellow classmate **Miki Agrawal** serves as the marketing director. They just secured 13 shows at Lincoln Center and 25 episodes on NYCTV. Miki and Radha are also both behind Slice, The Perfect Food (www.sliceperfect.com) and are working to develop more locations in NYC.

Congratulations to classmates **Steve**, ME '02, and **Heather Bernstein Kopleff** on the birth of their daughter Jennifer Sophie on January 12, 2011. She was born at Weill Cornell Hospital in NYC and is already looking forward to matriculating to the Class of 2033! **Jennifer Radi** Greenberg and husband Brian, along with big sister Meredith, joyfully welcomed Sydney Elizabeth

O2 I asked for class notes and you really came through. In the four years I've been doing this, I've never had half this much to include, so thank you and keep it up!

Sadia Afzal Jania writes from San Francisco that she was married in not one, but two places—Ithaca and South Lake Tahoe—which is very considerate, since destination weddings, while fun, are difficult to coordinate. She works for Charles Schwab/Cypress Semiconductor, bought her first house in Cow Hollow, and gets to spend her winters snowboarding in Tahoe. **Storm Nolan** writes, "On the personal side, the stork brought my partner and me a beautiful Great Dane puppy—her parents both weighed 170 pounds! We bought a fixer-upper house in Seattle

and absolutely love the Pacific Northwest. On the business side, my company (CSK Hotels) is getting into third-party hotel management, which is exciting. Sales at our custom canvas artwork company (www.CanvasHQ.com) continue to ramp up. **Laura Torres** and husband **Paul Bednarczyk '01** are celebrating the one-year anniversary of their business, B&T Business Group Inc., which owns LuLu & Luigi, two upscale pet boutiques and grooming facilities in Minnesota. You can visit their website at www.luluandluigi.com.

Matthew Holleran has been keeping busy. He is now the managing director of Northwestern Mutual and has received bronze, silver, gold, platinum, and life impact awards, as well as the chartered life underwriter and chartered financial consultant designations. He is also certified in long-term care. Matthew is an active member of NAIFA and resides in Williamsville, NY. By way of a press release, I have news that **Tricia Furnari** is the new development director for the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Inst. (HWI) in Buffalo, NY. Tricia will be responsible for HWI's primary fundraising efforts. HWI is an internationally renowned nonprofit committed to improving human health through the study of the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their fundamental molecular level.

Hunter Oliver reports, "I relocated back to my hometown of La Jolla, CA, when I bought a new house there in December 2010. I have been self-employed in the hospitality real estate development and consulting business for the past several years. I'm excited to be breaking ground on my first new construction hotel in the second quarter of 2011." **Celeste Richie** has been taking trapeze lessons and playing ukulele with her partner, Jason, but she is not a member of a circus. She is in her second year as a presidential management fellow with the federal government, working in D.C. for the Dept. of Health and Human Services on child and family policy issues. She is currently on detail to the Dept. of Labor in the chief evaluation office. **Shane Downey** and wife Lynne welcomed son Colin in January 2010 (look for him at Lynah in 2028). Back in Toronto after a couple of years in London, Shane joined Bank of Montreal in the leveraged finance group.

Helen Perakis takes lifelong learning very seriously. She attended medical school in Boston, then took a residency position in Augusta, GA, where she trained in head and neck surgery. Now she finds herself at yet another graduation and still not wanting to join the real world, so she's decided to pursue more training and has taken up a fellowship position at the U. of Minnesota in Minneapolis to train in plastic surgery. If you're in the Minneapolis area, be sure to look Helen up. **Shen Husain** writes, "I've just started a factory in Dubai, UAE, to manufacture aluminum composite panels, which are used in architectural facades. It's the culmination of two years of blood, sweat, and tears, so I'm pretty excited."

These next two pieces of news came to me very succinctly, which is great since I'm definitely going over my word limit. **Heather Knauss** married Mark Wells on July 4, 2010 in Elizabethtown, PA. Heather and Mark live in Los Angeles, CA, where they met eight years ago through a mutual Cornell friend. **Luke Wright** and wife Andrea moved from Princeton, NJ, to Rochester, NY, where Luke is a labor and employment attorney with Harter Secrest & Emery LLP. They are pleased to announce the birth of son William Peter, born June 8, 2010. Will is already looking forward to

graduating (on time!) as a fourth-generation Cornellian in 2032.

I'm pleased to sneak in a quick note from **Jane Terrell Paul**, who writes, "My husband, **Thad '98** (Hotel), and I had our first child, Henry Gordon, on July 7, 2010. He is already well clothed in Cornell Red by his grandparents." **Priscilla Paiva** Masque reports, "I will start my neurology residency in July at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, NY. I am excited to finally start my career!" **Erica Olson** lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, and loves the outdoor life. She is in graduate school studying the long-term movements of loggerhead sea turtles and works for an environmental consulting company. In her spare time she plays hockey and tries to travel as much as possible. Her next trip will be canoeing in the Yukon!

If you submitted news and it's not in these notes, please look for it in the next issue of CAM. We're always looking for more news, so please write to me or Carolyn. ☐ **Jeff Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

O3 Hello, classmates! Well, here we are—another summer has rolled around and another class has graduated and joined the ranks of alumni. How are all of you settling into being "established" alumni?

Married classmates **Brett Owens** and **Allison Goodman** wrote to share that Brett is busy launching his automated time capture software, Chrometa (www.chrometa.com). He's had the help of other Cornellians—product manager **JP Ren '07** and interns **Andy Zhou '12** and **Brian Tan '11**. Brett and Allison continue to enjoy Sacramento, where they run the Cornell alumni group for the area.

Megan Davis Cooper lives in the UK, where she teaches biology to 11- to 18-year-olds at a private school. She is exploring England and a bit of Europe in her spare time. I hope she got to catch a glimpse of the royal wedding fanfare! **Sasha Saliego** has moved—on the work front. She writes that she has "recently become a representative for all Arizona, Nevada, and Utah tribes and Native American communities on transportation policy issues on the Indian Reservation Roads Committee." As if that wasn't enough to keep one person busy, she also completed her first marathon!

In wedding news, **Chris Atwell**, MBA '09, was married back in October 2010. He has finished his first year of work at Amgen after getting his MBA from the Johnson School. **Ron Peck** wrote, "I married my Cornell sweetheart, **Corrine Cohen**, in September 2010." Ron was promoted to general counsel and senior vice president at his company. **David Bollinger** married in 2010 as well. The wedding was attended by many of David's Cornell friends from Tau Kappa Epsilon. Congrats to all of you.

Daniel and Angie Keh celebrated the birth of their son Jabez Daniel "JB" Younghum in early 2011. **Rivka Shoulson** and husband Marc Wiznia (Yale '04) welcomed a baby girl, Neta Penina Wiznia, on August 6, 2010. Since graduating from vet school in 2007, Rivka has completed a laboratory animal medicine residency and a master's in public health at Columbia U. (May 2010). Rivka is now a clinical laboratory animal medicine veterinarian at Columbia's Inst. of Comparative Medicine. That's the news for now. As always, you can reach me or Sam by e-mail to share your news. Have a lovely summer! ☐ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, swnoonan@gmail.com.

O4 For these first months of 2011, quite a few successes have flourished! In this time of transition and rebirth, let's celebrate the following good news.

Mona Olsen founded the nonprofit iMADdu (I make a difference, do you?) last June. iMADdu provides experiences to students to empower the next generation of entrepreneurs through apprenticeship and mentorship. Currently based in Fairfax, VA, the Student Apprenticeship Program is linking university students to local community entities. Please visit www.imakeadifferenceyou.org to learn more. **Orlando Soria**, both an AAP and A&S graduate, is on a new HGTV show "Secrets From a Stylist" that premiered in late February. It's on at 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and he's the on-camera assistant to the host. Check out the website at: www.hgtv.com/secrets-from-a-stylist/show/index.html.

James LaRocca writes, "I recently joined the law firm of Proskauer Rose LLP as an attorney in the labor and employment group." Leslie E. Robertson Associates (LERA), a 75-person structural engineering firm in New York City, announced the promotions of **Jeffrey Chan**, MCE '05, and **Hiroshi Shirako**, MCE '05. LERA provides structural engineering design services for architects, developers, contractors, and owners, with projects that range from small renovations to the design of multi-block urban developments. Congratulations to all! Send news to: ☐ **Anne C. Jones**, CU2004Correspondent@gmail.com.

O5 Happy summer to everyone! This edition of Class Notes contains a lot of exciting news. Many of us are heading back to graduate school. **Grace Choi** will attend Harvard Business School this fall. **Kate Kastenbaum** returned to school to get her MBA at Carnegie Mellon's Tipper School of Business. She now volunteers for CAAAN and the Jewish Federation in Pittsburgh. Says Kate, "It was a challenging first semester, but I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and an exciting summer internship. I continue to support Hotel Ezra Cornell each year and look forward to the day when I can attend the event again."

Congratulations to classmates who have completed their studies. **Kim Le** finished medical school at the U. of Toronto and is starting a residency in ophthalmology at McGill U. E-mail her if you visit Montreal (KTL5@cornell.edu)! **Cate Kellett** writes, "I graduated from the U. of Wisconsin in December 2010 with a JD and MA in library and information science. I am now a catalog librarian at Yale Law School and love being back on the East Coast!" To inspire updates for this summer issue, I asked classmates to remember the warmer days of Ithaca. **Carlos Hill** responded, "Unfortunately, my memories of Cornell consist of frozen, bitter, chilling, freezing winters. Nevertheless, I'm sure there were some sunny days during my tenure. Staying connected with fellow classmates will certainly jolt my memory! I was a civil designer for Toll Brothers, but now I am attending graduate school for an MBA (not the Johnson School—I'm going somewhere nice and warm instead: Austin, TX)." Carlos volunteers as a football coach at Asphalt Green in the Upper East Side of Manhattan, where his team was undefeated last season.

Classmates have also shared great family news. **Chris Mullen** and **Laura Diaz** married in May

2010—they met at Cornell during our sophomore year. **Loren '04** and **Elissa Badean Felsman** were married last September. **Andrew Rosenberg '05, DVM '09**, married **Jessica Kaplan '07, DVM '11**, in June. **Lauren Jacobs** married **Josh Benjamin '99** in September. Both parents on the bride and groom's side are Cornellians, so it was truly an alumni affair! It was a fabulous wedding in Steamboat Springs, CO, with many Cornell friends in attendance. Congratulations to **Joseph Lemberg** and **Mary Turnipseed**, who welcomed a beautiful baby daughter in February. Annabelle, welcome to the Cornell family!

I always enjoy reading about everyone's career endeavors. I received a great update from **Ari Cantor** (Hotel): "Life has been very busy. I joined my father, **Robert Cantor '68** (Hotel), in the family manufacturing business a little over two years ago. Scary to think that I am now the fifth generation; we've been producing commercial kitchen equipment since 1893. Since we do an extensive amount of military contract work, I spent last August at USNB Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where I worked in Camp America, the large facility that houses the 172 detainees who await formal trials. I've spent a lot of time on the road for work. Had a chance to see **Kim Glassman** (Hotel), **Jeff Lacouture** (Eng), and **Alex Waldman** (Hotel) back in February. Also hope to visit my friend (and customer) **Noah Ellis '04** (Hotel), to see his latest restaurant in Los Angeles, Red Medicine. It's a super-popular Vietnamese restaurant in Beverly Hills. Noah found himself the focus of a media blitz after posting a picture of a famous L.A. food critic on Twitter." **Dominic Frongillo** works at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County in Ithaca. His current projects include a county-wide energy conservation and sustainability campaign. He continues to serve on the Caroline Town Council.

Rhesa Wilson has changed her career focus from food and beverage operations to human resources management. She is an HR coordinator for the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers and Manhattan at Times Square Hotel while she continues her education as an MPS candidate in ILR. Rhesa still finds time to volunteer with New York Cares and Part of the Solution (POTS), a community center in the Bronx that acts as a soup kitchen and food pantry and also offers legal and case management services. **Theodora Kouris** reports, "I am an immigration attorney in NYC. My life is spent running back and forth to immigration court all day long. It's exciting, but completely hectic. At Cornell, I took a lot of courses in foreign relations/politics. Since I spend all day arguing why we should allow illegal immigrants to stay in the country, it comes in handy to know about foreign cultures. French helps, too."

Elliott Klass has moved from Chicago back to NYC for a new job with Lathan & Watkins LLP. **Sarah Perkins** moved to the Big Apple to work for Columbia Business School's development office. She also adopted a 7-month-old puppy, which keeps her very busy! It was wonderful to hear from **Shada El-Sharif**, who writes, "I'm in Amman, Jordan, enjoying the different hats I wear as a mom and an engineer in water/sustainability projects. Looking forward to visiting Ithaca again: strawberry cream cheese bagels from the Dairy Bar and banana nut muffins from Olin. Bliss." Thanks for writing! Send updates to your class correspondents: ☐ **Michelle R. Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

O6 Five years out, '06ers—congrats! Our 5th Reunion was amazing and it wouldn't have been the same without you! For those who missed out, make sure to keep sending in your updates. We want to hear from you! Nicole will have a complete reunion report in the Sept/Oct column.

Jessica Rostoker is in her first year at Harvard Law School, where she is the line editor and subciter for the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*. This semester, Jessica will join the Harvard Mediation Program to become a licensed mediator in the State of Massachusetts and perform court-ordered mediations in small-claims courts. **Adinna Augur** Smith will start as an attorney at the law firm Ropes & Gray in Boston, MA, this fall. **Eugene Ngai** is in the final stretch of law school at the U. of Southern California. After graduation, he will work in Los Angeles at a healthcare law firm.

Keelah Rose Calloway has earned a full scholarship to Roger Williams U. School of Law in Rhode Island. She is a first-year student with plans to study maritime and international law. Also pursuing higher education and in his third year at Brown Med School, **Josh Keegan** plans to go into emergency medicine somewhere in the Northeast upon graduating. **Susanne Wakerly** completed a year of service with Americorps, working at the Share Our Strength organization in Boston. "I helped organize and lead their cooking and nutrition classes for low-income populations," she writes. "I'll graduate with a master's in nutrition communication from Tufts U.'s Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy." **Jamie Chung** is a first-year student at UC San Francisco in the School of Dentistry.

Having had enough of the hotel and meeting planning industries for a while, **Liza Steinfield** moved to Ecuador, where she will remain for the next year. "I am participating in LanguageCorps and will teach English in the capital city of Quito. When I return to the States, I hope to have a better idea of what I would like to do with my life. I've never been to Latin America, so if anyone has any ties in that part of the world (or words of wisdom), I would love to hear from you!" Like Liza, **Amit Caspi** has decided to take a break from the hospitality industry. Amit spent two years working abroad for hotel development companies in Dubai and Thailand. Immediately after graduating, he joined a luxury resort company, Six Senses Resorts & Spas in Bangkok, Thailand, as a manager responsible for overseeing their development pipeline. "I then joined the pre-opening team of a massive hotel project called Atlantis the Palm (1,539 rooms) on the tip of the Palm Jumeirah island in Dubai (artificial island in the shape of a palm tree)." Amit is now back in California with his family, trying to figure out the next stage in his life. "Perhaps more international adventures?"

Currently in Dubai, **Irfaan Lalani** was promoted to senior development analyst at Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels and is trying to stay afloat in the midst of the current real estate slump. Irfaan went to Sri Lanka for the first time several months ago and went skiing in Beirut. **Danny Ruiz** moved to Punta del Este, Uruguay, to work at the Conrad Resort & Casino. "Living on the beach beats hiking in the snow," he declares. Based in NYC, **Liz Aslanian** works in the marketing department at *Travel + Leisure Magazine*. Over the past year, Liz spent a great deal of time traveling both for work and for pleasure, visiting

places such as Dubai, Kuwait, and Oman. She reports, "I often see my Cornell classmates in New York and the surrounding areas and enjoy serving as a Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador."

Marielys Garcia works as the Spanish department chair and a teacher at Thurgood Marshall Academy in Washington, DC. **Melanie Castro** conducts market research in Ft. Lee, NJ, for top companies across the country and is doing an online certificate in market research and sensory science. She is VP of the Cornell Latino/a Alumni Association, active in her sorority (Lambda Pi Chi), a high school senior mentor, and an active member of CAAAN.

Lauren Young and **Mark Keremedjiev** were engaged on July 1, 2008 in St. Tropez, France, and were married at the home of Lauren's parents, **Philip '62** and **Nancy Halsey Young '62**, in Portola Valley, CA. Mark earned his MS at the U. of Florida in May 2008 in astrophysics and is currently pursuing his PhD. Lauren has taken a position with the Paradigm Property management team in Gainesville, FL. **Julia Schlenker Bovenzi** moved to Hawaii in July to work on staff as a program director for Teach For America. Her husband, **Matthew**, is a navigator on a Naval destroyer after participating in ROTC at Cornell. "We got married in Sage Chapel," she reports. **Andre Jacobovitz** married Shalhevet Roth on August 31, 2008. Congratulations to all!

After leaving Leeb Capital, where I started the in-house PR department—in addition to being a contributing editor and contributor for their financial newsletters—in July 2010, I started working for Ark Restaurants (www.arkrestaurants.com) in the special events and catering department. It's been amazing—such a fantastic company! Stop by our restaurants (Bryant Park Grill in NYC or Sequoia in D.C.)! I'm also still growing my multi-media and events company, Pinky Up Productions, and keeping super busy in the recording studio working on new songs to follow up my number one hits in Europe with Dan Balan (www.katiedicicco.com). Keep an ear out for my upcoming tracks! Thanks again for your updates and keep us posted! ☐ **Katie DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, ngrd4@cornell.edu.

O7 The news keeps coming! **Vivian Stone** (vivian_stone@hotmail.com) writes, "After three years of working for the Four Seasons Hotels in the US, I decided that I missed my family and friends and wanted to move back to Lima, Peru. This last year has been an amazing year, not only because of regaining contact with my friends and family, but also because of the amazing trips and adventures that I have been able to engage in. Recently, I decided to go back to school to pursue an MBA here in Lima, which I will be finishing this coming July. Looking forward to our 5th Reunion in 2012, and hope to see anyone who's planning a visit to Peru!" During the last year, **Yang Lu** (YL328@cornell.edu) moved from San Francisco, CA, to Princeton, NJ, via an internal job transfer with Planisware, a small project portfolio management software vendor. Last October, he moved into Park Slope, Brooklyn, when he joined CA Technologies as a principal consultant of technical sales within its Clarity business unit. Yang says he misses the West Coast, but is excited to be back in the Northeast.

Jennifer Valdes (jemi612@gmail.com) shared the good news that she was recently promoted to

account executive at rbb Public Relations. She was also appointed treasurer for the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) Miami chapter. **Ted Hawkins** (theodorejhawkins@gmail.com) graduated from law school and began work as a litigation associate at the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP in New York. **Seth Spiel** (sbs43@cornell.edu) worked at Cisco in the San Francisco Bay Area for a few years before moving to Los Angeles to work for SpaceX—to help enable the future of space exploration! "Currently, we are working a critical contract with NASA to demonstrate capability to resupply/reman the International Space Station (ISS). Within a year SpaceX will be the only viable launch provider capable of supporting the ISS for the US. In my spare time, I interview high school applicants to Cornell in the L.A. area and travel. In the last three years, I have traveled to Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Peru, Belize, Portland, OR, Seattle, San Diego, Boston, and NYC."

LTJG Jordan Murray, USN (jfm424@gmail.com) serves on the USS *Bunker Hill* (CG52), a guided missile cruiser out of San Diego, CA, where he is the assistant operations officer. "I served in NROTC at school, which paid for my tuition and allowed me to become a US Naval Officer upon graduation. Since then I have served on two ships (one cruiser, one destroyer), gone on four deployments, and traveled to more than 22 countries over five continents. I'm currently on deployment, but I certainly miss the friends and fellow Phi Sigma Kappa brothers from Cornell. Hope all my old classmates are doing well out there!"

Three classmates have already changed course in their careers. **Annie Kelly** Metzger (annie.a.kelly@gmail.com) writes, "Since graduating and moving to Chicago to work for the Botanic Garden there, I've gotten married and changed my career—to organic farming. My husband and I are now living in central Illinois and starting a CSA this year. We are renting land on which to raise chickens and as wide a variety of vegetables as possible, to provide our community with a healthy, locally produced diet." **Katie Burns** (kmb75cornell@gmail.com) spent two years working as a high school chemistry teacher in Dover, NH, and also worked on completing a teacher's certification. "Doing both proved to be a bit overwhelming, so I left teaching. I am now working various part-time jobs and exploring graduate school at UNH in either education or social work. I live in Somersworth, NH, but travel to Boston often, as I have many friends there." After several years working for an industrial supply company in operations/general management, "climbing the chain, increasing my responsibilities, and all that," **Evan Delahanty** (ebd7@cornell.edu) left his position as a department head at McMaster-Carr Supply Co. to join the Peace Corps. "I leave for Suriname in May and plan to get my MBA when I come back—hopefully with a stronger base in the world outside the US and development work!" Evan was excited for the transition and looked forward to putting his skills to good use.

Christian Ewton (christianewton@gmail.com) recently launched a Web startup called Form & Matter. He and his business partner, Christopher Spezzano (Columbia U.), worked full-time on this project for more than a year and a half. Says Christian, "Form & Matter aims to be the world's best online sustainable marketplace, offering vintage and antique goods, fine art, and products for a healthy home and lifestyle at affordable prices. Fifteen percent of the revenue from each sale

goes to a featured charity of the buyer's choice. Sellers on Form & Matter may also donate an additional portion of their earnings for every transaction involving their goods." Check it out at <http://formandmatter.com>.

Colette Bond Chadik (microvamp@aol.com) has had an interesting year: "I've been finishing up my final year at Western U. of Health Sciences,

with a JD and a certificate in environmental law, science, and policy. This fall she will begin working at the Pittsburgh-based firm of Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir PC, where she will practice environmental law.

Music producer **Alex Kresovich** won a nationwide contest to have his music featured on the NBA 2K12 game, the latest in the series of

‘Mark Coombs is a policy associate for the Civil War Trust.’

Libby Boymel '08

College of Veterinary Medicine in Pomona, CA. I've passed all my board exams and am ready to become a DVM. On an even happier note, I also got married to my college sweetheart, **Paul Chadik** '06. We came all the way back from California to our old stomping grounds to get married at the beautiful Sage Chapel. It was a wonderful day, truly special. We're now happily back in Southern California while I finish up vet school and complete my veterinary internship next year. I'm excited for what the future will bring!" More to come in the next issue. Send news to: ☐ **Marianna Gomez**, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com.

O8 We have a lot of exciting news to share, so we'll cut right to the chase! **Katie Richardson**, BArch '08, is graduating from Yale with her master's in public health in May. **Evan Orem** works in patient safety as the operations manager at the Inst. for Patient Safety and Clinical Excellence at Rochester General Health System (at Rochester General Hospital). He is also going to school part-time for his MBA at the U. of Rochester Simon School of Business; he expects to graduate in 2012. **Amir Heyat** is finishing the second year of law school at the U. of Maryland School of Law. This summer he will work as a summer associate at the law firm of Sullivan & Worcester LLP in Washington, DC.

After graduation, **Phil Caruso** joined the military and spent several years living in Las Vegas. He writes that he's "currently living the American dream—deployed to Afghanistan until August." He tells us that he spends a lot of his time off-base visiting the villages in his geographic area of responsibility, including humanitarian assistance missions and fighting the counterinsurgency campaign. When he gets back to the US in August, he will be moving to Washington, DC, to start a new job. **Nate Delaney** moved to Wichita, KS, where he flies KC-135 tanker aircrafts for the Air Force. He's been actively involved as a volunteer for the Humane Society, has started his master's, and writes, "I'm waiting to see my first tornado!" He tells us that he'll probably deploy overseas sometime this summer.

Renée Grinnell (Providence, RI) has spent the past two years working in psychology research at Brown's Alpert School of Medicine. However, big changes lie ahead for her this summer—she's moving to Richmond, VA, to begin a doctoral program in clinical health psychology at Virginia Commonwealth U. "I can't wait to meet up with **Meg Corbett** in D.C.!" In May, **Meredith Odato** graduated from the U. of Pittsburgh School of Law

NBA 2K games. Last year's edition (NBA 2K11) sold more than 3 million copies worldwide. Alex's beat was selected for a Top 10 voting competition (hosted by Duck Down Records and 2K Sports) out of 11,000-plus entries and was voted the winner on April 13. In October he will be flown to New York City and recognized for this accomplishment. He is a graduate student at the U. of Georgia. **Andrew McIntyre**, our Class of 2008 alumni council membership chair, has started a new job with Apollo Global Management, a private equity firm. He works in the accounting/finance group covering leveraged loans and PE debt investing. He tells us, "It's a great firm with great people."

Mark Coombs and his wife, Julia, live in beautiful and historic Alexandria, VA, where they both commute to work—she to Maryland and he to D.C. Julia is a mathematical statistician for the Census Bureau; Mark is a policy associate for the Civil War Trust, a 501(c)(3) whose mission is "to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. Not a bad gig for a Southern boy and bona fide history geek, eh?" When he started working at the Trust last summer, Mark served as point person for a grassroots efforts in the so-called "Wilderness Walmart" fight to prevent the retailer from putting a superstore atop some of America's most hallowed ground at Virginia's Wilderness Battlefield. "Long story short . . . We won the fight in January, when Walmart announced that it had 'decided to preserve' the Wilderness site and would instead build elsewhere. The victory [even] made national news!" More recently, Mark has been involved in making sure that Congress doesn't allow the key source of federal funding for battlefield preservation to dry up. "We are saving America's natural heritage at the same time that we are preserving her cultural heritage. Most important, we are honoring the American heroes of the past, as well as demonstrating to our fighting men and women now that we will not forget tomorrow all that they are doing for us today."

Like us, Mark "still can't believe it's going on three years (!) since we graduated." Keep sending us your news; we'd love to hear what you're up to! ☐ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; and **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

O9 **Alexander Roth**, ME '09 (Columbus, OH; adr33@cornell.edu) is a graduate student in chemical engineering at Ohio State U., where he is performing research in blood substitutes. "I love research," he writes, "so this is ideal for

me." He plans on returning to academia sometime, and remembers the Risley Residential College and BEE department that gave him friends for life. **Michael Bufano** (mb429@cornell.edu) was working in Chicago until he needed ACL surgery last Thanksgiving. "After moving back home to Syracuse for a bit, I have been volunteering as much as possible before grad school and making frequent trips back to Ithaca. I stay active with campus organizations as the alumni development chair on the Board of Governors of Phi Kappa Tau and alumni advisor of the Alternative Breaks program through the Public Service Center. I will be attending the Ohio State U. in August for a master's in higher education and student affairs. Outside of Cornell, I am also the chairman of the advisory board for the Teen Institute program, a peer leadership program I have been involved with for ten years."

Victoria Bredt (New York, NY; victoria.bredt@gmail.com) teaches second grade at Leadership Prep Brownsville in Brooklyn. "I laugh and smile a ton each day but teaching is a very challenging job—harder than I ever imagined. I'm finishing up my two-year commitment with Teach For America (helping new corps members with interviews, lesson plans, etc.) and will teach again next year, too—third grade, same school." **Mitsuhiko Nishi** (Tokyo, Japan; mitsuhiko.nishi@gmail.com) works for Goldman Sachs Japan and enjoys living and working in Japan for the first time in his life, "despite being Japanese." "My biggest challenge thus far has been adapting to a routine schedule without as much flexibility and ownership as before. Worklife has been tough but rewarding." Mitsuhiko has great memories of Yamatai, the Japanese traditional drumming group he was part of at Cornell—and continues to be part of. He was actually on campus when he sent his news—writing in Mann Library—because he and other alums would be performing with Yamatai in their annual showcase. Mitsuhiko recently helped out in sending food and supplies for tsunami-stricken towns in northern Japan at his local church in Tokyo. He hopes to explore opportunities across Asia in the near future.

Emi Sakaki Jantzen (Mountain View, CA; esakaki@gmail.com) has been house-hunting with husband Carl. They moved to the Bay Area after graduating when Carl got a job offer from Microsoft in Silicon Valley. Emi adds, "My study abroad experience in Tokyo and subsequent Japanese language classes are continuing to play a part in my life. I still take language classes, and we hope to move and raise our children there someday. I also volunteer at the Suicide and Crisis Hotline of Santa Clara County, initially to get clinical experience for grad school, but even after getting accepted, I still enjoy talking with the callers."

After graduating, **Jason Georges** (jasona.georges@gmail.com) completed a master's degree in human rights studies at Columbia, where his final thesis focused on corporate social responsibility in Latin America. Last fall he started law school at Columbia Law. This summer he's working in NYC for the Dept. of Justice in the Criminal Division of the US Attorney's Office, which handles terrorism and white collar crime cases. He has also been interviewing and introducing prospective students to Cornell through the CAAAN program. **Kathleen Noble** (knoble@leprinofoods.com) is a dairy analyst for Leprino Foods in Denver, CO. **Peter Grom** (peter.k.grom@gmail.com) has been working and traveling and still enjoys lacrosse.

Class of 2009, share your story by sending a short summary to one of your class correspondents: ☐ **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu.

10 May marked a full year since many of us have set foot on Cornell's campus, with its stately buildings and endless streams of brilliant students. Most of us remember Cornell in May for two things: graduation and Slope Day. If you have ever attempted to explain Slope Day to anyone unfamiliar with this vaunted tradition, you may have also found it difficult to relate the feeling of elation and relaxation it imbues. Slope Day, like other rare occasions in life, is something you need to experience to truly understand.

A number of our classmates took the opportunity of Slope Day to rekindle their relationship with Cornell. **Ben Eisen** made the trek from Washington, DC, where he works among many Cornellians at the Corporate Executive Board, an advisory services company. In his spare time, Ben is making a valiant effort to train for a triathlon. **Octavio Sandoval**, who works at JP Morgan Chase as a capital markets analyst, joined Ben in watching Nelly perform. In addition to facilitating the sale of mortgage-backed securities of clients such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Octavio has been part of a few networking organizations such as Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT) because, as he puts it, "Networking is the key to success in the financial services industry." He has also traveled to Guatemala, Honduras, and Barbados since graduation. Lastly, Octavio has been volunteering his services and donating to nonprofit organizations such as the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP).

Pooja Khanna, who credits her interest in research to her time spent in Cornell's labs, took a break from researching the assembly of potassium channels at the U. of Pennsylvania to see the gorgeous views in Ithaca and look out at the countryside from the top of the Slope. **Tony Craddock Jr.** would do the same: one thing in particular he misses about Cornell is looking at the entire City of Ithaca from the 11th floor of Bradfield Hall. Tony is also in graduate school pursuing a master's in public health, with a concentration in epidemiology, from George Mason U. He has taken his experiences performing the saxophone at events around campus to give saxophone lessons to students of all ages and now produces, writes, and records music in the studio on the saxophone for upcoming projects.

Mohammad Osman, who has not had a chance to visit Cornell yet, but wishes to do so, has managed to get through his first year as a graduate student at UMDNJ as he works toward a master's in biomedical sciences. Mohammad is relieved to see that "all those late nights editing and rewriting papers at Cornell" have paid off. In Mohammad's words, "It's quite refreshing to be able to do something, and do it well, knowing that it is the product of intense labor and years of fine-tuning. As I continue my graduate studies, I look forward to visiting campus once again and seeing that place just over the hill." Still experiencing those late nights, **Eric Zember** is now finishing his master's in psychology while conducting research in Cornell's Neuroscience Memory Laboratory. One of his research articles was published in the *Journal of Memory and Cognition*. Next year he will attend law school at the U. of

Pennsylvania. Joining Eric in the pursuit of a law degree is **Ashley Binetti**, who works for the Human Rights Foundation/Oslo Freedom Forum in New York City. She is also an academic advisor and yoga instructor at Central High School in Bridgeport, CT, through the Yale-Bridgeport GearUp Partnership.

The ever-so-modest **Asad Qadir** is "just" in his first year at U. of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. **Jasmin Sahbaz** decided to take a year off before pursuing any career plans. In the past year he has been studying coronary artery development in embryonic quail hearts at SUNY Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse, NY. This past winter, he was a ski instructor at Greek Peak Ski Resort. After finishing up his lab work, he will be start medical school at SUNY Upstate. **Rosa Von Gleichen** has moved back to her home in Germany to complete a joint master's of law and business offered in Hamburg by the Bucerius Law School and WHU Business School. Keeping the Cornell bond strong, Rosa's former housemates **Olga Desyatnik** and **Julia Adolphe** visited her last winter for a traditional German family Christmas and sightseeing.

Kristen Kennedy has taken her experiences with Cornell's Public Service Center to work for the Bridges to Health program, a statewide program for foster children, within Little Flower Children and Family Services. Kristen works for this program, the first of its type in the nation, to maintain children in their foster placements by providing support for the foster kids and their families. One innovation you should be on the lookout for is **Star Li's** iPhone and Android app. Star built upon ideas cultivated at Cornell by developing her project from the Big Idea Competition last spring. She will be launching this location-based services app this summer that will alert you when you get physically close to a location. With this app, Star plans to assist people by giving them real-time alerts to inform them when they are near companies/organizations that give their customers/members discounts.

As you can see, much has happened in our first year out. No matter where you are in the world, make sure you stay true to your roots and pay Uncle Ezra a visit. In the meantime, send your updates and plans of world domination to your class correspondents: ☐ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; and **Mike Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu.

11 Hey, Class of 2011, welcome to life as Cornell alumni! It's crazy to think that our four years on the Hill have come to an end. However, we'll all be reunited soon enough at Homecoming (Sept. 17!) and other future reunions. Now that we've graduated, the officers of the Senior Class Campaign have transitioned into new roles as alumni officers of our class. Thank you to all who generously gave back to Cornell by participating in the Campaign! As your class presidents, we'll continue the efforts to keep our class connected to each other and back to our alma mater. In the next issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, the rest of our amazing team will be introduced, including your class correspondents.

The class correspondents are in charge of keeping us all up to date on events and changes in your lives. For now, feel free to share any exciting news with us, and we'll share it with the rest of our class in the next column right here! ☐ **Jeff Stulmaker**, jds388@cornell.edu); and **Alina Zolotareva**, az82@cornell.edu.

Alumni Deaths

'32-33 Law—Anthony L. Pusateri of Lockport, NY, formerly of Palm Beach, FL, November 7, 2010; attorney; specialist in criminal and municipal law; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'33-35 GR—Margaret Lockwood Hartman (Mrs. Paul L., PhD '38) of Ithaca, NY, September 24, 2009; tax counselor; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

'34 BME—William F. Booker Jr. of Louisville, KY, November 9, 2010; retired insurance executive, NTVL; former co-owner, Booker & Kinnaird Insurance Agency; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'34-37 SP Ag—Floyd D. Harwood of Granville, NY, April 20, 2008.

'35—Elza Heilbrun Corlett of East Greenbush, NY, November 2, 2010; retired legal secretary; dairy farmer; active in community affairs.

'35 BCE, MCE '38—John F. Harvey of Akron, OH, November 14, 2010; civil engineer; head of marine and special products, Babcock and Wilcox Co.; adjunct professor of mechanical engineering, U. of Akron; author; active in professional affairs.

'35 MD—Charles E. Jacobson Jr. of Manchester, CT, May 25, 2010; urologist; urologist in chief, Manchester Memorial Hospital, Veterans Hospital, and Newington Children's Hospital; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'35 BME—Richard K. Keiser of Reading, PA, October 31, 2010; operated Wyomissing Hills Inc. and Sinking Spring Water Co.; founder, R.K. Keiser Air Compressors; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'35 BA, LLB '37—Theodore W. Kheel of New York City, November 12, 2010; labor mediator; "master locksmith of deadlock bargaining"; former executive director, Nat'l Labor Relations Board; environmentalist; advocate of mass transit; called for congestion pricing on motor vehicles; co-developer, Punta Cana Resort; established Punta Cana Center of Sustainability and Biodiversity; author; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'36 MS HE—Vera A. Caulum of Virginia Beach, VA, formerly of Sioux City, IA, October 28, 2010; professor emerita of home economics, Cornell U.; associate director, Cornell Cooperative Extension; also taught in public schools; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'36 BS Ag—Ralph M. Heinicke of Louisville, KY, November 26, 2009; retired research director.

'36 BA—Samuel Kahn of Nashua, NH, formerly of Amherst, NH, and Rutherford, NJ, November 10, 2010; organic research chemist, Honeywell; scuba instructor; underwater photographer; active in civic and community affairs.

'36 BCE—Robert Soman of St. Paul, MN, October 1, 2010; civil engineer. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'36 LLB—William A. Welsh of Lima, PA, March 8, 2006; attorney; asst. city solicitor, Philadelphia; owner, Beacon Hill Orchards; Delaware County commissioner; active in civic and religious affairs.

'37 BME—Robert H. Menges of Verona, PA, November 15, 2010; engineer; active in religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'37 BME—Paul R. Scofield of Clinton, TN, formerly of Newark, NY, November 19, 2010; worked in the family automobile business; also worked in production planning, Eastman Kodak; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'37 BA—Robert V. Tishman of New York City, October 11, 2010; chairman, Tishman Speyer Properties, builder of the World Trade Center, Chicago's John Hancock Tower, L.A.'s Century City, Detroit's Renaissance Center, Berlin's Sony Center, and Frankfurt's MesseTurm; active in professional and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'38 BA, MA '41—Jane Stoutenburg Jordan of Tequesta, FL, November 4, 2010; retired assistant superintendent, Ithaca School District; principal, Boynton Junior High School; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'38 PhD—Arthur M. Saum of Winston Salem, NC, April 16, 2008.

'39 LLB—Lester H. Chase of Albany, NY, October 28, 2010; attorney; retired, Chase Rothkopf Chase LLP; English teacher; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'39 BA—Peter J. Chomyn of Mechanicsburg, PA, November 18, 2010; retired from Lockheed Martin; active in community and religious affairs.

'39 BA—Geraldine Mason Clayton (Mrs. Edward L. '40) of Belleair Shores, FL, March 24, 2010. Chi Omega.

'39 BA—Nicholas Gatto of Lafayette, CA, April 15, 2008; retired from the Dept. of Social Security; veteran.

'39 BA—Virginia Hoyt Hammond of Brunswick, ME, November 3, 2010; gardener; equestrian; active in civic and community affairs.

'39—Elizabeth Thompson Stevens of Orlando, FL, September 20, 2010.

'40 BME—Baird T. Bauder of Irvine, CA, November 6, 2007; engineer, Rockwell Corp.; veteran; active in community affairs.

'40 BS Ag—Robert N. Blazey of St. Petersburg, FL, April 21, 2010. Acacia.

'40 BA—Shirley Seidman Coplon of Airmont, NY, April 16, 2009; worked for the NYS Supreme Court. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'40 BA—Bernard C. Fisher of New York City, March 10, 2010.

'40—Duncan Kreamer of Phoenix, MD, formerly of Martha's Vineyard, MA, October 8, 2010; attorney; active in community and religious affairs.

'40—Robert E. Muggereton of Skaneateles, NY, March 18, 2009; art gallery owner; art collector; photographer. Sigma Nu.

'40 PhD—Walter Reuther of Poway, CA, November 2, 2010; professor emeritus of horticulture, UC Riverside; expert on citrus; chairman, Citrus Experiment Station; senior editor, *The Citrus Industry*; active in professional affairs.

'41 BA—Thomas J. André of Palm City, FL, November 4, 2010; int'l rose grower; president, André Greenhouses; president, Roses Inc.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'41 MSE—George H. Baker of Chatham, NJ, October 8, 2010; systems engineer, Bell Laboratories; director of military program planning and asst. to the VP, Bell Systems programs; active in community affairs.

'41 BME—John C. Bellows of Walnut Creek, CA, February 27, 2010; mechanical engineer. Phi Delta Theta. Wife, Ruth (Baker) '42.

'41 MA—Philip Heiberger of Philadelphia, PA, December 2, 2009; retired chemist. Wife, Betty (Donner) '43.

'41—Olive Matteson Mack of Camillus, NY, March 16, 2009; registered nurse; operating supervisor, Manchester Hospital; active in professional and religious affairs.

'42 LLB—Raymond A. Argyros of Dunedin, FL, May 27, 2007; attorney.

'43 MD—S. Gilbert Blount Jr. of Aurora, CO, October 11, 2010; cardiologist; emeritus professor of cardiology, U. of Colorado School of Medicine; founder, Division of Cardiology, developer of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, and founder of the Cardiovascular Pulmonary Laboratory, U. of Colorado Health Sciences Center; former chief, Cardiovascular Section at Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, GA; veteran; author; editor; active in professional affairs.

'43 BME—Scott L. Brown Jr. of Morris, IL, October 26, 2010; worked for Stephens-Adamson; veteran; musician; photographer. Tau Beta Pi.

'43 BME—Arthur J. Clark Jr. of Albuquerque, NM, March 19, 2010; engineer. Theta Xi.

'43 BS Nurs—Della Femina Gioia of Grand Island, NY, May 7, 2010; registered nurse.

'43—Jacqueline Mayer Lane of Long Island City, NY, August 26, 2010. Sigma Delta Tau.

'43 MD—Earl J. Netzow of Thiensville, WI, October 24, 2010; family physician; veteran.

- '43—Robert S. Rich Jr.** of Delhi, NY, December 17, 2009; dairy farmer; musician; active in community and religious affairs.
- '44 BME—Kenneth L. Campbell Jr.** of Hudson, OH, November 8, 2010; retired administrative engineer, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.; veteran; musician; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '44, BA '46, LLB '48—Robert D. Greenburg** of Bethesda, MD, November 10, 2010; attorney; active in alumni affairs.
- '44 BME—Richard Guy** of Williamsburg, VA, November 2, 2010; retired senior engineering; worked for Argo Pneumatic Co. and Ingersoll-Rand; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Tau Delta.
- '44 MD—Robert E. Healy** of Amesbury, MA, and Beaufort, SC, October 16, 2010; internist; senior VP, Northern Westchester Hospital Center; also worked for General Foods; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '44—Howard W. Hulford** of Antigua, West Indies, March 9, 2009; owner and founder, Curtain Bluff Resort; former executive pilot, Texaco; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Sigma Pi.
- '44 MD—Harold J. Leider** of Las Vegas, NV, November 3, 2009; cardio-thoracic surgeon at UCLA and L.A. County USC Hospital; chief of surgery, Centinela and Daniel Freeman hospitals; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '44 BS HE—Marguerite E. Ruckle** of Dover, DE, formerly of Boca Raton, FL, February 1, 2010; homemaker; active in community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.
- '44 BA—Robert A. Simon** of Concord, NC, October 11, 2010; lead researcher and chemist, Wyeth; manager, Simons Department Store; active in religious affairs.
- '44 BS Ag—Gerald E. Tohn** of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, formerly of Larchmont, NY, November 6, 2010; active in alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.
- '44 BS HE—Marie Reese** Warnock of Poughkeepsie, NY, October 30, 2010; associate real estate broker; worked for Central Hudson Gas & Electric; active in religious affairs.
- '45 PhD—Louise A. Raynor** of Shelburne, VT, formerly of South Burlington, VT, November 12, 2010; associate professor emeritus of botany, U. of Vermont; author; active in religious affairs.
- '45-46 SP Ag—Verla Elliott** Sutton of Indianapolis, IN, November 1, 2010; minister; missionary; English teacher; also worked in the Indianapolis Welfare Dept.; master gardener; active in religious affairs.
- '45, BA '44—Carol Spoor** Willhite-Ritz of Clearwater, FL, December 18, 2009; homemaker; social worker; volunteer.
- '46-47 SP Ag—Lewis Eberspacher** of Richardson, TX, February 12, 2008; veteran.
- '46, BA '44—Joseph Fath** of Princeton, NJ, October 10, 2010; chemical industry executive; former president, the Jewish Center; author, *In Full View*; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '46 BS HE—Joyce Reed** Folsom of Ticonderoga, NY, November 14, 2010; homemaker; artist; librarian; also worked for Lord & Taylor; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Gamma.
- '46, BS HE '45—Dorothy C. O'Donnell** of Fairfax, VA, May 25, 2009; active in alumni affairs.
- '46 BS HE—Elizabeth J. Pearson** of Hibbing, MN, formerly of Albany, NY, September 39, 2010; peace activist; facilitator, Restorative Justice Program; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.
- '47 BA—Thomas A. Dooner** of New York City, October 23, 2010; worked for Prudential Insurance Co. of America; veteran.
- '47 MA—Charles J. Farrell** of Phoenix, AZ, November 15, 2010; teacher and coach, Phoenix Union High School; also taught history at Phoenix Evening College; director, City of Phoenix youth baseball program; owner, Arizona's first batting range; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '47, BME '48—Capt. Edward J. Gouver** of Toledo, OH, October 31, 2010; retired, SOHIO Toledo Refinery; also worked for British Petroleum, Atlantic-Richfield Corp., and Atlantic Refining Co.; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs.
- '47 BS Nurs—Katharine Connors** Pettit of Seattle, WA, formerly of Anchorage, AK, October 9, 2010; registered nurse; active in community affairs.
- '47 BS Hotel—Richard L. Raymond** of Orion Township, MI, formerly of Petoskey, MI, October 9, 2010; worked for ARA Services; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Kathryn (Johnson), MS '48.
- '47 BA, MD '51—Sanford M. Reiss** of Westfield, NJ, November 13, 2010; internist and gastroenterologist; former president of medical staff, Overlook Hospital; veteran; active in religious and alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu. Wife, Beatrice (Strauss) '47.
- '47 BME—Maurice T. Rose Jr.** of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Louisville, KY, January 27, 2006; retired mechanical and aeronautical engineer; inventor of the oven light; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '47 BA—Burton A. Sachs** of Scarsdale, NY, November 7, 2010; VP, Bloomingdale's; veteran; active in community affairs. Tau Delta Phi.
- '47 MD—James M. Toolan** of Old Bennington, VT, November 18, 2010; psychiatrist; medical director, United Counseling Service; director, female adolescent ward, Bellevue Hospital; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '48 BEE—Alfred Abrams** of Poughkeepsie, NY, October 7, 2010; retired electrical engineer, IBM; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '48—Eunice Murray Dittmar** of Lakeville, CT, July 10, 2009.
- '48 MS—Col. James H. Hayes** of Westlake Village, CA, March 6, 2008; retired US Army officer; also worked for the Rand Corp.; commandant, Citadel Military Academy; his Army unit helped liberate Buchenwald concentration camp.
- '48 BS Ag—Kermit Kruse** of Silver Springs, NY, March 30, 2010; retired government worker; veteran.
- '48 BA—Sally Palmer** Kurtz of Jacksonville, FL, November 1, 2010; homemaker; active in community affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
- '48 BME—James S. McChesney** of Ridgefield, CT, November 5, 2010; manager of engineering services, Bristol Babcock Co.; engineering supervisor, Burndy Corp.; design engineer, Honeywell; active in civic and community affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.
- '48—Rose Akullian** Monforte of La Quinta, CA, November 2, 2010; homemaker; worked in the restaurant business.
- '48 MS HE—Gladys Hagan** Murphy of Worcester, MA, November 13, 2010; dietitian, Rutland Heights Hospital and Worcester State Hospital; instructor, UMass Amherst; veteran;
- '48—Suzanne Skylstead** Nosworthy of White Stone, VA, October 11, 2008. Kappa Alpha Theta.
- '48, BA '46, MD '50—Alan S. Robinson** of Coral Gables, FL, May 3, 2010; gastroenterologist; chief of medicine, Baptist Hospital; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.
- '48 BS HE—Grace Partrick** Roop of West Monroe, NY, March 18, 2010; substitute teacher; founder, Mexico Point State Park; active in community affairs. Chi Omega.
- '48 JD—Arthur I. Seld** of Seneca Falls, NY, July 15, 2010; attorney.
- '48, BArch '49—Olaf W. Shelgren Jr.** of Wheatfield, NY, October 19, 2010; architect and preservationist; helped form the Landmark Society of the Niagara Frontier; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '48—Keith S. Snyder** of Lincoln, NE, October 27, 2010; int'l marketing director, Cliff's Notes; vice chancellor of administration, U. of Hawaii; director of auxiliary services, U. of Pittsburgh; also worked in hotel management; veteran; musician; active in civic and community affairs.
- '48 BS HE—Carolyn Warner** Wilson of Boothbay Harbor, ME, November 18, 2010; director of Elderlife Ministry and supervisor or religious education, Federated Church; dietitian, Case Western Reserve U. and General Electric Co.; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Gamma.
- '49, BA '51—Jay H. Blum** of New Haven, CT, October 19, 2010; owner, office supply business; veteran.
- '49—Paul S. Burdett** of Nunda, NY, October 20, 2010; customer service manager, NYSEG; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'49 BA—Helen Hoffman Casey of Old Saybrook, CT, October 28, 2010; worked for the Central Intelligence Agency and the State of New York; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'49 BS Ag—Stephen Collins of Bethany, CT, October 7, 2010; emeritus professor of biological sciences, Southern Connecticut State U.; ecologist; conservationist; forest research scientist; author; wildlife photographer; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'49 LLB—Richard T. Doerner of Fort Wayne, IN, October 11, 2010; chairman and CEO, Summit Bank and Summcorp; former president and CEO, Dime Trust and Savings Bank; attorney; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'49—Arthur J. Macer Jr. of Westfield, NY, February 29, 2008; president of North American Operations, Renold Inc.; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'49 JD—Burton B. Roberts of New York City, October 24, 2010; former justice and chief administrative judge, NYS Supreme Court; district attorney; model for the judge in Tom Wolfe's novel *The Bonfire of the Vanities*; veteran; active in civic, professional, and alumni affairs.

'49 BA—Rabbi E. William Seaman of Washington, DC, May 25, 2010; former associate rabbi, Washington Hebrew Congregation; partner, Corsair Travel; musician; veteran; author; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'49 BA—Albert A. Strouss of New Albany, OH, October 23, 2010; veterinarian; veteran; polo player; active in alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'49 BA, MD '52—Frank B. Throop of Indianapolis, IN, October 18, 2010; orthopaedic surgeon; associate professor of orthopaedic surgery, Indiana U. Medical School; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'50 BA—Idell Carey Donnelly of San Francisco, CA, October 28, 2010; worked in Paris and Detroit; correspondent, Class of '50; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'50 MBA—William B. Haack of Coatesville, PA, March 31, 2010.

'50 BA—N. Paul Kenworthy Jr. of Ventura, CA, October 15, 2010; filmmaker; director, *Rusty and the Falcon*; co-director, *Perri*; cinematographer, *The Living Desert* and *Vanishing Prairie*; co-inventor, Snorkel Camera System; recipient, "Disney Legend" award; Academy of Motion Pictures Technical Award winner; active in community and professional affairs.

'50 BA—Rev. Charles A. Perry of Charlottesville, VA, October 24, 2010; former provost and chief pastor, Washington Nat'l Cathedral; executive officer, Episcopal Diocese of Washington; dean, Church Divinity School of the Pacific; Episcopal chaplain, Indiana U.; Congressional liaison; public information officer, Atomic Energy Commission; advocate of ordination for women; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'50—Herbert C. Phillips Jr. of Tubac, AZ, April 15, 2008; owner, Crowe's Nest gift store; VP of marketing, Curlee Clothing Co.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'50—Michael J. Rich of Tucson, AZ, October 18, 2007; executive VP, Leo Burnett Advertising Agency; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'50 BME—Robert E. Schmidt of Armonk, NY, November 21, 2010; retired VP, Nestlé Services; also worked for Nat'l Cash Register and Westinghouse; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Tau Beta Pi.

'50, BS Ag '51—Henry M. Smith of Shelburne Falls, MA, March 30, 2010; owner and operator, Apex Orchards. Wife, Dorothy (Peck), MS '49.

'50 BS Hotel—Paul Sonnabend of Boston, MA, October 29, 2010; president, Sonesta Int'l Hotels Corp.; founding partner, New England Patriots; executive director, NFL management council; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'50 DVM—George W. Wicks of Pittsford, NY, October 4, 2010; veterinarian; active in community affairs. Alpha Psi.

'50 BS HE—Margaret Thompson Zimmerman (Mrs. Paul F. '50) of Canandaigua, NY, November 9, 2010; retired home economics teacher; cooperative extension agent; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'51 BS Ag—Arthur P. Ives of Oxford, NY, November 7, 2010; president, Ives Hauling; taught agricultural mechanics at Chenango, NY, BOCES; agency manager, Farm Family Insurance Co.; operated an Allis Chalmers equipment business; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'51 BA—Kenneth S. Jaffe of Roseland, NJ, November 23, 2010; advertising executive; president, Kenneth Jaffe Inc.; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Pi Lambda Phi.

'51 BA—Lisbeth Beach Lamb of Linden, MI, formerly of Fenton, MI, November 24, 2010; teacher, Johnson School; active in religious affairs. Husband, John F. Lamb Jr. '50.

'51 BA—Bruce A. Lentz of Charlotte, NC, November 9, 2010; secretary of transportation and secretary of administration under Gov. Holshouser (State of North Carolina); head engineer, Century Furniture; sales consultant, Steve Moore Chevrolet; veteran. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'51-52 SP Ag—Edward C. Migalski of Hamden, CT, December 4, 2009; founder, Yale Outdoor Education Center; founder, club sports program, Yale Athletic Dept.; collector of research and display specimens, Peabody Museum; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'51 MCE—Robert R. Sonnenburg of Ten Mile, TN, October 16, 2010; civil engineer; veteran.

'51 BS HE—Jane Overley Stockton of Auburndale, MA, November 16, 2010; caseworker and supervisor, Massachusetts Dept. of Social Services;

quilter; started the Play-Watch-Talk Toddler program; worked for Family Services of Greater Boston; researcher in childhood development, Yale U.; also worked for Maryland Dept. of Social Services; musician; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'51 LLB—Gerard Thomas of Kalamazoo, MI, November 19, 2010; attorney; general counsel, Upjohn Co.; helped desegregate Kalamazoo public schools; helped rebuild Stryker Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'51—George A. Tower of Anderson, SC, formerly of Ransomville, NY, October 18, 2010; volunteer fireman; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'51 B Chem E—S. Kilmer von Storch of Bedminster, NJ, October 10, 2010; operated von Storch & Burkavage Architects and Engineers; chemical engineer, DuPont; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'52 BS ILR—Phyllis DuFlocq Bechle of Bradenton, FL, November 10, 2010; artist; active in religious affairs. Delta Gamma.

'52 DVM—Albert E. Grass of West Brattleboro, VT, November 13, 2010; veterinarian; horse trainer; veteran; active in professional affairs. Alpha Psi.

'52 BS Ag—Robert L. Holmes of Oxford, PA, August 2, 2010; schoolteacher; farmer; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'52 MRP—Joseph L. Intermaggio of Winchester, VA, November 11, 2010; urban planner; worked for the City of Arlington (VA), Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies, and the United Planning Org.; taught at George Washington U.; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'52 BA—Richard C. Koch of Silver Spring, MD, October 14, 2010; retired drug researcher; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

'52 BME—John M. Patton of Chicago, IL, July 21, 2009. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'53 BA—Barbara Brothers Abizaid of Boulder, CO, November 5, 2010; active in community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta. Husband, Miguel Abizaid '52.

'53, B Chem E '54—John H. Beardsley of Haringworth, UK, and New London, NH, February 22, 2010; retired engineer; active in alumni affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'53 BA—Anne Buck Coyne (Mrs. Daniel M. '50) of Fairport, NY, November 4, 2010; treasurer, McQuaid Jesuit High School; also worked for Eastman Kodak; active in community and alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'53 PhD—Leila Calhoun Deasy of Tallahassee, FL, November 11, 2010; retired professor, Florida State U.; professor of social research, Catholic U. of America; researcher, Cornell Inter-Group Relations Project; research sociologist, Nat'l Institutes of Health, Lab of Socio-Environmental studies; active in community and professional affairs.

'53—**Cmdr. Michael Durant** of Port Angeles, WA, November 10, 2006; retired US Navy officer; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Chi Phi.

'53—**Kenneth E. Eiker** of Monroe, NJ, November 5, 2010; teacher, director of athletics, housemaster, and guidance director, East Windsor Regional School District; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'53 MD—**Charles L. Heiskell Jr.** of Santa Ana, CA, January 7, 2006; physician.

'53—**Robert A. Hesse** of Akron, OH, October 27, 2010; chemical engineer; retired from Delco Moraine division of General Motors; active in community affairs. Alpha Chi Sigma.

'53 JD—**Arthur S. Kamell** of Dutchess Junction, NY, November 4, 2010; retired labor attorney; socialist activist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53 MRP—**Robert J. Piper** of Evanston, IL, November 11, 2010; city planner; architect; VP/partner, Perkins and Will; director of community development, Highland Park; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53, BEP '54—**Gilbert A. Stengle** of Princeton, NJ, November 8, 2010; professor emeritus of mathematics, Lehigh U.; expert in real algebraic geometry; senior projects engineer, General Motors Corp.; author; musician; active in professional affairs.

'53 PhD—**Norman L. Taylor** of Lexington, KY, October 25, 2010; professor and curator of the Clover Germoplasm Center, Dept. of Agronomy, U. of Kentucky; veteran; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'53 PhD—**Bishop James S. Thomas** of Atlanta, GA, October 10, 2010; bishop, United Methodist Church; instrumental in unifying black and white conferences of the Methodist Church; assoc. general secretary, United Methodist Board of Education; president, board of trustees, Claflin U.; professor and acting president, Gammon Theological Seminary; chaplain, South Carolina State College; bishop in residence, Candler School of Theology at Emory U. and Clark Atlanta U.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53, BArch '57, MRP '61—**George W. Tucker** of New Holland, PA, formerly of Abington, PA, November 6, 2010; urban planner; technical director and director, Philadelphia Community Renewal Program; substitute math and physics teacher; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Sigma Pi.

'54 PhD—**Frank J. Carlisle Jr.** of Green Valley, AZ, formerly of Mandan, ND, October 20, 2010; retired from the Soil Conservation Service; helped develop the national soil survey; veteran.

'54—**James I. Decker** of East Greenbush, NY, April 27, 2010; manager, naval ordnance dept., General Electric; active in civic and community affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'54 BA—**William E. Deegan** of Naples, FL, formerly of Columbus, OH, November 4, 2010; founding

principal, First Columbus Corp. Psi Upsilon.

'54, BCE '55—**Jack E. Felt** of Richmond, UK, August 27, 2010; active in alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'54—**Richard F. Hollenbeck** of Elizabethtown, PA, April 23, 2010; VP for domestic franchise operations, Hertz Corp.; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Wanda (Corwin) '54.

'54—**Willard G. Lynk** of Sharon Springs, NY, July 12, 2010; Holstein cattle breeder, Lynholm Farm; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'54, BS ILR '55—**Raymond P. Rivoli** of Silverton, OR, March 2, 2008; management consultant, Rivoli & Associates; newspaper columnist; tree farmer; also worked for Sylvania; veteran; active in community affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'55 BS Ag—**Beverly Pabst** Bolton of Madras, OR, October 12, 2010; extension agent; active in religious affairs. Alpha Xi Delta.

'55, BArch '57—**Douglas B. Cornell Jr.** of Evergreen, CO, October 11, 2010; park planner and architect, Nat'l Park Service; veteran; active in civic and community relations.

'55 BEE—**Edward V. Howell** of Delmar, NY, October 14, 2010; engineer, New York Telephone; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'55—**John P. LeBlanc** of Acton, ME, October 17, 2010; retired civil engineer and land surveyor; veteran; senior VP, Universal Engineering Corp.; also worked for Tutela Engineering and Ram Consulting; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 JD—**Laxmi M. Singhvi** of New Delhi, India, October 13, 2007; India's longest-serving High Commissioner to London; constitutional expert; author; historian; philosopher; member of Indian parliament; editor, *Jain Declaration on Nature*; ran the Indian Law Inst.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'56 PhD—**Chester T. Chmiel** of Niles, MI, April 6, 2009. Wife, Margaret (Fox) '55.

'56—**Frederick R. Hyland** of Rutland, VT, October 26, 2010; physician; veteran; active in community affairs.

'56 BS Hotel—**Leonard V. LoBello** of Philippi, WV, October 14, 2010; retired CFO and VP of Business and Finance, Alderson-Broaddus College; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'56, BArch '57—**Geoffrey A. Paine** of New York City, November 3, 2010; architect. Pi Kappa Alpha.

'56 PhD—**Wendell S. Williams** of Urbana, IL, November 20, 2010; emeritus professor of physics, materials science, and bioengineering and director emeritus, Program of Ancient Technologies and Archaeological Materials, U. of Illinois; chairman of materials science and engineering, Case Western Reserve U.; also taught at MIT, New College, and SUNY Albany; research physicist, Union

Carbide; author; co-founder, Cornell Savoyards; musician; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'57 MA—**William C. Aden Jr.** of Chapel Hill, NC, formerly of Manhasset, NY, December 30, 2009; director of creative services, CBS and Viacom; copywriter, CBS Radio Network; freelance writer; Scoutmaster; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

'57 BA—**George L. Levinson** of Larchmont, NY, June 30, 2010; worked for Burnham Asset Mgmt.; active in alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Delta.

'58 BS Ag—**Albert R. Gullow** of West Delhi, NY, October 20, 2010; retired dairy farmer.

'58, BEP '59—**Peter H. Mengert** of Cambridge, MA, September 13, 2010; mathematician, US Dept. of Transportation. Tau Beta Pi.

'58 BS Ag—**Robert B. Snook II** of Bayville, NY, November 20, 2010; president, RBS Delivery Service; taught at Cornell U. and Iowa State U.; dairy farmer; active in alumni affairs.

'58 MILR—**Robert V. Sweetall** of Blue Hill, ME, formerly of Ithaca, NY, October 8, 2010; assistant VP for labor relations and assoc. director of personnel, Cornell U.; consultant; also worked for Babcock and Wilcox Co. and Kennecott Copper Corp.; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'58, BCE '59—**Ronald V. Wiedenhoeft** of Littleton, CO, August 14, 2010; retired professor of liberal arts and int'l studies, Colorado School of Mines; co-founder and photographer, Saskia Ltd. Cultural Documentation. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'59 BA—**Valerie Johnson** Conner of Black Mountain, NC, June 22, 2009.

'59 BS Hotel—**Anton W. Gotsche** of Toronto, ON, Canada, October 15, 2010; hotelier.

'61 JD—**Salah E. Abdel-Wahab** of Cairo, Egypt, April 16, 2009; senior partner, Wahab & Nassar law office; judge; chair, Tourismplan; under-secretary of state for tourism and vice minister for tourism development, Egyptian Ministry of Housing and Development; professor of tourism management, U. of Alexandria; author; active in professional affairs.

'61—**Edward C. Beutner** of Ashland, OR, December 23, 2008; retired professor, Franklin and Marshall College.

'61—**Bruce E. Lander** of Long Beach, CA, April 10, 2010.

'61 BS HE—**Sabina Klein** Millens of Henderson, NV, October 31, 2010; co-president, Catering by Maxine; VP, Millens Steel & Fabricating Service; active in religious affairs.

'61—**Richard D. Moore** of Mahwah, NJ, October 13, 2009. Phi Kappa Tau.

'61 BA—**Phyllis Hamburger** Rovine of New York City, November 5, 2010.

'61 BS HE—**Margaret Stack** Turner of Orchard Park, NY, October 16, 2010; principal, Margaret

S. Turner & Assoc.; consultant to nonprofits; former chair, President's Council of Cornell Women; active in alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi. Husband, Frederick D. Turner, JD '63.

'62, BS ILR '63—Ronald L. Cassie of Island Heights, NJ, November 22, 2010; founder and president, Cassie-Shepherd Group; active in religious and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'62 MS—Martin L. Dwarkin of Silver Spring, MD, April 14, 2008; physicist, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory and US Dept. of Defense.

'62 BS Ag—William H. Weinheimer of Hollister, CA, October 26, 2010; research manager, Agrigenetics' seed research programs; research manager, FMC-Niagara Seeds; manager, Hollister Farmers Market; orchid vendor; active in community affairs.

'62, BS Ag '63—Annlyn Ward Welles of Cold Spring Harbor, NY, and Vero Beach, FL, October 18, 2010; interior designer. Husband, Peter R. Welles, DVM '62.

'63 BS ILR—Howard P. Tuckman of Westfield, NJ, October 13, 2010; dean, Virginia Commonwealth U. School of Business; business school dean, Rutgers U.; dean, graduate business administration and business faculty, Fordham U.; active in professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'63 LLB—Kenneth P. Zauber of Princeton, NJ, May 14, 2010; attorney.

'64, BS Hotel '91—Steven L. Kolt of Kapolei, HI, October 22, 2010; owner, KOLT Cars; co-owner, First Travel Inc.; organized transportation for the 1984 Olympics; operated Leeward Bus Co.; managing director, Ko Olina Transportation; owned several taxicab companies in Hawaii; managing director, VIP Transportation; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'64–68 GR—Robert Kurlander of Philadelphia, PA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, November 11, 2010; politics professor, Ithaca College; Foreign Service officer; vice consul, Burma; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'64 PhD—Carlisle B. Rathburn Jr. of Panama City, FL, October 13, 2010; entomologist, Entomological Research Center, Florida State Board of Health and the West Florida Arthropod Research Laboratory, Florida Dept. of Health and Rehabilitative Services; expert on mosquitoes; veteran; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'64 BS Hotel—Matti L. Sarkia of Helsinki, Finland, October 11, 2010; lecturer, Helsinki Culinary School Perho.

'65 BA—Donna Davidson Gould of Northfield, VT, November 17, 2010; adjunct English professor, Norwich U.; active in community affairs.

'65 BS AEP—John E. Littleton of Morgantown, WV, October 20, 2010; astronomer; professor emeritus of physics, West Virginia U.; columnist; active in community and professional affairs. Theta Chi.

'66 BS ILR, MBA '68—Kenneth W. Kleinman of

Beachwood, OH, October 28, 2010; attorney; city councilman; lieutenant commander, US Public Health Service; helped found the North American Menopause Society; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'66 MS, PhD '68—Mohamed A. A. Yamani of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, November 8, 2010; president, King Abdulaziz U.; minister of information, Saudi Arabia; chairman, Saudi Research and Publishing Co.; university lecturer; philanthropist; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'68–71 GR—Jon G. Bockus of Goshen, IN, formerly of Middlebury, IN, November 16, 2010; farmer; LPN; two-time Peace Corps volunteer; active in community and religious affairs.

'68 JD—Donald A. Taylor of Manhasset, NY, May 15, 2009; attorney; director of education and training, NYS Office of Court Administration; systems analyst, IBM; active in community affairs.

'68 BS HE—Marianne Moschell Wiedemer of East Lansing, MI, October 19, 2010; elementary school teacher; founder, East Lansing Positive Prevention; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Husband, David H. Wiedemer '69.

'69 BA—Becky Faith Bever of The Villages, FL, August 17, 2009; retired executive.

'69 MBA, JD '69—Keith K. Brooks of Cheshire, OH, October 14, 2010; attorney; adult guardianship attorney; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Wife, Donna (Fons) '69.

'69—Bonny Scanlon Meyer of Evanston, IL, October 28, 2010; school psychologist, Northbrook School District; psychologist, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center; expert on learning disabilities.

'71 BS Ag—James J. Adams of Virginia Beach, VA, November 16, 2010; retired US Navy Cmdr.; math and science teacher, Salem Middle School; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Cayuga Lodge.

'72 MPA—Dennis P. Bridgeman of Charleston, WV, November 15, 2010; VP, Wells Fargo Insurance.

'73—Stanley P. Grzywina of Three Rivers, MA, October 25, 2010; attorney; active in community affairs. Acacia.

'73 BS Ag—David R. Saltiel of Forest Hills, NY, June 28, 2010; devoted his life to caring for animals.

'74—Stephen K. Parris of Ontario, OR, formerly of Grandfield, OK, October 1, 2010; physician.

'74 ME Nuc—Wayne S. Rial of Central, SC, November 21, 2010; design engineer and university researcher; veteran.

'75 BS Ag—Paul J. McCormick of Waynesboro, PA, October 9, 2010; senior executive, Nat'l Security Agency; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'77 JD—David R. Keyser of Silver Spring, MD, October 25, 2010; attorney, Washington

Metropolitan Transit Authority; taught at U. of Texas Law School; actor in community theater; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'79 MPS—Rita Melkis Reimanis of Corning, NY, November 3, 2010; taught German and English, Corning Community College; also taught elementary school; active in civic and community affairs.

'79 MS HE, PhD '83—Barbara Sherman Rolleston of Berea, OH, July 21, 2010; professor and chair of economics and director of core curriculum, Baldwin-Wallace College. Husband, George L. Rolleston, PhD '83.

'80 PhD—David L. Weisser of Mission, SD, October 19, 2010; taught biology and earth science, Sinte Gleska U.; asst. professor of horticulture, SUNY Alfred and Arizona State U.; operated a greenhouse business; active in professional affairs.

'81 BA—James L. Allan of Hackensack, NJ, formerly of Teaneck, NJ, October 14, 2010; paralegal.

'83 JD—Maureen Mussenden of Snyder, NY, October 28, 2010; attorney; associate counsel, U. of Buffalo SUNY Office of University Council; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'84—Kim M. Haley of Cary, NC, formerly of Endicott, NY, October 9, 2010.

'84—Philip T. Yochum of Rosharon, TX, October 17, 2010; homicide investigator, Houston Police Dept.; district fire chief, Pearland Fire Dept.; veteran. Chi Phi.

'85 BS Ag—Maria C. Garcia of Elmhurst, NY, December 8, 2009.

'86 JD—Peter J. Harris of Olympia, WA, August 27, 2010; staff attorney, State of Washington Dept. of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Commission; active in community affairs.

'87 BS ILR—Stuart A. Kolinski of Glen Ridge, NJ, November 23, 2010; senior VP, general counsel, and secretary for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals; active in professional affairs.

'87 BS HE—Charlene M. Williams of Chicago, IL, November 12, 2010; human resources director, WMS; asst. director of human resources, CIGNA Healthcare; HR manager, IBM.

'89 MArch, PhD '09—John M. O'Brien III of Knoxville, TN, November 13, 2010; taught art history, U. of Tennessee; active in professional and religious affairs.

'96 BA—Charlene W. Sun of Alhambra, CA, January 27, 2009; cinematographer; filmmaker; partner, SunRain Productions; artist; scriptwriter.

'04 MPS—Ryan P. Crowder of Ithaca, NY, November 13, 2010; Natural Resources graduate student, Cornell U.; worked on developing sustainable lobster harvests and marketing collectives on the Nicaraguan Atlantic coast; helped in ecosystem restoration, Alachua Conservation Trust.

Pleasant Thoughts

Recalling a bygone wilderness retreat



Cabin fever: Mount Pleasant Lodge in 1947. Below: Miwa Oseki Robbins '12 (left) and Casey Hagg '12 in front of the remains of the stone fireplace.

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Drive away from campus on Route 366 toward Varna, take a right on Mount Pleasant Road, and keep going (and going) uphill. Once it flattens out, you'll find a dirt road on your left that soon degenerates into impassable ruts. Walk into the woods and there it is: the corpse of a rustic lodge, a long-forgotten gem that once housed throngs of nature-loving Cornellians.

It was called Mount Pleasant Lodge, a year-round retreat that drew students and faculty for weekend getaways, orientations, receptions, and all manner of outdoor fun. Located on a 196-acre parcel bought by New York State under the Works Progress Administration, the lodge was built by the Farm Security Administration and given to Cornell in 1939. "Besides the main lodge building, with accommodations for 28 persons, there are two 'ski shelters,' fashioned of logs," the *Daily Sun* reported that September. "There will be a softball diamond, ski trails, stone fireplaces, running spring water, and electrical facilities."

It was a popular spot for the next two decades. A sample notice from the *Sun* in September 1941: "After supper at Mount Pleasant Lodge, [the hikers] will sing by firelight. Arrangements will be made for freshman women to arrive home by 9:30 p.m." But by the Sixties, the lodge had fallen into disuse; it burned down in a spectacular blaze in April 1968. "Use of the building had not been sanctioned by Cornell for some time," the *Ithaca Journal* noted, "although police have had many complaints about its being used for beer parties and other unauthorized gatherings."

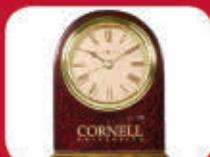
Flash forward to spring 2011. Casey Hagg '12 and Miwa Oseki Robbins '12 chose the lodge as their research topic for ALS 4770: Environmental Stewardship in the Cornell Community. Instructors for Cornell Outdoor Education, the two became captivated by the concept of a lost wilderness retreat. "It used to be a special place for outdoor recreation, and that's what we work for in COE," says Hagg. "I felt like a historian uncovering some magical mystery." Adds Robbins: "I love the outdoors, and the idea of some secret treasure hidden in the woods was really appealing."

They made multiple trips to the site—adjacent to Cornell's ropes challenge course and an ROTC training ground—and found artifacts from the lodge's heyday as well as its decline: a stone chimney, remnants of the foundation, the ballfield backstop, a pair of moss-covered shoes, outhouse pits, the mangled remains of metal bunk beds, dozens of bottles and beer cans. "When you look at this place, it's completely abandoned, but imagine all the people who made amazing memories here," says Hagg, her sandals sinking into the muddy grass at the exact spot where, according to a vintage photo, students played games in front of the fireplace. "Why did that ever stop?"

She and Robbins never did figure out why the lodge went out of use—but they managed to track down someone who'd been there. Ransom Blakeley '55 spent a weekend on Mount Pleasant in August 1951 as part of a freshman orientation for some two dozen CALS scholarship students. "It was very rustic," Blakeley says. "As I recall, it was the same inside as outside—bare logs—and it smelled of woodsmoke." Blakely remembers sitting in front of a "cozy little fire" after dinner (hamburgers, the meat stretched with cornflakes) for a meet-and-greet, then bedding down in a loft. "It was a very nice place to go," says Blakeley. "You don't think of such a place in conjunction with an academic institution like Cornell. But it was just right for us."

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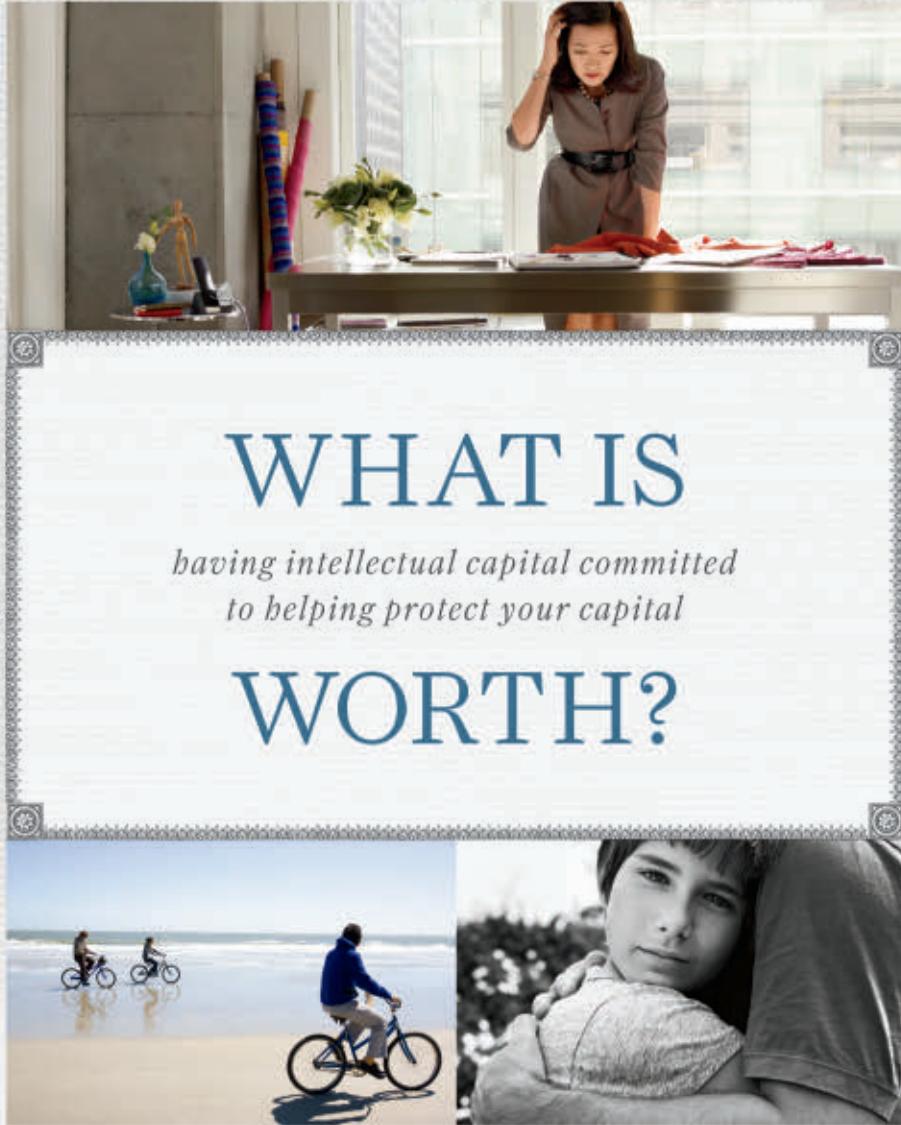


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