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After his firefighter father died on September 11, Chris Ganci '99 finished his MBA—and joined the FDNY





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BRAD HERZOG '90

Peter Ganci Jr. was the highest-ranking uniformed member of the New York City Fire Department to perish on 9/11—prompting son Chris Ganci '99 to forego a business career and join the FDNY. Having graduated first in his class at the Fire Academy, Ganci works out of a well-regarded firehouse in Brooklyn, where life is a remarkable mixture of down time, boyish pranks, and acts of raw courage. “My father always ended the graduation speech with the same line,” Ganci said at his own academy ceremony. “By taking this job, you will never, ever be rich, but you will always be happy.”

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BRAD HERZOG '90

Stephen Colbert has become a TV star—not to mention a cultural phenomenon—thanks to his combination of deft political satire, erudite comedy, and tongue-in-cheek egomania. Among the creative minds behind his award-winning show are two Delta Gamma sorority sisters: staff writer Meredith Scardino '98 and producer Liz Levin '98. A visit backstage to “The Colbert Report,” as Scardino and Levin talk about working for America’s favorite (and self-described) “well-intentioned, poorly informed, high-status idiot.”

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ROBERT FRANK

Antigovernment crusaders have a point, admits Cornell economist Robert Frank: there is waste in government. But as Frank writes in his new book, *The Darwin Economy: Liberty, Competition, and the Common Good*, the more interesting question is what to do about it. In an excerpt, he ponders the libertarian notion of “starving the beast”—and challenges the idea that cutting government spending is always a good thing.

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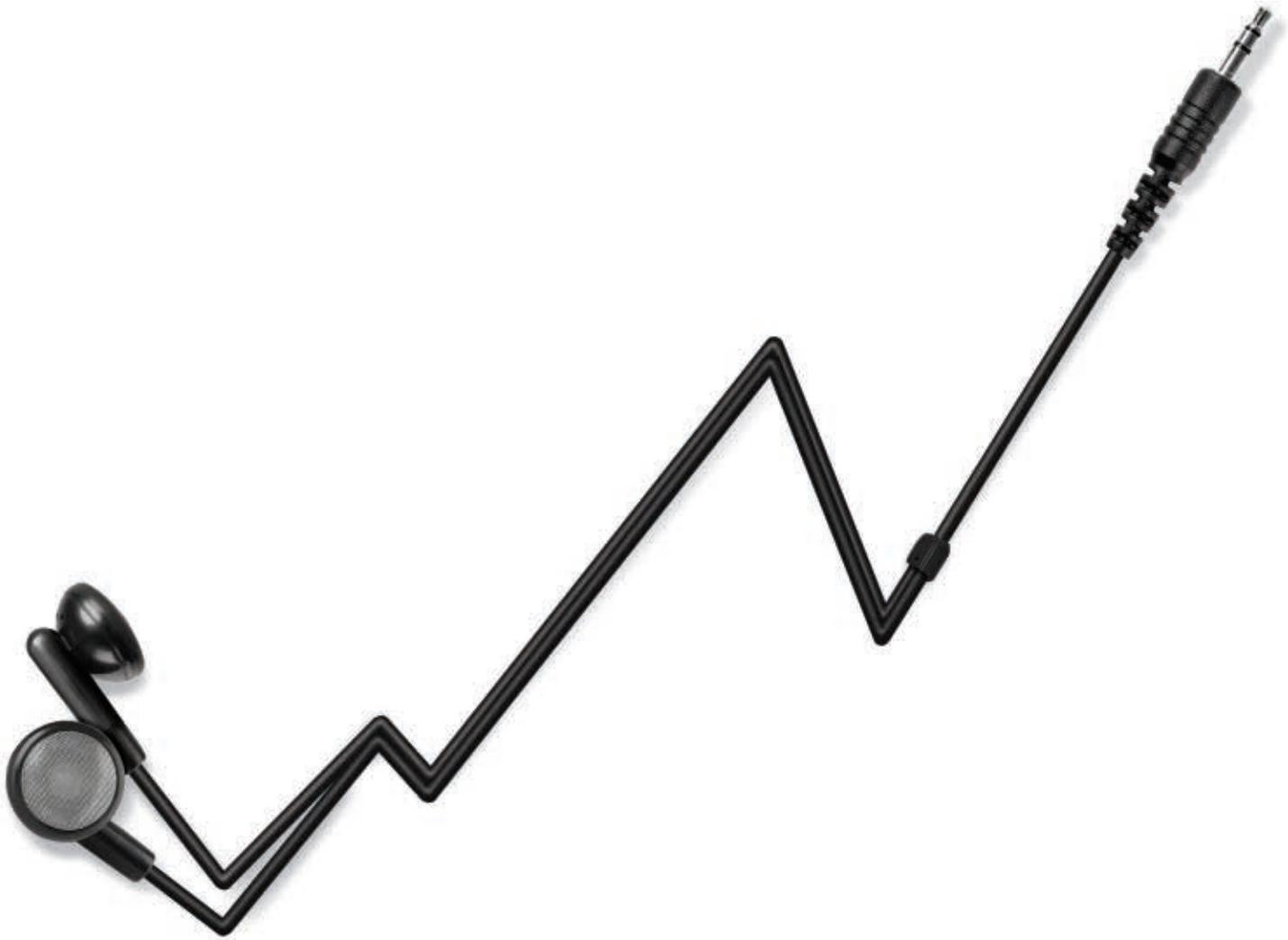
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# Changing the Guard: Toward the Future

**A**s we begin the 2011–12 academic year, we welcome the sesquicentennial class, which will graduate at the University's 150th birthday in 2015. We are also preparing for the transition in leadership of our Board of Trustees from the extraordinarily capable Peter Meinig '61, BME '62, to the equally capable Robert Harrison '76, who will become chair on January 1, 2012.

Cornell has been fortunate since its founding to have had excellent leadership on and by its Board of Trustees, including emeritus chairs Austin Kiplinger '39 and Harold Tanner '52, who remain inspirations for their service and contributions to Cornell. I have no doubt that Pete Meinig will also take his place in history as one of our great board chairs.

A trustee for two decades and board chair since 2002, Pete has guided Cornell with great vision, discipline, and wisdom through unprecedented challenges, including the Great Recession and its fallout. Before being elected board chair, Pete served as chair of the Executive Committee—and he helped move Cornell into the world of online education as a founding member and former chair of eCornell's board of directors.

Pete and his wife, Nancy, a 1962 graduate of the College of Human Ecology, revitalized the Parents Fund back in the Eighties, during their years as Cornell parents, and Pete co-chaired the scholarship campaign that concluded in December 1999. They continue to be involved with students through their support of the Meinig Family National Scholar Program, which they endowed in 1999 and which helps selected Cornell students develop their potential as leaders through executive mentoring, support for internships and experiential learning, financial aid, and other benefits.

Devoted alumni leaders and wonderful mentors, guides, and dear friends, Pete and Nancy have taught Robin and me about the traditions of Cornell. Those of you who attended the State of the University Address during Reunion 2011 heard me talk about my vision for Cornell in four key areas that have characterized the University in past years and that are the keys to our future: access, globalization, public engagement, and faculty renewal. Part of the way we are honoring our heritage as we approach Cornell's sesquicentennial is by making these four enduring characteristics priorities for the future.

There is no doubt that we are a better, stronger university because of Pete and Nancy Meinig, and we are very grateful that they have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the sesquicentennial, working with the committee that will plan and coordinate Cornell's 150th birthday.

Like Pete, Bob Harrison has a distinguished history of involvement as a Cornell trustee. A student trustee as an undergraduate, Bob rejoined the board in 2002 and has since served on numer-



ous committees, most recently as chair of the Executive Committee. Bob is a lawyer, a former Rhodes Scholar, and a retired managing director of the Goldman Sachs Group. He currently is chief executive officer of the Clinton Global Initiative, established by former President Bill Clinton in 2005 to devise innovative solutions to some of the world's most intractable challenges. He is an enormously capable leader—with deep knowledge of business, the law, the public sector, and Cornell.

Working closely with Bob as chair of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will be Jan Rock Zubrow '77, a longtime trustee who served as co-chair of the university-wide fundraising campaign from 2006 until her appointment to head the Executive Committee. Under their leadership, our university will continue to be in very good hands.

Alfred North Whitehead, the British mathematician and philosopher, once observed: "The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order." As we prepare for our sesquicentennial, I look forward to a smooth transition from the Meinig era to the Harrison era of board leadership as we implement the changes necessary to create an even better future for the University while enhancing the distinctive characteristics—access, globalization, public engagement, and faculty renewal—that are central to our Cornell.

In my next column, I will reflect on some of the issues that I expect to be on the board's agenda as we head into the new year under Bob Harrison's leadership. I invite you to keep abreast of the changes in board leadership and to take part in the future of Cornell.

— President David Skorton  
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## Play Ball!

Bob "Tiger" Foltin '60, BChemE '61 (right), gets in the umpire's face at the alumni baseball game during Reunion Weekend. For more Reunion photos, see page 12.

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# Hoopla and More

Alumni old and young share reunion moments

When my roommate, Margaret Monteith Edelman '46, BA '45, and I attended our 65th Reunion with our husbands, Arnold Edelman and Richard Davis, we never suspected that the kindly man offering to take a photo of the four of us in front of the Statler was David Skorton! Not until we attended the State of the University Address in Bailey Hall and recognized the man on the stage did we realize that our photographer was the University's president. His kindness will be a major memory of going back "Far above Cayuga's waters."

*Nancy Mynott Davis '46  
Avon, Connecticut*

In his letter to CAM, Gerald Schneider '61 wrote that he had decided not to attend his 50th Reunion because of his disappointment in the "hoopla" that he saw in the program (Correspondence, May/June 2011). He was yearning for a more academic program and the chance to informally meet with classmates and professors, and also to have unscheduled leisure time to tour the campus.

Sir, you will be happy to know that this is exactly what happens at reunion. I have attended three: my own ten-year in 2009, my wife's five-year in 2006, and her ten-year, this past June. During these reunions, we have (1) visited the Fuertes Observatory and seen the rings of Saturn as well as a galaxy through the telescope; (2) attended lectures on the founding of Cornell and the lives of Ezra Cornell and A. D. White; (3) met with current professors and talked about what aspects of our education and classes were most useful in our careers; (4) engaged with distinguished alumni such as Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62, and listened to him talk about the development of technologies that help



India and the Third World; and (5) toured world-class facilities, such as the new Weill Hall, collections in the various libraries, and—of course—the Dairy Barn.

Is there "hoopla"? Absolutely. Cornelliana Night is a chance to get together and sing favorite (and slightly forgotten) Cornell songs; there are parties on the quads under the stars (or clouds—it is Ithaca, after all); there are wine tours, concerts, plays, and pickup Frisbee games, if one chooses. If not, one can wander the classrooms, the Johnson Museum, Barton Hall, attend a reception in a favorite department and talk to faculty, or sit on a bench and enjoy the summer weather. Cornell also treats its more senior alumni as honored guests and does its best to roll out the Big Red carpet for them. We hope you will reconsider your decision—looking forward to seeing you in 2016!

*James Grady '99  
Sanchaita Mukherjee Grady '01  
Denver, Colorado*

## Net Gain

As a friend of a classmate who committed suicide while a student at Cornell (not on the bridges but in his home, hanging himself in the basement), I have to say that the plan to fence the bridges is a knee-jerk reaction to a one-time increase in problems (From the Hill, July/August 2011). I can't believe that Cornell would believe that the bridges are responsible for the increase in suicides. Get real! Deal with the real student problem.

*Margaret Greene Nicklin '69  
Hall, New York*

## Active Issues

I was glad to learn that student activism is being encouraged at Cornell (Letter from Ithaca, July/August 2011). Hopefully, the actions that students engage in are peaceful. The danger is that Ken Margolies '71, MPS '11, and other counselors from that era will be less than objective and neutral on legitimately controversial public issues where harm is alleged but not proven criminal. Student activists should not be unduly influenced or pressured by the personal views of counselors.

*Gerald Schneider '61  
Kensington, Maryland*

In his article, Ken Margolies extols the virtues of members of the Cornell Students Against Sweatshops (CSAS) and the Cornell Organization for Labor Action (COLA). He points out that the efforts of these two organizations led to the stocking of products in the bookstore manufactured by a unionized company from the Dominican Republic. After taking a tangential swipe at one of our nation's most innovative companies, Nike, which has created countless jobs for Americans, Margolies trumpets the fact that CSAS and COLA

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sent delegations to demonstrate in Wisconsin and Ohio “against challenges to public employee bargaining rights.”

As an alumnus whose parents were both public employees—one a teacher and the other a state bureaucrat, both working in Indiana—I can report that, though they had to scrimp and save, they were able to send me to Cornell, and I graduated not owing a single cent. So I can tell you from personal knowledge that there is no comparison between the need for organized labor in Third World countries and the need for organized labor in the public sector of the United States. Public sector employees were well taken care of during my parents' generation, and they are well taken care of today. I would also add that if the U.S. government did not implement aggressive student lending policies that have allowed most colleges to raise tuition by at least two to three times the rate of inflation, middle-class Americans would still be able to pay for their children's college education without going into debt or forcing their children to do so.

Margolies trumpeted the fact that he was involved in some small way in the takeover of Willard Straight Hall. Cornell activists seem to be stuck in time with that one traumatic moment. I would just like to point out that most of us went on and had a real life, and could not care less about what happened in the spring of 1969.

*William Miller '73  
Fairfield, New Jersey*

## Longevity

Re: “Remembering Arthur Laurents '37” (Currents, July/August 2011): As the daughter of a ninety-nine-year-old, I was sorry to learn that the life of Arthur Laurents was cut tragically short at only ninety-three.

*Felicia Nimue Ackerman '68  
Professor of Philosophy, Brown University  
Providence, Rhode Island*

## On the Road Again

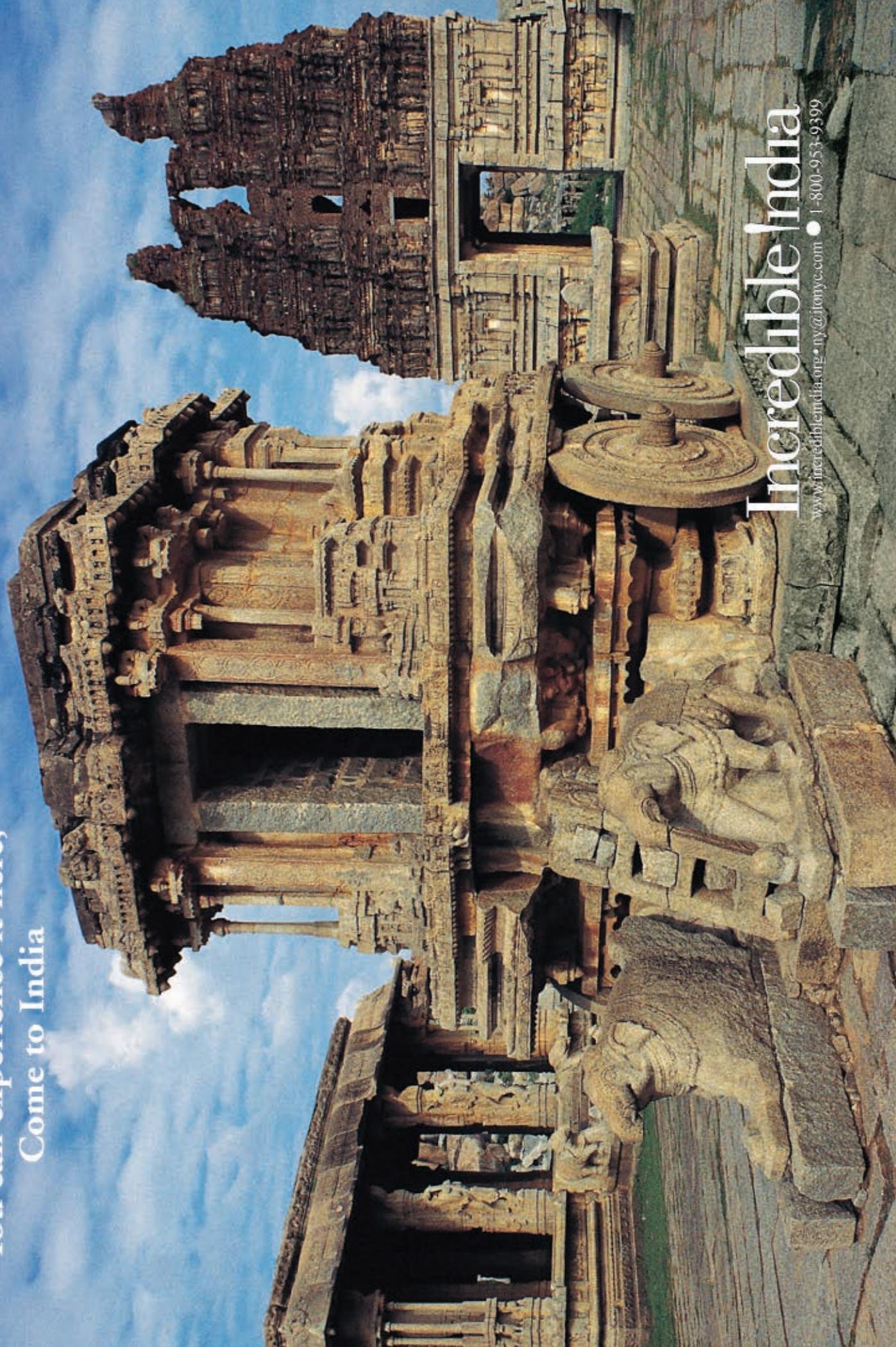
We really appreciate the electronic option for accessing the magazine. We live full-time in our motor home, so we move a lot and mail has to chase us. Thanks for the well-done publication.

*Glenn MacMillen '54  
Flower Clark MacMillen '57*

## Correction—July/August 2011

“Training Day” (page 40): We should have noted that Jim Axelrod's father, Robert Axelrod, was a member of the Class of 1958.

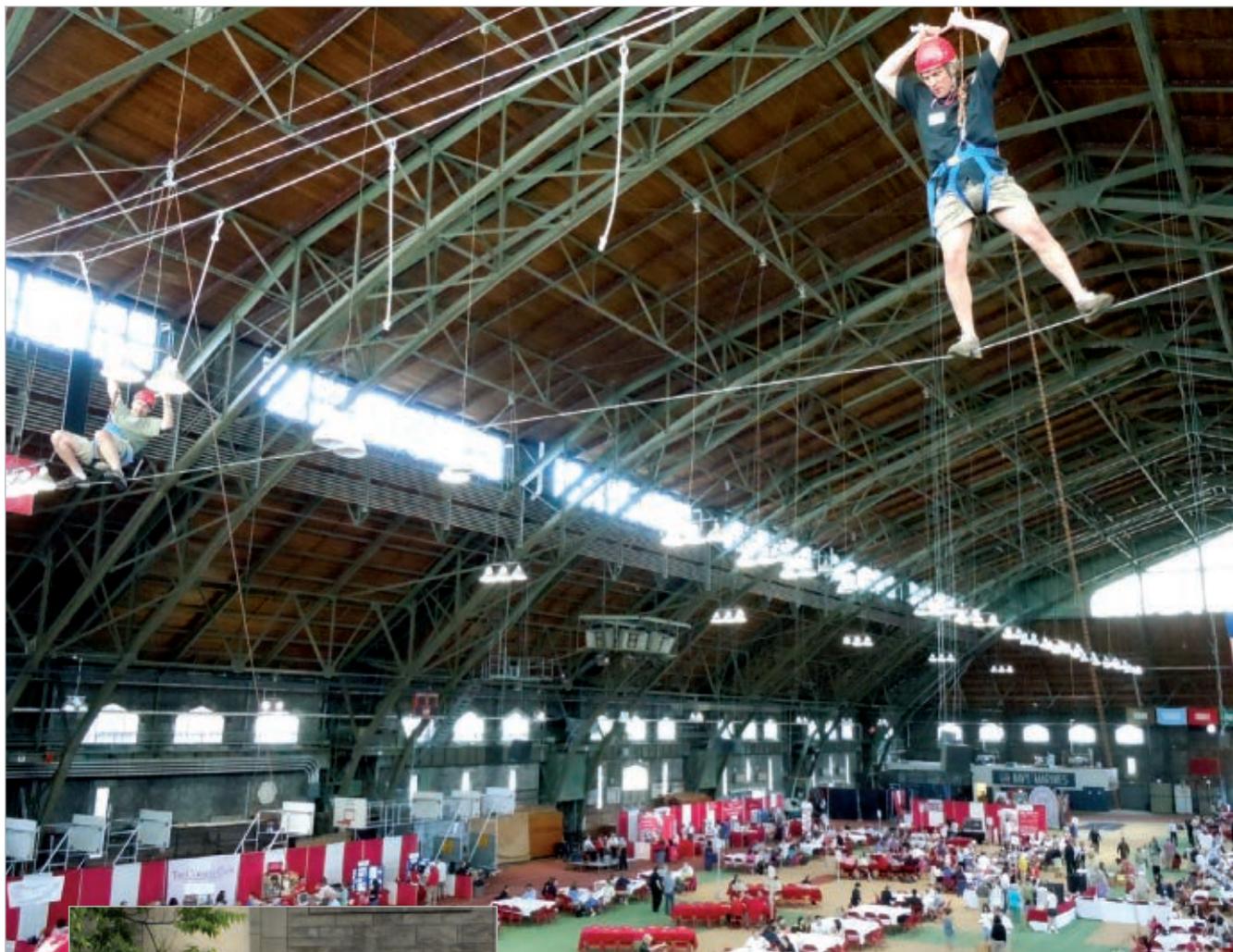
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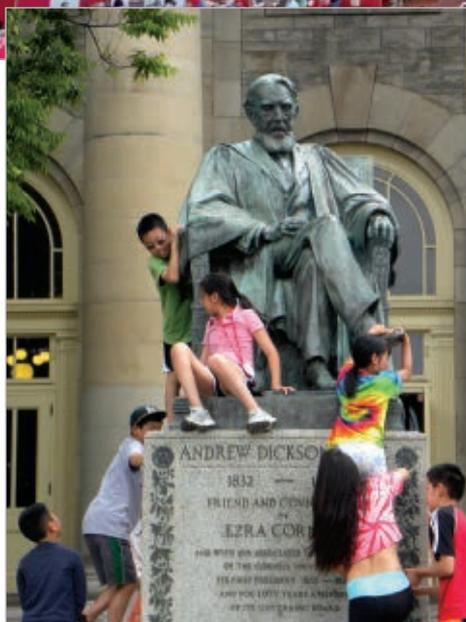
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# From the Hill



LISA BANLAKI FRANK



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## Reunion Weekend Includes First 80th Class Gathering

Reunion 2011 marked two firsts: Cornell's inaugural 80th class reunion and the first "Reunion Zero" for the Class of 2011. Attendees for the Class of '31—which has more than two dozen living members—were Rosemary Hunt Todd and her former roommate, Ruth Laible Tallmadge, who were honored throughout the weekend. Also much remembered, and sorely missed, was the late Bill Vanneman '31, who spearheaded plans for the reunion but passed away in April.

In his State of the University address, President David Skorton described the four components of his vision for Cornell: continuing to enable students from all backgrounds to afford a Cornell education; globalization through Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar and other programs; public engagement such as work in sustainability and community service; and faculty renewal. "Sons and daughters of Cornell," Skorton said, "our university is not finished."



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All together now: Scenes from Reunion 2011 included (clockwise from left) kids climbing the A. D. White statue on the Arts Quad, aerial fun in Barton Hall courtesy of Cornell Outdoor Education, an appearance by 80th Reunion celebrant Rosemary Hunt Todd '31, a scooter commute around campus, and serenading by a cappella groups in Goldwin Smith.

## \$25 Million Suit in SAE Death

The mother of a sophomore who died in an alleged hazing incident at Sigma Alpha Epsilon has filed a \$25 million wrongful death lawsuit. Nineteen-year-old Brooklyn resident George Desdunes '13 died in February after allegedly participating in a mock kidnapping ritual in which pledges "abducted" him and another brother, bound them, and required them to drink alcohol if they gave wrong answers to fraternity trivia. According to criminal court documents filed when four SAE members were charged with misdemeanor hazing, Desdunes had a blood alcohol content of .35 when he was taken to the hospital after a custodian found him unresponsive on a fraternity house couch. The civil suit (which claims that Desdunes had an even higher blood alcohol level of .409) seeks damages from the national fraternity, its Cornell chapter, and more than a dozen of its members. "I want hazing and alcohol to stop, and I want those kids to take responsibility for their actions, because I don't want other parents to go through what I'm going through right now," Desdunes's mother, Marie Lourdes Andre, told Matt Lauer during an appearance on the "Today" show after filing the suit in June. The students charged in Desdunes's death have left Cornell, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon has been banned from campus for at least five years.

## CU Vies for NYC Tech Campus

Cornell is among the universities competing to create a high-tech applied science and engineering campus in New York City. Mayor Michael Bloomberg issued a call for proposals in mid-July, drawing interest from dozens of institutions as far away as Korea. The winning proposal will garner city land in Brooklyn, on Governors Island, or on Roosevelt Island, and up to \$100 million in infrastructure subsidies. Proposals are due this fall with a winner announced in December and construction beginning in 2015.

## Two Die in Gorge Accidents

Two students died in separate accidents in Fall Creek Gorge in July. Stanislaw Jaworski, a twenty-six-year-old visiting graduate student in chemistry from the University of Gdansk, Poland, reportedly fell while walking off-trail along the gorge east of the Hydroelectric Plant. Later that same day, Nathaniel Rand '12, a New York City resident majoring in human development in the College of Human Ecology, drowned while swimming in a prohibited area near Ithaca Falls. Theirs were the second and third gorge deaths of the summer; Kendrick Castro '11 drowned the day after graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences on Memorial Day weekend.

## University-Wide Economics Department Created

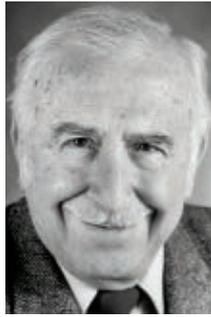
After six years of discussion, the University has created a campus-wide Department of Economics, combining the economics faculty from the Arts college and labor economists from ILR. Additionally, a small number of senior professors from the Johnson School, the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, and Human Ecology's Department of Policy Analysis and Management will have joint appointments. "The new department will be able to offer a fuller spectrum of economic perspectives, bringing the more empirical approach and policy focus of the ILR school together with the more theoretical approach of the Arts college," says ILR dean Harry Katz. David Easley, previously chair of economics in the Arts college, will lead the new department for the 2011-12 academic year.

## CU Loses Arecibo Management

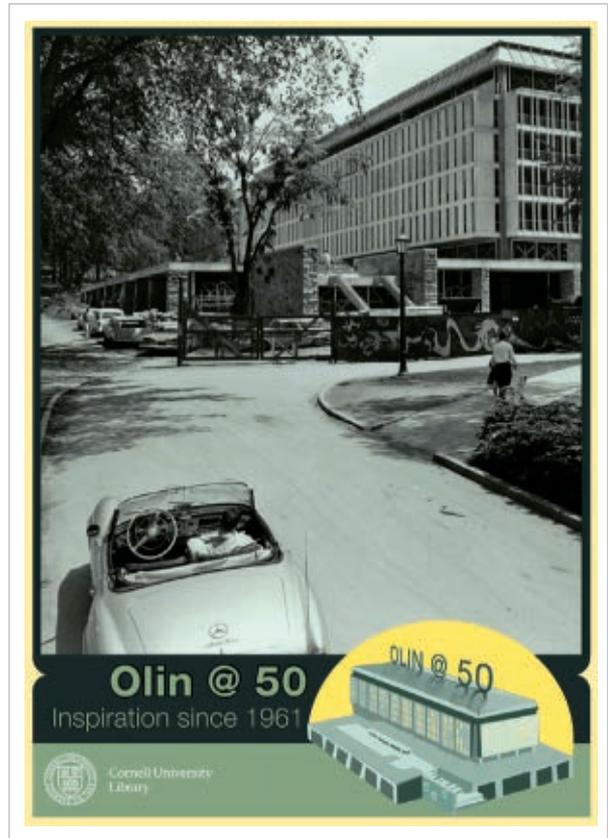
After nearly a half-century of administering Puerto Rico's Arecibo Observatory, Cornell will turn over management of the facility to SRI International, a nonprofit research institute once affiliated with Stanford. In 1963, Cornell professor William Gordon, PhD '53, oversaw construction of what became the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope. The University has upgraded the telescope several times over the years, enabling it to continue making significant contributions to astronomy and atmospheric sciences such as the confirmation of Einstein's prediction of the existence of gravitational radiation. The management shift, to be completed on October 1, comes after the National Science Foundation chose SRI to manage the facility for the next five years.

## Professor Walter Lynn Dies

Walter Lynn, professor emeritus of civil and environmental engineering and of science and technology studies, died of cancer in June. He was eighty-two. The university ombudsman for the past twelve years, Lynn was a member of Cornell's faculty since 1961. During his decades on the Hill, Lynn founded the multidisciplinary Center for Environmental Quality Management, served as dean of the faculty, and directed the Program on Science, Technology, and Society, among many other activities. He also served on numerous National Academy panels, was mayor of the Village of Cayuga Heights, and chaired the City of Ithaca's Urban Renewal Agency. "On the list of desirable attributes of a Cornell University ombudsman, the last read 'Non-judgmental, good listener, fair, diplomatic, calm, sensible,'" said President Skorton. "That was Walter." Lynn is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their son, Michael.



Walter Lynn



Happy birthday, Olin: To mark its fiftieth, Olin Library hosted a celebration during reunion, complete with speeches and cake. Attended by nearly 200 people, it was also the kickoff for an exhibition, "Olin @ 50: Inspiration Since 1961." It's on display until December and can be viewed online at [olinuris.library.cornell.edu/olinat50](http://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/olinat50).

## Give My Regards To...

### These Cornellians in the News

**Téa Obrecht**, MFA '08, the youngest-ever winner of the Orange Prize for fiction for her debut novel, *The Tiger's Wife*.

**Audrey Keranen** '12, winner of a Pickering fellowship in foreign affairs, given to students planning careers in the U.S. Foreign Service.

**Cornell food science students**, who took first place in their division at the Institute of Food Technologists' annual product development competition with ManiKuki, cookies made from casava. Another Cornell team finished second in its division with Vege3, a freeze-dried vegetable snack.

Engineer and former Qualcomm CEO **Irwin Jacobs** '56, co-winner of the Marconi Prize, one of the highest honors in communication and information science.

**Elizabeth Tshele**, MFA '10, writing as NoViolet Bulawayo, winner

of the Caine Prize, known as Africa's answer to the Booker Prize, for her short story "Hitting Budapest."

Students in Cornell Outdoor Education's **Redwoods Tree Climbing** course, who in May became the first people ever to climb one of the world's tallest trees, a 260-foot giant sequoia in the Sierra Nevada.

Computer science professor **Noah Snively**, winner of a two-year, \$200,000 Microsoft New Faculty Fellowship to support his work on technology to construct 3-D images from two-dimensional photographs.

**Cornell Police**, who placed first at the New York Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge and went on to finish second in the national competition.

Math professor **Jiunn Tzon Hwang**, elected to the American Statistical Association.

**Robert Katz** '69, chair of the USC Shoah Foundation Institute and vice chair of the Cornell Board of Trustees, winner of the Tanner Prize from Cornell Hillel.

## Charles Walcott Named University Ombudsman

Charles Walcott, PhD '59, an ornithologist and former dean of the faculty, is Cornell's twelfth ombudsman. A part-time position, the ombudsman is an informal resource, promoting fairness in Cornell's practices and policies. "Charlie Walcott brings to the position of university ombudsman a deep understanding of Cornell and its people, policies, and procedures, attained through a long association with our university as a graduate student and faculty member," says President David Skorton. Walcott succeeds the late Walter Lynn, who had held the post since 1998.

## Atlantic Philanthropies Gifts to Cornell Top \$600 Million

Cornell has received a \$15 million grant from the Atlantic Philanthropies to support financial aid for students in the Cornell Tradition program—bringing the foundation's total gifts to Cornell to more than \$600 million. Atlantic Philanthropies was established by Duty Free Shoppers founder Chuck Feeney '56 in 1982; its first major gift to the University created the Cornell Tradition program, which awards 545 fellowships each year to undergrads with high academic achievement and a commitment to the community. It has since become a model for work-and-service scholarship programs around the country. This year, Feeney signed the Giving Pledge, created by Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffet to encourage the wealthiest Americans to donate the majority of their money during their lifetimes. He spoke about his philanthropic activities, as well as his working-class roots and business career, as the Olin Lecturer at Reunion 2011.

## Jim Hazzard '50, Former Alumni Affairs Director, Dies

Jim Hazzard '50, who served as director of alumni affairs from 1985 to 1995, died in Ithaca on August 11. He was eighty-four. In addition to his official duties, Hazzard was a member of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Ithaca Area, the Continuous Reunion Club, the Cornell Club of New York, the Cornell Football Association, the Cornell Hockey Association, and the Cornell Basketball Rebounders Club. He served his class in many roles—president, annual fund representative, major gifts campaign chair, and class council. He was a life member of the University Council. Throughout his life, Hazzard was a colleague and mentor to many staff in Alumni Affairs and Development and tireless in his service to the University.

## Memorial Honors Fred Kahn

A public memorial was held in June for economist Alfred Kahn, who died in December at age ninety-three. The service in Kennedy Hall's Call Auditorium included remarks by Kahn's colleagues and family members, as well as a slide show and numerous musical performances. Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, American studies professor and dean of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, praised Kahn's work, his elegance, his light-heartedness, and his devotion to his wife, Mary. "On the job or at home," Altschuler said, "Fred knew how to laugh without reservation." The Cornell Savoyards, with whom Kahn performed for decades, concluded the service with Gilbert and Sullivan songs whose lyrics had been rewritten to reflect his life and legacy. The memorial is available for viewing at [cornell.edu/video](http://cornell.edu/video).

# R&D

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While locally made products are increasingly popular, such industries don't always make economic or environmental sense, find applied economics and management professors Miguel Gomez and Charles Nicholson, PhD '96. They note that savings in "food miles" can be offset by increased costs of processing and distribution.

Nigeria's *Arewa House*, a center for historical documentation and research, will collaborate with Cornell's Digital Consulting and Production Services to digitize six centuries of historical manuscripts, including ancient Arabic texts.

For the first time, researchers have discovered nonlinear, acoustically complex calls in a fish species. Aaron Rice, science director of the Bioacoustics Research Program, reports that the three-spined toadfish has dual swim bladders that allow for vocal behaviors similar to those of other vertebrates, including primates.

Contrary to popular belief, frogs and other amphibians have a higher risk of fungal infection in pristine forests. Researchers in ecology and evolutionary biology are working to understand why habitats disturbed by humans have a lower prevalence of a pathogen known as Bd.

Scientists on the Medical college's Qatar campus have identified a region of the date palm genome linked to gender. The ability to identify male and female trees early in their development would be invaluable to growers in the Middle East, northern Africa, and Pakistan, where the date is a major source of nutrition, because only female trees bear fruit.

ZetrOZ, a business spin-off of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, has developed the first wearable therapeutic ultrasound system for horses. It allows injured animals to exercise and eat while receiving unsupervised ultrasound therapy.

Under a \$3 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Cornell plant breeders are using genomic selection to improve the maize and wheat varieties grown on small farms in developing countries.

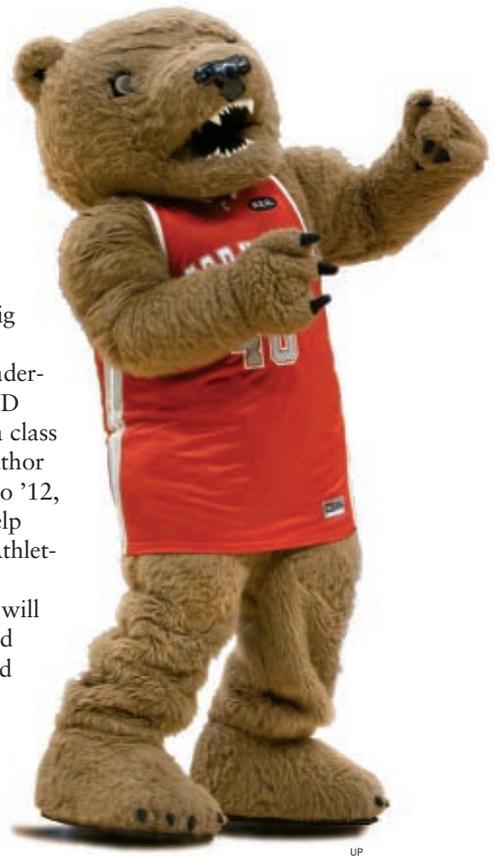
Eating dirt may protect against pathogens and toxins, concludes a study by nutritional sciences researcher Sera Young, PhD '07. "Geophagy" has been documented around the globe, but occurs most often among pregnant women and children in tropical areas where pathogens thrive.

In a study of amazon.com's top 1,000 reviewers, sociologist Trevor Pinch reports that 85 percent have received free products from sources like publishers and manufacturers. He also found that these highly prolific reviewers write not only for self-expression but to maintain their rankings on the site.

## Bear Care

Class gift endows mascots

**S**even years ago, the costumes worn by the Big Red Bears were beginning to look a little, well... threadbare. The Class of '70 jumped in to help, purchasing new bear suits in memory of a classmate and former Big Red Bear named (aptly enough) Jeff Baer. This year, they took it a step further. When the class officers met at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in January, vice president Sally Anne Levine '70, JD '73, suggested that they look into endowing the Big Red Bears as a class gift. The idea got enthusiastic support from John Foote '74, the author of *Touchdown: The Story of the Cornell Bear*, and Cindy Marinaro '12, current president and spokesperson for the Big Red Bears. With help from Margaret Gallo '81 in Alumni Affairs and John Webster in Athletics AA&D, the idea became a plan—and now it's an endowment. Thanks to a \$22,500 gift from the Class of '70, the Big Red Bears will have annual income of about \$1,000 to cover cleaning, repairs, and other expenses associated with ursine life. "We felt that the Big Red Bears Gift and Memorial was a lively, fun, and ongoing way to honor the Class of '70, our classmates who have passed on, and the University community," says class president Connie Ferris Meyer '70. "The Big Red Bears are enjoyed by students, alumni, faculty, and staff, and this is a wonderful legacy for our class."



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Morgan  
Uceny

**WORLD CLASS** By winning the 1,500 meters at the USA Track and Field National Championships this summer, **Morgan Uceny '07** has continued to distinguish herself as one of the top middle-distance runners in the world. Uceny, who also won the 2010 national indoor title in the 1,500, came from behind to win the outdoor crown, taking the lead in the final 80 meters before winning by two seconds with a time of 4:03.91. After that, she posted several impressive wins in Europe and was selected to represent the United States at the International Association of Athletics Federations World Championships in South Korea.

**HEAD GAMES** In an effort to better protect football players from concussions, the Ivy League will reduce the number of full-contact practices this season. Teams will be limited to two full-contact practices a week during the season, half of the previous limit and three less than allowed by

NCAA rules. They must also reduce the number of full-contact sessions during spring practice and are limited to one full-contact practice each day during the preseason. These changes, along with increased education efforts, were recommended by a special committee headed by Cornell president David Skorton and Dartmouth president Jim Yong Kim, both medical doctors. The Ivy League indicated that it will research similar changes for men's and women's ice hockey, lacrosse, and soccer.

**HOCKEY HALL** After being selected in just his second season of eligibility, **Joe Nieuwendyk '88** will be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in November. A two-time All-American as well as an ECAC Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year at Cornell, Nieuwendyk went on to play 20 seasons for five NHL teams, winning three Stanley Cups. He was also a member of two Canadian Olympic teams, including the

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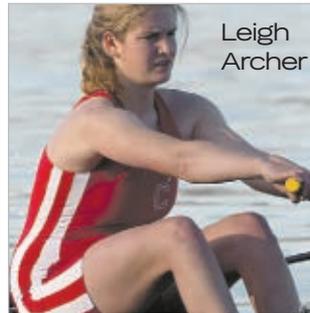
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**JOHNSON**  
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gold medal team in 2002. He is currently the general manager of the Dallas Stars.

**DRAFTEES** For the first time in five years, a Cornell player was selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. Right-handed pitcher **Jadd Schmeltzer '11** was taken by the Boston Red Sox in the 49th round. He was assigned to the Red Sox Gulf Coast League rookie team in Fort Myers, Florida. Incoming freshman **Roberto Suppa '15** was also selected, taken in the 26th round by the San Diego Padres. A native of Palgrave, Ontario, the six-foot-five right-handed pitcher was a member of the Canadian National Junior team.



Leigh  
Archer

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**BEAR & BULLDOG** Big Red rower **Leigh Archer '13** teamed with Yale's Dara Dickson to win a gold medal in the senior women's pair during the US Rowing Club Championships this summer. The duo won by a margin of nearly nine seconds, covering the 2,000-meter course in 7:57.11.

**NEW LOOK** Two new assistant coaches have joined the men's hockey staff, although one is a familiar face. Ben Syer and **Topher Scott '08** will be behind the bench this season, replacing former assistants **Casey Jones '90**, who became head coach at Clarkson, and Scott Garrow, who took an assistant's position at Princeton. Syer was an assistant coach at Quinnipiac for the past 12 seasons, while Scott, a four-year letter winner at Cornell, was a volunteer assistant at Miami University (Ohio) last year after playing professionally for three seasons.

**TRANSITION** After 21 incredibly successful seasons as head coach of the women's track and field and cross country teams, Lou Duesing is stepping down to become a part-time assistant coach and handing the reins to Rich Bowman, his longtime assistant. Duesing's teams won 25 Heptagonal Championships, far more than any other school during that span, and the cross country team posted three straight top-four NCAA finishes. Bowman has been an assistant for the past 31 seasons, working primarily with the sprinters, hurdlers, relays, and multi-event athletes.

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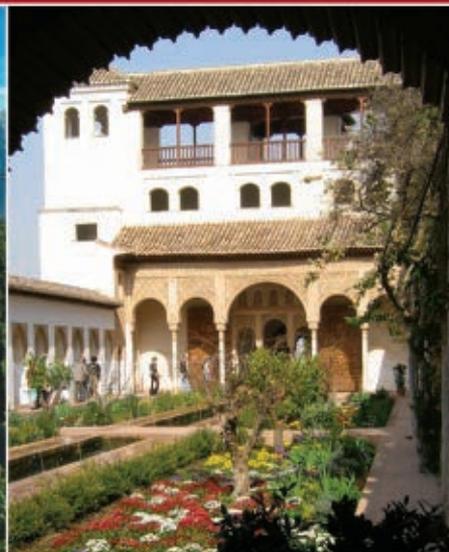


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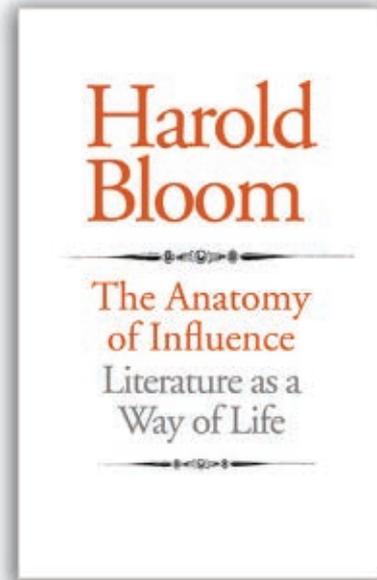


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# The Critic as Artist

## The Anatomy of Influence by Harold Bloom '51 (Yale)

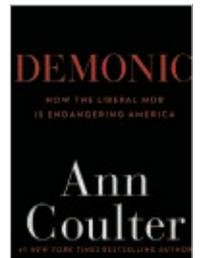
In a summing up of his life's work, the critic and Yale professor returns to the question of literary influence and the importance of Shakespeare in the Western canon. "Literary criticism," writes Bloom, "as I attempt to practice it, is in the first place literary, which is to say personal and passionate. At its strongest it is a kind of wisdom literature, and so a meditation upon life. Yet any distinction between literature and life is misleading. Literature for me is not merely the best part of life: it is itself the form of life."



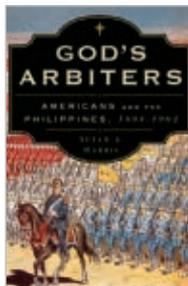
**Reimagining Japan** edited by Clay Chandler, Heang Chhor, and Brian Salsberg '95 (Simon & Schuster). In March 2011, Japan suffered the triple disasters of earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear emergency. If the recovery from the 1995 Kobe earthquake is any indication, the country will succeed in rebuilding the Tohoku region. But Japan also faces serious social and economic problems: lackluster growth, persistent deflation, competition from China and South Korea, an aging population, and the highest debt-to-GDP ratio in the developed world. Eighty writers—CEOs, economists, scholars, journalists, and foreign policy experts—address the challenges Japan must face as it tries to renew itself.



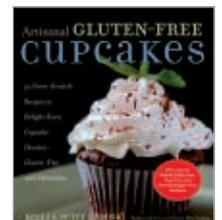
**Demonic** by Ann Coulter '84 (Crown Forum). In her latest book, the conservative columnist argues that liberals incite mob behavior by twisting the truth, stirring passions, demonizing opponents, and relying on propagandistic images instead of ideas. She argues that the programs of totalitarian regimes are similar to many of the Democrats' proposals and compares the mob violence of the French Revolution with the actions of liberal Democrats today. "Republicans are the party of peaceful order," Coulter writes. "Democrats are the party of noisy, violent mobs. This nation's heroes knew what Louis XVI did not: a mob cannot be calmly reasoned with; it can only be smashed."



**God's Arbiters** by Susan K. Harris, PhD '77 (Oxford). When the United States freed the Philippines from Spanish rule in 1898, many Americans, including Mark Twain, saw it as a moral victory. Twain began as a "red-hot imperialist," but soon changed his mind. "I have seen that we do not intend to free, but to subjugate the people of the Philippines," Twain said. For Harris, a professor of American literature at the University of Kansas, Twain embodies Americans' conflicting assumptions: "He came to his anti-imperialism only after judging that America was betraying its own principles by forcibly annexing the Philippines."



**Artisanal Gluten-Free Cupcakes** by Kelli Terry Bronski '01 & Peter Bronski '01 (The Experiment). When Peter Bronski was diagnosed with celiac disease in 2007, he switched to a gluten-free diet. He and his wife, Kelli, began developing recipes and blogging about them. "Those of us in the gluten-free community are like everyone else in the sweet-loving world," the Bronskis write. "We want to bake our cupcake and eat it, too." Their artisanal approach harks back to the way their grandmothers used to bake, and "gives a nod to the pastries of France, the cannoli of Italy, the dulce de leche of Latin America."



## Fiction

**Walls Within Walls** by Maureen Sherry '85 (HarperCollins). When the Smithfork family moves from Brooklyn to a fancy apartment on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, the children discover that the previous tenant, Mr. Post, a deceased millionaire, has left clues to a puzzle that may reveal a hidden fortune.

**The Blood Lie** by Shirley Vernick '83 (Cinco Puntos). Vernick bases her young adult novel on a historical case in Massena, New York, in 1928, when a Jewish family was accused of killing a missing girl as part of a blood sacrifice.

## Poetry

**The New and Selected Yuri** by Yuri Kageyama '76 (Ishmael Reed). In her collection of new and selected poems, Kageyama debunks cultural stereotypes and explores how racism and sexism scar people.

## Non-Fiction

**The Ethics of Sightseeing** by Dean MacCannell, PhD '68 (California). "Tourism contains keys to understanding recent changes in the ways we frame our humanity," writes MacCannell, a professor emeritus of land-

scape architecture at UC Davis. While observing a variety of destinations and attractions, he analyzes the unintended consequences of travel and dangers of staged authenticity.

**Revolution Interrupted** by Tyrell Haberkorn, PhD '07 (Wisconsin). In 1973, a movement of tenant farmers and students ousted Thailand's authoritarian prime minister. Three years later, the old order cracked down. Drawing on oral histories, newspaper articles, and government documents, a research fellow at Australian National University tells the story of a brief interregnum in Thai politics when social change seemed possible.

**Royal Pains** by Leslie Carroll '81 (New American Library). "Dereliction of duty," writes Carroll, "is what this book is all about." In her second foray into royal history, she recounts the "jealousies, lusts, and betrayals" of scandalous nobles, from King John to Ivan the Terrible and Lettice Knollys to Princess Margaret.

**Collateral Knowledge** by Annelise Riles (Chicago). Riles, director of the Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture at Cornell, analyzes the legal reasoning that underpins global financial regulation. "If

technicalities are at the core of regulatory practice," she argues, "then they must be understood as political moves, with broad constituencies and consequences."

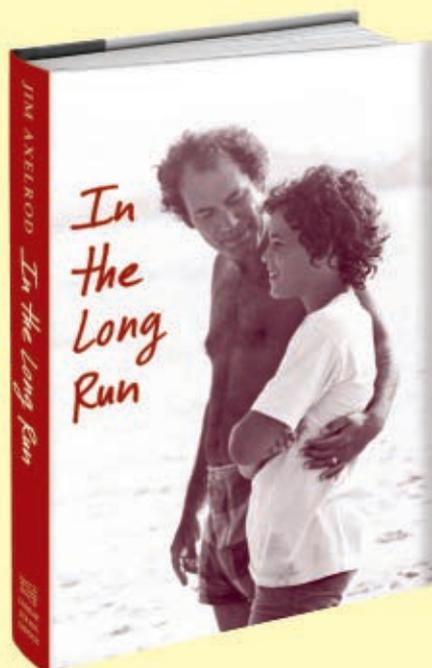
**Solidarity Transformed** by Mark S. Anner, PhD '04 (Cornell). During his research on labor unions in Latin America, Anner was imprisoned and interrogated—and even survived a bomb blast. The assistant professor of labor studies and political science at Penn State examines union campaigns in the clothing and auto industries in Argentina, Brazil, El Salvador, and Honduras.

**Architecture and Landscape of the Pennsylvania Germans, 1720–1920** edited by Sally McMurry, PhD '84, and Nancy Van Dolsen (Penn). Scholars and preservationists offer new social, economic, and technological research on the role of architecture in Pennsylvania German culture.

**Ordinary Egyptians** by Ziad Fahmy (Stanford). An assistant professor of modern Middle East history traces the development of Egyptian national identity and resistance to British authority from the 1870s until the Revolution of 1919 through the lens of popular culture.

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# In Memoriam

As chief of staff to the president of the September 11 memorial, Allison Bailey Blais '00 has an intimate view of the rebuilding at Ground Zero

Allison Bailey Blais '00 was exiting a Manhattan subway station on September 11, 2001, when American Airlines Flight 11 flew overhead. She watched as it passed far too low over Lafayette Street and gasped as it crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Blais made her way to the roof of the Public Theater, her workplace, from which she witnessed the explosion caused by the second plane. Exactly fifty-seven minutes later, she was still standing on the rooftop, riveted and horrified, when the South Tower collapsed. “I physically collapsed with it,” she recalls. “I felt my knees give out.”

Back then, Blais dreamed of a career as a Broadway writer; on the Hill, she'd sung with the After Eight a cappella group and performed musical theater. She couldn't have known that someday she'd be immersed in the creation of a lasting memorial to 9/11. But ten years later, she sits in an office on the twentieth floor of One Liberty Plaza, just across the street from Ground Zero. As chief of staff to Joe Daniels, president and CEO of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, she is dedicated to upholding one of the memorial's stated missions: “Respect this place made sacred through tragic loss.”

Located beneath the ongoing construction of One World Trade Center (also known as Freedom Tower), which will be New York's tallest skyscraper at 1,776 feet, the memorial occupies eight of the World Trade Center site's sixteen acres. It is the culmination of a design competition conducted by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), which was charged with planning and coordinating the rebuilding of the area surrounding Ground Zero.

Out of 5,201 entries from sixty-three countries, eight finalists were chosen, including one co-designed by Sean Corriell '04

and another by Joseph Karadin, BArch '97, and Hsin-Yi Wu, BArch '97. The winner—*Reflecting Absence*, by Michael Arad and Peter Walker—features North America's largest manmade waterfalls cascading into two reflecting pools set within the footprints of the Twin Towers. The sound of the water is intended to drown out the city noise, making the site a sanctuary of sorts. The reflecting pools, which symbolize the void left by the attacks, are surrounded by 400 trees whose leaves will turn color in the first weeks of September.

The memorial's scheduled opening—on the tenth anniversary of the attacks—is reserved for family of the victims. General access begins the following day, and it is estimated that five million people will visit the site annually, making it the city's most popular attraction. The museum, scheduled to open a year later, will be housed below the memorial in a seven-story space between bedrock and street level. Visitors will enter through an above-ground pavilion, then wander through narrative and interactive exhibits about the attacks, their context, and their consequences—including, as was announced in early May, one about Osama bin Laden's death. The museum will house a resource center, exhibits honoring first responders, displays of victims' and survivors' personal effects, and artifacts recovered from the site (including the famed “survivors' staircase”).

The \$530 million project has been a massive undertaking—and Blais has been involved with almost every aspect. She joined the LMDC after earning a master's in American studies from Columbia, opting for a career change as the city's theater industry suffered in the wake of 9/11. She spent two years as a special assistant and project manager before moving into her current position, where she essentially serves as a liaison among Daniels, dozens of staff members in various departments, and what she describes as a “very involved” board of directors. Chaired by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, it includes such members as David Beamer (father of heroic “Let's roll” Flight 93 passenger Todd Beamer), real estate magnate Howard Milstein '73, and TV host Jon Stewart. “My role changes from day to day, whether it's planning a sensitive museum exhibition, an issue with construction, or a PR situation,” says Blais, whose husband works for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as program manager for construction at the World Trade Center site.

Beyond the forty-eight-member board, there are thousands of individuals and entities—survivors, local residents and businesses, fire and police departments, relatives of those who perished—who are heavily invested in the memorial. “You can't make everyone happy, and that's really tough sometimes—to



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BRAD HERZOG

Never forget: Allison Blais '00 has had a front-row seat for the creation of the September 11 memorial (opposite, in an architect's rendering).

know that you're disappointing people who feel deeply about what they're advocating," says Blais, who found time to co-author *A Place of Remembrance*, the official book of the memorial, published by National Geographic.

In her position, Blais has become acquainted with many of the victims' families, 40 percent of whom haven't received any of their loved ones' remains. "This is like a gravesite for them," she says. "It has to feel like a place where they can go and mourn, not like a tourist site where they're in line with the rest of the people." The names of the 2,976 victims (including those from the Pentagon and the Pennsylvania flight) and the six who died in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing are inscribed in bronze around the perimeters of the

memorial pools and will be illuminated at night.

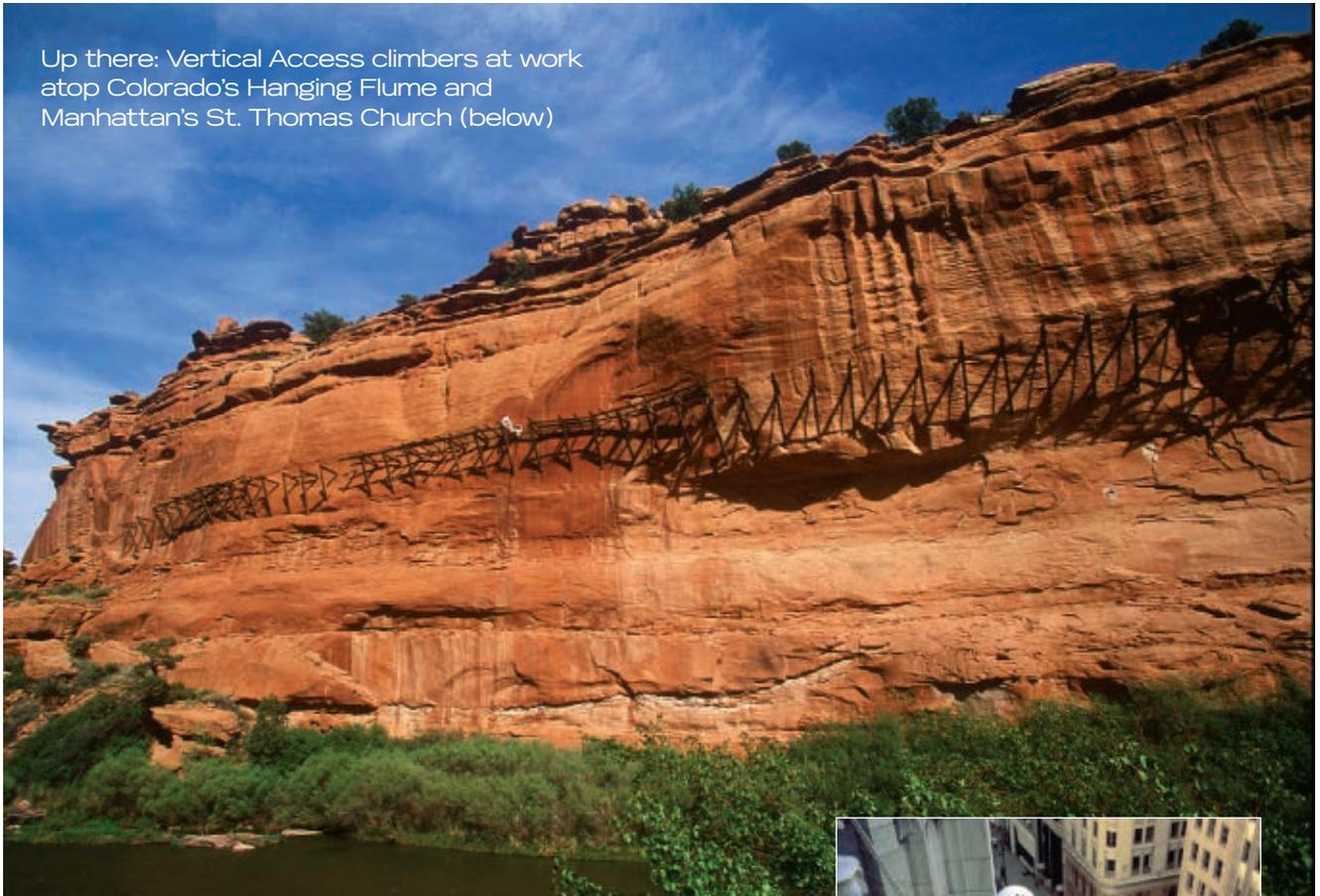
One of Blais's most profound responsibilities was to coordinate contact with each victim's next of kin and ask how they wished the names to be displayed, to verify any company affiliations, and to inquire about meaningful relationships that could affect placement. An algorithm was then developed to process such requests—so, for instance, two friends who worked at Cantor Fitzgerald or two brothers who served in separate fire companies could be listed adjacently. "We have the privilege of knowing these families who so graciously share the lives of their loved ones with us, and everyone feels a deep responsibility to them," says Blais. "Nobody here thinks this is just a job."

— Brad Herzog '90

# High and Mighty

**Kent Diebolt '82 and his colleagues** at Vertical Access use climbing gear to inspect such august structures as cathedrals, the U.S. Capitol, and Philadelphia's Independence Hall

Up there: Vertical Access climbers at work atop Colorado's Hanging Flume and Manhattan's St. Thomas Church (below)



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**K**ent Diebolt '82 has lost his nerve on the job only once—in 1996, while suspended in a climbing harness from the ceiling of the St. Thomas Church on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. The ropes holding him aloft were threaded through a small hole in the ceiling of the French High Gothic structure and anchored to a steel beam in the attic. Diebolt had just turned his attention to the object of his study—the terra cotta Gustavino tiles that comprise the vaulted ceiling of the nave—when a fuse blew and he was plunged into darkness. While a colleague raced to reset the power, Diebolt dangled 100 feet above the floor. “All I could see was the pews I'd fall on,” he recalls. “Usually, you're so focused on the work, you don't wonder what would happen: if you fell, you'd be dead.”

A former contractor and one-time nurseryman, Diebolt founded Vertical Access, based just outside Ithaca in Lansing, in 1995, using industrial rope techniques to conduct surveys of historic buildings and other sites for preservationists, architects, and engineers. Today, the firm employs five full-time climbers using proprietary software the team developed to integrate still and video dig-

ital images, quantitative materials analyses, and schematic diagrams. While commonplace in Europe, using climbing gear in the building industry remains relatively rare in the U.S., where most inspectors rely on scaffolding and heavy machinery such as cherry pickers to assess the condition of steeples, gargoyles, and other remote architectural elements. "People call us to get to places they can't get to," says Diebolt, who has scaled the Chrysler Building and Philadelphia's Independence Hall, among others. "But we don't do repairs, caulking, or window washing; there can't ever be a perception that we have a stake in the outcome of a survey."

At St. Thomas, the first big contract in New York City that Vertical Access landed, Diebolt and his crew were on a deadline. Next door, the Museum of Modern Art was about to embark on an expansion that required blasting a mere ten feet from the intricate, 100-foot-tall stone carving behind the altar. "They wanted to know whether the church could withstand the vibrations," says structural engineer Robert Silman '56, who hired Vertical Access to survey the church on behalf of his Manhattan firm, Robert Silman Associates. "When we sent Kent up there, he could see daylight through the masonry—it was quite alarming." There wasn't time for repairs before the MOMA construction was slated to begin, but because of Diebolt's report, Silman and the MOMA engineers modified the blasting plans to reduce the risk of damage. "We often wish we were Spider-Man," says Silman. "I'd love to look at a building and be able to say what kind of beams and concrete and wood are inside. Now we have Spider-Man: Vertical Access has a capability the rest of us don't have."

Scaffolds and cherry pickers can hoist engineers within range of the structures they're examining, but the logistics can be a nightmare. Without Vertical Access, says Silman, the St. Thomas inspection would have been prohibitively expensive and disruptive. "A cherry picker in front of St. Thomas might take closing one lane of traffic on Fifth Avenue, maybe two," he says. Interior scaffolding isn't much better. "It's ugly," he says, "and puts the building out of service for weeks at a time." Sometimes, ropes are the only option—as when Vertical Access surveyed Colorado's thirteen-mile-long Hanging Flume, part of a hydraulic mining operation suspended from the walls of the Dolores River canyon, constructed in the 1880s and now on the National Register of Historic Places. When the company inspected the cables of the Arthur Ravenel Bridge, 100 feet above Charleston Harbor

in South Carolina, the team designed a system of wire slings on rollerblade wheels to augment their ropes and harnesses. ("It's a challenge to come down the cable in a controlled way and stop when you want to," notes conservator and Vertical Access partner Evan Kopelson '94.)

Ropes allow a unique perspective on each structure, says engineer Kelly Nuttall Streeter '97, a partner in Vertical Access since 2002 who taught rock-climbing as an undergraduate instructor with Cornell Outdoor Education. Her inspection of Marble Collegiate Church, in lower Manhattan, revealed the name of the nineteenth-century sawyer who had milled the beams ("McGuire") scratched into a timber in the attic with a nail head. Farther uptown, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine—which has been under construction since 1892—she found a mallet, forgotten by some long-ago worker on an unfinished structural support. "You find shims that were left in masonry joints," she says. "It's not until the mortar fades away, which is why we're there, that you can see how the stonework was put together." But perhaps her favorite climb was the one she made in spring 2010, on the dome of the U.S. Capitol Building. Says Streeter: "You just feel in awe that you get to be there."

Diebolt has gazed into the face of a gargoyle carved in the likeness of the architect who designed the St. Thomas Church; admired the complex geometry and impeccable workmanship of the Chrysler Building's sheet metal cladding; and marveled at the legacy of Philadelphia's Independence Hall. "It was built by people present at the inception of this country," he says. "Part of the joy of this work is the buildings—they are amazing, iconic structures."

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## Leaping Lemurs

Deep in the Madagascar rainforest, a grad student studies furry endangered primates

JEFF GIBBS



For weeks at a time, grad student Erik Patel wakes at 5 a.m. in a bungalow near a cliff's edge, eats a breakfast of condensed milk and oats, then wades through the river separating his campsite from the arboreal homes of his elusive research subjects: silky sifaka lemurs. Since 2001, the PhD candidate in biological psychology has been studying the behavior of the fluffy white mammals, which can be found only in the mountainous rainforests of northeastern Madagascar. "They look as if they wear white fur coats and big, black, round sunglasses," says Patel, who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Indiana's Earlham College and a master's in biological anthropology from Berkeley. "Maybe a cross between a small polar bear and a raccoon."

Though the silky sifakas have only one natural predator—the small, puma-like fossa—

they're one of the world's twenty-five most critically endangered primates, a situation made more severe by their inability to survive in captivity. Largely due to hunting, slash-and-burn agriculture, and illegal rosewood logging, the silky sifaka population is dwindling. Patel has observed about 130 of the lemurs, but estimates there are 300 to 2,000 in the country.

What began with Patel and a couple of Cornell undergrads scouring the rainforest for the lemurs has grown to involve many of the local villagers. Patel enlists their help in tracking the lemurs and has developed educational programs, giving presentations to primary schools and taking kids on tours of his campsite. "You'd be amazed how many people live next to Marojejy National Park, where the silky sifakas are mainly found, and have never seen the animal," says Patel, whose work has been the subject of several documentary films, including one currently in production by the BBC.

Patel's first trip to Madagascar was in 2000, when he volunteered at an established research station "collecting lemur poop." Since the lemurs spend much of their lives twenty yards up in the rainforest canopy, observing them requires a combination of acute observation and sheer luck. When he returned the following year, he spent five weeks hiking through the park before finding any silky sifakas—and when he did, the lemurs were scared of him, making alarm calls and running away. But after about six months they began to trust Patel and his companions. "We have names for all of them," says Patel, "and we can tell them apart by eye."

While his trips to Madagascar vary in length, Patel generally spends about six months a year there. After he receives his PhD—he hopes to finish in December—he will work for Duke University's Lemur Center, living in Madagascar ten months a year. He will also continue running his nonprofit, SIMPONA, which he established in 2010 as a vehicle for donations and grant funding. "People don't realize that so many animals have already gone extinct and we knew nothing about them," he says. "We are responsible for their extinction, so the least we can do is try to learn about them for future generations."

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Up a tree: Erik Patel supervises research on the silky sifakas (top).

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# No Place Like Home

A first-time mom in her seventies, Marilyn Berger '56 lives in Manhattan with the boy she rescued from the streets of Ethiopia



DAVID BRABYN

**D**anny Hodes seems like your typical nine-year-old boy. He sleeps beneath a Spider-Man comforter and totes a SpongeBob backpack to school. He likes pro wrestling and soccer and Scrabble. He dreams of being an actor when he grows up.

It's hard to believe that three years ago, he was one of the forsaken masses—a homeless runaway with a crooked back, malnourished and begging for loose change on the streets of his native Ethiopia. Now, he lives in a luxury apartment on Manhattan's Central Park West

A new life: Marilyn Berger '56 and her adoptive son, Danny Hodes, at home in their apartment on Manhattan's Central Park West

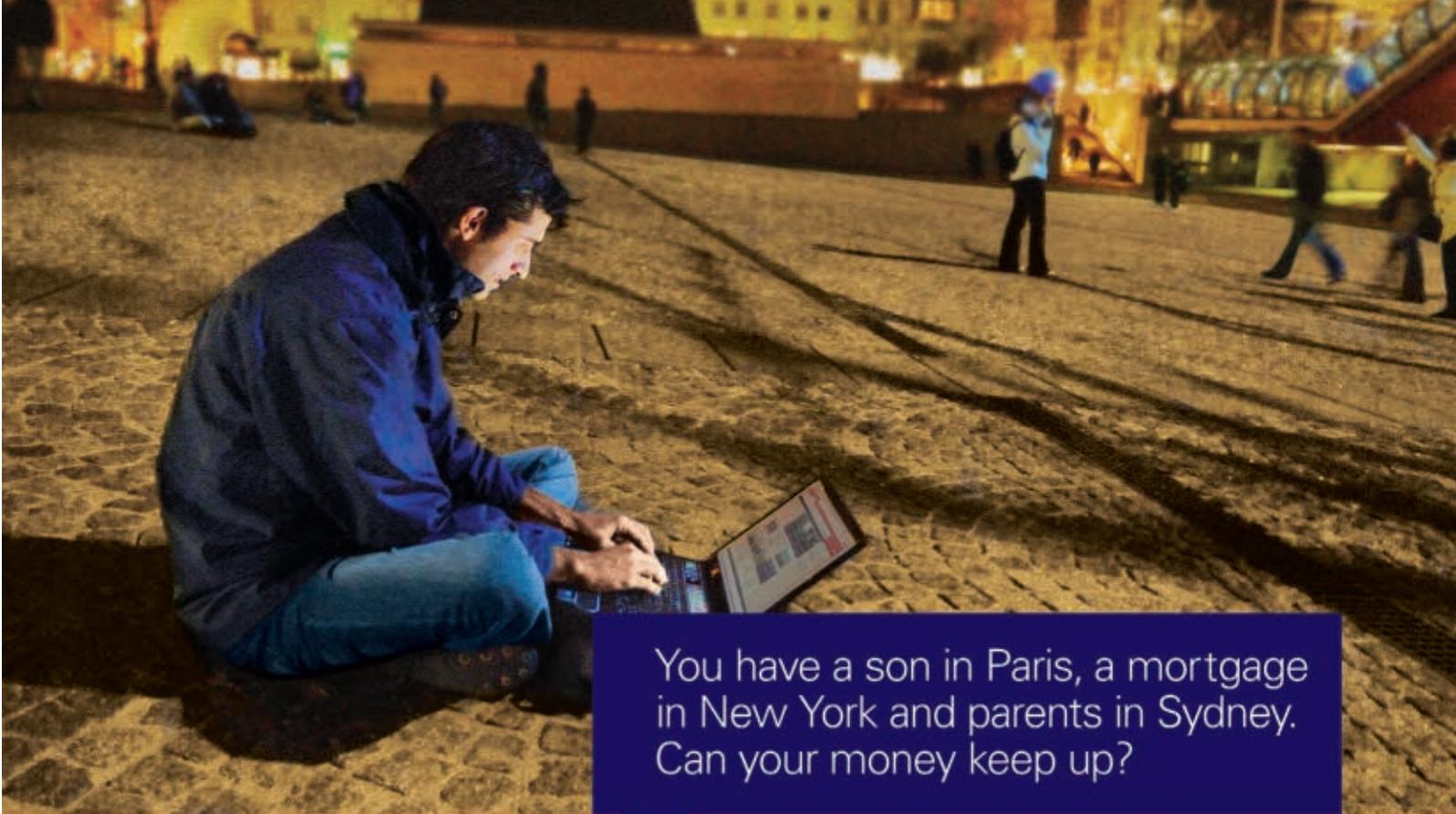
with Marilyn Berger '56, the seventy-five-year-old woman he calls "Mom."

Berger, who holds a master's in journalism from Columbia, has had a distinguished career as a print and TV reporter. She covered the Prague Spring for *Newsday*, observed China's Cultural Revolution as a writer for the *Washington Post*, served as NBC's White House correspondent, and reported from the United Nations for ABC. Along the way, she met

Don Hewitt, creator and executive producer of "60 Minutes." They were married when Berger was forty-three. Although she had experienced maternal yearnings in her twenties, she says, "That ship had definitely sailed." In the ensuing years, her life was orderly, adult-centered, rarely impulsive.

Then she met Danny.

The tale really begins in 2007, when Berger had lunch with her Cornell room-



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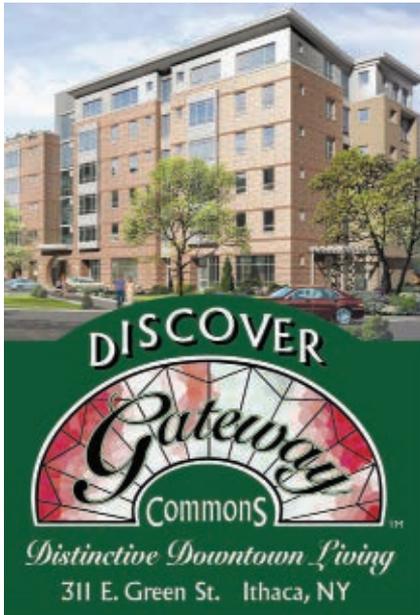
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mate, Jo Ann Kleinman Silverstein '56. Having just returned from Ethiopia, Silverstein raved about Rick Hodes, an American-born physician who has spent nearly three decades in Africa caring for desperately sick children—and often arranging for life-saving surgeries—at Mother Teresa's mission in Addis Ababa. He has taken more than twenty patients into his own home, adopting several. Berger, who has interviewed such figures as Jimmy Carter, Henry Kissinger, Anwar Sadat, and Golda Meir, calls Hodes "the most extraordinary human being I've ever met." In Ethiopia, where there are some five million orphans, he is often called Father Teresa.

When Silverstein asked if she knew anyone who might want to write a magazine article about Hodes, Berger nominated herself. In January 2008, she traveled to Ethiopia to research the story for *Reader's Digest*. On her sixth day, she saw a little boy amid the beggars and vendors of a dusty avenue, his arms as thin as a garden hose. "He was down on his haunches, his hand out, looking up at me," Berger recalls. "He had unbelievably long eyelashes."

He also had a profoundly curved back, a sign of spinal spondylitis, a form of tuberculosis that is virtually unknown in the U.S. but common in Ethiopia—and often fatal if left untreated. Berger found Hodes, and they returned a couple of hours later to find the boy, Danny, who had fled an abusive stepfather and an overburdened and impoverished mother. Hodes examined Danny at the clinic and then, as is his custom, snapped a photograph of the boy, telling him to smile. His explanation to Berger: "This isn't just a back. This is a soul." That would become the title of the book Berger would eventually write. William Morrow published *This Is a Soul* in hardcover in 2010; it came out in paperback in April.

Before meeting Danny, Berger had never become personally involved with a story. But something about the boy haunted her. "I just saw this kid," she recalls, "and thought Rick could help him." Hodes took Danny into his home and arranged for him to have spinal surgery in Ghana. Berger happened to be returning to Ethiopia, so she stopped in Ghana to visit Danny after the eight-and-a-half-hour operation, bringing him a few simple gifts—a book, a pen, a teddy bear. By then, she was beginning to admit to an unexpected emotional connection. A few months later, Hodes told her he was coming to New York City on a fundraising trip. Why not bring Danny along, she suggested. It'll help him learn English. The

visit evolved into an extended stay with Berger and Hewitt—and, eventually, a permanent home. Danny didn't want to return to Ethiopia, and they didn't want him to leave. "He was happy with us," she says. "How could we send him back? He just fit in, like a key in a slot."

A student visa allows Danny to remain in the U.S. as long as he goes to private school. Since Ethiopian law prohibits people from adopting children more than forty years younger than themselves, Danny has not been legally adopted; Hodes remains his legal guardian and, like a number of other Ethiopian children, Danny took the last name of the doctor who saved him. Thus he is Danny Hodes, but there is even serendipity in his initials, as he can make use of Don Hewitt's monogrammed possessions. Just a week after Danny's arrival in New York, Hewitt was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; he passed away in August 2009.

Now it is Berger and Danny in the spacious Central Park West home—in a building whose residents include the likes of Bono and Steve Martin. It is surely an exceptional childhood. Yes, Berger reads to him, tosses a baseball around in the park, tucks him into bed. But occasional dinner companions include Alan Alda and Candice Bergen. When Danny and his "mom" traveled to Universal Studios in Los Angeles last winter, they had dinner with the studio's president, Ron Meyer; the other guests included Julia Roberts.

That chance encounter in Addis Ababa—which turned a hopeless existence into a life of comfort and promise—was a much-needed stroke of luck for Danny, now straight-backed and constantly smiling. But Berger has discovered that good fortune can be a two-way street. "It didn't occur to me that he would fill a hole in my life," she says, "but he certainly does."

— Brad Herzog '90

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## Life Span

The Hoover Dam bridge is a career topper for veteran structural engineer David Goodyear '73, MEng '74

Standing on the rim of the crimson-hued canyon on a March day in 1998, David Goodyear '73, MEng '74, could hardly contain his excitement. As he surveyed the landscape, his mind raced with possibilities. Some 1,600 feet away from the legendary Hoover Dam, the structural engineer had a chance to carve a bit of history out of the unforgiving rock. "I was like a kid in a candy store that day," Goodyear recalls. "As a bridge designer, you consider yourself tremendously fortunate to have a site like that. It's a once in a lifetime experience. In this business, that's what you live for."

It would take another dozen years before he finally saw the finished project: a 1,900-foot-long, eighty-eight-foot-wide concrete ribbon, perched 890 feet above the deep blue Colorado River running between Arizona and Nevada. Opened to traffic in late 2010, it has been proclaimed a triumph of modern engineering. It is the longest and tallest concrete-arch bridge in the Western Hemisphere and the second-tallest bridge in the United States (after the Royal Gorge Bridge in Colorado), and its concrete columns are the tallest in the world. It has become an instant tourist mecca, with visitors taking the undulating pathway to a pedestrian lane that runs the bridge's length.

The centerpiece of a \$240 million construction project, the Hoover Dam bypass bridge was built to shift vehicles

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Playing bridge: The 1,900-foot-long Hoover Dam span rises 890 feet above the Colorado River.

away from the dam and speed traffic between Las Vegas and Phoenix. Commercial vehicles, blocked from using the dam bridge since the 9/11 attacks, would no longer be forced to take a seventy-five-mile detour. The project would also improve safety for motorists navigating the twisty, narrow, congested two-lane dam roadway by shunting traffic to new stretches of U.S. Highway 93.

Goodyear, chief bridge engineer and senior vice president at the San Francisco-based civil and structural engineering firm T.Y. Lin International, began assembling a team to bid on the project in 1999 and was picked for the job about two years later. He soon settled on a concrete-arch bridge, a cheaper, sturdier, and more aesthetically sensitive choice than a steel suspension span. "The idea was to complement the dam," says Goodyear, who has helped create more than 100 bridges during his three-decades-long career. "This was the most sensible place to build a concrete-arch bridge, if you were ever going to do one. It just works."

But there were some serious concerns that would shape the design. Initial reports about the potential for epic earthquakes were "quite alarming," Goodyear says, and wind speed projections were daunting. As a result, the bridge was built to withstand a 1,000-year earthquake and winds that are 25 percent stronger than the industry mandates. Carved into Black Canyon, the span presented design challenges Goodyear had never before encountered; for example, its concrete mix underwent extensive study to see how it would perform after the bridge was set into place.

The design process took a full year, and execution was delayed by funding uncertainties. When it finally got started, it was an arduous construction job involving more than 1,200 workers and nearly 400 engineers working in high winds and searing desert temperatures. At one point, the project was delayed for eighteen months when winds reaching sixty miles per hour toppled a construction crane; in a separate incident, a worker was killed in an accident involving a hydraulic jack. In the end, despite the challenges, the team brought the two ends of the bridge together with remarkable accuracy, off by just a few eighths of an inch. "It was a long time coming and it's gratifying to see something work out so well," says Goodyear, who was among the throng of dignitaries and visitors on hand for the dedication last October. "But it's like when your kids leave home. You think to yourself, OK, now I have to find something else to do."

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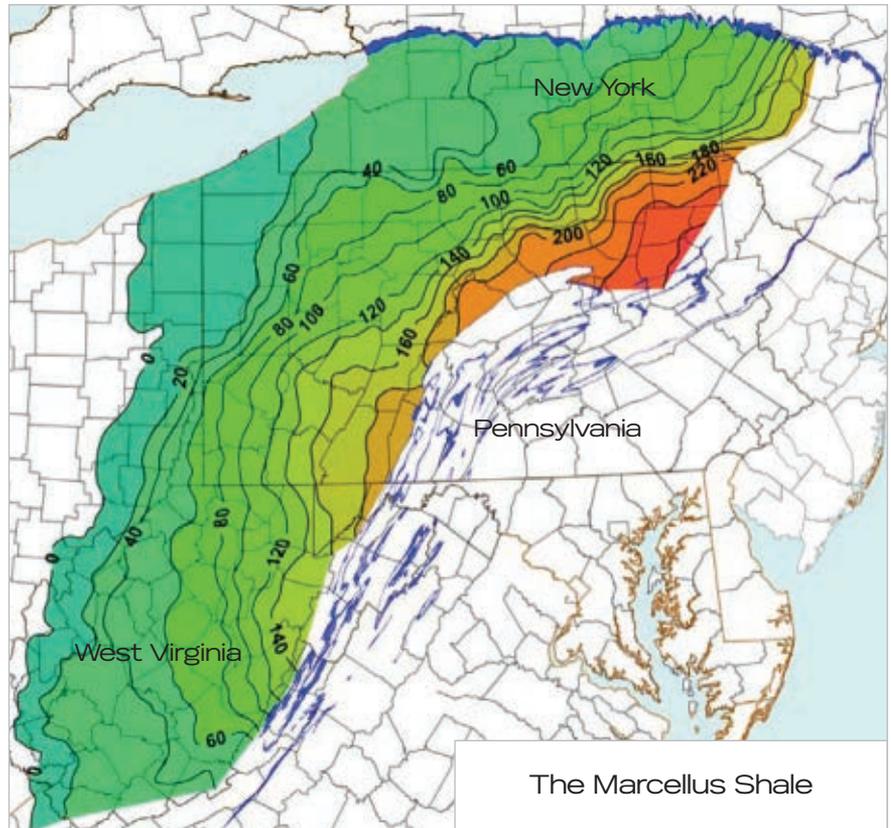
# Hot Topic

Cornell scientists' study on gas drilling generates both heat and light

**A**fter returning to Cornell in the summer of 2009 from a sabbatical in France, Robert Howarth, the Atkinson Professor of Ecology and Environmental Biology, heard a radio advertisement that caught his attention: a company was touting natural gas extracted from shale as a “green” fuel that did not cause global warming. At the time, much of New York’s Southern Tier was in the midst of a leasing frenzy as gas companies were obtaining property rights to drill in the Marcellus Shale, a geologic formation stretching from West Virginia north into the farmland surrounding Ithaca.

An earth system scientist who has researched global warming for nearly thirty-five years, Howarth wondered if any studies could verify that natural gas extracted from shale was an environmentally clean fuel. Finding no scientific basis for the claim, he decided to launch his own study and enlisted the help of two Cornell colleagues: Anthony Ingraffea, an engineering professor, and Renee Santoro '06, a research technician.

Their paper, published in the peer-reviewed journal *Climatic Change Letters* in April, concluded that natural gas released through unconventional drilling using high-volume hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) causes more global warming than coal. When considered over a twenty-



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year time period, the paper stated, the greenhouse gas footprint of shale gas is at least 20 percent greater than and possibly more than twice as great as that of coal. Over a 100-year time frame, the greenhouse gas footprint of shale gas is comparable to that of coal. And when compared to gas extracted using conventional drilling, the paper said, methane emissions from shale gas are at least 30 percent higher and perhaps more than twice as high.

“This is widely promoted as a ‘green’ fuel that’s good for the country and an easy way of continuing to live off fossil fuels without having to worry about fossil fuels affecting climate change,” says Howarth. “It didn’t ring true to me, which is why I went looking for the science [to back up the claim], but didn’t

find that science.”

Natural gas is 95 percent methane, a greenhouse gas that is 105 times more potent in trapping heat than carbon dioxide over a twenty-year time horizon and thirty-three fold more potent over a 100-year time horizon, the study noted. During the lifetime of a shale well that uses unconventional drilling, the study estimates, 3.6 to 7.9 percent of the methane it produces will leak into the atmosphere.

Critics in the gas industry were quick to respond. In fact, they launched an attack on the paper before it was even published, distributing information from an unauthorized (and not final) draft. The industry also marshaled a series of negative blogs and, according to Howarth, took out a Google ad, so reporters

searching for “Robert Howarth” would first encounter a list of critiques. Some scientists, including Cornell colleagues Lawrence Cathles and Larry Brown, PhD ’76, both professors of earth and atmospheric sciences, also questioned the study’s conclusions. Many other scientists praised the study, however, and Howarth is quick to point out that no peer-reviewed journal has published a study that refutes his work.

Much of the criticism focuses on the study’s conclusions about a twenty-year time frame, since methane lasts only for ten to twelve years in the atmosphere while carbon dioxide remains for about 100 years. Ingraffea says that it’s vital to look at the shorter time period when considering the effects of gas drilling, because of the urgency of avoiding disastrous climate change effects, including the melting of the ice caps. “If your policy is ‘What can we do to slow climate change?’ why wait 100 years if you’re trying to have an effect now, so that we do not have a climate tipping point, which scientists are worried about,” says Ingraffea, the Baum Professor of Engineering. Current estimates show that the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is 390 parts per million and is increasing at roughly two parts per million a year, Ingraffea says. If, as many scientists believe, the point of irreversible climate change will be reached when there are 450 parts per million, the window of opportunity to have any impact on global warming could be just thirty years.

Subsequent to the publication of the Howarth, Santoro, and Ingraffea study, the United Nations issued a report again stressing the urgency of addressing climate change and emphasizing the need to focus more on methane and other short-lived greenhouse gases. Then, in June, Governor Andrew Cuomo’s administration issued draft rules that would allow fracking in most of the Marcellus Shale in New York State, with some exceptions including land near the New York City and Syracuse watersheds.

Because the Marcellus Shale gas is trapped beneath layers of rock, millions of gallons of water combined with sand and chemicals would be blasted underground to fracture the rock, releasing the gas for extraction. The Howarth study argues that methane escapes into the atmosphere during the first two phases of this procedure: flow-back, when the water injected into the shale returns to the surface, and drill-out, when plugs used to separate fracturing stages are removed to release the

gas. In conventional wells, which rely mostly on vertical drilling and smaller amounts of water, the methane leaks during those stages are far lower in volume.

Howarth and Ingraffea oppose high-volume hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale because of the negative impact it could have on global warming. “Our conclusion is that this could be pretty disastrous for climate change, so I do not think it is wise to proceed,” asserts Howarth. Instead of trying to convince

the gas industry to reduce the amount of methane seepage, which Howarth says is unlikely because it would be too costly, he believes the country should move toward adopting renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, and geothermal. “We can’t go on using fossil fuels,” he says. “Sooner or later, we need to convert to a sustainable energy system. The technology is mostly there now. The faster we move to that, the better.”

— Sherrie Negrea

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## The Great Red Way

Inaugural theatre night brings Cornellian tales to the Big Apple



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Show time: Contributors to Cornell Theatre Night included (from top) director Jason Brantman '97 (far left), professor Bruce Levitt, and playwright Sheri Wilner '91 (center)

A drunken couple searches for neutral territory in which to fraternize, dismissing such campus landmarks as Clara Dickson Hall—"My parents met here and might have had sex here," the girl says—and Sage Hall (too reminiscent of Simon and Garfunkel's "Scarborough Fair").

A frustrated sophomore channeling Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* ("I too am untranslatable/I sound my barbaric YAWP over the roofs of the world") stands on a bridge near Balch Hall, simultaneously wondering whether she's smart enough to be at the University and annoyed that her experience isn't mirroring *Dead Poets Society*.

Students fall in love in the stacks of Cornell's music library, terrorizing an uptight librarian as they vocalize their romance in satirical ballads.

Two cows fret over whether they're next up for "Frankenstein's plastic surgery"—having fistulated peep holes implanted in their sides for the sake of veterinary science.

Sound vaguely familiar? These and other vignettes—in six ten-minute plays staged at the first-ever Cornell Theatre Night in early June—were meant not only to evoke nostalgia among a Big Red-heavy audience, but to showcase the talents of Cornellian playwrights, actors, designers, and more. The evening was organized by Anaiza Morales '00, ME '01, MBA '02, a theatrical investor who founded the networking group Cornellians in Entertainment three years ago, aiming to offer an East Coast answer to Cornell in Hollywood, which helps alumni navigate the entertainment field in L.A.

Jason Brantman '97, who directed and produced the evening, says a formal network would have helped open doors as he began building his résumé as a director of theatrical and other events such as the U.S. Open opening ceremonies. "I didn't necessarily have a lot of connections in New York City," Brantman recalls. "I had to pound the pavement to reach out to people and make cold calls, which are the hardest things to do." But when he happened to talk business with a fellow Cornellian, he says, "It always felt like there was a closer connection right off the bat."

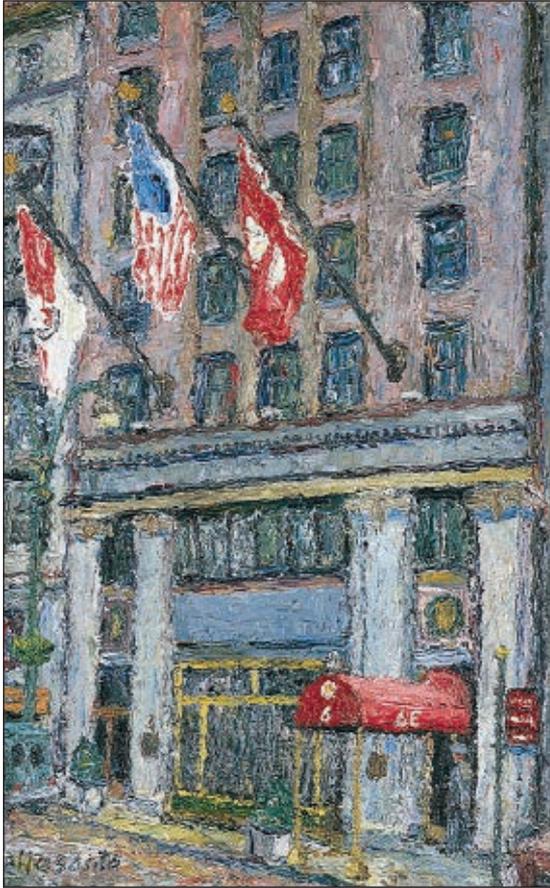
The playwrights (Sheri Wilner '91, David Williams '98, Lauren Feldman '01, Daina Schatz '03, Tony Hoglebe '04, Danny Ross '06, and doctoral student Aoise Stratford) had their works selected after Brantman and Morales put out a call for submissions. The criteria: that they run ten minutes or less, be set in or around the Cornell campus, and be written by alumni or current students. Of the seventeen scripts submitted, the final six were selected based on the strength of the writing, tone, and feasibility of staging them in a minimalist fashion, says theatre professor Bruce Levitt, who co-curated the event.

The venue—off-Broadway's Snapple Theater Center, just north of Times Square—came courtesy of Catherine Russell '77, star of the center's long-running *Perfect Crime* and holder of a *Guinness Book* record for not missing a performance in more than two decades. Says Stratford, who wrote *Open House* after concluding that "a cow with a window is uniquely Cornell": "I was thrilled by the level of performance, and didn't feel like people were responding to Cornell—they were responding to a great night of theatre."

For Hoglebe, who co-wrote *Cox Library, 2 p.m.*, the event was more of a chance to indulge his creative side than to market himself. The musical, his first, generated the evening's biggest laughs and cheers. "When I realized Cornell has a music library, it seemed too perfect and poetic to pass up as a setting," said Hoglebe, a speechwriter for New York City Councilwoman Christine Quinn who moonlights as a sketch comedian.

Wilner, a professional playwright who penned the Whitman-inspired *Arts and Sciences* after considering the homesickness she felt as a freshman, envisions a next-gen version of Cornell Theatre Night held on campus. "It would be really fun to do these plays where they were set, a traveling event from site to site," Wilner said. "People could stop and listen for ten minutes. It would be a blast."

— Jordan Lite



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MATT WITTMAYER

Baby steps: Professor Tony Simons instructs the future firewalkers. Below: A student takes a successful stroll over the hot coals.

## Hot-Footing It

### Hotel professor gives firewalking lessons

Twelve spiritual adventurers stand barefoot before a burning bed of red-hot coals in the back field of Ithaca’s Foundation of Light, a center for meditation and study. The eight-foot-long cherrywood blaze roars in front of them, illuminating the pitch-black July night. Though the embers burn at an intense 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit, the daring dozen is ready to become firewalkers—facing the flames one step at a time.

The aspiring firewalkers are students in a personal strength and teambuilding workshop led by the Hotel school’s Tony Simons. An associate professor of organizational behavior, Simons has been firewalking for six years and has instructed others in the ritual for about a year, incorporating it into his workshops to help people overcome personal and professional fears. “Crossing over the coals serves as a metaphor for the many challenges—or personal firewalks—that people face in their lives,” says Simons, whose own record is crossing a twelve-foot-long firepit 111 times.

At the workshop, Simons reassures attendees that firewalking is a relatively safe activity. Blisters, which he calls “fire kisses,” are the most common result of missteps on the coals. “After a person has mentally prepared himself to walk, all he needs to do is maintain a light, even stride, as if walking across the sidewalk,” he tells them.



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After three hours of team-building activities like trust falls, breaking boards with their fists, and shattering arrow shafts with their necks, the group is ready to put the evening’s lessons into practice. One by one, they march out of the building and up to the firepit—and each treads across the glowing coals unscathed. “Firewalking is an education for me,” Simons says. “Each firewalk is different. And when people ask, ‘What do you do in your free time?’ it’s fun to respond with, ‘I help people conquer fear.’”

— Nicholas St. Fleur '13

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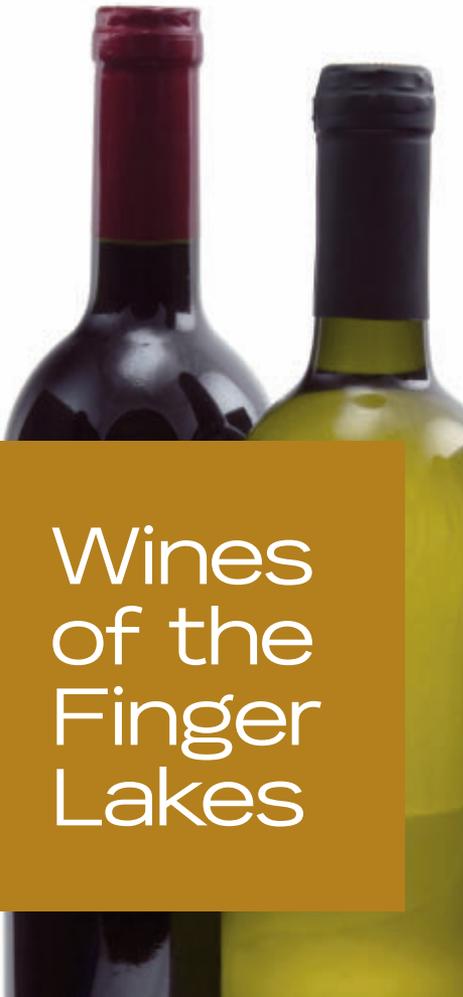


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from which she sourced. Her award-winning wine list spotlights exclusively local production as well—in fact, it features more than thirty Finger Lakes wineries in addition to Red Newt. Deb was keenly aware that what was good for the region was good for Red Newt. To that end, she helped create Finger Lakes Culinary Bounty, an organization whose goal is to encourage culinary tourism in the area.

While working as a lab manager at Cornell, Deb started her own catering business, Seneca Savory, in 1992. When she and her husband opened Red Newt several years later, equal billing was given to the winery and bistro. While the concept of prominently featured restaurants attached to wineries was part of the scene in regions like Napa Valley, this was something new for the Finger Lakes.

Deb's energetic support of not only her own business but of many throughout the Finger Lakes made her lots of friends. Her untimely death stunned everyone involved with the area's wine and food industry. Many of the hundreds of people who attended her memorial service will no doubt be ready to give the same support to Red Newt that Deb Whiting, a Finger Lakes visionary, gave to many of them. She will be greatly missed.

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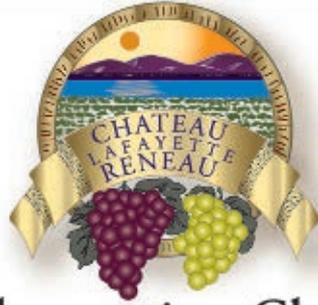
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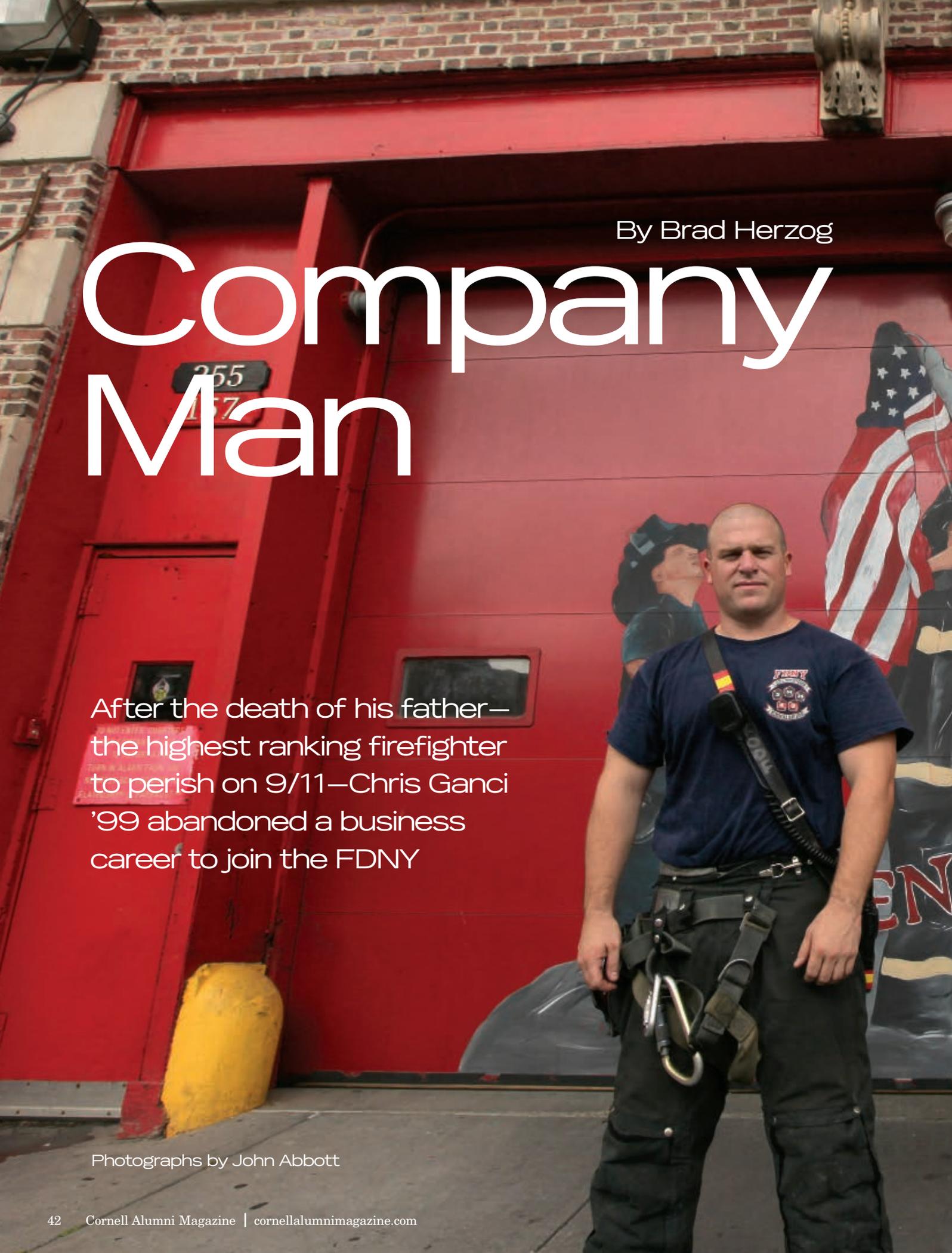
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By Brad Herzog

# Company Man

After the death of his father—the highest ranking firefighter to perish on 9/11—Chris Ganci '99 abandoned a business career to join the FDNY

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New York's Bravest:  
Chris Ganci '99  
outside the  
firehouse in  
Flatbush, Brooklyn

**T**he mural, painted on the cherry red garage door of the firehouse in Flatbush, Brooklyn, sums up the dichotomy of a firefighter's life. One part shows three uniformed men raising an American flag amid the rubble of the World Trade Center above the words "Strength & Honor." On September 11, 2001, three men from this firehouse died when the Twin Towers collapsed; four current members lost a father or brother, and all of them lost too many friends. On the wall above that solemn scene is another image: a pirate, grinning jauntily. The caption says "Jolly Rogers," the nickname of the firehouse on Rogers Avenue. "We're the 'land pirates'—we're known for being aggressive firefighters," says Chris Ganci '99, whose father was the highest-ranking uniformed member of the New York City Fire Department to die on 9/11. "You go to a fire, and it's hard to explain, but it's the most unbelievable feeling in the world. And then afterward, you're so spent that there's nothing left. Then you get called to another job, and the adrenaline carries you through."

Last winter, Ganci and his colleagues were among roughly 200 firefighters called to a five-alarm blaze that raced through a seven-story apartment building. More than 100 residents were forced to flee into the chill of a twenty-degree night. Wind gusts of forty miles per hour whipped the flames and created what the fire chief later described as "blowtorch conditions." The firemen battled the blaze for seven hours. Maydays rang out over the radio. One resident died. Nearly two dozen firefighters were injured, including Ganci, who suffered burns on his neck. "That's the worst fire I've ever seen," he says. "Like being in a blast furnace."

But the aggressiveness also applies during the frequent downtime in the Jolly Rogers, which houses two companies of about twenty-five men each—Ladder 157 (the first ones in, searching and rescuing), and Engine 255 (the unit that secures a water supply and suppresses the fire). Maybe an NFL locker room has a similar vibe, or a gladiator pit. Watch your back: here, there are no greater pleasures than a well-cooked meal and a well-timed prank—for instance, tossing some firecrackers into a room to interrupt a quiet Sunday afternoon interview with a reporter. And sharpen your wit: amid the company of adrenaline-fueled men who spend more time with each other than with their significant others, busting chops is like breathing.

"Where did you go to school?" one of them asks sarcastically, as Ganci steps into the galley during a firehouse tour. "Was it Cortland? I know it begins with a 'C.'"

**A**fter Ganci graduated from Cornell more than a decade ago, Peter Ganci Jr. playfully hung his youngest son's diploma in the bathroom of the family's Long Island home, as if to say, "Here's what I think of your Ivy League degree." But he was damn proud of him, and he had high hopes. Senator. Captain of industry. He believed his son could achieve anything

and supported him unconditionally, even though New York's *Bravest* is essentially the family business. Over thirty-three years, Pete had worked his way up to become chief of the FDNY, commanding more than 15,000 officers, firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, and civilian employees. Chris's older brother, Pete III, joined Ladder 111 in Bedford-Stuyvesant. His cousin? Ladder 174. His uncle? Ladder 132. His brother-in-law? Ladder 123.

Ganci originally aimed for a career in medicine, inspired in part by his mother, Kathleen, who provided home care to terminally ill children. But, he admits, "I really don't have an affinity for blood and guts." (On the other hand, he was captain of the Cornell rugby team, which somewhat belies that statement.) He graduated from the College of Human Ecology with a major in nutrition and found a job as a sales rep with Merck Pharmaceuticals. "I liked what I was doing, but I was always looking forward to having time off," he says, "whereas in this job you miss the firehouse when you're not working."

As FDNY chief, his father worked eighty to 100 hours a week. He liked to say he had 10,000 kids, and sometimes that meant that his own saw less of him than they would have liked. But in the summer of 2001, he and Chris spent every Saturday together on the golf course. "I tell you," says Ganci, "it was the best time of my life."

On the night of September 10, Ganci, still living at home in North Massapequa, watched a movie with his dad. As was usually the case, Pete fell asleep somewhere in the middle. "Chief," Ganci said—that's what even his son called him—"you missed the best part."

"It'll be on again," said Pete, as he stood up and hugged his son, who told him he loved him.

"I love you, too," he said, and he walked upstairs to bed.

They didn't see each other the next morning. Ganci had a breakfast meeting with one of his Merck clients in Brooklyn. Pete, as was his custom, awoke before dawn and strolled across the street to a house he had found for his best friend and executive assistant Steve Mosiello, who always left the door unlocked and a pot of coffee brewing. Pete was supposed to report for jury

duty that day. Mosiello was supposed to drive him to the courthouse. Instead, Pete instructed him to drive to FDNY headquarters in Brooklyn, where his office was on the seventh floor. It was supposed to be on the eighth floor, where the Fire Commissioner's office was located. "No. I'm a fireman," he explained. "The suits are on the eighth floor." It was this kind of attitude—a reputation for approachability, for leaving politics out of firefighting, for never really letting the axe out of his hand—that led him to become known as "the blue-shirted chief." Officers wear white shirts; firefighters wear blue shirts. Pete Ganci would always be a fireman.

After the first plane crashed into the North Tower on that cloudless Tuesday morning and smoke began billowing from the building, Pete, Mosiello, and FDNY chief of operations Dan Nigro jumped into Pete's car and raced across the Brooklyn Bridge. They made it to the scene in ten minutes and set up a command post on a ramp leading to a garage near the burning tower. The second plane struck the South Tower moments later. Two fires were burning nearly a quarter-mile up. Thousands of people were trapped. Nigro told his boss, "This is going to be the worst day we've ever had."

In the days following 9/11, video footage emerged that showed Pete Ganci at that command post. His son recognizes the determined look on his face—"like he's mad at the fire." He was also frustrated that the department's radios didn't seem to be working properly amid the chaos. And when someone informed him that there was a significant chance that one or both of the buildings could topple, he grew angrier still.

One minute before 10 a.m., the South Tower came crashing down. Pete and his assistants managed to escape into the garage beneath the North Tower. Choking on dust, they found a staircase a couple of blocks away that led them out. Pete instructed his assistants to set up another command post further north in a safer location. But he headed south toward the other tower, knowing that some 200 firefighters were missing and hundreds more needed to be evacuated. As he directed firefighters to "Go! Go! Go!", some of them implored him to go, too. He waved them on. He was on the radio with his pal Mosiello, telling him they were going to need more truck companies for search and recovery, when the North Tower crumbled. "The way I look at it," Chris says, "those were a lot of his friends' sons that he sent into those buildings, and he felt responsible. If they weren't coming out, he wasn't coming out."

Ganci knows exactly where he was at 10:28 a.m., the moment his father died. He was filling his car with gas on the corner of Linden Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue in Brooklyn, having left his breakfast meeting early. When he arrived home, his family was glued to the TV, desperate for information. His mother and sister were frantic, but Ganci held out hope: "I said, 'He's the chief. He's probably in a bunker somewhere or in some armored personnel carrier.' Now I look back on it, and I feel like it was silly optimism."

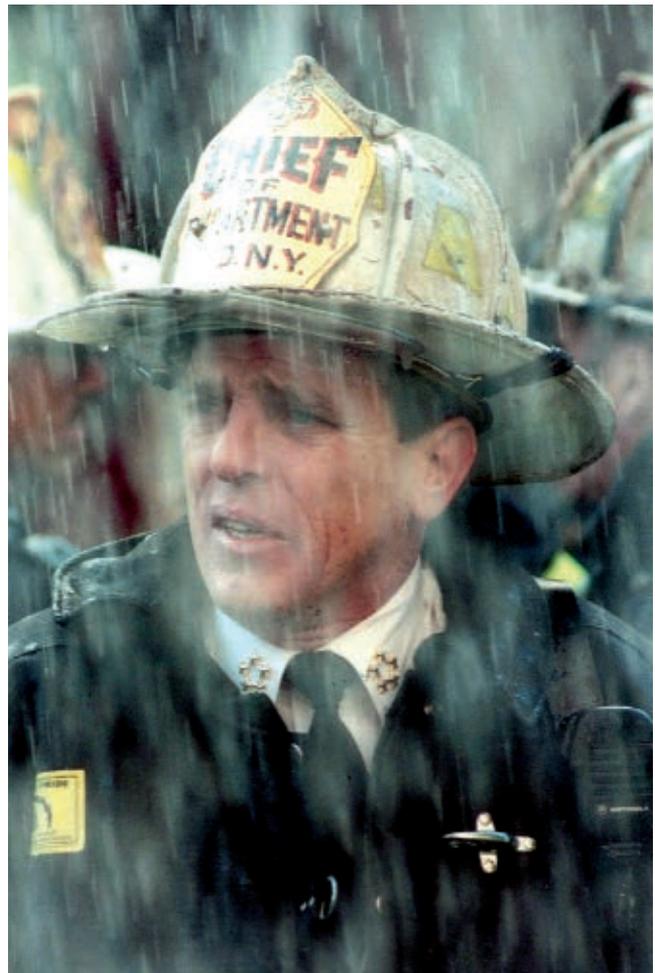
Only several hours later, after NYPD cruisers cordoned off the block around the Ganci house, did Chris accept the crushing truth. In mid-afternoon his father's body was found buried beneath the debris, identified by his patent leather shoes. Mosiello retrieved his helmet, wrapping it in cellophane and placing it in a box in a closet; by the time it was opened years later, it had turned to dust. Recently, Ganci donated the radio his father had been carrying to the September 11 museum, set to open next year on the eleventh anniversary of the tragedy. He still has his dad's golf clubs, which somehow survived in the trunk of his car.

**F**rom its inception as a paid fire department in 1865 until September 11, 2001, the FDNY had lost 778 members in the line of duty. Then, in a single day, the chief of the department and 342 more of New York's bravest died. On the Saturday after the attacks, fifty-four-year-old Pete Ganci was laid to rest. The fifteen-mile procession from the church to the graveyard was lined with firefighters and civilians.

In the weeks and months that followed, Ganci's mother remained as strong as she could, but he knew she was hurting. His sister was just trying to get by. His brother, Pete III, was coping with his own horrific experience from that day. He had been about to finish a shift when one of his good friends, Mike Roberts, offered to swap with him. "Pete, jump on the truck," he said. "I'll ride for you on the engine." Two minutes before the Trade Center call came in, Pete and Ladder 111 were called to a garbage can fire. Meanwhile, all four firefighters from Engine 214 died when the towers fell. (Pete is now a survivor of thyroid cancer, as is a fellow member of his firehouse—likely a result of their search and recovery efforts at Ground Zero.)

Chris was always the most gregarious member of his family, the most comfortable with an audience—most like his dad. He eased into the role of unofficial spokesperson, not only for the family but eventually for the entire FDNY. He gave speeches and interviews, telling NBC's Brian Williams, "Your whole value system changes . . . I just know that I'll never feel innocent again."

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Fallen hero: Chris Ganci's father, Peter Ganci Jr.

The Italian-American Foundation flew him to a rural outpost in Sicily, where local officials produced residents whom they said were long-lost Ganci relatives. Less than a month after the attacks, the Gancis were invited to the White House. President Bush greeted them one by one in the Blue Room, finally arriving at Chris. Their conversation, which the President repeated moments later during a nationally televised speech, unfolded like this:

“Mr. President, you know what my father would be doing if he were here right now?”

“What?”

“He’d be hitting his three-wood over the fence, aiming for the Washington Monument.”

“No chance. The pressure of the White House, he’d shank it.”

“No offense, Mr. President. But you don’t know my dad.”

As Pete Ganci Jr. came to symbolize the heroics of September 11, strangers would contact the family, sometimes sending bizarre offerings. “I had a vision of your father,” one person wrote, “and I drew it on an egg.” Often, they would send money, which Chris was reluctant to accept. Eventually, he combined those random bills with a small life insurance payout to create the Peter J. Ganci Jr. Memorial Foundation, which makes donations to firefighter-related charities. “You pay it forward,” says Ganci, who still dreams about his dad once or twice a week. “My father was a very generous person, and I wanted to do something in his honor.”

In 2003, when Scholastic asked Ganci to write a children’s book, the project offered some catharsis. He had friends whose kids were writing reports on their heroes, but they were choosing athletes like Derek Jeter. “If there is one absolute truth in this world, it is that I never get tired of talking about my father. He was my hero long before the tragedy of September 11th,” he wrote in *Chief: The Life of Peter J. Ganci, A New York Firefighter*. “For thirty-three years he risked his life so that others could go on living theirs.”

Ganci went on living, too. His plan was to transition from pharmaceutical sales to corporate management, so he enrolled full-time at NYU’s business school, something his father had encouraged. But he felt a void. “Growing up, I saw my father and these guys, they were like big kids,” he explains. “They smiled every day going to work. And I wanted that feeling.”

A few years earlier, mostly out of curiosity, he had taken the firefighter entrance exam given by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. It consists of a three-hour, 100-question written exam as well as a physical test requiring tasks like climbing a Stairmaster while wearing a weighted vest. “I wanted to size myself up, to see how I would do,” says Ganci, who packs roughly 200 pounds on a stocky five-foot-eight frame. He received a perfect score on each part. When FDNY recruiters began contacting him, he told them he wanted to finish business school; his dad would have been proud of that. Then, four days after receiving his MBA, he started at the New York City Fire Academy.



On the job: Ganci at a fire scene

The second-largest municipal fire department in the world (behind Tokyo’s), the FDNY protects more than eight million residents in a 320-square-mile area and responds to more working fires annually than the departments of Chicago, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia combined. The two companies that make up the Jolly Rogers are among the busiest in the city, which is why some firefighters spend their careers trying to get assigned to a place like the unassuming firehouse in Flatbush. “They have a reputation for being good at what they do. I wanted to be a part of that,” says Ganci. “That’s why I studied so hard in Probie School.”

Situated on twenty-seven acres on Randall Island in the East River, the Fire Academy is essentially basic training for probationary firemen. Informally known as The Rock, it includes eleven buildings, a 200,000-gallon water tank, train cars to simulate subway fires, and a driving course that includes controllable traffic lights and electric pop-up obstacles. Ganci spent fourteen weeks in Probie School, memorizing thousands of pages of information about fire science, equipment, and techniques, while also passing a series of physical tests that involved everything from advancing a hose line to crawling through tunnels.

Based solely on performance at the academy, Ganci was the class valedictorian. After receiving a standing ovation as he walked across the stage at Brooklyn College, he told his fellow probies, “My father always ended the graduation speech with the same line: By taking this job, you will never, ever be rich, but you will always be happy. And when someone asks you what you do for a living, you can look him in the eyes with pride and say that you are a New York City firefighter.” Five others among Ganci’s 240 classmates from the summer of 2005 had lost family members on 9/11.

The top-ranked probie gets his choice of what fire company he would like to join. “I wanted to be valedictorian, so nobody could tell me I got here because I knew somebody,” he says. “I earned my spot.” But he was well aware of the footsteps he was following. Pete Ganci Jr. was a legend. The post office on Main Street in Farmingdale, New York, where his kids attended high school, is named for him. A U.S. military installation in Kyrgyzstan is unofficially named Ganci Air Base, and the recreation center there is known as Pete’s Place. In his 2006 interview with Brian Williams, Ganci said of his father, “He turned back and went right into the breach. He went right back, knowingly, and I look at it and say, ‘Do I have that kind of mettle?’”

Apparently so. On July 1, 2008, Ladder 157 was called to an apartment fire in which eleven people were trapped. Ganci and two other members of the forcible entry team raced to the second floor and found a locked door. Fire and smoke were venting through the key hole. They broke down the door and found the entire apartment ablaze. Ganci expended a fire extinguisher,

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The Jolly Rogers: Having graduated first in his class at the academy, Ganci had his pick of firehouses.

helped a colleague drag an unconscious seven-year-old into the hallway, returned to a rear bedroom, found an eight-year-old lying under a bunk bed, crawled with him back toward the apartment entrance, then returned once more to assist in the removal of a fourteen-year-old victim. Only the eight-year-old survived. His actions, “in keeping with the highest traditions of the New York City Fire Department,” earned him a medal; the award came with a \$400 check, which he gave to the victims’ family. “If I never go to another one like that again, that’s fine with me,” he says. “That fire could have killed all of us. But when you hear children trapped, you throw it into an extra gear.”

Ganci—who lives in Massapequa Park, a few minutes away from his childhood home, with his wife, four-year-old son, and two-year-old daughter—has a reputation for being on the job all

the time. “The guys joke that I do twenty-four-hour shifts at home and live in the firehouse,” he says. But he insists he doesn’t want to miss out on his children’s formative years the way his workaholic father did, and he certainly doesn’t aspire to the same fate. He wants to come home to his family.

Even now, when he smells smoke from a fierce fire, the kind of scent that gets in your hair and in your pores, his thoughts often turn to those moments a generation earlier when his father would return home from a grueling shift. Covered in soot and looking like he hadn’t slept in weeks, Pete would walk in the front door and embrace his son. “It was a good job, Chris,” he would say. “I got to play.”

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Late shift: Producer  
Liz Levin '98 (left)  
and staff writer  
Meredith Scardino  
'98 on the set

# and Report\*

\*rhymes  
with 'score'

Meredith Scardino '98  
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**S**tephen Colbert is serious.  
“Out! Out! Out!” he says, as he shoos  
two of his employees, writer Meredith  
Scardino '98 and producer Liz Levin '98,  
from an office on the first floor of the “Colbert Report”  
studios in Manhattan.

After a full day of work on his late-night TV program, which runs for a half-hour on Comedy Central four nights a week, Colbert has just finished taping the show. He bantered with the 150 audience members waiting in line on West 54th Street, then morphed into a self-aggrandizing demagogue when the cameras were turned on. Colbert bragged about his portrait going up for auction (“It’s twice as good as Van Gogh’s self-portrait because I have two ears”). He chastised President Obama for “making the classic Democratic mistake of not being Ronald Reagan” and mocked the Administration’s choice of names for a military operation in Libya (“Odyssey Dawn? That’s a Carnival cruise ship”). Finally, he interviewed special guest Steve Martin and even sang backup while Martin played the banjo.

It has been a long Monday, and it's nearly 9 p.m. Colbert is still wearing pancake makeup and a red power tie as he dismisses Scardino and Levin, shuts the door, sits down, and smiles. That's when the man behind the caricature emerges. It turns out that the real Stephen Colbert is a mensch. He just doesn't want his employees around while he gushes about them. "I don't know what they do to people at Cornell. I don't know what they inject them with. Maybe it's in the gorge water," he says. "But both Meredith and Liz have this unbelievable energy, always ready with an idea."

Colbert continues in this vein for several minutes and then, the interview over, he opens the door and spots the two women standing nearby. Narrowing his eyes, he wags a finger at them in an attempt at intimidation. "I'll see the two of you early tomorrow morning."

Understanding the host's satirical point of view is one of the joys and challenges of writing and producing for "The Colbert Report." Pronounce it correctly, please. Both T's are silent, further emphasizing the inflated ego of Colbert's character, described by the man himself as "a well-intentioned, poorly informed, high-status idiot." He is Bill O'Reilly on smug steroids, addressing viewers as "the Colbert Nation" and inviting them to "take a spin in the no fact zone." He sits behind a C-shaped desk,

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despises anything French, and tortures logic, saying things like "George W. Bush: great president, or the greatest president?" Says Colbert, "Generally speaking, everybody has a learning curve in terms of getting the character's voice down."

Liz Levin got a glimpse of that character in her first job interview with Colbert. Born and raised in Newton, Massachusetts, she had been an American studies major in the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of Delta Gamma sorority, where she met Scardino. Both were athletes; the six-foot-two Levin played on the Big Red basketball team for three years, and Scardino was a captain of the women's lacrosse team as a senior. But they bonded more over a shared sense of humor. Following graduation, Levin moved to Jerusalem for six months and mused on a directionless future. "I used to think: what job would I hate the least in the whole world?" she says. "At the time I thought 'The Simpsons' was the funniest thing. I figured the people who make that probably sit in a room and laugh."

She moved back to the States, where playwright David Mamet set her on a career course. He was in Newton filming a movie, and Levin snagged a gig as a production assistant. By 2003, she had moved to New York, starting as a PA on MTV's

"Boiling Point," a hidden-camera prank show. Although it may sound light years from Colbert's well-informed humor, Levin insists it was "as good an introduction to TV as I could have hoped for, because there's nothing harder to produce than hidden camera." When "Boiling Point" ran its course, Levin worked on another short-lived MTV program, "Trailer Fabulous"—believe it or not, a trailer park makeover show.

Frivolous or not, the shows were hands-on training for a would-be field producer tasked with turning random stories into funny segments—wading into a quirky subculture, emphasizing absurdity, finding humor in interactions. So when Colbert, fresh from a breakout role as a correspondent on "The Daily Show," prepared to whip up a brew of writers and producers to launch his spin-off in 2005, Levin cast her résumé into the cauldron. Having downloaded everything she could find about Colbert, she felt eminently prepared—except she didn't have a pen. She sat down for her first interview, rummaged through her purse and couldn't find a thing to write with. "Oops," said Colbert in a pseudo-imperious voice that Levin would come to know well, "now you need an A just to get a B."

Colbert laughs. "It's true. I might have been that big of a jerk to her," he recalls. "But the person who came in before Liz was one of the least funny people I've ever seen and had one of

the worst interviews. Liz was just so full of energy and so bright and was such a breath of fresh air. She had ideas immediately, and that's all I needed." For her part, Levin shrugs. "Honestly, I'm still waiting for them to figure out that I don't belong."

She is now a senior producer in the field department, her job being to pitch segment ideas, direct the location pieces to which she is assigned, and edit them into five-minute comic masterpieces. Occasionally, this might mean a shoot in Manhattan, like the recent segment in which the show flew in an expert on royal protocol from England, as Colbert prepared for his inevitable invitation to Prince William's wedding. But usually her assignments take her farther afield: To Los Angeles, for instance, where she filmed the auction of property belonging

to disgraced Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham (with only \$200 to spend, the underfunded correspondent wound up taking home the "Welcome to the Auction" sign). Or to Tennessee, where Levin profiled a state senator who had pushed through a law making it legal to carry a concealed weapon into a bar. "Finally," said Colbert, the segment's narrator, "you won't need a bartender to get a round of shots."

One of Levin's favorites was a three-part segment (always a coup for a field producer) for a recurring bit called "Stephen Colbert's Fallback Position," in which Colbert trains for another profession, just in case even a national treasure like himself falls victim to the struggling economy. "If this pundit job falls through," Colbert explained, "I'll have to take another job that's less important—like astronaut." So last year Levin, Colbert, and crew traveled to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where Mark Kelly (husband of Representative Gabrielle Giffords, MRP '97) joined Colbert in a simulated shuttle launch.

Levin prefers segments that include Colbert himself, which usually requires filming on Fridays (the show is taped Monday through Thursday), but also means "you know it's going to be good." In fact, although Levin and the show's writers contribute



Colbert rapport: Levin and Scardino with their boss, comic pundit Stephen Colbert

clever quips to each field piece, there are times when an interviewee will say something that begs a witty retort. Levin will know there's something funny in there; Colbert will often come up with it on the spot. "I think I have a lot more of Stephen's sense of humor now," Levin says. "I've adjusted. I see the world through these different comedy eyes."

Regarding pitching stories, Colbert says, "There are no bad ideas. Nothing is too stupid." But on occasion, Levin and her fellow field producers will propose segments that seem to be a bit too much fun, and Colbert will call them on it. "Oh, great idea you have for a segment... in Bermuda," he'll say. Or like the time Levin, one of the legions with a crush on a particular New England Patriots quarterback, pitched "Fallback Position: Tom Brady." It didn't fly.

Levin points to a trip to a war zone as her most rewarding professional experience. First, she accompanied her boss to South Carolina for a two-part segment called "Stephen Strong: Army of Me," where, as Colbert put it, "I went to basic training... the full ten hours." A few weeks later, Levin was the only field producer to accompany Colbert to Iraq for six days, where they taped four shows and aired the basic training segments in front of an audi-

ence of U.S. soldiers at Saddam Hussein's former palace in Baghdad. "I've never been prouder of a job," says Levin. "I never thought I'd have the opportunity to say thank you in person to these guys who put their lives on the line for us."

Of course, the poignancy was laced with the usual dose of hilarity and social commentary. In one segment, the soldiers watched as Colbert peered up at a daunting climbing and rappelling wall, turned to his grim-faced drill sergeant, and asked, "If I'm gay, do I have to do this?"

**A**s a post-primetime scribe, Meredith Scardino is an anomaly. A 2009 article in the *New York Times* pointed out that although females constitute a larger proportion of the audience, "very few women make it inside the writing rooms for late-night television hosts." At the time, there wasn't a single woman on the writing staff for Jay Leno, David Letterman, or Conan O'Brien. Colbert's co-head writer and executive producer was Allison Silverman, but when she left that year, Scardino (who had been hired a year earlier) was the

show's only remaining female writer.

Scardino allows that perhaps men get more “comedy practice” over the years by making fun of each other as a foundation of their friendships—and that may provide greater confidence, which translates to more late-night writing applications from men than women. But frankly, she never thinks about the disparity until she is asked, and she’s tired of being asked about it. So, it seems, are her affable co-writers.

A couple of years ago, the “Colbert” writing crew gathered at the Paley Center, only a few blocks from the “Colbert” studios, and sat for an interview conducted by *New Yorker* cartoonist Zachary Kanin. “Meredith,” he began, “I think everyone here would like to know . . .”

The audience surely suspected he was going to reference the elephant in the room: Scardino was the only one of the eleven writers on stage without a Y chromosome. But Kanin knew that in 2007 Scardino, Levin, and a friend had been contestants on a TV quiz show that takes place during a taxicab ride (they won \$1,500). So, this being comedy after all, Kanin pulled a bait and switch. “What is it like being the only member of the staff,” he asked, “who has been on ‘Cash Cab?’”

Naturally, the male writers relished the opportunity to roll out the clichés:

“There’s a glass ceiling in the late-night comedy world for people who have been on ‘Cash Cab.’”

“To be fair, we didn’t get as many applications from writers who have been on ‘Cash Cab.’”

“It is sometimes awkward when we’re writing about people on ‘Cash Cab’ . . .”

Laughs all around, but when she was asked the question directly, Scardino offered the best line of all: “I don’t necessarily feel like the only woman . . .” Or as she puts it now, “It’s really

male-dominant, but they’re not dominant males.”

A native of Villanova, Pennsylvania, Scardino was a born ham. As a four-year-old, she occasionally appeared on a local show called “The Al Alberts Showcase,” where she would tell jokes like, “Where do cows go for entertainment? The moo-vies.” As a nine-year-old, she wrote a letter to “Saturday Night Live” suggesting that it would be a great gimmick for them to hire a layperson host—perhaps a girl from outside Philadelphia. “I was a little comedy nerd,” she admits, “but I had no idea how you went about pursuing that.”

Instead, Scardino developed her artistic side. A painting major in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, she earned a master’s degree in fine arts from Parsons The New School for Design. Always a fan of cartoons, she began animating for a couple of Comedy Central series, occasionally contributing scripts along with her drawings. Encouraged by the feedback, she concluded she was better equipped for a future in words. Her first TV writing job was a gig at VH-1’s “Best Week Ever,” a show in which comedians analyzed the previous week’s developments in pop culture. “It was a good education,” she says, “in taking the news and trying to regurgitate it in a way that was entertaining and told a story.”

Scardino—who passed the time in high school history class by making top ten lists—earned a job in 2005 as the only woman writing for “Late Show with David Letterman,” where she says, “You don’t have time to wait to get inspired. You just have to get good at writing jokes.” Two years later, she applied for the “Colbert” position. She swears that, during her interview, Colbert (who had recently returned from an October 2007 appearance at Barton Hall) was wearing a Cornell hat. Colbert remembers it this way: “I read a lot of comedy, and it’s hard to get me to laugh at this point because you can get very mechanical about it. But Meredith, she made me laugh out loud.”

Scardino’s fourth-floor office is right next to Levin’s. But while Levin’s responsibilities revolve around segments that might require weeks of focus, Scardino is on more of a day-to-day creative cycle. “The Colbert Report” is a largely topical show, so she keeps up with current events via newspapers, magazines, blogs, and TV. But often, Scardino’s creative process thrives on spontaneity. “I wake up, look at the news on my iPhone in bed, and hope that in the shower a really good idea comes to me,” she says.

Ideas are proposed in a couple of morning meetings, first with the head writer and then with Colbert and much of the production staff. Although the vibe in the room is relentlessly positive (both Levin and Scardino say it begins at the top with the “ridiculously nice” Colbert), the environment still requires some fearlessness. “We’re sort of like salesmen, pitching our products like we’re selling the best vacuum in the world,” says Scardino. “If I’m excited about something, I hope it comes off as confidence.” After the meetings, the writers are sent off in pairs (in ever-changing permutations) with the goal of polishing the most promising ideas. Colbert has a background in improvisational comedy, and the writing room reflects that collaborative sensibility. “I don’t care whose idea it is, mine or somebody else’s,” he says. “I just want it to be as funny as it can be.”

Writing for Colbert’s distinctive voice, says

Live on tape: Colbert and his staffers backstage (opposite). Below: The week’s ‘Report’ rundown.

The COLBERT REPORT		August 14-20, 2011	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
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Scardino, is “liberating because you’re already starting from such a funny point.” She adds, “Stephen is like a hurricane of skills. He can sing. He can dance. He can cry on command. You can write anything for him, and you know he’d do a way better job than you can imagine. I’m sure if I wrote something that had him fly fishing while tap dancing, he’d be an expert at it.”

One of Scardino’s occasional assignments is to prepare questions for Colbert to ask during his nightly interview segment, the guests ranging from Nicholas Kristof to Kris Kristofferson. After perusing a guest’s book or biography (“You get smarter—at least dinner party smarter,” she says), it is simply a matter of crafting queries worthy of Colbert’s obnoxious alter-ego. So when journalism professor Dan Sinker, the man behind a phony and fantastical Rahm Emanuel Twitter account, was a guest on the show, Scardino wrote this question for Colbert: “Why did you start this fake Twitter feed? Is academia that bone-crushingly boring?” And when Steve Martin appeared on an earlier show, Scardino made use of her painting major, putting the noted art collector’s knowledge to the test. For instance, Colbert asked Martin to determine which of two choices was actually Ellsworth Kelly’s “Green” and which was a Sherwin-Williams paint swatch.

But Scardino also gravitates toward what she calls “the borderline incredibly dumb things.” Last November, she felt it was time for Colbert—“by the power invested in me by basic cable”—to pardon a Thanksgiving turkey for all crimes past,

present, and future. Naturally, later in the show, the turkey (named Joseph Gobbles) went on the lam after shooting an intern in a drug deal gone bad.

Then there are times when happenstance leads to humor, like last December when Scardino was strolling through her Tribeca neighborhood and picked up a lost credit card. It turned out to belong to a partner at Goldman Sachs, a fellow deliciously named Buckley T. Ratchford. On the show a few days later, Colbert held the card hostage, threatening to reveal one number each night until Ratchford appeared on the program to discuss exorbitant Wall Street bonuses. (Goldman Sachs’s lawyers found it less humorous; the card was returned forthwith.) Although Scardino found the card, the comedy was developed via the usual collaborative effort. In fact, there are times when Scardino can’t remember which jokes are hers. “Those are the good ones,” Colbert insists. “The best jokes, the best scripts, you don’t know who wrote what.”

As part of the writing staff, Scardino now owns two Emmy Awards. “They’re sitting on my windowsill,” she says, “intimidating the neighbors.” After the first win in 2008, Colbert called the writers to the set while the cameras were rolling. He pointed to a teleprompter and said, “Guys, there are no thoughts in here. What the hell were you doing all weekend?”

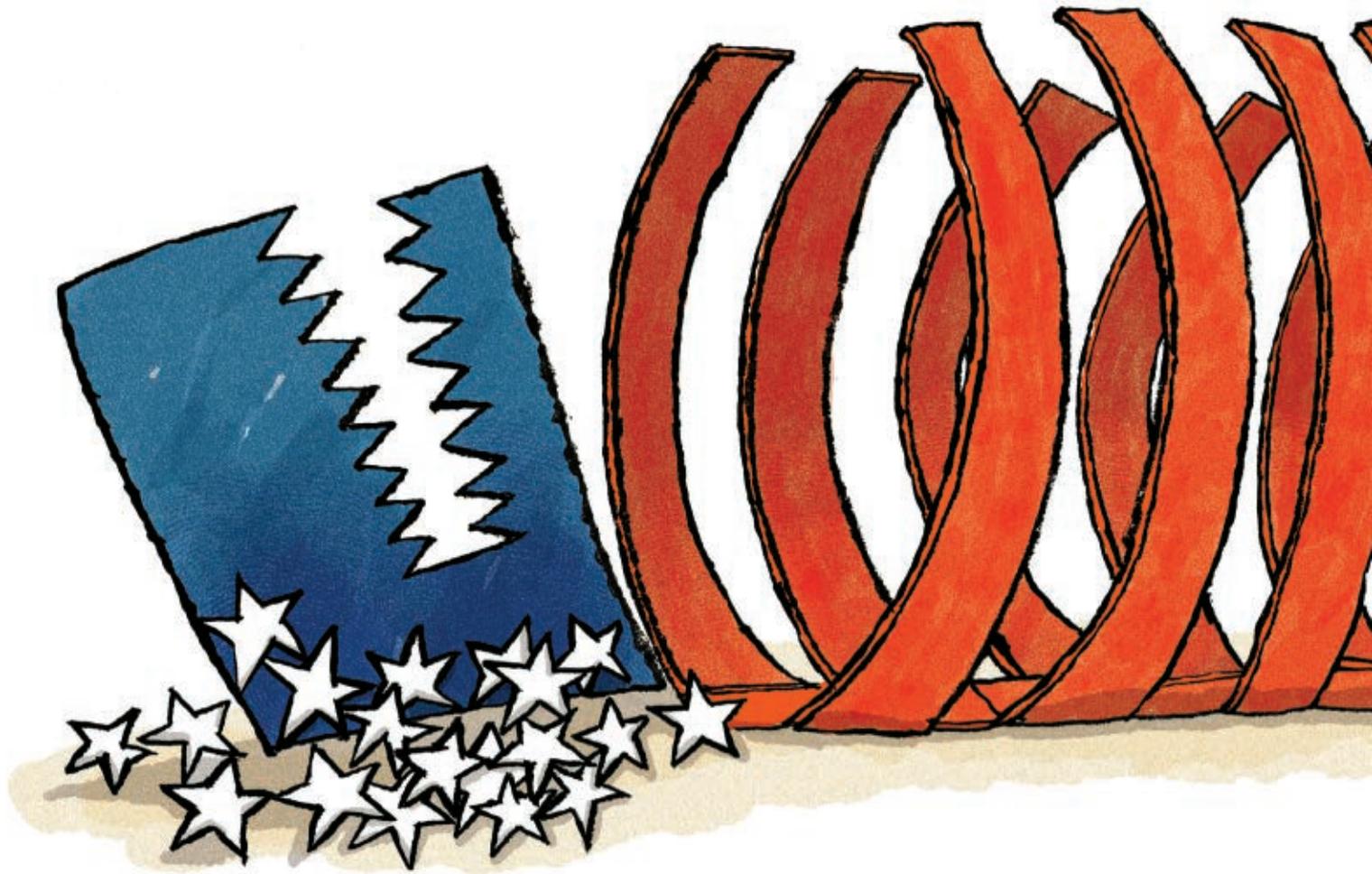
Writer: “We were in Los Angeles. We won an Emmy for Best Writing for a Variety Series.”

Colbert: “I did?”

Writer: “Well, we all did...”

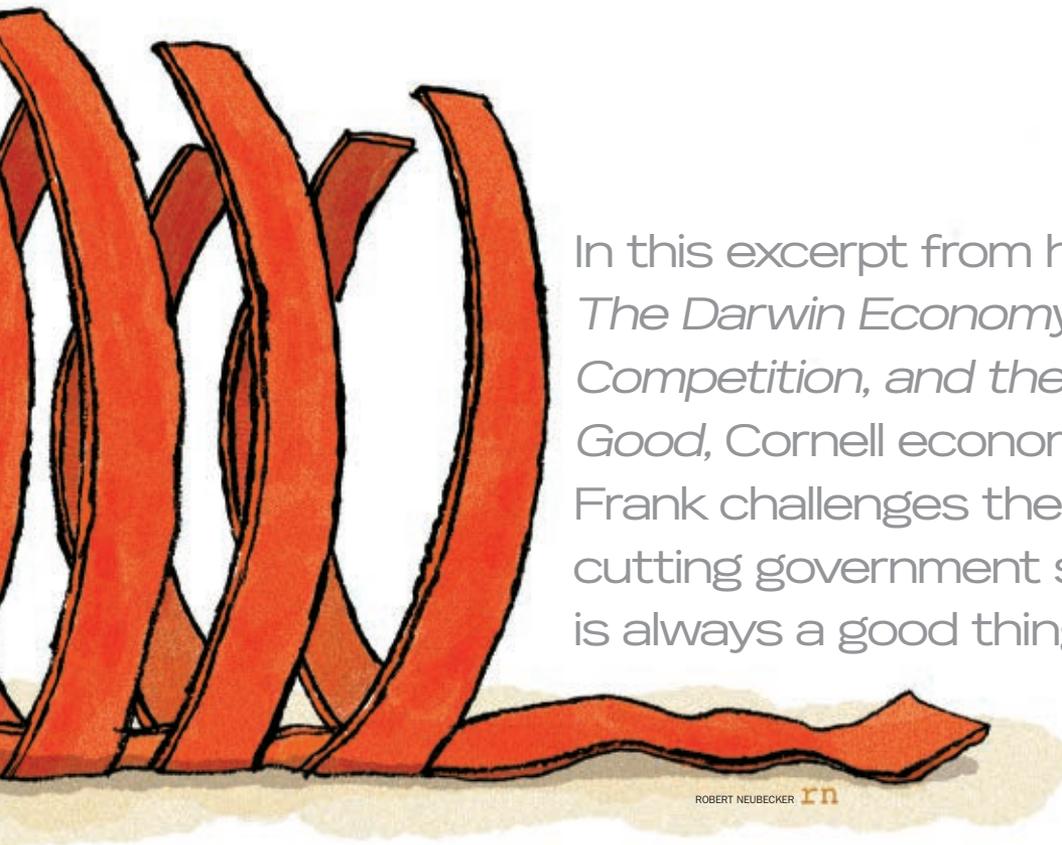
Colbert raised his arms in triumph. Balloons dropped from the ceiling as he shouted, “I did it!” ■





# Starve the Beast?

By Robert Frank



In this excerpt from his new book, *The Darwin Economy: Liberty, Competition, and the Common Good*, Cornell economist Robert Frank challenges the notion that cutting government spending is always a good thing

**B**y means of three separate Congressional earmarks in 2005, a total of \$320 million was proposed for the construction of a bridge linking the town of Ketchikan, Alaska, with its airport on Gravina Island. Dubbed “The Bridge to Nowhere,” the project quickly became a celebrated symbol of waste in government.

This particular bridge was a terrible idea from the beginning. Ketchikan’s population at the time was less than 9,000 and Gravina’s was only fifty. Ferry service provided transportation between the town and the island at a fee of \$6, at fifteen- to thirty-minute intervals, depending on the time of day. Having bridge access would have been more convenient, obviously, but nowhere enough so to justify the enormous cost of the project.

Yet if the bridge was such an obvious loser, why was it slated for construction in the first place? The answer to that question reads word-for-word from the dog-eared script of antigovernment crusaders. The politicians who proposed the project hoped to curry favor with the local voters who would directly benefit from it, while foisting the bill on millions of distant and unsuspecting taxpayers, who would never even notice, much less complain about, the eventual small increment in their tax bills. Legislators from other states supported the proposal in the rational expectation of receiving reciprocal support for their own pork projects when the time came.

The encouraging coda to this story is that a firestorm of unfavorable national publicity eventually forced the project’s cancellation. In each congressional budget, however, a host of other proposals survive because they’re too small to make it onto the public’s radar screen.

Antigovernment crusaders are clearly onto something. There *is* waste in government. But the interesting question is what to do about it. Many libertarians believe that

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the best strategy is to “starve the beast.” Or, as Grover Norquist, president of the anti-tax advocacy group Americans for Tax Reform, colorfully put it, “I don’t want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub.”

**S**tarve-the-beast proponents make a simple point. Since money sent to Washington (or Sacramento or Albany) will inevitably be wasted, the solution is to send as little money as possible to those places. California has been fertile ground for proponents of the starve-the-beast approach because of the state’s unique constitutional provision that permits legislative proposals to be decided directly by voters.

It’s been said that if you want to see where America is headed, you should study California. The state was the first jurisdiction seriously to tackle the problem of air pollution from auto emissions. It led the way in promoting energy-efficient appliances. It was a forerunner in the expansion of rights for women and minorities. It was among the first to confront the issue of secondhand smoke. And it also spawned the anti-tax crusade that has dominated public discourse for the past three decades.

On June 6, 1978, Proposition 13 won the approval of almost 65 percent of Californians who voted in an election with near-record turnout. Officially called the People’s Initiative to Limit Property Taxation, the main provision of this measure was to limit California property taxes to 1 percent of a property’s assessed valuation, which in turn would be prohibited from rising more than 2 percent in any year.

Debate continues about the specific details of Proposition 13’s impact on the state. But no one seriously questions that it significantly dampened what had been

a long-run upward trend in tax revenues. Unlike the federal government, state governments are generally not permitted to run persistent budget deficits. There is thus little question that Proposition 13 also prevented much government spending that otherwise would have occurred.

Since at least some of that spending would have been wasteful, the supporters of Proposition 13 can claim, without fear of contradiction, to have eliminated some government waste. But it’s a much harder task to persuade neutral observers that Proposition 13 made California a better place to live. All government programs exist because legislators have constituents who favor them. Some of these programs deliver good value for the money. Others are boondoggles. When revenue shortfalls force government to make budget cuts, the best predictor of which programs get the ax is the power of the particular constituents who support them. As Alaska’s Bridge to Nowhere clearly demonstrates, however, the mere fact that a group supports a project does not mean that it serves the broader public interest. The inescapable

conclusion, then, is that Proposition 13 has also caused many worthwhile programs to be cut.

What’s been the net effect? In his 1998 book *Paradise Lost*, Peter Schrag grappled with that question. Schrag, who had been the editorial page editor of the *Sacramento Bee* for nineteen years, offered a meticulously researched and studiously nonpartisan account of the state’s economic and social history during the two decades following passage of Proposition 13 and numerous other ballot initiatives aimed at curbing the scope of government.

The portrait that emerges is of a state dramatically different from the one that had been “both model and magnet” for the nation during the generation immediately following World War II. The California government’s fiscal position has continued to deteriorate sharply in the years since *Paradise Lost* was published, and its overall prosperity relative to other states has fallen spectacularly. In 2009 alone, for example, revenue shortfalls forced the state to make some \$20 billion in additional budget cuts. But even the first twenty years of Proposition 13 had left the state a very different place. Thus, Schrag wrote,

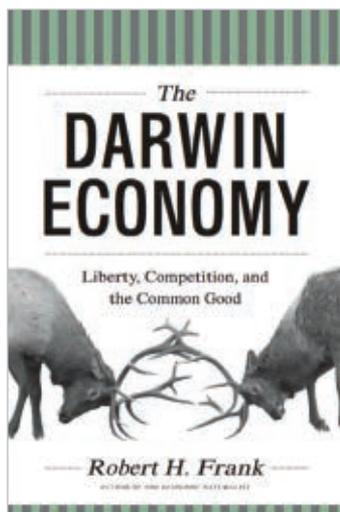
California’s schools, which, thirty years ago, had been among the most generously funded in the nation, are now in the bottom quarter among the states in virtually every major indicator—in their physical condition, in public funding, in test scores—closer in most of them to Mississippi than to New York or Connecticut or New Jersey. . . . Its once celebrated freeway system is now rated as among the most dilapidated road networks in the country. Many of its public libraries operate on reduced hours, and some have closed altogether. The state’s social benefits, once among the nation’s most generous, have been cut, and cut again, and then cut again. And what had once been a tuition-free college and university system, while still among the world’s great public educational institutions, struggles for funds and charges as much as every other state university system, and in some cases more.

Proponents of Proposition 13 counter that other factors have been important in the state’s long-run relative decline. Undoubtedly so. Yet the fact remains that chronic revenue shortfalls have been at the core of the state’s problems.

Antigovernment activists insist that the best way to deal with revenue shortfalls is to eliminate wasteful government spending. Who, other than the direct beneficiaries of a wasteful program, could possibly object? The difficult question is how to eliminate wasteful spending without inflicting even more costly collateral damage. Experience suggests that the starve-the-beast strategy is not the answer.

Starve-the-beast proponents might be likened to a doctor who treats a patient suffering from intestinal parasites by ordering him to stop eating. The patient’s food intake, he explains, is the very lifeblood of the parasites. Cut that off, and they will eventually die. Well, yes. But the patient himself may die first, or be seriously damaged in the process. That’s why the approved strategies for attacking parasites all take a much more targeted approach. They attempt to inflict damage on the parasites directly, while minimizing collateral damage to their host.

It’s instructive to push the parasite-host analogy a step further, by noting that no complex organism is ever completely free



of parasites. Yes, the organism benefits from reducing its parasite load, and that's why natural selection has always favored organisms with effective immune systems. But natural selection has always favored the most effective parasites, too. The battle against parasites entails costs as well as benefits. The rule of thumb for how to wage such battles is the same as that for battles in other domains: use the most cost-effective weapons first, and use them to attack the most dangerous parasites. But eventually a point comes at which the cost of the next weapon exceeds the costs imposed by the most dangerous remaining parasite. Beyond that point, additional parasite reduction actually leaves the organism worse off.

The same logic applies to the problem of waste in government. The best way to reduce it is surely to reach first for the most cost-effective weapons at our disposal and deploy them against the most important causes of waste directly. To do that, of course, we must ask why waste exists in the first place. Often the answer is that politicians support wasteful programs because of demands from important campaign donors. A good place for opponents of waste to focus might thus be on legislation that could reduce legislators' dependence on large campaign contributions. (Small donations pose a less serious threat because the individuals who make them are in no position to extract major concessions from legislators.) The cost of enforcing stricter campaign finance laws would be relatively low, and such laws would be likely to curb some of the most important sources of government waste. But the U.S. Supreme Court has shown little inclination to support stricter campaign finance laws in recent years. On the contrary, its controversial ruling in the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* case appears to signal the court's intention to roll back even long-standing limits on corporate campaign contributions.

Unless the court reconsiders, opponents of government waste will have to continue working their way down the list of alternative strategies. One lesson of the Bridge to Nowhere episode, for example, was that boondoggles are less likely to survive politically when more voters learn about them. The information revolution has greatly reduced the cost of putting information in front of voters, so we might make some progress there. But the same revolution has also caused explosive growth in the total amount of information that bombards us each day. Thus it may be just as hard as ever to draw voters' attention to any particular wasteful program.

In short, attacking government waste is a project that will be with us forever. Going forward, new technologies and better institutional design may facilitate significant progress, but they will never eliminate waste entirely.

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conducts periodic surveys to assess the quality of the world's governments. The organization publishes a Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), based on its definition of corruption as "the abuse of public office for private gain." Its surveys ask respondents to report "the degree to which corruption is perceived to exist among a country's public officials and politicians." Some countries, such as Myanmar and Somalia, are perennially near the bottom of Transparency International's CPI. It's no accident that they and other persistently low scorers on that index—which include Afghanistan, Haiti, Tonga, and Uzbekistan—are among the poorest nations on the planet.

Notwithstanding the rhetoric of antigovernment crusaders, there seem to be some governments that are relatively free from corruption and do at least a reasonable job of responding to their citizens' demands for public goods and services. In a three-way tie for the least corrupt government on Transparency

International's 2007 list were Denmark, Finland, and New Zealand. Singapore, Sweden, Iceland, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, and Norway rounded out that year's top ten in that order. Here, too, it's surely no accident that most of these countries are among the richest on the planet.

The causality undoubtedly runs in both directions. Having a more honest and effective government helps support activities that raise per-capita income. And being richer generally makes citizens more able and willing to support more effective forms of governance. But the correlation between per-capita income and the CPI is far from perfect. For example, the United States, which had higher per-capita income than any of the top ten on the 2007 CPI, ranked only twentieth-best on that list, primarily because of perceptions that our campaign finance system had corrupted Congress.

In countries with honest and effective governments, the view that promoting good government is a worthwhile investment would not strike most observers as absurd. Yet that does not seem to be the position of antigovernment evangelists in the United States, many of whom view government service with thinly veiled contempt. The foundation of honest and effective government is a professional civil service that takes pride in its work. Fostering a climate in which government is viewed with contempt inevitably makes it more difficult to recruit talented and dedicated civil servants.

If we must have a government, it's surely worth thinking seriously about how to promote good government. What public goods and services do we want? How can we best raise the money to pay for them? And how can we attract the kinds of civil servants we're willing to install in positions of trust? Going forward, questions like those should be our main focus. ■

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## Helping Hands

*Cornellians Respond to the Devastation in Japan*

On March 11, an 8.9-magnitude earthquake hit northeast Japan and unleashed a devastating tsunami, leading to mass destruction and killing thousands. While contributions poured in from all over the world, many Cornell alumni helped to provide relief.

In June, the Cornell Club of Japan held a relief fund drive. The event, at the Grand Arc Hanzomon Hotel, was organized by club president and incoming University trustee Chiaki Tanuma, MPS '80. More than sixty alumni gathered to discuss the importance of working together to support the relief effort. Upwards of \$12,000 was raised by the event and a matching gift from the Cornell Club of Japan. The proceeds were sent to Ashinaga Ikueikai, an organization offering educational and nutritional support to children who lost their families in the disaster.

Individual Cornell alumni are contributing in their own ways. They include Rose Tanasugarn '90, BA '95, vice president of the Cornell Club of Japan and member of the CACO Board, who plans to run the Kobe Marathon to raise funds for disaster relief, and Mark Tanouye '90, a professional musician in Hawaii who has participated in several multi-million-dollar fundraisers.

The members of the Cornell Club of Japan wish to express their



**Grateful nation: The Cornell Club of Japan (top) expresses its thanks. Above: Hirohide Abe, MPS '93, Nagisa Ishinabe '04, MPA '05, and Kavin Bloomer, MPS '90, at the reception.**

gratitude and "thank all our Cornell friends all over the world who have been praying for us and supporting us," Tanuma says.

### D.C. Club Presents Annual Honors

In May, a hundred Cornellians, family, and friends gathered for the Cornell Club of Washington's annual dinner, where the club honored its volunteers. Past president Carol Epstein '61 presented the Bondareff Award to Tomoko Morinaga, MPS '89. The award, named for Esther Schiff Bondareff '37 and her late husband, Daniel Bondareff '35, goes to a member who has given outstanding service to the club. In addition, Lindsay Schattenstein '10, BS '09, and Liz Mannis '11, BS '10, won the best program award for their young alumni holiday party.

## Meet the CAA Board



**Enrique Vila-Biaggi '94, ME '95**

**Position:** Director from the Region—Southeast

**Location:** San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Job:** President, iedifiko, a building and facilities management firm

**Cornell major:** Industrial engineering (undergrad), engineering management (master's)

**Campus activities:** President, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers; founding member, Puerto Rican Student Association

**First Cornell volunteer experience:** I first became involved as a board member of the Cornell Club of Puerto Rico.

**Current alumni activities:** I am still involved in the Cornell Club of Puerto Rico. I also serve as the CAAAN chair for Puerto Rico (I hold the freshman send-off at my house) and on the CAAAN Advisory Council; I am on the Cornell University Council and serve as vice chair of its Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid.

**Favorite place on campus:** Sitting atop Libe Slope, overlooking West Campus; it just helps me relax.

**Favorite professor:** I have two: Joe Thomas (former dean of the Johnson School) and Linda Nozick (civil engineering). Both are outstanding teachers and incredible human beings.

*More profiles of CAA board members will appear in future issues.*

## CAAAN Has A Big Red Year

As the number of applications for the Class of 2015 hit a new high, the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) also saw record participation. More than 4,700 alumni from around the world filed more than 19,000 reports detailing meetings with applicants during the 2010–11 admissions period—the greatest number of reports volunteers have ever submitted—while hundreds more staffed college fairs and special events. “The dedication of alumni to meeting with potential Cornellians is awe-inspiring,” says Bruce Wagner '64, MEE '66, chair of the CAAAN Advisory Committee. “No matter how many applicants we get, our volunteers make the time to meet them.” Wagner reminds those who are interested in taking part in CAAAN, especially young alumni, to sign up now, as the new admissions cycle is getting started. For more information, or to become a CAAAN ambassador, go to [caaan.admissions.cornell.edu](http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu).

## In Memoriam

*From time to time, the Cornell Alumni Association will pay tribute to alumni volunteers whom we have recently lost, via short essays written by the people who worked with—and were inspired by—them.*

### Robert Snook '58

One of Cornell's most passionate and dedicated alumni, Bob was actively involved in many activities, both on campus and on Long Island. He was on the boards of the Cornell Club of Long Island and the CALS Alumni Association of Long Island, in addition to his longtime role as a CAAAN committee chair. Bob seemed to do everything. He laid the foundation for the annual bus trip to Cornell for high school seniors from Long Island, personally arranged for yearly Book Awards for local high school seniors, and helped plan the CALS Alumni Association summer wine tasting events on the East End. Last fall, although he was already quite ill, he arranged to have Cornell's director of athletics, Andy Noel, speak to Long Island alumni prior to the Cornell-Columbia football game. Most of Bob's efforts on behalf of Cornell were behind the scenes, as he shunned the spotlight. But he was always willing and able to help out with any Cornell function and he always had the University's best interests at heart. Beginning this fall, the campus pilgrimage for high schoolers will be named the Robert B. Snook II Annual Student Bus Trip in his memory.

— Randy Rosenberg '74

### Elan “Lon” Benamy '65, BS Ag '67

I can't tell you how many Cornell alumni leaders have inspired me since I've graduated, but I can tell you who the first one was: Lon Benamy. For us middle class kids from Brooklyn applying to Cornell in the Seventies and Eighties, getting a call from Lon was a sign that you were on your way; traveling to Yeshiva of Flatbush High School (where Lon taught biology) for your Cornell “interview” was an event on the road to acceptance. It seemed that Lon handled all of Brooklyn's applicants single-handedly, and his enthusiasm for Cornell was boundless. “He is the reason I went to Cornell,” says Jackie Daniels Saril '88, who was also one of his biology students. “I will never forget when he took me to see the campus. He was driving a stick shift while eating a bagel and drinking from a milk carton—I have no idea how we made it up in one piece.” For more than forty years, Lon contributed his time to bringing some of the best and brightest to Cornell. We estimate that during his tenure as an admissions ambassador, he met with at least a thousand applicants and drove thousands of miles to show the campus to potential students. He made an impression on me—and many others—that will last a lifetime.

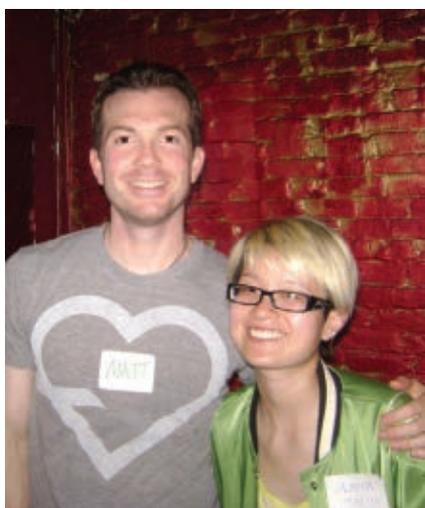
— Scott Pesner '87

# For Gay Alumni, Another Reason to Be Proud

Little did the organizers of the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association's annual New York City gay pride party know that the day and location they chose for their gathering would coincide with a pivotal moment in gay rights history. "We had selected the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village not only because of its history, but because it offered us a private party room at a great price," says Emanuel Tsourounis '00, JD '03, a CUGALA board member. It was at the Stonewall Inn in 1969 that a group of drag queens resisted a police raid and rioted, catalyzing the gay rights movement. And it was there, fourteen hours



Party time: CUGALA members pack Greenwich Village's Stonewall Inn (above) the day after the gay marriage bill passed. Left: Event organizers Matt Hyde '04 and Olivia Tai '08, BA '10.



prior to the start of CUGALA's party, that a huge celebration broke out.

The night before, the Marriage Equality Act had passed the New York State legislature and was quickly signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo, setting off celebrations in the streets outside Stonewall, with thousands of people partying throughout the night. The video and photos made world news. "When we got there the next day, the camera crews were still there—it was almost as though people were making a pilgrimage—and when

our party started, people were trying to get in thinking it was a continuation of the celebration," says Tsourounis. "Alumni came who wanted to be with us, to share the moment and the location." More than 150 alumni and current students, including some from Weill Cornell Medical College, were on hand. "It was amazing to be there," says Olivia Tai '08, BA '10, another organizer who helped to promote the celebration to current students. "We had people RSVP at the last minute because they knew it would be special."

## University Council, PCCW Elect New Leaders

The Cornell University Council and the President's Council of Cornell Women are under new leadership following approvals by their executive committees last spring.

Katrina James '96 has been elected chair of the University Council, succeeding Mitch Lee '90, JD '96. The council also elected five vice chairs: Deborah Gerard Adelman '71, MS '74, Jay Carter '71, ME '72, Scott Pesner '87, Jay Silpe '94, and Annie Wong '77. New members-at-large on the administrative board are Dean Burrell '79, Angela Clark '88, Stanley Fish '72, DVM '75, Andrea Glanz '74, Mary Maxon Grainger '79, MPS '87, Mary Wilensky Kahn '79, Natalie Teich '65, and Jeffrey Weaver '86, MBA '90. The council also elected more than one hundred alumni to four-year terms, including fifty who have never served on it before. They were elected

because of their outstanding volunteer leadership, professional standing, and/or commitment to community service. Council members act as ambassadors for the University and serve on advisory committees for Cornell.

The President's Council of Cornell Women also named a new board, electing Julie Crotty '87, JD '96, MBA '96, as president. Jill Goldy, MS '78, and Linda Gadsby '88 were named vice

chairs. PCCW works to enhance the involvement of female students, faculty,



Executive committee: Seated (left to right) are Katrina James '96 and Deborah Adelman '71, MS '74; standing are Annie Wong '77, Jay Silpe '94, Scott Pesner '87, and Jay Carter '71, ME '72.

staff, and alumnae as leaders within Cornell and its many communities.

**CRC** The year was 1906. Teddy Roosevelt was in the White House. The Wrights had taken flight in Kitty Hawk. Henry Ford's Model T "Tin Lizzie" was on Detroit drawing boards. Jacob Gould Schurman was Cornell's president and Pop Warner its football coach. **Rym Berry 1904** had of late coined a name for Pop's boys: the Big Red team. Speaking of innovators, a dozen young alums found themselves bound together, dedicated to the proposition that Cornell reunions were too good to be limited to five-year intervals. So they founded an institution whose object was "to have each and every member (signed below) attend every reunion of Cornell University for five (5) years from June 1907."

Thus was created the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC). It has been highly continuous ever since except in some war years. Last June, scores returned for its 105th Reunion. The hottest ticket was the climax of the weekend, Cornelliana Night, at an overflowing Bailey Hall, from which some 600 were diverted to the nearby Call Auditorium simulcast. Second was President David Skorton's Olin Lecture interview of **Chuck Feeney '56**, the man who donated billions—in secret.

Our gang met at CRC's Reunion home, an international living center on the North Campus named for football All-America/college president/ambassador to Sweden/SEC head **Jerome "Brud" Holland '39**, MS '41. They moved out quickly from the friendly North Campus confines to reunion lectures, tours, and revels. The members and guests from the Athletics department jammed the Statler ballroom for CRC's traditional Friday lunch. **Jack Brophy '53** and the Cayuga's Waiters (approximately) triple-quartet of the Fifties, appropriately, led the program off with "The Old Songs" (as in "the good old songs for me"). They followed with signature songs we loved so well in the Fifties—Waiters favorites like "The Day Isn't Long Enough," "The Fiji Isles," and "Good Night, Little Girl."

CRC comes back for the pleasure of each other's company, but the joy was diminished this year by the loss of several members, particularly **Bill Vanneman '31** (who had planned to attend an unprecedented 80th Reunion), and our senior (and honorary) member, longtime baseball and football coach Ted Thoren. The assemblage warmly welcomed Jeanne, Ted's wife of 64 years. Bill V. celebrated his 102nd birthday in April, but did not long survive. **Gerry Grady '53** called for a silent pause in memory of the year's fallen: Vanneman, Thoren, Col. **Don Spittler '40**, **Domenic Mazza '41**, **Dorothy Kleine Van Reed '45**, BS '44, **Davis Cutting '48**, **Richard Jackson '56**, **Ernie Hardy '53**, PhD '69, and **Kevin Seits '60**, JD '63.

CRC had a gift for the swimming team, graciously accepted by assistant coach **Wes Newman '09**, a three-time Eastern swimming champ, holder of many Red records, and a dean's list scholar. **David Eldredge '81**, coach of both men's and women's polo teams these many years, told of his women's undefeated national championship team (his daughter, **Kailey '14**, is one of its leaders) and his men's team, which finished second nationally. Both teams are powerhouses, year in and year out.

Athletic director Andy Noel praised his staff of superb coaches, which have won 68 Ivy League titles and 14 national championships during his dozen-year tenure, and thanked the alumni who, he said, have made it possible. He introduced our new member: **Cari Hills '98**, a Cornell Athletic Hall of Famer, All-America in women's lacrosse and field hockey, and all-time leading Cornell scorer in both sports. He also hailed as giants in their sports oarsman **Bob Staley '57**, MBA '59, present for the dedication of the renovated John Collyer Boathouse, and basketball's **Chuck Rolles '56**. Football coach Kent Austin reported impressive progress in building a better Big Red machine, in no small part due to a newly leveled playing field in the area of financial aid.

**Tom MacLeod '70**, MBA '71, escorted Jeanne Thoren to the mound and, at her request, threw the traditional first pitch of the Ted Thoren Memorial Alumni Baseball Game Saturday morning. **Rich Booth '82** and **Dan Dwyer '76** played. **Art Kesten '44** and the undersigned were designated coaches. Honorary member David Wohlrueter manned the P.A. Coordinator of Cornell Football Alumni Relations Pete Noyes, speaking at a post-game gathering to honor Thoren's memory, noted that "behind every great man there is a great woman. Jeanne Thoren is that woman." Old players and friends gave her another standing O. A session of recollected Thoren-esque wit and wisdom followed.

Another vintage a cappella group, **Jon Gardner '79** and his Alumni Hangovers, serenaded CRC diners Saturday evening at the Country Club of Ithaca.

Cornelliana Night, the final reunion event, was dedicated to Bill Vanneman's memory. There were buttons for all with his picture at a Cornelliana Night. It was an evening of recognitions and Cornell music. CRC was cited as loyalists to whom Cornell is held so dear—and reunions are so much fun—that we return every year.

For CRC, it was mostly agreed that this was one of the finest reunions ever. For that, we thank **Cathy Hogan '70** and Christine Rumsey of Alumni Affairs, John Webster and Kathleen Bolton of Athletics, **Connie Santagato** Hosterman '57, and superclerks **Carlie Ann Brown '11** and **Randall Pharr Jr. '12**. May their futures flourish.

And hardly anyone parked on the grass—unless it was absolutely necessary. ☒ **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 First Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**31** Congratulations to the nationally celebrated Class of 1931 and to the two classmates who attended the first-ever 80th Reunion at Cornell University! **Rosemary Hunt** Todd of Hollis, NH, and **Ruth Laible Tallmadge** of Rochester, NY, returned to the Hill for Reunion 2011 and were honored by alumni and friends, young and old. The festivities culminated in Saturday's Cornelliana Night, which was dedicated to longtime class president **Bill Vanneman**, who died on April 26. Bill, whose portrait graced the cover of the evening's program as well as hundreds of commemorative buttons distributed during the weekend, had written letters

to his classmates encouraging them to attend, and Rosemary and Ruth made the historic trip.

Rosemary arrived Thursday, June 9, with her daughter Sally Solmssen. She made it in time to participate in the "Spirit of '31: Passing It Forward" ceremony in the Statler Hall Ballroom, where a First Reunion Class Banner was presented to the newest reuners in the Class of 2006 by the oldest in the Class of 1931. Rosemary stood up to present the banner, and rose again to sing the Alma Mater along with President David Skorton and his wife, Robin Davisson, President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and his wife, Rosa, university administration and staff, family members, and reuners from the classes of 1936, 1941, and 1946. "It's overwhelming," she said, in response to the ovation she received from the crowd.

*Cornell Alumni Magazine* caught up with Rosemary at the Friday All-Alumni Luncheon in Barton Hall, and followed up on her TV appearances (the "Today" show and "Good Morning America") and radio and newspaper interviews. She began Cornell on East Avenue, in a house connected to Sage Hall, and remained close friends with her freshman-year roommate. She played field hockey, studied Latin for four years, and was at one point president of her sorority, Delta Delta Delta. She started in Home Economics, but dismayed at the lack of programs for women, changed to Arts and Sciences to study Economics. She remembers the dances at Barton Hall, with a band at either end, and to this day still has a passion for dancing.

Rosemary met her husband, Stanton Todd, through a roommate, and their courtship was mostly through letters. The second time she saw the man in person, he asked her to marry him. "I was very blessed," she said. Stanton also loved to dance, and they were married 63 years until his death from colon cancer. They lived in Michigan for 60 years and raised three children. Rosemary was active in the PTA and Junior League, and earned a master's in education from Michigan State U. when she was in her 50s. Afterwards, she worked more than ten years as a middle school English teacher and reading consultant. "I like young people," she said. "I think if you respect them, they respect you. And that's what I always tried to remember." Rosemary still keeps in touch with classmate **Myrtle "Toots" Uetz** Felton.

Ruth Tallmadge arrived Friday afternoon with her daughters Caroline Tallmadge and Anne Krutell, two of the seven children she raised in Rochester, NY, with her husband, **Edgar '32**, whom she met at Cornell and wed in 1935. Ruth enjoyed a filet mignon dinner at the Statler, breakfast at the Hum Ec college, the president's State of the University address, and Sunday brunch at Sapsucker Woods—the perfect thing, as she and her husband were avid birders during their 60 years of marriage. (Because of their love of birds, the Tallmadges vacationed in Mexico for many years, and Ruth still travels there every year for family reunions.)

Ruth was the first person in her family to attend college and would have graduated a year sooner, but tuberculosis sidelined her at home in bed for a year before she was able to return to Cornell and earn her degree from the Ag school

with a concentration in Home Economics. As her daughter Alice Tallmadge mentioned in an interview with ABC News, “Her home economics training was oriented toward nutrition and balanced meals. She preached moderation. My parents were both farming people, close to the earth, and we had a huge victory garden.” Ruth went to work right after graduation, landing a teaching job in Pennsylvania (where she faced discrimination for being a Catholic) and other positions in Richford Springs and the Catskills. She was happy to be able to help put her brother, **Paul Laible ’36**, through college. Ruth and her daughters send thanks to Cornell for such an impressive Reunion Weekend and for all the assistance they were given by the staff and the student clerks.

At Cornelian Night, a packed Bailey Hall cheered the returning Thirty-Wonders, and the two classmates joined in the singing of the old songs—from memory! Chris Marshall, Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs, paid tribute to them and to the great Bill Vanneman, “class president, correspondent, membership chair, treasurer, and big supporter of all things Cornell. Despite his passing, his spirit is alive and well throughout the university and especially in Bailey Hall tonight.” Chris also welcomed the members of Bill’s family present that evening: **Bill Vanneman Jr. ’65** and his wife, Irene; **Reeve “Ting” Vanneman ’67** and his wife, **Jane (Wallace) ’68**, granddaughter **Kara Vanneman Klein ’89**, and great-granddaughter Kate. “Thank you for sharing tonight with us,” he said to them, “and for sharing Bill with us for all those years.” Our best regards and good wishes to all members of the Class of 1931! ☐ *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**36** *Cornell Alumni Magazine* interns **Nicholas St. Fleur ’13** and **Maya Rajamani ’12** got a chance to meet the first woman to play in Cornell’s orchestra and a pioneer in the field of whole grain nutrition when they sat down to speak with **Ruth Fisher Rosevear** at the All-Alumni Luncheon on Friday of Reunion Weekend. Ruth, accompanied by her daughter, was the only attending member at her 75th Reunion, June 9-12. The stories she shared about her time at Cornell and after comprise the entirety of this column.

Ruth recalled that she was initially attracted to Cornell because of its excellent orchestra. A cello player since the eighth grade, Ruth loved to play her instrument, and the idea of performing with Cornell’s orchestra was the deciding factor that brought her to the Hill. Unfortunately for Ruth, even though she was an accomplished musician who had qualified to play in the New Jersey State Youth Orchestra, the conductor at the time was unwilling to allow a woman into his orchestra. It took two years of persistence for Ruth to show the conductor that she was more than capable of playing with the men in concert, and she became the first woman ever to perform in Cornell’s orchestra—opening the path for future female musicians. To this day Ruth still manages to play the cello, but with her eyesight failing she now resorts to playing her music from memory.

Ruth went on to share other experiences as an undergraduate. She spoke of her time living on the top floor of Risley and having to walk down a set of stairs from the tower just to get to the elevator. She spent her freshman and junior

years in the castle-like residential hall, and her sophomore and senior years in Balch Hall. She remarked that, in her day, the weather never kept her from class. “There were no snow days. You got your books and went to class!” Ruth majored in Chemistry, hoping to follow in her father’s footsteps as a pharmacist, and it was through her studies in the major that she met her husband **Francis ’33**, PhD ’37.

After receiving her degree, Ruth turned her focus to nutrition and published many works documenting the benefits of consuming whole grain foods. A favorite experiment of hers, that she has shown to children for decades, demonstrates the effects of good versus poor nutrition, with the help of a pair of rats she calls “Goodie” and “Junkie.” She feeds her “Goodie” rats healthy foods like whole grains, and her “Junkie” rats junk foods like white flour and sugary meals. The “Goodie” rats, she explained, grow bigger and have healthier bones, muscles, and fur than the “Junkie” rats, which are skinny and sickly shadows of their roommates. Ruth was one of the first nutritionists to advocate a diet of whole grains and has offered herself, an active woman now 97, as living proof of its health benefits. She has written for her local church’s *Nutrition Gazette* and, along with her husband, has made donations to the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.

After interviewing you, Ruth, I realized that earlier that day, in the Reunion lunch line, I had opted to place a slice of whole grain bread on my plate, instead of a tempting, buttery French croissant. You can only imagine my surprise when I realized that your work in nutrition had in some way influenced my health-conscious decision for lunch that day! ☐ **Nicholas St. Fleur ’13**, [nas74@cornell.edu](mailto:nas74@cornell.edu). Send news to: *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; class notes editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**41** Our 70th is over and my memories of it have formed a pattern, after a good night’s sleep, for this report to you. Ezra Cornell’s 1865 dream is now being realized internationally and globally in every respect—an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.”

Ken and I looked down from the back row of a newly and beautifully renovated Bailey Hall during President Skorton’s brilliant address on the “State of the University.” He described the new and ever-expanding programs and their importance and extension throughout the world. For Cornell, achieving a high ranking in its research regarding our sustainability as a species has now become far more important than beating Ohio State on the football field. President Skorton also talked about the financial programs for student aid and support in spite of the recession, which has offered challenges to faculty increases as well. The new living quarters for undergrads offer much more direct contact with faculty and a better learning environment as well. His optimistic outlook for Cornell is contagious and is proof that his choice as our president just prior to our 65th Reunion was superb. His wife, Dr. Robin Davison, is an added treasure.

Now to the four (plus me) women who bravely attended our Reunion with the 13 well-preserved and charming male members of the Class of 1941. This was not quite the ratio of 5 to 1 we had as coeds, but very pleasing nonetheless

(Warner, take note). They are: **Gretchen Fonda Gagnon**, who attended with her lovely daughters (as I recommended to her earlier this spring); **Jane Frier Bertrand**, who came with transportation provided by **Eleanor Slack** Foster Randles, MS ’78, and son **Joseph Foster ’75**; and our newest class author, **Dorothy Papish**, with information about her new book, *The Aqueducts of the Erie*. It is available from North Country Books Inc., 220 Lafayette Street, Utica, NY 13502.

All of us remembered our 65th Reunion and those no longer with us, many of whom were there five years ago. The 13 were named at the Service of Thanksgiving held in Anabel Taylor Hall Chapel on Saturday.

Our class president, **Robert Mueller**, BArch ’42, who took over with the sad loss of **Jean Way** Schoonover, deserves tremendous thanks from all of us. Without his efforts our reunion would have lacked many of the great features of Statler Hotel living, student help, great food, and transportation to everything—because he also was the reunion chair, due to **Allene Cushing** Knibloe’s unexpected illness. We truly missed both Allene and her husband, Wells, as well as our treasurer **Bill Webber** at our 70th. Thanks also to Bob for our lovely and delicious reunion gift in the Libe Tower bell package!

Other memories: Our welcome on Thursday from our beloved President Emeritus Frank Rhodes, pinch-hitting for President Skorton, who was delayed in NYC; the Savage Club Show with its amazing show of talent (including that of our own **Julian Smith**); the Chimes Concert on Saturday; the view from the Libe Slope, which still remains; and some of the “longing for the Old Days” still in us all.

The charming members of the Class of 1931 at their 80th Reunion proved that our 80th is a possibility. Enjoy each and every day! Love and thanks to all of you. ☐ **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, [kid12054@verizon.net](mailto:kid12054@verizon.net).

Our 70th Reunion has come and gone and I can only say what a wonderful experience it was for me! It was great seeing old classmates, including many whom I first met at previous reunions, and making new friends as well. On Thursday, the first day of Reunion, I flew from Fort Lauderdale, near where I live, to Ithaca, changing airlines at Philadelphia. The Statler had a limo waiting for our flight, so I was soon at their desk registering. My room was on the sixth floor, facing West Hill. Glancing out my window, Sage Hall was below me on the left. Beyond that, but obscured by Sage, was Carpenter Hall, where the new dean of the Engineering College has his office. On my right was the south end of the Arts Quad. I didn’t spend much time admiring the view, though—it was nap time for me. I’d been up since 4:30 a.m.

Our class headquarters were combined with the classes of ’31 and ’36 and were located in the Yale-Harvard Room of the Statler. The sole member of the Class of ’36 had not arrived yet, but from a still earlier class, ’31, two coeds checked in. Wow! They both sat at our table at dinner Saturday evening and bravely admitted they were 102 years old. Both conversed nicely, better than I, and one of them walked better, too!

Friday morning, after breakfast in the Statler’s Taylor Room, I opted to walk around the part of the campus with which I was most familiar—the Arts Quad. Upon my return to our home base, I fell

in with **Herb Cogan** and wife Patra and we walked up to the Drill Hall, where we joined other '41ers at the All-Alumni Lunch. Later, with booths all around the periphery of Barton Hall, I quickly located that of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* to accomplish another mission—a first-time meeting with my Class Notes editor and mentor, Adele Durham Robinette. We talked about Shirley's and my last contributions to our class column—our reunion reports—and said good-bye. I wish her well; she ranks high on my list of Cornell friends.

That night at dinner, I sat next to Ken Darmer, **Shirley (Richards)**'s husband. He turned out to be a delightful conversationalist. We had much in common, both being engineers. The next morning, I joined other Civil Engineers at breakfast in Hollister Hall. The new Engineering dean talked to us briefly but enthusiastically about the current emphasis of the whole Engineering College on "diversity," and subsequently the new CE director told how that would impact Civil Engineering. Then some of us went on tours of the test facilities. We had lunch at the Drill Hall again, and that gave another chance to visit with **Herb Abrams**, **Herb Cogan**, **Larry Kalik**, and **Bob Mueller**, BArch '42. Over the weekend, I saw others more briefly, including **Nick Hunter**, **Julian Smith**, and **John Weikart**. Greetings and good wishes to all who came! Lastly, keep sending in your news—the alumni magazine will be carrying on with the column. **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlansing@bellsouth.net. **Class of 1941**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY, 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

**42** Pres. **Liz Schlamm Eddy** (NYC) continues her choir singing duties and enjoys their frequent buffets. She also attends her French group luncheons at the Yale Club, where they review French grammar and are reading a book by Brigitte Bardot. She is busy "keeping her brain going." Liz also recommends the Cornell Campus-to-Campus bus from NYC to Ithaca at a cost of \$75 if you are interested in attending the 70th Reunion. A very nice ride.

**Bill Webster** (Cammack Village, AK) writes of his recent mishap: "68 years after being shot down twice in New Guinea in WWII, I got struck and almost totaled by a USPS truck, 100 yards from my driveway, and sustained numerous injuries (broken neck, concussion with loss of hearing in left ear, lower back and hip sprains). Have been in recovery for ten months and am driving again, going to water aerobics and P.T. classes daily. In order to do all this 'get well' stuff, I'm looking forward to going to New Zealand to see my granddaughter graduate from U. of Auckland. I'm also working on a Civil War history of the 8th Indiana Light Artillery Company based on letters written by my grandfather Henry Warren during his enlistment, 1862-65."

**Lynn Timmerman** (Boynton Beach, FL) enjoys reasonably good health for 91 and is still living in Quail Ridge Golf & Country Club where he manages to get in a bit of golf—nine holes twice a week. He and Helen drive up to North Carolina and Ohio to visit their families. They hate air travel, even though Helen was once an American Airlines stewardess. Lynn comments, "I try to get out riding my bike each day, but I've had to give up extended walking. Helen visits our physical fitness center daily, but I'm too lazy for stand-still exercise. We read a lot. Our club's library is

great—all the latest novels. My MD says: 'Lynn, whatever you're doing, don't change it.' Helen asks, What did he say about cocktails before dinner? My answer: He said, 'Don't change it!'"

After 65 years, **Chris Steinman** Foltman (csfff50@aol.com; Ithaca, NY) still lives at home and enjoys going out for lunch, bridge, volunteering, etc. The campus has changed so much it's hard to recognize parts of it, but if anyone comes to Ithaca, the welcome mat is always out. I had a nice chat with RVC friend **Roy Ward '41** (Richmond, VA), who is enjoying his new retirement home and writing his memoirs. I'm always amazed at his abilities and activities despite his sight handicap. He's an inspiration.

**Evelyn Kassman** Greenspan (Ft. Myers, FL) writes, "I spend summers in Columbus, OH, where I am the office boy in my son's business—I answer the phone and hold the fort when he needs to have meetings or go to the bank, etc. I have an apartment there and would love to hear from anyone who still remembers me. I return to Ft. Myers in the fall. See you at the 70th—golly, can you believe it!" **Meir Sofair** (Vienna, VA) is into consulting and designing two houses, giving gourmet cooking lessons at his home, and renovating the kitchen floors, ceiling, counters, and lights. He goes to the Oak-Marr Community Center in Oakton for the exercises and whirlpool activities, lectures, and seminars. He also has traveled to London and Israel. He'd love to hear from **Gus Vollmer** and **Howard Simpson**. Nothing old about Meir!

Sadly, we tell of the passing of **William Farley** of Denver, CO. Thanks to all for sending me such interesting accounts of your past and present. Keep it going. Do contact friends also. If you're not included here, there's more news to come next issue. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, carolynfnn@comcast.net.

**43** Dear fellow Class-Notes-Correspondents, Indigent Division: Carry on as before. Jules Renard said: "Writing is the only profession where no one considers you ridiculous if you earn no money."

Some time back, **Robert Kiernan** abandoned all worldly goods, vowed poverty, and entered Weston Priory in Vermont. To honor that decision the Class of '43 added his name, gratis, to the rolls of CAM subscribers. Years later he now writes—not for the first time: "I just wanted to assure you that I am still alive and kicking. I am still receiving *Cornell Alumni Magazine* thanks to my classmates. I just listened as best I could—my hearing is as poor as my exchequer—to the recently arrived DVD Romp 'n' Stomp. I also appreciate the books the class has sent, especially Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*, which I had always wanted to read but never before found the time to do so. And thank you, Miller, for your dedication to Cornell and the Class of '43, and for your great sense of humor." Well, you're welcome, Brother Robert. Go in peace.

**Mary Honor Crowley** Rivin has moved into an assisted living community in Santa Fe, NM. She says she had already paid her class dues. It's okay if others of you follow her lead. Write news. Pay dues. And if you'd be more comfortable with some assistance, move. Doesn't have to be Santa Fe. **Pat Rider** Huber (Cromwell, CT) sends a shot of three baby robins in a nest outside her window, their mouths open wide wanting to be fed. To hell with 'em, we say. If you have a spare worm, FedEx it to Sapsucker Woods.

Which segues nicely to **Shirley Shapiro** Woods (Dedham, MA), who not only donates regularly to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, but has also set up a generous gift annuity to the university. "There's a DVD of my WWII experiences working on the Manhattan Project and at Oak Ridge. Still volunteer at the Leonard Morse Hospital, the Morse Library in Natick, and the Danforth Art Museum in Framingham." **Hedy Neutze** Alles (Haddonfield, NJ) reports: "Went to Providence for Easter. These days I'm just reading mysteries and smelling the flowers." And this from **Gerald Aronson** (Los Angeles, CA): "You asked a while ago which teachers we revered back in the day: Wolfgang Laistner, professor of ancient history, who most certainly knew Cleopatra, Mark Anthony, Julius, and Augustus personally. Prof. Laistner—calm, dignified, self-contained—did not suffer fools gladly, but had the ability to convince us that what happened so long ago could be happening again right now. All you had to do was open your eyes. A remarkable guide."

We wine and dined the other night with **Lee Sunstein** and good friend Sue Scott to celebrate his move from longtime digs on Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square to Lafayette Hill, the retirement community located on the estate of the late educator, philanthropist, and Fortune 500 sportsman Fitz Eugene Dixon. Lee, you may remember, along with six crewmates, crossed the Atlantic in a 41-foot sailboat 20-some years ago at age 70. Said he was glad to check that off his bucket list, glad they survived, wasn't always certain they would, and that it was an insane mission to attempt. If coach Allie Wolf were alive today, and we're not saying he isn't—probably demanding wind sprints on an Upper Alumni Field somewhere non-Elysian at this very moment—we doubt that he would select, as he did 70 years ago, **Sim Gluckson** for his boxing and/or 150-lb. football team. Sim tells us that while he still teaches political science, he's in rehab and travels with a walker since his recent laminectomy. Tough old bird. We can attest to the fact that he was, in the Allie Wolf days, a tough young bird.

**Herman Shepherd** has died, alas, in New Canaan, CT. After graduation (BS in Botany and Plant Pathology), he joined the US Army Air Corps, where he taught radar and later operated radar equipment aboard the USS *Taos Victory* on a journey that took him around the world. In 1955 he founded Aerosol Techniques in Bridgeport, CT, which later became Armstrong Pharmaceuticals. He spearheaded funding for the nation's first research laboratory dedicated to aerosol pharmaceuticals at Columbia U.'s College of Pharmacology and authored *Aerosols: Science and Technology*, the first definitive text on the potential of aerosol medications. Shep's friendship with Albert Sabin inspired him to co-found the Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Inst. in 1993, committed to the reduction of suffering by the world's poorest one billion people from preventable tropical diseases. In 2002, he founded the Cancer Vaccine Consortium to gather the collective knowledge of the scientific community to overcome hurdles for cancer vaccine development. Shep believed that "all of us are smarter than one of us." The Consortium partnered in 2008 with the Cancer Research Inst. to form the premier organization dedicated to cancer immunotherapy. It contributed to the creation of a new scientific paradigm, which found use in the recent successful development of Yervoy, an immunotherapy for patients with metastatic melanoma. And so we say, Amen. **S. Miller**

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**44** “Art and I attended Reunion 2011 as part of the Continuous Reunion Club (CRC),” writes class president **Dotty Kay Kesten**, “as we do every year—missing very few. We were especially thankful to attend the Alumni Baseball Game and barbecue, as Art was a varsity player during his undergraduate years. Art was in the game in spirit since he no longer participates as a player or coach. At the barbecue, the alumni players paid tribute to longtime baseball coach Ted Thoren, who died on May 11. Ted was a very dear friend of both of us and a fellow traveler with Club 44. Since we missed the memorial service, we were happy to be there for the Reunion tribute. We also had a mini-reunion with **Bob Ballard** and wife Renata, **Bob Miller**, BA ’47, and Ted’s widow, Jeanne. Ted and Jeanne have been honorary members of our class for many years.” Dotty added that she and Art celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 8.

**Margot Tohn ’86**, president of her class and member of the Cornell Council, notified the class of the death her father and our classmate, **Gerald Tohn**, last fall. She writes, “My dad adored Cornell. His courtship with our mother, Deedy, was based around Cornell football games, we were sung Cornell songs as children, and he was forever on the lookout to help someone attend Cornell. In the fall our house was always filled with a parade of prospective applicants coming through for alumni interviews and baskets of apples from the Cornell Orchards. His children are continuing his legacy of being involved with Cornell.” Margot’s sister, **Ellen Tohn ’81**, is the board chair for Cornell Outdoor Education.

Deedy Tohn, an honorary member of the class, also wrote: “After all these years as a ’44 spouse, I still feel very connected. Please keep me on the list! Margot and I spent 17 days traveling in Asia this past May, which was a true eye-opener, as the last time I was in China was with Club 44 on the cruise. Many changes! My grandson **Seth Harper ’14**, Ellen’s son, finished his first year in Cornell Engineering. He proudly wears Jerry’s red flannel blazer from the 25th Reunion. Jerry was so proud that Seth decided on Cornell and wanted to wear that very warm blazer!”

Your latest dues and news has started to come in—many thanks! Stay tuned to the next issue for the first installment. **Class of 1944**, c/o Cornell Alumni Magazine, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay Kesten**, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

**45** **Bill Knauss**, MBA ’48 (Sarasota, FL) tells us of his very full life. Bill was our class secretary for many years after graduation, at a time when that position was the top class officer, acting as correspondent and general “can-do” person. He reminds us that back then, each class had its own cartoon at the top of the column. He retired in 1990 and later moved to Sarasota and lost his wife to Alzheimer’s in June 2010 after 56 years of a wonderful marriage that produced **Kathy Knauss-Rosenblum ’78** and **Beth Knauss ’80**. Kathy and husband **Carl Rosenblum ’77** have daughters **Lauren Rosenblum ’11** and **Lindsey Rosenblum ’13**.

Bill tutors third grade students in language skills and served as vice president of the advisory board of the board of education this year. He has interviewed scores of applicants for the home program of Habitat for Humanity. He plays doubles tennis three times a week and went on an extended tour of South Africa in March, highlighted by a magnificent view of Victoria Falls by helicopter. Over the years he has visited 78 countries! This summer he will live in his home in the Adirondacks, maintaining a tradition of 77 years.

**Dick Allen**, BME ’47 (Cincinnati, OH) has been retired for 27 years from the David J. Hough Co., now the largest scrap metal company in the US (part of Nucor Steel), where he had been VP of operations for 20 years. He volunteers every Thursday at a nonprofit that repairs poor people’s

and is not allowed to walk through the metal detector with help, was subjected to a prolonged palpation and detector exam of private body areas. They suspected this 85-year-old woman of harboring a machine gun between her thighs or at least plastic bombs in her bra. Both airports are similar to ones in the Third World in that passengers do not walk directly from waiting room to airplane, but down a ramp to a 200-yard walk on tarmac and then up a ramp to the cabin. My beloved wife insists on carrying a large purse and a heavy large coat, even though leaning on a walker, so as we descend the ramp, the coat falls from her arm and yours truly gallantly throws the coat over his shoulder and wraps her purse strap around his neck, all while pulling two cases on wheels. What is forgotten is our lunch bag, which

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Hedy Neutze Alles ’43

homes; he estimates he has worked on nearly 2,000 homes. This winter he went downhill skiing with friends and relatives at Alta and Park City, UT. (Hard work and vigorous exercise is the way to stay healthy!) He would like to hear from **Taylor Keller ’44**. **Roger Milnes**, BA ’44 (Vienna, VA) spends his retirement time caring for home and garden, but he would rather be cruising. He attended his granddaughter’s graduation at the US Naval Academy prior to her joining the submarine service (which I thought was one of the few domains left that were “male only”). Roger warmly remembers Cornell’s great teachers.

**C. Jean Hendrickson** Cummings (Binghamton, NY) enjoys many activities in her retirement home: playing bridge, singing in the choir, and exercising in the health club, in addition to taking long walks and sewing baby quilts at a church group. She fondly remembers wonderful dorm life all four years and fraternity weekends with her husband-to-be. She is still in touch with two roommates. She wonders why she never received the photo of our 60th Reunion taken in the Drill Hall. Jean, I’m sending you one along with **Prentice Cushing’s** list naming all but two of the faces in the photo.

**Marvin Moser** (Scarsdale, NY; moserbp@aol.com) continues his illustrious medical and academic career in all aspects of blood pressure. He is a clinical professor of medicine at Yale U. School of Medicine, editor-in-chief of *Medical Round Table* and the *Journal of Clinical Hypertension*, and president of the Hypertension Education Foundation. He continues to write, lecture, teach, and edit, but still squeezes in leisure activities with wife Joy: golf, travel, and summering in the Adirondacks. **Merle Dinse**, BS Ag ’47 (South Windsor, CT) is another snowbird who, with wife Audrey, winters in Florida. He is a retired mechanical engineer who is active in his church, managing its endowment fund. Merle has great Cornell memories of friends and the beautiful campus.

Your faithful co-correspondent **Bob Frankenfild**, MD ’47, had an enjoyable prolonged weekend in Bellingham, WA, featuring a classical violin recital by our granddaughter, 21. Getting there was half the fun! Wife Betty, who uses a walker

falls from the walker down the ramp and breaks open, spewing ham, lettuce, mayo, and mustard all over the ramp. Yes, a 20-year-old offers to collect it for us so we won’t go hungry! Our return flight was delayed by a mere three hours, while a defective part in the motor was replaced.

Julie and I await all updates, including troublesome but memorable travel news. **Bob Frankenfild**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; or **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

**46** The years fell away for 30 members of our class as we began our 65th Reunion, June 9–12. By the time we left, we again felt 21 years old. Some arrived on their own, but a few needed assistance, so 23 spouses, children, and grandchildren came along. Ithaca didn’t disappoint us—We had a hailstorm on Thursday that cancelled President Skorton’s appearance at our first reception, plus it rained intermittently other days. After 65 years, we’ve learned to carry rain gear.

Our first official meeting was at a reception attended by the classes of 1931 to 1946. A feisty 102-year-old received a standing ovation. She and another classmate were the first Cornell alumni to ever attend an 80th Reunion. Would you believe it—she STOOD to sing the Alma Mater. We met every night as a group for a reception, then we went to our individual class dinners. We dined on sea bass, lamb, filet mignon, and salmon, with lots of spinach salad, plus fabulous desserts (especially the “to die for” chocolate mousse). We were entertained by the Hangovers and the Alumni Cayuga’s Waiters (a gray-haired group from the ’50s). We had a busload for the hour-long tour of campus, where we saw the newest buildings erected since our last reunion. We had several meetings at Bailey Hall (which had been closed for renovations for our 60th Reunion). I got to use the new elevators and sat in the top row of the highest balcony. 1,300 sat in Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night, with another 600 watching from Call Auditorium in Kennedy Hall, and nearly 200

on Facebook. A very loud, boisterous group joined in the Glee Club singing. We didn't get back to the Statler Hotel until after midnight. We exhausted my 61-year-old son.

Shuttle buses, golf carts, and the handicapped bus (plus walking) took us to the Olin Lecture, the Service of Remembrance for deceased class members, the president's State of the University speech, the Glee Club concert, and Cornelliana Night. Some went to sorority, fraternity, and Engineering breakfasts. A few toured the Johnson Art Museum, while some even walked the campus and checked out the nightly beer tents on the Arts Quad. Instead of the usual bleachers at Barton Hall, our photo was taken on rows of lawn chairs at our Friday dinner at the Statler. Mix and mingle was held every night at 9:00, and most of us were in good vocal shape and even remembered the old college

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Elinor Baier Kennedy '46

songs, with back-up pamphlets. We departed after Sunday breakfast amid hugs, kisses, tears, and a promise to return in five years.

I cried when Lois and **Paul Levine** sang to me, and the class presented me with a photo for my 55 years as your class correspondent. I accused my "roomie" **Pat Kinne** Paoletta and my son of being sneaky in finding my Cornell graduation photo. The *Alumni Magazine* put it on a mock magazine cover, and my daughter-in-law framed it. Thanks to all of you for your contributions to our column over the years—I couldn't have written without your help. I LOVE YOU ALL. ☐ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Lois and I were seated with the dignitaries at Thursday's reunion dinner. '46 president **Lloyd Slaughter** was there with his charming wife, Marilyn. Even Rosa and President Emeritus Frank Rhodes sat at our table. But everyone's center of attention was my immediate neighbor, "Thirty-Wonder" **Rosemary Hunt** Todd, Class of 1931, the first Cornelian ever to return for an 80th Reunion. (She was joined by her classmate **Ruth Laible** Tallmadge '31 the next day.) Rosemary rose from her wheelchair for the Alma Mater before her interrogation by leading print, radio, and TV press services. Write-ups of her were later published and broadcast nationwide. During a lull in the interrogation, she asked me, "Are you Class of '36?" I replied, "No, I'm '46." Her quick rejoinder: "You're just a kid."

The 102-year-olds starred again at Cornelliana Night on Saturday. They were introduced, stood, turned, and joyously waved from their front-row seats in Bailey Hall. The Cayuga's Waiters, a subset of the Glee Club from the 1950s, who had entertained us at our class banquet, paid Rosemary and Ruth their respects, serenading them with the risqué "Goodnight Little Girl." The "Thirty-Wonders" and spectators enjoyed every bit of it. Cornelliana Night also afforded Lois and **Paul Levine** the opportunity to parody "The Song of the Classes" before Bailey's 1,300, Kennedy Hall's 600 overflow, and nearly 200 more on Facebook. Our parody: *Some come for nostalgia to view the old house / Some come back to show off a new trophy spouse / Some show off*

*their jewelry and all of their glitz / Let's help alma mater before our obits.*

To view Cornelliana Night on your computer, go to <http://www.cornell.edu/video/>. Scroll through the videos near the top and select "Cornelliana Night 2011." Make sure your speakers are on for the great talk and music. The program lasts about an hour, and the events described above occupy roughly the last 15 minutes. Just use the slide bar below the video screen if you'd like to skip ahead to the Cayuga's Waiters performance. (They will be the group in Navy blazers and ties.) Their serenade of the two 1931 ladies is priceless, and this is followed by the many parodies, including ours.

**Elinor Baier** Kennedy deserved our praises for long, dedicated service to our class. Feting her were **Patricia Kinne** Paoletta, the Slaughters,

the Levines, and all present at Friday night's dinner. Pat, who sparked the idea of an award to Elinor, presented her with a framed, special edition *Alumni Magazine* cover featuring Elinor's Cornell graduation photo. We and the Slaughters sang a "Song of the Classes" parody to mark the event: *Elinor Baier Kennedy deserves all our cheers / She's covered our women for 55 years. / This belle of Cornell has captured our hearts / She has now outlasted six male counterparts.*

Much more will be told, especially of our 18 male attendees, in the next issue on the greatest reunion any of us remember. Send news to: ☐ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com.

**47** The new school year has started and five students are being assisted by the Class of 1947 Cornell Tradition Fellowship scholarship. **Alexander Koeberle '13** is a junior from Cobleskill, NY, majoring in Natural Resources in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Besides carrying a full academic schedule, Alex has a job in a biology laboratory, is active with the Ski and Snowboard Club, and volunteers for many environmentally oriented projects. He'd like to go to graduate school and then work on climate change and the impact of humans on the environment. **Melissa Kachala '13** is a junior in Chemical Engineering from Rochester, NY. She'd like to go to law school in order to become a patent attorney involved with advancements to help the environment. She works in banquet service at the Statler and is involved with the Society of Women Engineers and the Democrat Club, where she worked on getting students to register to vote.

**Fadi Jacob '14** is a sophomore in Ag and Life Sciences, studying Biology, and is from Alpharetta, GA. **Ethan Wilson '12** is a senior studying Biometry and Statistics in Ag and Life Sciences. He has held jobs in Ithaca at the Hilton Garden Inn, in the mailroom at one of the student unions, and as a tutor. Ethan used scholarship money to travel with other students to San Miguel, Guatemala, where they spent eight days helping local coffee farmers. Having grown up on an Upstate New York

dairy farm, Ethan wrote, "It gave me extreme pleasure to offer my services for them and to learn about their lives." **Kelsey Shultz '12** is from Plano, TX, and is a senior in the School of Hotel Administration. She has had campus jobs in the Hotel school and the Dept. of Architecture and with Campus Information and Visitor Relations.

Our own classmates are also working, studying, traveling, and doing good works. **Margaret Newell** Mitchell, who is working on our 65th Reunion (June 2012), also advocates for planned giving for the Cleveland Orchestra's Heritage Society and for Cornell's Cayuga Society. She says, "Making a planned gift means you can give away the cow before you kick the bucket and still keep all the milk!" She and Bill were planning a trip to Alaska through Anchorage, Denali, and Glacier Bay for August. **Marvin Wedeen** and wife Dot took a "fabulous" cruise up the Norwegian coast beyond the Arctic Circle last year and look forward to another cruise this fall through the Greek Islands. "While we can, we do," said Marvin. He and his wife also took a course about the history, culture, architecture, and gardens in Charleston, SC, all tied to the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sumter. Speaking of the Civil War, **Frances Mulry** Baran wrote of being very interested in Ken Burns's recent "Civil War" presentations on TV. Her grandfather was a surgeon with the 16th Maine Volunteer Regiment and served with the Army of the Potomac in several battles featured in Burns's series.

**Jack Levene** of Lake Worth, FL, is retired but taking courses at Florida Atlantic U., volunteering at Hospice of Palm County, and teaching med students. **Robert '51** and **Jane Johnson McCombs** keep active in church, Rotary, and community affairs. They attended Bob's 60th Reunion in June. Hope you'll both be back next June for our 65th! **Jack White** (jackwhitepe@verizon.net) has moved to Canandaigua, NY, not too far from Ithaca and close to his sons and other family; he plans to be at our 65th. It was nice to hear from **William DeWitt** (dutchdewitt@aol.com), who lives at Kendal at Oberlin, where he and Betty enjoy the Oberlin College Conservatory and seeing their sons and families. Also good to get news from **Elizabeth A. Brown**, MS '53, who lives at Kendal in Ithaca, **Malcolm Rankin** (mrr551@gmail.com), and **Marjorie Topkins** Goodman (mrtopkins@yahoo.com), who lives in Manhattan.

I hope you will all have a wonderful autumn. If you aren't lucky enough to live where you can see the beautiful foliage this time of year, think back to views in all of our memory banks of the red and gold trees on campus and carpets of color along the lake shore. See you next June! ☐ **Archie Williamson** Anderson, arlie47@aol.com or (585) 288-3752; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, irashain1@verizon.net or (201) 391-1263.

**48** **Bob Harnett**, Kettering, OH: "Start every morning with a daily Mass at St. Charles Catholic Church. Lunch with many friends from my working, golf, and tennis days. Watching our up-and-down assets. Hope something is left for our family. There's a steady decline in US of family values. Ohio has its problems, but we are spared bad things like hurricanes, dust storms, forest fires, etc. As a Rust Belt state, we see much of our manufacturing leaving. I had GM cars from 1950 to 1986. The '86 Buick was the worst ever. Switched to Toyotas (made in Kentucky). Very satisfied with

five Toyotas. Plan to keep it forever. Wish I were in Ireland or South Carolina. Losing too many friends! Must keep up with exercise routines. Finding the girl from Minnesota who became my wife in 1951 was the highlight of my life. Heading for 60th with four children and eight grands. I had a wonderful four years at Cornell (1944-48). Entered as a 16-year-old on June 24, 1944. Missed WWII, but served in the Air Force in 1952-55 as an officer. Have only been back to Cornell two times, but remember it very fondly. All of our children attended universities in Ohio, so I'm a staunch rooter for Ohio State, where I received my master's degree."

**Bart Holm**, West Grove, PA: "Walking the dog and me. Volunteer in community and local hospital. Working hard to stay healthy, visiting my doctors. Country is going downhill. Most politicians are interested only in themselves, against anything the other party wants to do, myopic to national needs. Keep trying to elect good people and stay away from the fringes. I've traveled all over the world, and Pennsylvania is the best place in the world to live, but we are destroying our world. Hope to cruise the Caribbean in cold weather. Car is ten years old, with only 60,000 miles on it, so it makes sense to keep it. Right now, I wish I were on Lake Champlain. Spent last summer there and winter on Caribbean cruise. Greatest gift in life was having good children. No money problems. Have learned to be tolerant of other people. Leave the world better than you found it. Help others. Life is good."

**Anatole "Tolly" Browde**, St. Louis, MO: "Reading, computer building, loafing. Everything's downhill. Huge government debt, terrible health bill, non-Constitutional government. Get rid of incumbents. We still have free speech and the ability to vote, are in relative safety from attack, and state taxes are reasonable, but we're drifting toward huge government and socialism. Going to a symphony tomorrow after church. Car is in excellent shape, gets good mileage. Will keep it until one of us dies. I attended three Tea Party events. It's difficult to stay healthy. Blessed with two great-grandchildren. No matter what age we are, we must continue to be politically active. We must always strive to improve the world around us." **Barbara Berman Bergmann**, Washington, DC: "Professor emeritus of economics, U. of Maryland and American U. Writing book: 'The Decline of Marriage and What to do About It: Global warming threatens our only home, yet nothing is done. We should have a huge carbon tax."

**William More**, Baltimore, MD: "Active in American Legion and Shriners Hospital funding. Citizens seem to be working for the government instead of government serving the people. Need term limits in the House and Senate. We lead the world—let's keep it that way. We should not try to run the world. Tomorrow I'm attending a Shriners Hospital fundraiser and then a WWII Marine reunion. In the near future I'm doing as little as possible. I drive an '06 Mercury. Runs perfectly—will keep it until I stop driving. My body is old, but my thoughts are young. The greatest day was when Shirley and I married, 64 years ago (1946). Not worried about old age. We have become a nation of beggars. How many requests for donations do you receive in each day's mail? Semper Fidelis—always faithful."

**Constantine "Custer" Rockas**, Winchester, MA: "Leaders of our 'beautiful' USA are in most parts unqualified to govern our great country. We must reduce our national spending habits. Reps are elected by how much \$\$ they can collect. Result

is high taxes, lack of competent representatives. Most states need an overhaul, also. Don't know what I'll do tomorrow. Was in an almost fatal auto accident (lucky to be alive). My neck was broken. Am not in excellent health. I do very little driving now. My wife of 54 years passed away in August 2010. Right now, I'm just 'getting along.'" **Gifford "Giff" Doxsee**, Athens, OH: "I'm here, paying my dues and sending in news."

**Joyce Van Denburgh** Doty, MFA '50, Winter Park, FL: "Meals on Wheels volunteer—three routes. Avid viewer of Sunday morning political talk shows. And . . . aren't computers wonderful! Especially e-mail. Statesmanship is a thing of the past. Now it's all about POWER. Shameful deadlock is the result. Suggestion: rescind term limits, especially for the presidency. Citizens should not have this artificial impediment to their vote. Florida has good weather, sunshine, plants, and landscaping, but Texas is still my favorite state. Florida politics and government are totally illogical. Tomorrow I'm delivering meals to the household, which takes a long time because we like to talk. My TCU grandson graduated on Dec. 17, and I was there. From there we all headed to Colorado for Christmas (the others went skiing). I was also in Chicago for Thanksgiving. I wrote 'creatively' about the 2009 Chicago visit." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

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It's great hearing from all of you. Our class always has so much interesting news to report!

**Marilyn Faith Olsen Baurle** (Dryden, NY; baurlew@juno.com) tells us that her present "day job" is homemaking, gardening, and being a "companion to **Walter '48**, my husband of 62-1/2 years." She cooks, plays duplicate and party bridge—and "Spider Solitaire" on her computer—e-mails to family, and reads. She says she has been doing all these things, but "a little slower!" Marilyn says that she would rather be traveling and spending more time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Maine. Her favorite memories of Cornell are playing in the Cornell Symphony Orchestra, Gertrude Winters playing bongo drums for freshman fundamentals and rhythmic classes, and Farm and Home Days as cook and cattle-shower. She is in touch with **Sylvia Colt** DeAlmeida and **Joyce Teck** Greene.

**Jerry Farber** (Boca Raton, FL; jfarber01@gmail.com) has been retired since 1987. He enjoyed a 16-day cruise/tour of Italy and Rome, and more recently took a 30-day cruise to Australia and China. He asks, "What else is there to do when one is retired?" A veteran and married when he came to Cornell, the one thing that he remembers most fondly of that time is "having my first born at Cornell and watching him sitting on Dusty Rhodes's lap. He used to run all over the Chem library." **David Batt** (Canandaigua, NY), married to Patricia, writes that he is a Eucharistic minister of the Catholic Church and Canandaigua Community Hospital. His extracurricular activities are gardening and golf. "Just being a Cornell graduate, enjoying and realizing the greatness of this accomplishment" is what David remembers so well from his time on the Hill. He wishes to hear from his Psi Upsilon brothers.

**Chester Roistacher** (Riverside, CA; chetroist@att.net), retired, is a world consultant on citrus

virus diseases. He was responsible for citrus detection and eradication in the California Citrus Clonal Protection Program at UC Riverside for 26 years (1960-86) and is in his 26th year as teacher and lecturer at the Institut Agronomique Méditerranéen, Valenzano, Bari, Italy. The author of more than 200 publications on citrus virus and virus-like diseases and their control, Chester was presented with an honorary doctorate (DSc) by the U. of Pretoria, South Africa, in 1999 and was honored as a Fellow of the Int'l Organization of Citrus Virologists in 2004. For 50 years he has been a consultant and lecturer for the World Bank, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, USAID, and GTZ, acting as a consultant in countries all over the world. He has developed more than 50 slide shows and 24 e-articles for the UN website [www.ecoport.org](http://www.ecoport.org).

Chester has written a book, *My Golden Years*, describing growing up in New York. He tells of his interview with an admissions officer at Cornell who told him, "Sorry, but you're a city boy; we take only farm boys." Chester begged for a chance, whereupon the officer gave him a seed chart to identify some seeds. After he had easily identified about 15 seeds, giving them their Latin names as well, the officer exclaimed, "Stop! When did you break into my office?" The city boy said, "I've just arrived. I'll show you my bus ticket!" The officer told him that no one had ever identified so many seeds on the chart before and asked him how he did it. Chester explained that at the farm school he had attended, he had become interested in seeds, and had planted a few in cotton and raised them. "The examination is over," the officer announced. "You are in." As an undergraduate, Chester organized the Cornell Folk Dance and Cornell Outing clubs. He remembers most fondly the beauty of the campus and the Cornell Outing Club and would enjoy hearing from those who were members.

Retired from teaching, **Mary Sanders Shindelar** (Solway, MN) wrote that she was getting used to being a widow, "jumping through all of those government hoops. He was a Marine." Her husband, John, died August 30, 2009. Mary has been cleaning her house, "after spending 14 summers on the road with our RV in Alaska, visiting and fishing. Rooms were six layers deep!" After-hours activities include quilting, reading, and watching sports on TV, and she says she'd like to have more time to make baskets and woodcarve. Her fondest memories of Cornell: "All the friends in my class. I liked getting to know the freshman girls in Balch and juniors in Cascadilla, too." She suggests that a round-robin letter from Kappas from 1945-50 would be fun. "I'm in the sticks and out of touch."

**Robert M. Hill** (Medford, OR; r7matteson2@me.com), a physicist married to Mary April Blackburn, says that his present "day job" is being on the Internet, watching sports, and reading *Nature* and *Scientific American*. His extracurricular activities are the same: "I'm 83, after all." He adds that he has been "traveling, keeping up with modern science, and watching the lives of four children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild." His fondest memories of Cornell are "living in Vetsburg and Scotty Little and the swim team, from which I became All-American." **Paul Seider** (Shadow Hills, CA; jseiderski@aol.com) is retired and married to Kay. He plays golf, works with the ASPCA, and volunteers at the church school. He has also been entertaining children and 16 grandchildren, but says he'd rather be running. Great friends are his fondest Cornell memories. He would most like

to hear from **Gilbert Pinkham**. **Dorothea Ann Dashefsky** Fast (Livingston, NJ; fastdotmom@aol.com) is “happily retired.” She sees close Cornell friends in NYC occasionally, and says it’s great to be together. Not long ago she traveled to Australia to visit a grandchild at the U. of Brisbane. More recently she went to Great Britain to see a granddaughter at the U. of Leeds. A grandson was beginning his spring term at the U. of Edinburgh in Scotland. Dottie will no doubt be heading to Scotland in the coming year! Most fond Cornell memories? “Really, almost everything!”

Spending reunion weekend at the Continuous Reunion Club were **Donald Sutherland** (Naples, FL; suds262@aol.com or don@donsutherland.com) and **Donald Roberson** (Niagara Falls, NY). Please keep your news coming. ☐ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 1625 Lilac Lane, Crescent, PA 15046; tel., (724) 784-0371; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

**50** On a beautiful evening in Manhattan on Friday, May 6, 37 classmates, spouses, and guests assembled in the library of the Cornell Club—New York for our annual spring class dinner. On hand were **Jim and Nancy Hubbard Brandt** in from Chicago; **Bruce Davis**, MBA ’52; **Dave Dingle**; **Bob Fite** and friend Betty Steiger; **Lori Heyman** Gordon up from Virginia; **Mary Holcomb** Haberman down from Maine; **Howie Heinsius**; **Ginny Davenport** Judson; **John and Ann Laibe**; **John and Jane Haskins Marcham** ’51 down from Ithaca; **Dr. Maria Iandolo** New; **Dick** and **Pat Pogue** from Cleveland; **Alex** and **Phyllis Richardson**; **Daniel** and **Betty Rosenberger Roberts**; **Stan Rodwin** and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg ’53 down from Rochester (along with Stan’s son Brian); **Jack**, MD ’54, and **Lil McLellan Rose** ’54; **Peter** and **Arlene Rotolo**; **Dick** and **Annelle Savitt**; **Nels**, MBA ’51, and **Nancy Schaeen**; **Bill Sharman**, BArch ’52; **Dick Silver**, MD ’53; **Marion Steinmann** and husband Charles Joiner; and class president **Pat Carry** Stewart up from Florida.

Over the salad course, President Pat conducted the class meeting. VP John Marcham reported on the Class of ’50 Archives Project, and Nels Schaeen on the several class funds. Acting on a request from Straight officials, approval was given to release \$150,000 from the Class of ’50 Willard Straight Hall Fund: \$100,000 to replace the floor in the Memorial Room and \$50,000 to repair and refinish the wall panels—leaving a fund balance of \$300,000. After dinner Dave Dingle and Howie Heinsius led the group in the traditional songfest of Cornell songs. **Bob Post** has traditionally led in the singing of seven verses of “Seven Old Ladies Were Locked in the Lavatory.” In Bob’s absence, Jack Rose organized a rousing rendition with seven different classmates singing each of the seven verses with the whole group enthusiastically joining on the choruses. A good time was had by all.

**Walt Bruska**, our well-known and accomplished classmate and former Cornell VP, is the deserving recipient of the 2011 Frank H. T. Rhodes Award for Exemplary Alumni Service. Walt has served Cornell as a student, administrator, and continuously active volunteer for more than half a century. He has served as class president, class council member, and reunion campaign member, and currently serves on our Class Advisory Council. He is also currently on the Athletics Advisory Council, University Council, Football Association, and Regional Campaign Committee. As reported

in his citation, Walt “is the glue and life of the Cornell Club of Vermont,” for which he hosts numerous Cornell events at his home on Lake Champlain. He is among a select group of alumni who have truly made a difference to Cornell.

In a visit to Sarasota, FL, **Pat Coolican** had a pleasant luncheon visit with **Betsy Alexander Weis** and **Jean Michelini** Farley. With an MS from Michigan State and a PhD from Syracuse, Pat had a 35-year career in cooperative extension work, including eight years at Oregon State, where she was associate dean and associate director of Oregon State Extension. Betsy raised eight children, and after her husband died—and 40 years after Cornell graduation—she earned a JD from Pittsburgh and had a law practice in estate and disability planning. Jean raised three children and worked for more than 30 years running two businesses: selling real estate and teaching home economics, including four years in Japan.

**John Craig** (Basking Ridge, NJ; jandmcraig@aol.com) retired after going to Alaska to close out his last consulting account. John was in the Army in WWII and reports, “I got knocked on my butt twice, but came out OK.” John says that his Cornell education was “as good as it gets.” **William Neef**, MS ’54 (Livermore, CA; bngneef@comcast.net) did controlled fusion research at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. He now maintains his 38-year membership in Rotary, plays bridge, reads good books, invests carefully, and enjoys activities of his eight grandkids and one great-grandson. **Bob Entenman** (Hudson, OH) served in the Korean conflict. In retirement he “takes life easy.” He had an enjoyable two weeks in Spain on a Cornell tour.

**Chloe Gray** Alexson (Rochester, NY; drcgamd@aol.com), a former pediatric cardiologist, now works on developing a state/national directory for emergency assistance organizations, as well as cataloging emergency medical artifacts. Chloe is recipient of an award for excellence in teaching pediatric interns. **Oliver Smith** (Denton, MD; ollie.ford@hotmail.com) served in the Seabees in WWII. After Cornell he was a mechanical engineer with Westinghouse, then owned a Ford/Mercury auto dealership in Denton, MD. Oliver still messes with antique cars in two antique car clubs. **Martha Galvin** Inskip (Buffalo, NY; martyskip@roadrunner.com) was an early childhood educator. In retirement, she “travels as much as possible” and is active in the Alpha Phi Alumnae Chapter of Buffalo, a local travel club, and her church’s women’s guild. She enjoys four children, eleven grandchildren, and six great-grandkids.

HELP: Matthew Davis, PhD, is working on a documentary film on the life and ideas of our classmate **Eric D. Hirsch**, who wrote several books, including the 1987 bestseller *Cultural Literacy*. Davis is interested in hearing from persons who knew Eric at Cornell or have pictures of that time, such as the ZBT house, the English department, professors Vladimir Nabokov or **William Sale**, PhD ’58, etc. His address: 501 Savannah Ct., Crozet, VA 22932.

CORRECTION: In a previous column reporting the contributions and passing of **Charles Wille**, we reported that he had lived in Montgomery County. He was actually from the town of Montgomery, NY, which is in Orange County. ☐ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail: phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 W. Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail: cjoiner@ix.netcom.com.

**51** Some highlights from Reunion 2011, including new class officers: **Mibs Martin** Follett, president; **Bob Brandt**, VP; **Mary Beth Weaver** Ostrom and **Rip Haley**, reunion chairs. Continuing officers: **Jane Haskins** Marcham, VP membership; **Brad Bond**, class correspondent; **Joan Ruby** Hanpeter and **Trev Warfield**, Cornell Annual Fund reps. Many of us stayed in Kay Hall, commemorating **Bill Kay**’s gift to Cornell, and broke fast in a tent. Anne Kenney and **Don Rakow**, PhD ’87, did a fine job of updating us on the status of the libraries and the Plantations. President Skorton interviewed **Chuck Feeney** ’56, the billionaire who gave away millions without anyone knowing it, and **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD ’76, roasted us after Saturday’s dinner at the Straight. Many thanks to **Shelley Epstein** Akabas and **Steve Rounds** for putting our reunion together!

Jane Marcham sent me a copy of **Harold Bloom**’s photo on the front page of the May 22 *New York Times* book section, with a review of his latest book, *The Anatomy of Influence*. Quoting the reviewer, “At the age of 80 with almost 40 books behind him and nearly as many accumulated honors, Harold Bloom has written a kind of summing-up—or as he puts it in his distinctive idiom, mixing irony with histrionism, ‘my virtual swan song’; born of his urge ‘to say in one place most of what I have learned to think about how influence works in imaginative literature.’”

**William** and **Jodie Arnold** (Coronado, CA) report that daughter Frances Arnold (Princeton ’79; UC Berkeley, PhD ’86), now a professor of chemical engineering at Caltech, won the \$500,000 Draper Prize from the National Academy in February for her work in directed evolution. In 2008, Frances became one of eight living scientists to be elected to all three of the most prestigious scientific societies: the National Academy of Engineering, the Inst. of Medicine, and the National Academy of Sciences. “Frances’s work has changed the way we think about biological engineering,” said David Tirrell, former chairman of Caltech’s Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. “Her methods have been adopted by hundreds of laboratories around the world. It’s a beautiful example of a new idea that proved to be almost immediately applicable to a broad range of fundamental and practical problems.” After a career in nuclear engineering with Westinghouse, William himself was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1974 and is a fellow and past member of the board of directors of the American Nuclear Society. He has participated in several National Academy of Sciences studies, including chairing the 2003 study “Improving the Scientific Basis for Managing DOE’s Excess Nuclear Materials and Spent Nuclear Fuel.” He writes, “I am still employed as a board member of the US Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.”

**Sonia Mogensen Adsit** (Bogart, GA), on her own since **Milton** ’50, DVM ’50, died, writes, “Family scattered, so I don’t see them as often as I’d like.” She takes care of a 136-acre beef cattle farm and is active in Kiwanis Club, reweaving cane chairs, Lutheran Church activities, and a Stephen ministry. She keeps up with **Betty Goldsmith** Stacey. **George Campbell** ’49, MNS ’51 (Sutton, PQ, Canada) reports that his wife, **Jean (Raymond)**, died April 7, 2010.

Peter and **Dottie Ober** Cheo are in an “active adult” community in Niantic, CT—individual homes with outside upkeep provided. “Our five children and eight grandchildren are scattered—Colorado, Maryland, New York, Rhode Island, and

Boston. For many years I enjoyed perennial gardening along Long Island Sound in Waterford, CT, until my knees gave out. Also became bookkeeper of Peter's small company, dealing with Dept. of Defense. Lots of fun (?). We've had many pleasant cruises and trips to China; Yunnan Province is very special. Had a nice get-together with **Mary Jane (Hall) '52** and **Francis Hutto**, PhD '53, in Aspen, CO, last December. Loved those Geology field trips, fun with friends in Balch Hall, and singing in the Chapel Choir." **Marion "Mimi" Danzig** Christie, Ramsey, NJ, checks in with her fondest memory of Cornell: "Everything!"

**Jerry Jenkins** (Fairlawn, OH) remembers "the fall of 1946 and enjoying my classmates as we returned from the services." **Barbara Jean Orman** Nostrant fondly remembers "working as a waitress in Balch Hall and finding that the position was not all work, but sharing lots of fun and establishing treasured friendships. Some of us would get together and do such things as skate on Beebe Lake prior to breakfast duty, go sliding on Library Slope after the evening meal, and in the spring head for the various state parks around Ithaca. A few of us even entered the cow-milking contest on the Ag campus and, unbelievably, a member of our 1951 class from the NYC area won! It was her first introduction to the bovine family."

Violet and **Paul Mok** (Reno, NV) report that nephew Mike Mok and the Em-Tones can be seen playing rockabilly on YouTube. Grandson Max plays Scott Joplin ragtime on the piano, and niece Margret does cancer research. What Paul remembers from Cornell is the camaraderie and fun times, the physical beauty of the campus, some of the classes, developing personal relationships with fellow students from different countries, and being a member of Watermargin. ■ **Brad Bond**, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

**52** A quick count tells me I have 88 news forms to report on and only a couple of issues to do it before the 2012 News and Dues mailings go out. What follows are much shortened reports on very busy classmates. Strong suggestion: come to our 60th Reunion, June 7-10, 2012 and talk to each other.

**Fraeda Aronovitz** Parish (fraedaparish@comcast.net) works 9:00 to 2:00 every day at a title company. Profs. **Clint Rossiter '39** and **Milton Konvitz, PhD '33** had the greatest impact on her. **Irene Yigdall** Mazer (Firebird581@comcast.net) is a certified mediator in Pierce County, WA, and a member of the board of directors of Community Health Center. She remembers Prof. James Sherman. **Dorothy Baczewski** Waxman (dorwaxman@gmail.com) continues as New York editor for a Dutch trade magazine and travels a lot. At Cornell she would have "studied harder." **David Plant**, LLB '57 (DPlantADR@aol.com) is arbitrating, mediating, and teaching at the Cornell and U. of New Hampshire law schools. He's recovering from a little surgery and "enjoying a wonderful life in New London." At Cornell he would have studied more efficiently, got out for more fun, and become more aware of the world around him. He says that many things and people—including a certain "Kappa Alpha young lady"—had an impact. **Peter Shuster** (Seneca Falls, NY) is working on the farm and installing a new whirlpool. He cites Stanley Warren and Bert Jennings as having had the greatest impact.

**Chad Graham** is teaching at Penn for the second year. Both he and wife **Alison (Bliss)**

(abcgraham@comcast.net) are active in local township and school district affairs. They say they would have done nothing differently at Cornell. "We were married our final semester and will celebrate our 59th anniversary in January—still best friends!" Buddies at the *Cornell Daily Sun* had the greatest impact. **Alfred Pagano** (alfred.h.pagano@usa.dupont.com) is a part-time consultant for E. I. DuPont and is active with several community organizations and in local politics. He also has a new hip. **Trudy Serby** Gildea (gsg@cornell.edu) still teaches and plays violin—three major concerts a year with the Starkville/MSU Symphony. She also opens her antebellum home to tourists for two weeks each spring and is active with local historic preservation. She would have taken more courses in IIR, had she had time.

at the Y, woodcarving, and working with genealogy and photography. He would have done nothing differently at Cornell: "All is fond memories." **Carol Singer** Greenhaus (carolgreenhaus@gmail.com) has been playing tennis, walking, doing needlework, cooking, reading, and so forth. "In other words, I'm having a fine time." Once she would have taken more science classes. Greatest impact: Profs. Konvitz and Rossiter and her Geology professor. **Nick '49** and **Edith Geiger Nichols** (nsnichols1@comcast.net) happily spend half the year in New York and half on Sanibel Island. She is exploring photography with a film camera and a new digital. Other activities are reading, music, Netflix, and social life. This despite mobility impairment. Differently at Cornell? Prepared for a career. [Ditto that. —JBG] Impact? M.H. Abrams,

## ‘Trudy Serby Gildea opens her antebellum home to tourists for two weeks each spring.’

Joan Boffa Gaul '52

**Joan Schoof Hoffman** (Mrspeh@aol.com) volunteers at a hospital, plays bridge, and gardens. Her late husband, **Paul, DVM '53**, was honored with a professorship established and funded by a former student. "Big surprise . . . bigger honor." **Harriette Scannell** Morgan (morgmorgmorg@aol.com) does income taxes for AARP, is secretary for organizations she belongs to and historian for her and Monte's CCRC, and does church work. She also reads and plays bridge. Het would have done nothing differently at Cornell—"Loved it!" Father Stott and Prof. Einaudi had the greatest impact. **D. Anne Bezer** Lombardo, who winters in Georgia and summers in New York, is a CASA volunteer who golfs, reads, travels, and has ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. When working, Anne originated the American Designer division at Butterick. She says that Hilary Chollet had the greatest impact on her at Cornell.

**Ron Gebhardt** (Rongeb@aol.com) was co-founder of—and still volunteers for—FAME, a consortium of Pittsburgh area independent schools that prepares needy students for college. They boast 60 college graduates, with more than half working back in the area. Ron is also a trustee of the Sewickley YMCA. **John L. Brown**, MD '55 (johnbrownmd@gmail.com) volunteers at a homeless shelter and a Head Start program. He also belongs to a weekly book group and had recently taken an archaeology tour to Peru. At Cornell, he'd have "mixed more with the diverse student body." Prof. Gilbert, comparative anatomy, had the greatest impact. **Jeanne Irish** Lewis (lewroch@aol.com) spends her time with volunteer work, gardening, exercise class, and at athletic events of her grandsons.

Retirement and all it entails: **Raymond Gallagher** (raygallagher@sbcglobal.net) shoveled snow in the winter, watched sports on TV, and spent time with children and grandchildren. In summer he mows the lawn and plays golf. At Cornell, he would have "studied harder and perhaps gone to Vet school." Prof. Jorden in Stocking Hall had the greatest impact. **Bill Morrissey** (bmorr@yadfel.net) has been training dogs, working out

William Sale, David Novarr, Prof. Ball. "Also all the good friends." **Charles '51** and **Carol Winter Mund** (megamgt@aol.com) summer in Ithaca and spend the rest of the time in Florida or traveling. **Stephen Prigozy** (prigozys@aol.com) lists his activities as "Do-It-Yourselfery, writing Visual Basic software, collecting telegraph ephemera, and reading."

**Elizabeth Ridenour** Somers (LibbySomers1956@gmail.com) enjoys the company of her friends, and she plays bridge and gardens. **Carol Whitney** Harrington, her roommate, had the greatest impact at Cornell. **Joan Cruthers** Flood (WAFlood@aol.com) is another gardener, but she also spends time chasing her two West Highland terriers. **Sandy '51** and **Joan Aten Beach** (joana.beach@gmail.com) remain in Florida. Joan reports travel, golf, reading, "and generally having fun." **Donald Henn** (hawkerdh@optonline.net) is golfing, traveling, and birding. He is also recovering from a back operation and assisting his wife, who has emphysema. Don says he'd rather be circling the Earth in the Space Station. At Cornell he would have played less bridge and gotten more sleep. William McGuire, his CE advisor, had the greatest impact. **Kirk Personius**, MS '56 (Rochester, NY) reports, "Getting older, more immobile, thanks to arthritis," but he is reading and enjoying family and friends. The Wesley Foundation and 150-lb. crew had the greatest impact.

Sorry to have left out so much about great travels and adventures, but our 60th Reunion is coming. Here's a word from our co-chairs, **Terry**, JD '56, and **Dori Crozier Warren** (rivbirch@windstream.net): "A year from now our reunion will be recent history. June 7-10, 2012 will be a fresh memory and 'All Aboard' will have renewed Cornell ties. Remember the little blue engine: 'I think I can, I think I can . . .' How will you reach Ithaca now without rail service? Write, phone, e-mail classmates, connect in any way you can. Remember the bus from NYC (note the ad in this issue). Our affinity committee, chaired by **Dick Dye**, MPA '56, and **Susan Youker** Schlaepfer, now includes **Bob**, MS '54, and **Eleanor Hospodor Conti**, MS '54, and **Rik Clark**. Always glad for an

e-mail comment or question.” ■ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

**53** Fifty-three’s impact on Reunion 2011 wasn’t quite the same this year without that matchless milk punch à la **Warren Grady** (garnished with a sock). Gerry and several others our age, many from CRC (the Continuous Reunion Club), were there, from the tents to the Olin Lecture, along with a number of notables from early- to mid-’50s classes.

**Chuck Feeney ’56**, who became a freshman Hotelier in 1952, after four years in Korea as an Air Force radio operator, was a hero of Reunion ’11. Described by President David Skorton as “the world’s most generous—and modest—donor,”

‘Now I can do all the things that I used to say I’d rather be doing!’

Eliot “Cot” Orton ’55

Feeney, 80, was this year’s choice to give the prestigious Olin Lecture—in the form of an interview with Skorton—in Bailey Hall. “Giving while living,” he has, in complete anonymity until recently, given billions of dollars to feed the hungry, sought peace in Ireland and health in Vietnam, and contributed fortunes to Cornell, to scratch the surface . . . lightly.

**Jack Brophy** rounded up a triple quartet of Cayuga’s Waiters of the ’50s, including our own **John Nixon** and **Al Packer**, and the melodies of our youth lingered on at various reunion venues. Once again, we heard the songs we loved so well. “Hello, Young Lovers,” “The Day Isn’t Long Enough” and “Oh Gee, Say Gee, You Oughta See My Gigi from the Fiji Isles,” and “Good Night, Little Girl, Good Night” struck familiar chords to many. It was the Waiters’ seventh consecutive Reunion appearance, Brophy reports. “To put the time interval in perspective,” he adds, this year’s return performance by our ’53 classmates “would be like the Class of 1895 entertaining the Class of 1953,” 58 years after their commencement. Jack, a future Naval person in ’53, recalls the Sigma Phi submarine that didn’t quite get off the ground for the Beebe Lake crew race. Seems Beebe didn’t contain enough water for the Sigs’ sub, which wound up abandoned in knee-deep water.

Speaking of enthusiastic reuners, a passel of spry Westfield, NJ, High School Blue Devil ’49ers gathered to practice 60th-reuning. (Ours has made a blip on the futurescope—June 6–9, 2013.) Frequent ’53 festives **Jim Blackwood**, **Fred Buhrendorf**, **Harry Hutton**, **Ann Smyers** Livingston, and **Dick Welch** joined the Jersey revels.

**Helen Teschner** Greene (Great Neck, NY) sees great leaps forward in the nature of women’s basketball since the Fifties. She notes with proper pride that her granddaughter, Dana Greene, a junior at the Masters School, turned her school’s team around last winter with “excellent play and sportsmanship.” There are all sorts of ways to mark one’s introduction to octogenarianhood, we’ve learned. **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg (Rochester) elected to go on a cruise. To Alaska. With her four kids. And their spouses. And her nine grandchildren. “Courting

Justice,” the celebrated documentary about women judges who were pivotal in the battle to end apartheid in South Africa, produced by **Ruth Burns Cowan** (NYC), has become available in its entirety. For more information, check [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Settling into a retirement community, **C. Peyton Rufe** (Waynesboro, VA) rejoices: “No more yardwork, snow shoveling, etc. Downside: Supper at 4:30 p.m.” He fondly recalls an ROTC parade on the Arts Quad. (“Set off fireworks. Didn’t get away with it.”) **Herb Neuman** (NYC) looks back at freshman year studies that weren’t mentioned in the Civil Engineers’ surveying course description. While checking out the Arts Quad during a surveying class project, the alert scholars discovered first floor windows in the Fine Arts Building. Behind the windows were live models posing for a figure study class. The fledgling engineers observed closely.

Retired from Procter and Gamble for more than 20 years, **Bob Ashton** may be the saltiest of our ’53 sea lubbers. He spent a decade in the early ’90s sailing around the world, always with a crew of at least one. He visited the US from time to time during the long voyage and took 18-month shore leaves in Australia and New Zealand along the way. There were shorter visits to the Galápagos, Society Islands, Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Sri Lanka, and Madagascar. Plus. Currently, “I’m alive and well and love being retired in NYC. Go to ‘school’ three days a week, docent at the American Museum of Natural History once per week, sing in a glee club, on the speakers committee of the Explorers Club, and attend events at the Cornell Club when I can. (Makes me tired to think about it.) Travel when the dollars accumulate. Would love to hear from anyone.” **Jack Otter** (Savannah, GA) gets the last word, almost. His reply to inquiries about recent events: “No news is good news.” But not for everyone. Columnists appreciate everything they hear from classmates.

The last two words last time in this space were “she wrote.” It was meant to be “he wrote,” meaning all-around super ’53 Cornell Tradition Fellow **Nickyta Fishman ’12**, not all-around super she, **Jan Button-Shafer**. Regrets to both. ■ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, [jch46@cornell.edu](mailto:jch46@cornell.edu).

**54** As I write, it is the hot, hazy, humid season in your nation’s capital, when little gets accomplished and the question of our panda’s pregnancy—or pseudo-pregnancy—seems of monumental interest. The tourists are here en masse to watch Congress and the bears, road construction is at its zenith, closings and detours abound, and it all goes to making negotiating the area a very confusing, nightmarish challenge. But fall equals a return to normal here—and Homecoming, scheduled this year for September 16–18, sounds divine. Cornell will play Bucknell at Schoellkopf on Saturday at 6:00. Check [www.cornell.edu](http://www.cornell.edu) for more details on the many weekend activities.

**Gale Brooks**, BArch ’54, lived in Alfred for years, and four years ago moved to Andover, where he has been able to continue his interest in architectural preservation. He serves on the Andover Free Library Board and was instrumental in the revival of the Andover Historical Society, which he now serves as president. Gale’s time with the Air Force in Japan created his appreciation of historic environment, and his architectural studies at Cornell gave him the background. **Bill Webber**, MD ’60, moved to Tucson in ’98 to be closer to his two daughters and their families and also enjoy the mild climate that allows for year-round biking. Bill says he is retired, but also said he just attended his 50th Reunion at Weill Cornell Medical College, where he delivered a short paper on reconstructing a nose lost in an auto accident. Retired, or semi-retired, Bill volunteers for Mobile Meals of Tucson, works on his photography hobby, and enjoys the grands. Bucket list items are one more trip to Alaska and Hawaii.

**Alden Reed** West moved to Palm Desert from Northern California in order to take care of family, but luckily loves it. She took her love of the theatre garnered at Cornell with her. Alden performs in local theatre and reads to first graders through Book PALS, an organization of members of the Screen Actors Guild who use their talents to promote literacy and a love of reading. **Ralph Stewart** lived in Gloversville when applying to Cornell and lives there still. Retired, he enjoys the grandkids at their games and extracurricular activities, or just hanging out with them.

**Walt Lewis**, MD ’60, always has something positive to write. He lives in what he calls paradise in Santa Barbara, plays relaxed tennis, sails for fun in lovely environs (i.e., Caribbean and the South Pacific), and is still consulting as a physician dealing with mind, body, and spirit-healing work in advanced cancer patients; it’s work he finds rewarding and challenging. His volunteer hours are also in the health field. He enjoys the company of his grands, who live in rainy Portland, OR. Do you suppose they fly south more than the reverse? In short, Walt’s desire is to be a good dad to his daughter, 16, a fun granddad to the Oregon bunch, and a great husband to his fabulous wife.

**Don McCobb**, MBA ’55, traveled to Tuscany this past October to visit his daughter’s condo at San Giovanni D’Asso to see what has progressed since they had their B&B there. For all your golfers out there, and I know you are legion, check out Don’s blog at: [golfnutsandbolts.com](http://golfnutsandbolts.com). **Ronald Shapiro** has to be up for the traveled-far-and-wide award. Evelyn and Ron have been on 12 CAU trips and then they flew around the world on a chartered jet with 70 others, stopping at several locales between Lima and Luxor. When their bags are unpacked they reside in Port Orange, FL, where Ron is the prez of the Daytona Beach Symphony Society and oversees two charitable funds he has created, one for spinal cord research and the second for a group of smaller charities.

It’s hard to write about a moving dynamo like the likes of **Karen Wylie** Pryor. Karen has been writing books, training animals, lecturing, and building a business for years. To any of us who study, own, train, teach, work with, or have animal companions, Karen is our most favored guru. She is known and revered worldwide for her operant/target training of animals. From dolphins to tigers to goldfish, Karen gently works with animals. Those are your correspondent’s comments. Now for Karen’s: She founded her own company, which is growing fast now, 15 years ago. She travels a great

deal and had a new book published in 2009, *Reaching the Animal Mind*. Theatre training, drama, and all the natural history courses she took at Cornell have influenced her career. Music, as she is still a serious choral singer, and the History of Architecture proved very enriching. Volunteer work involves being on the boards of the American Humane Society and the B.F. Skinner Foundation, plus other pro bono work. Karen enjoys each of her grands and takes them one by one to venues of their choosing. This June it was Greece with her grandson, 13. Bucket list item: more snorkeling. A climate check: Karen finds Boston's excellent. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**55** **Allan Ripans** writes from Atlanta that he's in his 23rd year of retirement from the restaurant business, and adds that he, his wife, **Gail (Kweller) '61**, and their entire family are in "reasonably good health," which is always good news. **Ruth Lauterbach** Hutter, a New Jersey girl (West Orange), still enjoys her work as a docent at the Newark Museum. **Seymour Musiker** (Stony Brook, NY) writes, "After 44 years of pediatric practice, I'm hanging up my stethoscope." **Howard Fink** is retired, but still teaching law at Ohio State in the fall, and Stetson Law School in the spring—leaving some free time to enjoy their home in St. Petersburg, FL. **Harold Sweeney** and wife Patricia moved from Idaho to Tacoma, WA, to be closer to their daughter and her family in Seattle. **Charlie and Phyllis Corwin Rogers '59** are at home in Santa Rosa, CA, where Charlie is a maker of zinfandel wine. They have 30 vines on their property—"just enough for some happy sipping." **Don Golos** (Tucson, AZ) says he regrets the current real estate depression, but is happy to report that he and Vanessa celebrated 50 years of marriage last year.

**John Kernell** e-mails, "I'm still operating the Geezer Brigade for humor-loving seniors like moi-même. I started it in 1997 as part of rehab from a stroke in Mexico in 1995. It took off after a boost from 'Dear Abby' in early 1998. Phyllis Diller was our first (and only) honorary Comedian-in-Residence. Monday through Friday, rain or shine, I edit the *Geezers' Digest*, a potpourri of funny pix, wisecracks, jokes, sarcastic sayings, etc. Still have about 75 loyal dues-paying members. What's newer is the column I've been writing for more than a year for our local paper, the *Ocean Springs (MS) Gazette*. It's called 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to My Retirement'. Subtitle: 'Senior Moments.' It's both serious and humorous. Current topic du jour: 'Quality Aging.' Newest of all is my obsession with lifelong digital learning. Now using Netflix, the Teaching Company, and Simply Audio Books for support. I have a new iMac that is to die for." We send best wishes to **Phyllis Birmholtz** Melnick, who says she "cheerfully survived cancer" and expects a full recovery. When her energy returns, Phyllis plans to go back to her volunteer jobs—court community service and tutoring at a women's prison. She also was looking forward to returning to Cornell for her granddaughter Alana's graduation in May.

**Eliot "Cot" Orton**, PhD '71 (Las Cruces, NM) says, "Life is all extracurricular since I have no scheduled activities, and news does not accrue to people who have been retired as long as I have." But there's a definite upside: "Now I can do all the things that I used to say I'd rather be doing!" **Norm Nedde** came through surgery for an

abdominal aortic aneurysm last December, and says he's "good as new," and maintaining his 170 average in bowling. **Evelyn Barber** Lance has lived in Hawaii for 36 years. She retired as a family court judge and is traveling the world as a consultant on rule of law and judicial independence issues. Music, tennis, and "good food and wine" are among the fun things she's doing. **Jan Senderowitz** Loengard's daughter, **Pippa Loengard-Almond '93**, presented her mom with a new granddaughter last March, and **Peter Haje** announces twin granddaughters, born last February.

After **Dave Levin** retired as chairman of the Dept. of Radiology at Thomas Jefferson U. Hospital in Philadelphia, he embarked on a third career: doing research on a variety of socioeconomic trends, e.g., how radiology gets utilized and overutilized, whether it's getting used appropriately. "It's a subject that lots of people have gotten interested in, since imaging is one of the fastest growing and most controversial areas in medicine. Anyway, this has led me to publishing articles in the medical literature, lots of speaking invitations, and even the Gold Medals—the highest honors—of five major national radiology organizations." Congratulations! Dave's first career (medicine was his second) was as an Air Force fighter pilot from 1956-1959, flying F-86 Sabre-jets. "That of course was thanks to AFROTC at Cornell, and was another great part of my life. I still have some vivid memories of those days, even though they were more than half a century ago." Despite the distance from their home in Irvine, CA, **Bill and Sara Smith Ellison** are keeping alive their record of returning to campus—our 55th Reunion was their 12th! They've become a third-generation Cornell family, with their grandson **Max '13** now on campus. The Ellisons have high praise for the NYC-to-Ithaca shuttle service—"a comfortable, relaxing way to combine a New York City vacation with a reunion trip."

I'll close with a grateful note from your class correspondent: a big thank you to all who responded to our request for news! Don't worry if your info hasn't shown up in the column yet—it will be coming along ASAP, so stay tuned. And please e-mail me at any time if you have some '55 news. ☐ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** It was a spectacular reunion, agreed all who attended our 55th. The only aspect missing was the genial presence of our co-class correspondent **Stephen Kittenplan**, who was on a 50th wedding anniversary cruise. The weather held up, there were more than enough seats in the buses that took us to our events, we saw old friends and met new friends—aka "A Time Together"—and we raised more than \$25,400,000 for our Cornell. It was more than any other class, a record breaker, and almost one-third of the total raised by all reunion classes.

We heard from classmates who have reinvented themselves. One became a mother for the first time at age 74 (of an adopted orphan), another retired as a microbiologist at NIH to pick up a skill as an Oriental dancer (and then demonstrated to a rapt audience the one involving those seven veils), a former successful furniture seller now works in the emergency room of his local hospital, another entrepreneur now teaches students at the Cornell Hotel school how to do the

same, a lawyer has turned docent at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History, and, in an impromptu showing of skill, our two reunion chairs duplicated General Eisenhower's decision to move D-Day based on a weather report when, upon getting news of approaching storms, they decided to switch the lobster dinner from what would have been a muddy tent on a hill in the Cornell Plantations to the dry and comfy dining room at Alice Cook House—and pulled it off without a hitch. Keep reading for more details.

Most of us arrived at Alice Cook House on Thursday, June 9, greeted by our reunion chairs **Percy Edwards** Browning and **Jim Quest**, class president **Ernie Stern**, registration chair **Carole Rapp** Thompson, and our fabulous student clerks, who took such good care of us. Dinner was at Alice Cook House and entertainment was provided by the '50s Cayuga's Waiters with some golden oldies. On Friday morning, our program featured **Marilyn Berger-Hewitt**, author of *This is a Soul: The Mission of Rick Hodes*. Marilyn, a television and print journalist, went to Ethiopia to research and then write about an American doctor, Rick Hodes, who was caring for the sickest of the sick and the poorest of the poor. And then Marilyn herself became involved in the story. A chance encounter with a then severely disabled child begging on the streets proved life-changing for both.

Jim Quest's panel on Reinventing Our Lives followed with personal accounts by Jim Quest (entrepreneurship), **Jerry Tarr** (EMS), **Ed Berkowitz** (docent), and **Rose Goldman** Mage and her seven veils. Some of us were fortunate to be taken on a tour of the new Milstein Hall, a very welcome addition to the Architecture school. We wore hard hats, since the building is still under construction, and we were led by Bob Silman, the structural engineer on the project. It should be noted that Bob has also been the structural engineer on many Cornell projects—including Sage Hall (now the Johnson School), where many of us lived in our undergraduate years.

Dinner was at Mann Library on the Ag Campus, which has two reading rooms that feature plaques that honor gifts and support from **Dick Bulman**, MBA '57, and **Joe Manelski**. Saturday's lunch was at the Country Club of Ithaca and featured as a guest speaker former Cornell president and honorary classmate Frank Rhodes, who sat with **Chuck Feeney**, **Curt Reis**, and **Chuck Rolles**. Some of us went to the Rare Books and Manuscripts discussion at Olin Library featuring collectors and generous contributors to the Library **Jon Lindseth** and Steve Rudin (husband of **Gail Gifford** Rudin), who spoke about the art of collecting. Others chose tours of the Lab of Ornithology and Sapsucker Woods or Weill Hall, designed by architect **Richard Meier**, BArch '57. The traditional lobster dinner was the evening meal and the featured speaker was Ed Berkowitz, who enumerated ten of the 55 items he believes we should have accomplished by our 55th. At the dinner, the class overwhelmingly elected Ernie Stern to succeed himself as president and also approved **Joe Henninger**, MBA '58, as executive vice president, a new position that would put Joe in position to succeed to the position of president, if that became necessary.

Dinner was followed by **Steve Alexander** at the piano, and then some of us broke away from singing with Steve to attend Cornelliana Night at Bailey Hall for more nostalgia. The Memorial Service on Sunday morning at Anabel Taylor Hall led by **Bill Greenawalt** was very personal for those who attended, and there wasn't a dry eye in the

house when Percy Browning sang the “Evening Song,” accompanied on the new baroque organ.

There were some high school classmates who found each other, including **Joann Kleinman** Silverstein and **Jim Larrimore** of Great Neck (Long Island) High School, and Bronx High School of Science graduates **Paul Gorenstein**, **Alan Natapoff**, and **Bert Schwarzschild**. The comfortable surroundings of our living room at Alice Cook made conversation very easy, and I personally want to say that I enjoyed sharing it with all of you. **Burt** and **Naomi Siegel** told me about the house they built in the Hamptons. It was great to talk with **Sam** and **Linda Basch** about their very active professional lives. The Thetas all lived in a row together in Alice Cook, and I spent some time with my sophomore and junior year roommate, **Barbara Barron Starr**. **George McLean** regaled many of us with his wonderful Irish wit. **Norma Redstone** Shakun told me about her time spent in Paris every year. Perhaps we should have a mini-reunion with **Ellie Schaffer**, who lives in Paris, and **Barbara Rapoport**, who lives there for two months every fall.

In the sports department, **Dick Bulman** finished second in his men’s 5K category. **Foster Kinney** climbed all 139 steps up the Libe Tower to watch the musicians play the chimes. “It was a loud thrill,” he said, “that I missed during our undergraduate years.” And, in a final comment, I received this from **Helene Reiback-Berger**: “As I drove through that horrific thunder and lightning storm on my way to Cornell, I was certain that I had lost my mind in attempting to go. But you all encompassed me with warmth and kindness and I never felt alone for one minute. It was so good to reconnect and return to a small slice of my life as memories flooded through me.”

For the “futures” department, I am happy to announce that the reunion co-chairs for our 60th will be **Carole Rapp Thompson** and **Cid Brandon Spillman**. Save the date! Seeing that we’ll be in our 80s by then, you’d better write it down right now. ☐ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** Only ten months until our 55th Reunion (June 7–10, 2012)! To get things off to a booming start we’re having a pre-reunion party the weekend of September 30 at the Sagamore Hotel, Bolton Landing, NY, on beautiful Lake George. The schedule includes cocktails Friday evening with a dinner to follow, Saturday class breakfast, and a Lake George cruise. There still may be time to join in by calling the hotel at (518) 743-6283. If you’re not receiving e-mails from the university or from the class, it may be that your e-mail address is not current. Make sure to update your address so you don’t miss out on any reunion information.

In May the *New York Times* reported the death of **Joanna Russ**. Joanna, who lived in Tucson, AZ, and was a student of Vladimir Nabokov’s while at Cornell, was a writer of science fiction and also published essays, criticism, and short fiction. She was a winner of the Hugo Award, presented by the members of the World Science Fiction Convention.

A small group of ‘57ers gathered in NYC last April for a matinee performance of *Il Trovatore* at the Met, and in the evening to hear a concert at Carnegie Hall featuring works by **Steve Reich**. Enjoying the musical events were **Phil McIndoo**, **Mike Hausman**, **Ed Adelaide Russell Vant**, **Paul** and **Paulette Noble**, **Dick**, MBA ‘59, and **Arlene**

**Kossoff**, **Bernie** and **Chris Zeller** Lippman, **Charlie** and **Gill Parker**, and **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB ‘59.

The reunion committee met at **Marj Nelson** Smart’s house in Ithaca during Reunion Weekend in June to make plans for our 55th. Among the events scheduled after lunch on June 9 is a panel discussion, “Classmates in the Arts,” at the Performing Arts Center. Paul Noble will serve as moderator with participants **Ellen Stekert**, **Beth Ames Swartz**, **Mike Hausman**, **Ann Stevens**, **Bill Schmidt**, and **Art Gensler**, BArch ‘58. Looking forward to reunion are **Bill** and **Jan Charles Lutz**, who are off to South Africa later this month on an Overseas Adventure Travel trip. **Joan Reinberg** Macmillan is eager to defend her mixed doubles tennis championship from our 50th when we gather next June. Joan spent the summer on the shores of Lake Ontario, and **Bobbie Redden** Leamer and family enjoyed their annual stay at their Saranac Lake home. Earlier in the year **Bobbie** and her daughters traveled to Europe, where they took the *Sound of Music* tour and visited family in Prague. **Ed ‘55** and **Joyce Dudley McDowell** cruised the Volga in June from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and **Carol Gehrke** Townsend was in England for her fifth trip with Coopersmith’s Garden Tours. Traveling the other direction in March were **Warren ‘55** and **Phyllis Whithed Spielmann**, who visited China with the local Chamber of Commerce. The first stop upon their return? In-N-Out Burger, their favorite hamburger store! ☐ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

**Jack Schuenger** sends along an update on his and **GINNY**’s activities. They alternate winters in California and Florida. 2011 will be a south year. Golf (more vigor than skill) and **GINNY**’s bridge dominate the winter months, with **Jack**’s involvement with the neighborhood homeowners group and development association taking up quite a bit of time. On a recent trip west, they saw **Gene** and **Sally Caufield** and **Harry** and **Gloria Boyd**.

**Gonzalo Ferrer** goes north from Puerto Rico in the summer, spending time at his house in Woodstock, VT. They have also been known to be there now and then for the foliage season and Christmas. **Gonzalo** spent some time in Guatemala, fishing with his son **Gonzalo Jr. ‘92**, BArch ‘92, and two grandchildren. They caught, using light tackle—and released—60 or so Pacific sailfish averaging 100 pounds. **Gonzalo** has decided to cut back his work schedule somewhat, but is still active in his real estate appraisal business in Puerto Rico.

If **Karl ‘Stef’ Menger**, BEE ‘58, were looking for a job, he would have a most interesting resume, with more long and impressive words than your humble correspondent is able to assimilate. It involves electrical engineering jargon, but it is interspersed with his love for music, which he has parlayed into a paying gig on most Thursday evenings at Montillo’s in Boston (Franklin Street at Federal, near Downtown Crossing), where he mans the piano. He is still active in computer consulting in the Boston area, where he has lived for more than 50 years.

**Harriett** and I once again enjoyed the hospitality of **Rod** and **Liz Beckwith** in Charlottesville, VA. Like many of our generation, they are contemplating a move into a retirement community, having lived for many years in a house they built following many years in Australia and Darien. **Phil McIndoo** (Princeton NJ), who has been involved in so many worthy Cornell projects, sends along a reminder that there are many imaginative and

pain-free ways to make a “down-range” gift to our alma mater. ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** I had a nice news form from my former roommate, **Joan Blackwell McHugh**, and her husband **Mick**. They both continue to work full-time, Mick as a dentist and Joan as a clinical social worker at a treatment center for boys in Kansas City. They love seeing their children and seven grandchildren as often as possible. One granddaughter graduated from the U. of California and another attends Washington U. in St. Louis. Both Joan and Mick enjoy tennis and fitness activities and have been living in the same home for 45 years. **Audrey Wildner** Sears enjoys volunteering and traveling with her husband. They try to take each of their grandchildren on a special trip, so last year they took their two oldest grandsons, 12 and 14, to the Charlevoix region of Quebec to see the whales in the St. Lawrence River. Belugas, humpbacks, minke, fin whales—a wonderful experience in a beautiful part of Canada!

Rev. **Bob Beringer** has retired as pastor of Christ Union Chapel at Culver Lake in Branchville, NJ, after 21 years as summer pastor. He continues as parish associate of Basking Ridge Presbyterian. He and his wife also work with students from Newark as tutors in math and reading. **Robert Mayer** retired more than a year ago and has been very active as an arbitrator for FINRA. He writes, “Had a wonderful trip to the Baltic Sea last year visiting Copenhagen, Tallinn, St. Petersburg, and Stockholm, but customs stopped me from bringing home our Swedish tour guide!” He and his wife became grandparents this year to a happy little girl who only lives one hour away. He isn’t moving, yet, but is looking in California and Florida as possible locations. He cooks monthly for MANNA, an organization that provides meals for those unable to take care of themselves, mostly people with AIDS. “It’s not easy mixing 150 pounds of meatloaf or deep frying 200 pounds of chicken wings!”

**Anita Podell** Miller lost her husband in 2008; she is still an adjunct professor, teaching land use law at the U. of New Mexico School of Law and College of Architecture and Planning. She is very active on community boards and volunteers in Bar-related activities; she organized a program on advocacy for cancer patients at the new UNM Cancer Research Center. “I have graduated from the President’s Council of Cornell Women, on which **Barbara Buerig Orlando**, **Madeline Isaacs Noveck**, and **A. C. Church** Riley have represented the Class of ‘58 at annual meetings at Cornell.”

**Liz Fuchs** Fillo writes, “Just when I thought I should be cutting back, I’ve joined two more boards. Besides serving as an honorary trustee for McCarter Theatre, I am now on the boards of Planned Parenthood and Young Audiences of New Jersey.” She still maintains a large garden and a year ago hosted a visit there by the Garden Club of America. She continues to sing with the Cayuga’s Waiters at Cornell reunions. **Judith Welling** Baker continues traveling, but a volcano canceled a spring visit last year to Berlin, Paris, and Amsterdam. They spent a delightful week in Barcelona. In October, they traveled to Algiers and Tunisia visiting Roman ruins. At home, she volunteers at the Goddard Riverside Community Center. She feels it is important to help where you live in an organization of proven worth in the area of social welfare.

A sad note to end the column. **Dick Wimmer** died in May. He once held the record for being

history's most rejected author. After his breakthrough *Irish Wine*, he saw several other works reach print and taught writing at more than two dozen colleges. He also wrote *Boyne's Lassie* and *Hagar's Dream*, which were published with two earlier books as *Irish Wine Trilogy* in 2001. Dick also wrote the screenplay for the 1982 TV movie "The Million-Dollar Infield," which featured Rob Reiner. He died unexpectedly and is survived by two sons and four grandchildren. 📧 **Jan Arps Jarvie**, 6524 Valleybrook Dr., Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, janjarvie@gmail.com.

**59** In April, the Section of Int'l Law of the American Bar Association presented the 2011 Louis B. Sohn Award for Public International Law to **John Murphy**, LLB '62, professor of law at Villanova, for his "distinguished, long-lasting contributions to the field of public international law." John, who teaches international business transactions, international human rights, and international criminal law, has authored 14 books and monographs and 89 articles on various international law topics. During his leisure time John enjoys playing tennis, reading, going to the theatre, and getting together with friends, including some from our days at Cornell (he and wife Laura found our 50th Reunion "spectacular").

**George Vernardakis**, professor of political science at Middle Tennessee State U. in Murfreesboro, attended conferences in Baltimore and Montreal. Heading his extracurricular activities are singing tenor in the Middle Tennessee Choral Society and training a Bedlington terrier puppy. Geologist/geochemist **Chester Nichols** (Aiken, SC) is project manager for Uranium Co. of Texas, starting up a drilling program for uranium in Texas. "It doesn't sound like much," he writes, "but it is actually the pinnacle of my career on a deposit I discovered for Union Carbide 40 years ago." Food broker **Paul Marcus**, MS '60 (Greenwich, CT), director of Paul Charles Ltd., has begun exporting to Japan and hopes to expand to other Asian countries. "The food business is still a winner!" he writes.

Retired, but . . . **Sidney Boorstein** (Sharon, MA) does restaurant consulting with clients such as Wild Willy's Burgers (a New England chain) and McDonald's. Monitoring his grandsons and involvement in charities such as the West End House Boys and Girls Club also fill his days. **Pat Williams** (Ithaca, NY) volunteers in the pre-K program at the city's Northeast Elementary School. **Ilona Ozols Pryor** (Palm Desert, CA) tutors high school dropouts in math, helping them pass an exit exam and get a diploma. **Joan Travis Pittel** (Boynton Beach, FL) ushers at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. **Phyllis Corwin** Rogers is a broker with Coldwell Banker in Santa Rosa, CA. She also is president of the Lions Club and parliamentarian of her Soroptimist Club, and she supports the Earle Baum Center for the Blind.

Lots of traveling on folks' agendas! **Ken** and **Judy Riskind**—who divide their time between Tucson, AZ, and Steamboat Springs, CO—traveled to Napa and Sonoma with their two sons to celebrate the 40th birthday of **Michael '93. Benson**, MBA '62, and **Mary Ellen Dahlen Simon**, MA '63, took a "delightful trip" to France and Switzerland. **Linda Rogers** Cohen spent a week of theatre-going in London and, more recently, traveled to Turkey. **Carole Parnes** spent a month in Italy that included a 13-day cruise and a walk in the Lakes region.

She was home in Alameda, CA, for a month, then left for a 35-day cruise to the Norwegian fjords, Murnansk, and the Baltic. **Ed** and **Madeleine Fried Grossman '61** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Florence, Italy. **David Hurd** has taken

organizations, serving on the boards of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Civil War Trust, St. Luke's Hospital, National Episcopal Church, and Camp Tecumseh. Says he, "I have much on my plate and that's the way I like

‘Customs stopped me from bringing home our Swedish tour guide!’

Robert Mayer '58

Cornell Alumni trips to Israel and Costa Rica. **Barbara Hirsch** Kaplan has been riding camels in Morocco. **Paul Read**, MS '64, professor of horticulture and viticulture at the U. of Nebraska, led a study-abroad trip to Australia this year for U. of Nebraska agriculture and natural resources students.

"I've been catching up on 30 years' worth of clutter and neglected projects!" says **Nelle Spahn Bullock** (Gainesville, FL). **Phil Winters**, who is with Morgan Stanley in NYC, has been spending a lot of time with his five grown children and six grandchildren. He and his wife, Ludmila, also travel overseas on business, mostly to Switzerland. But if you'd like to catch them relaxing in Manhattan some afternoon, check in the St. Regis Hotel Bar. Folks studying and planning for the future: **Eleanor Ross** LeVieux in Paris, taking a course on Shakespeare. **Kim Mitchell** in Southbury, CT, learning how to use his computer. **Bruce Pfann**, MBA '65, in New London, NH, cutting, splitting, and stacking cords of wood for the coming winter. **Walt Stewart** in Unionville, PA, looking into geothermal heating and solar panels while considering whether to stay on the farm or live in a city or retirement community.

"Another Abrams will be marching to the Big Red!" **Ruth Rosen** Abrams of NYC reports that her oldest grandson, Craig Abrams Schiff, is starting at Cornell this fall. He's the son of **Robin Abrams '86** and **William Schiff '84**. Ruth, a former commercial real estate owner, investor, and leasing broker, enjoys the many cultural events that the city offers. She's also been doing a lot of swimming after bilateral hip replacements and a right knee replacement. **Ira Brous's** granddaughter **Lindsey Brous '12** was elected to Quill & Dagger in April. Lindsey is the Hotel Ezra Cornell executive chef and an assistant to the Hotel school's dean. 📧 **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** **Nancy Link** Greer sent along the happy news that several years after being widowed, she has remarried. She reports, "I reconnected with a long-ago high school friend, Leif Erickson. We married on the beach in Florida in February and now live in Millbrook, NY." Her new husband is a part-time Presbyterian minister and the couple is involved in church and mission activities. All best wishes, Nancy!

It was great to hear from **Walter Buckley**, MBA '62, after a long silence. The founder and president of Buckley Muething Capital Management and a former executive of Bethlehem Steel, he reports, "I am not retired nor do I wish to be. Lord willing, I will keep at it as long as I have my health." He is also involved in several nonprofit

it. I should add that we have been blessed with eight grandchildren, with hopefully more to come. They range in age from 20 to 1!" Two are in college—one at Gettysburg and one at Harvard, where, says Walter, "she started as a freshman on the women's lacrosse team in the spring."

**Ellen Thomson** Kennedy had what she calls "an amazing experience," when she spent the fall of 2010 in Uganda teaching social work at a new MSW program in Kabale, near the Rwandan border. "I was there for five weeks and taught social work practice to a class of adults from Uganda and Rwanda. It was a challenge—no textbooks, very few resources in the library, intermittent Internet access, a very limited social service delivery system, no professional social workers available to be field instructors—but the students were very committed to improving the quality of life in their communities." Ellen admits that her husband was a bit worried about her going there because of violence in the Ugandan capital during the world soccer games, "but I was absolutely safe and healthy. Everyone was welcoming and so grateful for my being there. It was an experience I will never forget!"

A memorable travel experience was also reported by **Elaine Smith Schwartz**, when she and **Stuart '58** found themselves in Egypt in January when the anti-government uprising began on the 25th. "We were in Luxor at the time and had already been in Egypt for ten days. Our guide told us that there would probably be demonstrations that day, but nothing like the escalation that it became. We flew back to Cairo on the 26th and canceled a tour for that day, leaving on the 27th for Jordan. It was an amazing trip, but the last few days were tense." Ironically, once they were in Jordan, their guide suggested that the Schwartzes go to Damascus. "since it was a beautiful city," but they wisely decided to pass up that dangerous opportunity. Safely back in West Palm Beach, FL, they are enjoying retirement: playing golf and duplicate bridge regularly and taking courses at Florida Atlantic U. **Richard Wolf** writes, "My wife **Ann (Moore) '61** and I are traveling the world enjoying our retirement." This year their trip included a visit to India, where they saw one of the few remaining Bengal tigers found in the wild, which Rich describes as "a great thrill!" They then continued in an easterly direction, making stops in Java, Bali, and Hong Kong. Now the Wolfs are back in Brewster, MA, and, he says, "getting ready for our three sons and summer visits with their families at our Cape Cod home."

Also happily retired in Florida is **Albert Tripodi**, who left his internal medicine practice in Syracuse a decade ago and has been living on Longboat Key on the west coast of the state. Al says, "I enjoy cycling, tennis, beaching, and

sunsets almost daily, and volunteer in a clinic for the indigent—the Sarasota Senior Friendship Center. I also participate in weekly continuing medical education activities, and teach an adult education class at the U. of South Florida. I am in a committed relationship with a wonderful woman.” He adds, “My three sons and their families (seven grandchildren) live near Syracuse, and I visit there frequently in the summer.” Among Al’s grandchildren are two lacrosse players, one of whom just finished his freshman year at Union College. **Sandra Koodin** Money’s husband John is British, she reports, “so we spend our summers in England, visiting his four kids, two step-kids, and ten grandkids. The rest of the year we live in Miami Beach—taking time, when we can, to visit my five step-grandkids in Buffalo, NY, and Montclair, NJ—and run the US branch of Ocean Books.” The Moneys’ work involves updating the books in the libraries of about 25 cruise ships, in the fall and spring when they change their itineraries, and adding other books as needed, such as best-sellers every two months for some of the ships. Sandy says, “It’s lots of fun; I get to read my favorite of the books before we ship them out, and we’re very anxious to see how the new era of e-books will change our business.”

In late May, I received a sad note from **Bob Cohen** that our classmate and his dear friend **Kevin Seits** passed away on May 21. He died of a heart attack in a Gainesville area state park while trail-riding his horse, which Bob describes as “one of Kevin’s favorite activities.” He had been the director of the Cayuga’s Waiters during his undergraduate years, and sang with the Waiters alumni group at reunions for a number of years. He was also a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church Choir in Gainesville. Send your news to: **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** Our 50th Reunion was a tremendous success, attended by nearly 500 classmates and guests. Even the unpredictable Ithaca weather cooperated to give us a “no rainout weekend.” Despite the sense of celebration, there was also a sense of transition. After all, we have now journeyed half a century into the future since graduation. Countless other Cornellians and future classes will engage the challenges we have confronted as we, slowly, move across the stage. Certainly the highlights were many, led by the record class reunion gift of \$24,214,798 to Cornell! In total, 481 people affiliated with the Class of ’61 attended the four-day event—including 290 classmates—in Ithaca on June 9–12, 2011. Thanks to our reunion co-chairs **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder, **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, **Doug Uhler**, and **Neil Goldberger** for organizing a terrific four days of events. Thanks also to **Ed Goldman**, **Jon Greenleaf**, and **Lassie Tischler** Eicher for producing a fabulous reunion yearbook.

**Marshall Frank**, who invested ten outstanding years as class president, presided over our Sunday morning breakfast wrap-up. As he acknowledged the contributions of those involved as class officers and reunion chairs, he also announced the slate of new officers for the next five years. President: **Peter Greenberg**; senior VP: **Sue Rand** Lewis; treasurer: **Walt Cottrell**, MBA ’63; 55th Reunion co-chairs: **Doug Uhler**, **Pauline Degenfelder**; class correspondents: **Doug Fuss** and **Susan Williams** Stevens; and webmaster: **Larry Wheeler**.

Thursday evening got Reunion off to a fast launch. The dinner was excellent, the Sherwoods were in fine voice, and the wine and conversation flowed freely. Following dinner, **Ken Blanchard**, PhD ’67, hosted a champagne reception honoring our Cornell couples. Marshall and **Rosanna Romanelli** Frank produced an impressive listing of the Cornell affinities and linkages of classmates and those from other classes linked through marriage. Looks like a close group!

Friday morning, at the continental breakfast, I sat next to **James Baden**, MD ’65. He had retired, in recent memory, from his practice in surgery. Coincidentally, Jim selected Hilton Head Island as his “community of choice”; it is a short, one-hour drive from Savannah, where we have lived for the past 14 years. What I did not realize at the time was that Jim was celebrating his first reunion on the Hill along with 28 other first-timers. While we were chatting, **Robert Segaul**, MD ’65, stopped by and announced that we had resided on the same floor freshman year, along with his roommate **Hillel Swiller**, MD ’65. (Certainly correct as I confirmed with my Frosh Register as I’m writing this column.) In addition to Jim, we welcomed first-timers: **Arnold Allan**, **Muriel Bertenthal** Kuhs, Lt. Gen. **James Brabham**, **Nancy Brandon** Tuma, **Lawrence Braverman**, **Alice Bruno** Schmeelk, **Barbara Burfeind**-Davis, **Charles Dann**, MED ’64, Capt. **Robert Everson**, **Doreen Finger** Cohen, **Michael Hauser**, **Joel Jayson**, ME ’62, **Raymond Kruczek**, **Robert Levy**, **Peter Mitchell**, ME ’63, **Carolyn Mulliner** Horton, **Ellen Mutterperl** Johnson-Fay, **John Petry**, **William Riley**, **Daniel Robinhold**, **Edward Sachtleben**, **William Schmeelk**, **Betty Schultz** Goldberg, **Richard Seiferheld**, **Jeffrey Strauss**, **Daniel Tomkins**, **Roger Williams**, and **Douglas Young**, MBA ’63.

The class forum “Then and Now” at the Statler Auditorium on Friday morning was well received and coincided with one of the few incursions of rain during the weekend. Led by **Jack Neafsey**, MBA ’63, the program included **Chuck Lee**, **Margaret Farrell**, **Robert Herdt**, MS ’63, Lt. Gen. **James Brabham**, **David Klein**, and **Suzanne Oparil**. At the conclusion, the advances against traditional benchmarks of the preceding 50 years were both impressive and overwhelming.

Saturday was a whirlwind of fun activities featuring the class picnic (still no rain) and entertainment by the Cayuga’s Waiters. The picnic is a great meet-and-greet event, bumping into names and faces that needed a reminder. Our class dinner was a highlight event featuring a dialogue between our trustee **Peter Meinig** and President **David Skorton**. In a lively and candid format, they discussed many of the issues confronting a world-class university engaged in the challenges of the 21st century. Of significance, Pete is stepping down after ten years in his position, leaving a fine record of accomplishment and achievement for Cornell. Finally, Cornelliana Night was an overflow success with an online simulcast for those with Web access who were unable to attend. The two Class of ’31 attendees made the national news and the program was the right mix of nostalgia and entertainment. A fine ending to a fine reunion.

So, time to wrap up this Reunion column. Let me acknowledge **Joanna McCully**, who, despite some physical difficulties, was able to attend the full weekend and enjoy the festivities. I wish to thank Joanna publicly for sharing the class correspondent duties with me the past five years. Now, with another five years of class columns waiting to be written, **Susan Williams** Stevens

volunteered to share the responsibility going forward. As always, we need your continued support and input to make the column a success. Send us an e-mail at: **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net); or **Susan Williams** Stevens, [sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:sastevens61@gmail.com).

**62** These notes are being written as Cornell makes news by hosting its first 80th Reunion. Two of the 30 surviving members of the Class of ’31 enjoyed the festivities in Ithaca in June. If they can be there for their 80th, you have no excuse for not joining in our 50th next June! This is our kickoff month for the build to our 50th Reunion next June 7–10. It’s a great time for each of us to contact a friend to join us in Ithaca next June. **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler, our reunion chairwoman, is seeking volunteers for a variety of activities. She welcomes an e-mail or phone call if you would be willing to help. Her contact information is: [rbz3@cornell.edu](mailto:rbz3@cornell.edu) and (603) 643-4388. For more information about plans for reunion weekend see our class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

The Distinguished Public Service Award, the highest that can be presented to a civilian, was awarded to **John Ohlsen** in April by the president of the National Defense U. on behalf of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The award recognized his work as executive VP and managing director of the Defense Orientation Conference Assn. John was cited for his work with international student programs for NDU. **John Boothby**, MD ’66 (Falmouth, ME; [jboothby@maine.rr.com](mailto:jboothby@maine.rr.com)) is a neurologist and an advocate for establishment of a Maine mandate for adequate management of young athletes suffering sports-related concussions. John’s favorite Cornell memory is “meeting my future wife, **Edie Milhorat** ’61, walking across the Arts Quad.” Hours off include biking, gardening, building stone walls, and “especially enjoying our six grandchildren.”

**Anna Fang** Wu (Wilmette, IL; [afangwu@gmail.com](mailto:afangwu@gmail.com)) is a retired physician. She volunteers teaching at Northwestern U. Medical School. **Ira Nelken** ([ira@inelken.com](mailto:ira@inelken.com)) is an educational consultant in Pinole, CA. He enjoys painting in pastels and watercolors and helps to care for his youngest granddaughter, 1. Also in California, **Marianne Mattucci** Escaron ([mvescaron@gmail.com](mailto:mvescaron@gmail.com)) lives in Agoura Hills with husband Pierre. She’s busy as a CASA volunteer and council chair for Ventura County, with AAUW, Women’s History Project, and as a docent at the Getty Villa in Malibu. “I’m giving an inordinate amount of time to nonprofit CASA, providing a transition to autonomy—work I love to do.” Marianne also does Tai Qi, gardens, and rides the Diabetes Tour de Cure in Napa every May. She and Pierre retreat from all this by hiking in the Pyrenees, where they have a little place.

In Wainscott, NY, **Peter Wadsworth**, MBA ’65 ([pwadsworth@optonline.net](mailto:pwadsworth@optonline.net)) is with Amory Associates, National Executive Service Corp. He’s active with Choral Society of the Hamptons and Citizens for a Quieter Airport. Peter likes to travel south. Ask him about Costa Rica, South America, or French Polynesia. If you’re in the vicinity of Vail, CO, or Piermont, Coralie and **Bruce Rogers** ([brogers@barpc.com](mailto:brogers@barpc.com)) hope to see you. Bruce manages a small law firm in Piermont when not skiing, golfing, playing tennis, or “with my grandchildren and eating well.”

It’s been 50 years since I’ve spoken with **Bill Troutman** ([starprez@aol.com](mailto:starprez@aol.com)). We had a great

visit over Skype a few weeks ago from his beautiful home in Osprey, FL. It was a nice chance to meet his lovely wife, Leslie, and see photos of the grandkids. The occasion was the visit of Jonie and **Bob Adamowski** (R13232@comcast.net) to the Troutmans. Bill and Leslie divide their time between Florida and their Cleveland home. The Adamowskis know where to visit! Bill and Bob went on to Michigan Law School after we graduated. It's my great good fortune to have Jonie and Bob nearby in Bellevue, WA, when they're not traveling.

"Protect our environment" reads the business card of retired college administrator **John Phillips**, MS '70 (jphil6@earthlink.net). The native Ithacan lives in Punta Gorda, FL, where he teaches in the master naturalist program and leads guided environmental walks. John also serves as an advisor to Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. "All Together" reads author **Bill Stowe's** card. That's the name of the book he wrote about the gold medal-winning crew in the 1964 Olympics, of which he was a member. Barbara and Bill reside in Lake Placid, where he keeps busy with Rotary, Cornell Crew Assn., and travel, especially south in the winter. Margaret and **Harry Wheaton Jr.** (hlwheaton@suddenlink.net) are happily retired in Chocowinity, NC. **Peter Mogielnicki** (R.Peter.Mogielnicki@dartmouth.edu), a professor of medicine at Dartmouth Medical School, works part-time at the V.A. in White River Junction, VT, as a general internist. He's into gardening, conservation programs, international medical volunteering, and service on the board of Wyman World Health Partners. Peter is learning Polish in anticipation of a trip there to learn about his ancestors.

Your correspondent misinterpreted information received about classmates elected to the Cornell Council. The list should have read as follows: Currently serving on the Council are **Nancy Schlegel** Meinig, **Alex Vollmer**, MS '64, **Bob Wood**, and **Dick Levine** (ex-officio in his role as chair of the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* committee). Life members of the Council are **Char Jones** Collister, **John Neuman**, **Rudy Muenster**, **Margo Hebal**, BArch '63, **Fred Hart**, **Steve Ploscowe**, LLB '65, **Nancy Williams** Clark, MEd '64, **Frank Quirk**, MBA '64, **Neil Schilke**, MS '64, **George Slocum**, MBA '67, **John Sullivan**, Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler, and **Steve Ettinger**, DVM '64. Mea culpa. ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** I will probably be reminding you in each column of our 50th Reunion on June 6-9, 2013. I know it seems far away, but it will be here before you know it. It should be a wonderful celebration!

**Warren Icke '62** and I had dinner in April at the home of **Jim**, MD '69, and **Christine Newton Dauber**. **Neil Kochenour**, MD '69, was there with his friend, Diane Engelby. Jim and Chris closed on their house in Pittsburgh in February. They now split their time between their rented house in Tucson and their condo in Portland, OR. The house they rent is actually the house they owned in the early 2000s. Jim and Chris have plans to visit Portugal this summer. Around this trip they will be training on their bicycles so they can participate in Cycle Oregon in September. Cycle Oregon is a 410-499-mile ride through fertile valleys, deep forests, rugged coastline, and rolling wine country. Good luck to the Daubers! Neil and Diane had plans to spend three weeks in Neil's flat in London in May. They expected to attend several plays,

but missed the Royal Wedding. Plans for the summer are to go to Neil's home in Big Sky in June.

**John** and **Tracy Lutz** live in South Hamilton, MA. Last March they went skiing in Utah and skied five mountains in six days. Their daughter, Alison, started working for Paul Farmer's Partners in Health two years ago as their Haiti coordinator. She has traveled five times to Haiti since the January 2010 earthquake. **Lawrence** and **Carole Wetzel** live in Fairport, NY. Larry's first wife of 38 years passed away in 2006 from complications of multiple sclerosis. In 2008, Larry married Carole, whom he had known for 40 years and who shares his love for travel and cruising. Together they have six children and five grandchildren. Larry and Carole took a honeymoon cruise of the Mediterranean in 2008. In 2009 they cruised through the Panama Canal, across the Atlantic, and to Rome. In 2010 they cruised the South Pacific. Larry retired from Frontier Communications in 2008 after 18 years with them and 38 in the telecom industry. Frontier hired him back as a consultant for 2008 and 2009. Larry will embark upon his second term as president of the Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Rochester. In 2009, he was admitted to the Cornell ROTC Hall of Fame. His picture hangs in Barton Hall alongside "such luminaries" as Col. **Frank Barton 1891**, Gen. **Bruce Clarke '27**, and Lt. Gen. **Jared Bates**.

**Daniel** and **Mary Louise Daly** live in Shrewsbury, MA. Daniel retired from Smith Barney and now manages his real estate holdings. He and Mary Louise have five children and 11 grandchildren. Their youngest daughter, **Ellen '02**, was married in Boston in August. **Richard Feliciano**, ME '66, became a licensed professional engineer at the age of 64. "It brought back fond memories of studying for exams at Cornell." He and his wife live in Arnold, MD. Their son Richard has sons Miles, 5, and Reid, 3. Daughter Nicole Nadel has daughters Chiara, 3, and Soledad, 2. The Felicianos also enjoy seeing the grandchildren regularly. Richard and his wife spent last Christmas in Paris, which he says was a "spectacular experience." **Maury** and **Miriam Browner Lacher** live in Poughkeepsie, NY. Maury retired from Vassar College in 2003 and is now president of the R.T. Waterman Bird Club in Dutchess County, NY.

**Pete Heinrich** writes from Canandaigua, NY, that he is in his fifth year of retirement but busier than ever. He was on a trip to Egypt last fall and got out just in time. The group was staying at the Ramses Hilton, so he would have had a good view of the protests, but preferred to watch it on FOX News. He still teaches at the American College in Croatia, which is a subsidiary of the Rochester Inst. of Technology. This is his fifth year of teaching facility and property management during the winter quarter (November through March). The American College is a four-year college of hospitality and tourism in the heart of the old walled city of Dubrovnik. All courses are taught in English. Pete finds the city very colorful and festive, even in winter. **Jim**, MBA '64, and **Terry Byrnes** still live in Ithaca, where Jim is chairman of Tompkins Financial. He teaches a one-credit course in banking at Cornell's Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management each fall. Jim and Terry spend part of the year in their apartment at The Moorings in Vero Beach, FL. Their son Andrew still rows for the Canadian national team and hopes to make it to the 2012 Olympics in London. That's all for this month! Please e-mail me your news! ☐ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

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**64** This month's column brings out the statistician in me. For some time now, I've casually weighed classmates who are retired vis-à-vis those still working. Clearly, the former are gaining, but to what degree, I've no idea. Anyway, here are some more recent retirees.

**DeVeau "Dee" Hurley** Bissell, appearing here for the first time, writes that she's retired, but from what, she doesn't say. Dee lives in Newfane, NY, and notes, "It's hard to believe I'm not cooking and sewing anymore, but [I'm] doing more music (playing piano and singing) than I ever thought of doing." **Linda Collyer** Logue is also retired, and also doesn't mention from what. Linda lives in Southport, NC, where she is an avid, passionate gardener and a golfer working on her game; she adds, "Aren't we all." Linda recently spent time at her timeshare in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, with her daughter, son-in-law, and two granddaughters. She also went on a comprehensive, multi-stop Mediterranean cruise. Linda notes she just "celebrated 25 years of alcoholic sobriety—it's awesome!" And she has some sage advice for us all: "Live each day to the fullest; follow your dreams and goals today or when you can, as we don't know what tomorrow will bring; when disaster hits, deal with what you can do, process your grief or loss, get back on your feet, and don't dwell on the past."

**Janet Warren** Fatherley, last here in 1987, retired in 2005 after a 20-year career as an executive assistant in Dartmouth Medical School's Endocrinology Division. Janet, who has two grandchildren, lives in Bradford, VT, where she enjoys fixing up her old farmhouse, reading, and travel, most recently to Scotland and her 50th high school reunion in New Jersey a year ago, and last February to Dominica (her 17th trip there; guess she likes it). Janet sends kudos: "Thanks to all of you class officers for keeping up our class spirit." Thank you, Janet! **Anne Comar** Beaman, last here in 1989, writes that she's now a retired licensed clinical social worker, but no other news. Anne lives in Atascadero, CA.

**Joan Page** Gerring, MD '68, for 40 years a psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins, not only is not retired, she's taken on a "new and challenging position as the first chief psychiatrist at the Office of Children and Family Services, Division of Juvenile Justice." (I'm supposing Joan's new job is near her home in Rensselaer, NY, where she lives with husband Robert.) Joan goes on, "The job is an opportunity to do good public service, plus I'm very happy to be back in my home state."

**Ulle Laaman** Dunlap retired in 2009 from her position as professor of English and comparative literature at Ohio Wesleyan U. From her home in Delaware, OH, Ulle enjoys photography, French and Chinese cooking, and travel, recently to China, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. She would love to hear from people who lived in Clara Dickson Hall in the 1964-65 school year. She adds of the dorm: "What an astonishing 'Victorian' place to live!" Physician **Lois Copeland**, MD '68, an internist, is still practicing in Hillsdale, NJ, still lives in Upper Saddle River, and has four grown children and three young grandchildren. She recently traveled to Spain, and enjoys oil painting, photography, and her pets. Architect **Joel Cantor** is still working, but writes, "With this economy, I have branched out from my specialty of designing fitness clubs to working on high-end residential and college building remodeling." He plans to return to Cornell this autumn to attend the grand opening celebration of the new Architecture building.

Joel lives in San Francisco, CA; he traveled east to Denver, CO, and Richmond, VA, to visit his two children and four grandchildren.

**Frank Grawi**, MS '68, has retired from Ford Motor Co., where he was a mechanical engineer. Frank and wife Mary Ann live in Novi, MI, and have two grown children and three grandchildren. Frank enjoys sailing the Great Lakes and downhill skiing (he just celebrated his 36th year as a National Ski Patrol volunteer), and has no intention of retiring from either recreation. Tongue in cheek, he cites himself as the "second leading cause of global warming" for driving around his grandson's travel hockey team. Physician **Peter Mansky** is still active in his private practice in Las Vegas, and even more so in professional associations. Peter is director of the Nevada State Physician Health Program, on the board of trustees of the Clark County Medical Society, and president of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs. On top of all this, he was awarded the 2011 Community Service Award by the Nevada State Medical Assn. Peter and wife Susan live in Las Vegas and have three grown children. Peter enjoys swimming, playing guitar, and photography. Recent travel included Lake Tahoe, CA, Portland, OR, and Seattle, WA.

That's all for now. Thanks again for answering our appeal for class dues and news. I still need more of the latter, however; I've only enough news for another couple of columns. So send it in, and also be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. Send news to me at home or online: [Bev Johns Lamont](mailto:Bev.Johns.Lamont@comcast.net), 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** **Tom Borut** and wife Ruth live in Manhattan Beach, CA; Tom is medical director of Concentra Medical Centers in L.A. Their son, Jeff, is a trauma surgeon in the Navy and served in Afghanistan. Daughter Jill is an attorney in NYC. Tom remembers sliding down the Hill using lunch trays from Willard Straight Hall. **Trish Geppert** Woollcott ([Trishaw@race2000.com](mailto:Trishaw@race2000.com)) and husband Philip are in Harbor Springs, MI, where Trish volunteers at Planned Parenthood and serves on water conservation/ecology boards. She retired from her work as a nurse midwife. They enjoyed travel to Japan last year to visit son Chris teaching, and this year will be in Costa Rica for his wedding. Daughter Rachael Winfree is professor of ecology at Rutgers and her specialty is native bees. She and husband Erik have children Nicolas and Sophia. Erik is professor of molecular computing at Caltech. Trish writes, "I loved learning about Chinese medicine 1900-1960s from the astounding collection in the library stacks."

**Bob Leshner**, MD '69 ([rleshner@aol.com](mailto:rleshner@aol.com)) and wife Debbie moved from Washington, DC, to La Jolla, CA, to be closer to children and grandchildren. Bob continues to work at the U. of California and Rady Children's Hospital as a clinician-educator/child neurologist. He's made several trips to Europe in the past year for clinical research studies. "I like exactly what I'm doing, only would rather be doing 20 percent less! Favorite Cornell memories are the first snows and the first signs of spring—plus a peer group second to none." **John Gerich** (Wayne, NJ) retired as of July, but still lectures and consults in his field. Recent travels have found him in the Caribbean, Taiwan, Korea, and Stockholm.

Peace vigils on the Arts Quad are memories of **Alice Schaeffer** Nadelman (Teaneck, NJ;

[anadelman@hotmail.com](mailto:anadelman@hotmail.com)). She is a psychologist specializing in early childhood trauma, impaired attachment, and special needs adoptions. She and husband Manny report that son **Joel '03** married **Erica Grimm '04** and they both work in business. Daughter Rachel (Brown '99) is employed by the World Bank. Alice and Manny were in Greece and Turkey last year and Mexico in February; they plan to take a trip to China in October. Happy to live near their son and daughter and families are **Chris and Jan Langenmayr Mabley** (Austin, TX; [cmabley@sasaustin.org](mailto:cmabley@sasaustin.org)). They especially love being only 15 minutes away from five grandchildren. Jan continues as a psychotherapist and Chris has left school administration but continues to teach. Because of flexible schedules, they spend two summer months in New Hampshire to flee the Texas heat.

Planning her next trip to an exotic locale is **Nancy Levine Castro** (Pittsford, NY; [NCastro@rochester.rr.com](mailto:NCastro@rochester.rr.com)). Nancy and **Peter '64** are enjoying retirement via volunteering with the Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. activities and board work for Crestwood Children's Center. Travel is a passion: they spent three weeks in Australia last year and a month this past fall in South Africa and Botswana visiting daughter **Wendy '94**, who works in the international health field there. They also caught up with daughter Stephanie, husband Mike, and Audrey, 6, their future Cornellian, in Ohio. Nancy fondly recalls "hanging out in my freshman corridor in Dickson V." **Marvin** and **Gloria Foster** ([mfosterpeckrd@yahoo.com](mailto:mfosterpeckrd@yahoo.com)) are in California. Marvin writes, "Still trying to make a living selling trucks." He recalls working at the Straight with a great group of friends.

Combining business and pleasure, **Judith Rosuck** Fox (New York, NY; [JudithRFox@gmail.com](mailto:JudithRFox@gmail.com)) and husband David attended a world reunion for alumni of the Louis August Jonas Foundation in Berlin and then went on to Italy for a week of fun, food, and culture. Judith is the executive director of the foundation that operates a summer leadership program for teenagers from around the world. The reunion included more than 250 alumni between the ages of 16 and 80. John and **Sandralee Zien** Davis (Newfield, NY) write, "Like everyone else, we are doing our best to stay on top of things, keeping the family happy during the current economic crisis." They are facing the challenge of treating John's cancer, which was discovered in 2008. They have a dream of traveling by train across Canada and then on to Alaska. A fond Cornell memory for Sandralee is "joining the Episcopal Church at Anabel Taylor Hall with Rev. Gurdon Brewster."

Another couple who applauds the grandparenting role is **Jim**, MBA '66, and **Carol Bittner Altemus** (Bloomfield, NY). Their daughter Beth and her husband had a daughter in December. Jim is entering his 11th season as a cabinetmaker and gunsmith at Genesee Country Village and Museum. Carol has achieved master gardener status and also enjoys quilting. Living the Florida lifestyle in retirement are Kathy and **Joe Schneider** (Naples FL; [joeschneider@earthlink.net](mailto:joeschneider@earthlink.net)). They have fun dining out, golfing, and going to the beach. They spent the month of January on a land/cruise tour of Australia and New Zealand and had dinner in Auckland, NZ, with **Steve Gross** and wife Pat. Joe recalls good times at the training table at the Statler with the football team and writes, "It was great to see **Duke Grkovic**, **Dave Miles**, **Lou Ferraro**, **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Joe Ryan**, and coach Fred Dunlap at Reunion."

**Loren Meyer** Stephens (lorenstephens@att.global.net) and spouse Dana Miyoshi are at home in Los Angeles, CA. Loren writes, "I continue to ghostwrite memoirs for my Write Wisdom clients, teach Writing Your Life Story, and struggle to complete my novel, 'Ichiro's Fate.'" Her son Josh completed course work at the Kennedy School at Harvard and is editor of the *California Planning Report*. Loren spent five days in Deer Valley, UT, during the winter and will spend the month of July in Santa Fe, NM. She would love to hear from Cornellians vacationing or living there.

Lots of news forms were sent to me in the last batch, so I will share more in the next edition of the Class Notes. Please continue to write to Ron or me! [Joan Hens Johnson](mailto:JoanHensJohnson@comcast.net), joanhjp@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

**66** Reunion was wonderful! Our thanks to all who made it happen. **Jeanne Brown Sander** and **Alice Katz** Berglas planned and executed a balanced and fun time. Thanks to (outgoing) class co-president **Rolf Frantz**, ME '67, for handling registration and other details. Thanks to the many Class Council members who contributed in many ways. Extra thank yous to **Sue Stern Korn**, **Mary Jansen** Everett, **Diane Stein** Dobrow, **Carol Atkin** Kay, and **Hilda Lichtenstein** Levine for heading up the networking committee and to the many Team '66 Captains who worked with them to make our attendance even more than we hoped for.

A special thank you to Rolf's wife, **Nancy (Nystrom)** '68, who crocheted and donated more than 150 red-and-white curly scarves for the women classmates. (The men received Cornell baseball caps with our '66 class bear logo.) We add a thank you, too, to **Margaret Clark** for all her help with souvenirs and decorations and set-ups throughout the weekend. And the biggest Big Red thank you of all to our incredible Cornell class clerks—Nina, Chris, Ashemsa, Joseph, and Laura—the five Cornell students who made it all really happen 24/7 for four days!

Our weekend began with a welcome-back-to-Cornell presentation by VP of student and academic services **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94, who gave us a true insider's view of undergraduate life today. Then we dove right into Thursday evening activities with dinner in Sage Atrium, followed by a tour of the "new" Baroque organ in Anabel Taylor Hall: a joy to see and hear. Our famous Purity ice cream party of course followed, with **Michael Turback** talking about Ithaca's local history.

We all enjoyed a choice (or not) of campus tours Friday morning. Breakfast with President Skorton speaking to us was followed by our '66 Forum—coordinated by **Ralph Janis** and **Fran Blau**—at which two of Cornell's most distinguished faculty, professors Joel Silbey and Walter LaFeber, shared their expertise about the country and the world. We had a chance to taste wine with **Ronni Barrett** Lacroute, learn about Cornell viticulture with **Linda Cascio Engstrom** and husband **Fred** '64, ME '66, taste local foods and wines, or attend university-wide programs if we wanted to. Complete with great trinkets such as watches, bear paw pins, pedometers, scarves, and hats, we were well known around campus as we went to our activities.

Saturday had us hearing about green buildings or predictions on the housing market with **Jeff Tester**, MS '67, and **Keith Jurow**, followed by a trip to the Ithaca Farmers' Market with Ralph and Rhoda Janis. At our Beebe Beach picnic we

were serenaded by the Sherwoods, including four '66ers. The singing group stayed at Becker House and also serenaded us at Sunday breakfast. Saturday dinner in the Physical Sciences Atrium was both elegant and great fun.

We all have individual experiences that add to the "special" quality of a '66 reunion. Late Friday evening, my husband Don and I stopped at Becker Lounge and found a small group gathered around **Howie Lester**. He was playing a fiddle and greatly entertaining the group with Cajun music. He is a professor at RIT, chairing the MFA program in the School of Film and Animation. He plays fiddle and banjo in genres of old time, Cajun, and Klezmer, and is well known in the Rochester area. We had a chance to speak with him later in the weekend. Time for personal interests like this is also an important part of our reunion.

We know that life is not all happiness. Sadly, we learned just a week before reunion of the passing of **John Miers**, MBA '68, this column's first "Men's" correspondent, and a lifelong active Cornellian. John and all our late classmates were remembered at the university's Remembrance Service, always attended by a '66 representative. Our collective condolences are extended deeply to John's wonderful wife, **Mary Loosbrock** Miers, and to his family. John's kindness and humanity, and his passion for Cornell and for our class, will not be forgotten.

Plan now for our 50th! Several classmates made the 45th their first reunion, so if you have never attended a '66 reunion, your next chance is a short five years away! Alice has already declared the newest affinity networking group for 2016. She says its members are all of you who were unable to join us for the 45th but wrote, called, promised, and swore: "But I'll definitely be there for our 50th!" You know who you are—and Alice says she's "makin' a list and checkin' it twice." We ALL look forward to seeing ALL of us then! [Susan Rockford](mailto:SusanRockford@aol.com) Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu.

**67** "Reinventing myself with Weight Watchers and ballroom dance lessons," writes **Stephanie Brandstetter** Smart (Fairport, NY; sbsmart@rochester.rr.com). "And I joined an international group within the Newcomers Club of Rochester, which welcomes individuals into Western New York from around the world." She adds, "I moved back to Fairport after two years in Taiwan and plan to stay for a while and remodel our kitchen. Volunteering with Generation Two, a nonprofit that brings older adults to play with first graders in city and suburban schools."

**Laurie Faber** (Riverdale, NY; laughaber@gmail.com) traveled in June with a choral society to perform Mozart's *Requiem* in Florence, Venice, and Milan, and to tour other towns. "My job as a special ed teacher working with a 3-year-old in her day-care class has been challenging and fulfilling. These poor, unstimulated kids have so little preparation for real school. The Cornell Chorus, including a concert for the centennial at Lincoln Center, certainly has influenced my life, as did my work at the Cornell nursery school (and the major in Child Development)." Laurie is also vice president on the board of the Stonewall Chorale, "the nation's first lesbian and gay chorus founded over 30 years ago."

"Still loving the Bay Area," reports **Ted Hamilton** (Walnut Creek, CA; tvhamil1967@aol.com).

"Following our daughter Courtney's Chico State basketball team around California, enjoying her passion for the game. Welcoming our son Cameron and daughter-in-law back to California where he's now a probation counselor in Martinez." **Bill** and **Miriam Steinberg Galston** (Bethesda, MD) report, "Our son Ezra, 26, married Shira Bender, to our delight." Bill has been a senior fellow at Brookings in Washington, DC, for five years and Miriam has been teaching at George Washington U. law school since 1990.

**Peter Gold** (North Potomac, MD; pfg2000@aol.com) is president of the Gold Group, Chartered, a legal services and merchant banking firm, and has provided guidance on risk arbitrage and related regulatory and legislative matters since 1984. He co-founded and is chairman of First Book, the nation's largest privately funded literacy organization, focused on providing at-risk children with their first new books. To date, First Book has distributed more than 80 million books to children in need. For more than two decades, he has been on the board of Share Our Strength, an international hunger relief organization.

"We (with husband Robert) have done a fair amount of traveling to Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America," writes **Elaine Kamhi** Greenwald (Melville, NY, elainekamhi@optonline.net) "and I've loved meeting people from all over the world. If I ever had to leave our country, I would move to Sydney, Australia. I majored in Child Development and Family Studies and all of my career choices originated from my coursework at Cornell. I volunteer by seeing some patients pro bono. I love my work in private practice: it's interesting, informative, and challenging all at once."

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I ran into **Reeve "Ting" Vanneman**, Washington, DC, who teaches sociology at the U. of Maryland, at an opera performance at Kennedy Center featuring the ageless Placido Domingo, and heard that Ting's dad, the seemingly ageless **Bill Vanneman '31**, had died at 102. He was a delightful gentleman who graced our reunions often with his presence.

Another classic Cornell occasion: a young graduate who works in my office was recently married—in Sage Chapel, naturally—and tells me that the preceding two days were spent in a rain-swept Ithaca. As all emerged from Sage into the late afternoon, however, the skies cleared, the sun emerged, and his marriage was off to a brilliant start. ☑ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington DC 20008; tel., (202) 667-6481; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** Many thanks to those of you who sent a fresh batch of news items for this column! **Gordon Silver** (gordonsilver@gmail.com) paid a visit to my office after he attended a meeting in Boston. In December he moved to Fisher Island—near Miami, FL—although he retains an apartment in Chestnut Hill, MA. He continues to work as a director for private and public companies in Florida, Massachusetts, China, and elsewhere. However, despite his busy professional schedule, Gordon still finds time for tennis, golf, swimming on Fisher Island and in Maine, and friends like **Steve**, MBA '70, JD '71, and **Sharon Lawner Weinberg**, PhD '71, and **Dave '67**, ME '68, and **Jane Frommer Gertler**. Gordon's volunteer activities include being a trustee for Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and activities at the Harvard Business School.

**Laura Hoffman** Ceppi, BS Nurs '68 (Ojai, CA) is retired. She enjoys her kitties, as well as reading, spending time with her grandson, and volunteering at the Ojai Lavender Festival. She would love to hear from **Gail Miller** Gregory, BS Nurs '68, and **Maureen Kennedy** Loy, BS Nurs '68. **Howard Needleman**, MPS '75 (howardn2@msn.com) writes that he retired at the end of 2010 from a job he held for ten years. Although he liked the job, he felt that there was no reason to continue putting up with commuting and with the little annoyances that even a good job has. Despite the fact that he planned for his retirement for several years, it still took him some time to construct his new life. He was grateful that he had done prior planning for the non-financial aspects of retirement when he finally retired.

After leaving Cornell, **Susan Berger** Sabreen (susansabreen@optonline.net) earned a master's in international relations at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced Int'l Studies and worked in television as a news reporter, producer, consultant, and news director. Thereafter, she graduated from Columbia Law School and spent a decade as a lawyer, focusing on First Amendment law. Afterwards she returned to television, as executive producer for ten seasons of a nationally syndicated health program for public television. Now she has entered the documentary world and is producing a documentary film entitled "Mrs. Judy's Secret," about a Canadian woman who secretly rescued more than 3,000 Jews from Syria over a 25-year period ending in 2001. Check out [www.MrsJudysSecret.org](http://www.MrsJudysSecret.org). Please send me your news. ☑ **Mary Hartman** Schmidt, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

**69** Hope you all have enjoyed your summer! **Phyllis Kestenbaum** Snyder was elected honorary national president of the National Council of Jewish Women, having served as national president from 2005–08. Check out their website at [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org)—and congratulations, Phyllis. **Rob Schwartzing**, MCE '76, writes, "Just ended five years of adjunct appointment in Cornell's City and Regional Planning, teaching Public Administration, Urban Finance, and Quantitative Methods courses. It was great to be around enthusiastic, mentally hungry graduate students. Opened a B&B on Keuka Lake and began a run for county legislator this summer. Wanting to stay fit and healthy while still partaking of home cooked gourmet meals accompanied by great local wines. Yeah . . . a tough choice. Friends are invited to visit—spectacular sunsets from the lakeside porches, and Cornell is only an hour away."

**Victor Reus**, professor of psychiatry at UC San Francisco School of Medicine, is still actively engaged in full-time academia. "This year I am vice-chair of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and ending my term as chair of the psychiatry residency review committee for the ACGME. [Traveled] to Singapore at the request of the Ministry of Health to help them plan for a transition to an American model of physician certification that would be overseen by the American Board of Medical Specialties. On the research side of things, I was proud this year to be a co-author on two papers on telomeres with current Nobel prize winner Elizabeth Blackburn, and also had the enjoyment of hosting and interacting with another Nobel prize winner, James Watson, at our genetics project in Costa Rica in January. Traveling enough to maintain global services status on United, and will add to that at the end of the summer when wife Kira and I take off on a self-guided bike trip from Vienna to Prague."

**Susan Wohryzek** Mittler is president of the Ithaca Teachers Association. She still lives in Ithaca. Her two children graduated from Cornell as well. **Jessica Mittler '94** (AA&P) went on to earn her doctorate at Harvard; son **Craig Mittler '98** (CALs) went on to earn his MBA from Wharton. Husband Dan is semi-retired in the College of Engineering. **Marge Weisberg** Silvestri checks in with this news: "Three years after retiring from teaching, I am now working part-time, combining my education and marketing backgrounds. I assist a dean at Endicott College with creating regional off-campus teacher centers for graduate programs, then following through with recruiting and marketing. We've just been approved to be one of only four colleges in the country to offer an MEd with a focus on autism and ABA. Just enough excitement at this age. I'm also proud to be assisting another '69 alumna and dear friend **Judy Klevin** Erel, who will soon be publishing her book. **Anne Palmer** Plaine has retired from the Ithaca High School library. Her father, Robert Palmer, a Cornell professor emeritus, passed away on July 3, 2010. Her son works at Mann Library, so she has many connections to Cornell. Anne has a granddaughter, 9.

**Michael Rowland** sent this update: "Retired from Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, NC, in 2008 after 33 years as a physician from my general surgery position with the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic. Now running my small farm with beef cattle, horses, vegetables, and fruit trees, trying to be as self-sufficient as possible and employing solar hot water to supplement the wood/hot water/heating system we've used these last 14 years. We also

have a large solar electric system I added this year, which I hope to add on to. We grow most of what we eat and enjoy our small piece of heaven on earth! Doing better than I deserve! My five kids are all married and doing very well, and have provided me with nine grandchildren so far." Michael appreciates that his medical career has allowed him to make the career change to agriculture and writes that he hopes his remaining time can be spent trying to be a good contributor to the welfare of the planet—"as we move ever closer to 100 percent organic, greater renewable energy consumers and providers, and trying to live as healthy a lifestyle as possible. Glad to see Cornell is leading the way in promoting the interdisciplinary approach to sustainability investigations and collaborations!"

**Rob Kaufelt** writes, "We are heading to Ithaca soon to begin a wonderful new program with Murray's Cheese and Cornell University to develop the artisan cheese industry in New York State. Meanwhile, we will soon have 30 cheese shops within shops in Kroger supermarkets in Ohio, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, and Colorado, bringing specialty and farmstead cheeses to these markets for the first time. My wife, Nina Planck, is working on her new 'real food cookbook' (out next year) at our farm in Stockton, NJ, and we'll soon celebrate the second birthdays of our twins Jacob and Rose."

**Shep Burr** checks in from his home outside Orlando, FL: "It seems like yesterday we were writing about weddings, babies, and careers. Now we are staring at retirement, which for me will be at the end of 2011, after a 42-year career as a CPA. I joined a large CPA firm in Philadelphia right after graduating, got the CPA license and an MBA from Drexel, then started my own CPA firm shortly after being transferred to Orlando. Three years ago I merged with a large regional CPA firm and am now one of seven partners. I have a general tax practice, with a niche serving real estate investors in this very distressed real estate market. I am frequently called on to conduct seminars for realtors, real estate investors, and other CPAs on real estate tax strategies. I expect to be busy in retirement, helping my wife, Fern, and her sister Heidi manage our own real estate investments. Our son Daniel, born during my senior year, is an industrial equipment sales manager, and our daughter Deborah is—are you ready for this?—Florida gopher tortoise plan coordinator, managing a multi-million-dollar budget to protect the endangered critters. Fern and I have become Broadway theater nuts, and travel to NYC several times a year to get our fix, usually packing in four shows in three days. I always enjoy socializing at Central Florida Cornell Club and Cornell Hotel Society functions, and I volunteer for CAAAN—the Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network—interviewing candidates for admission to Cornell, and manning the Cornell booth at college fairs."

From **Mike Natan**: I retired from my CIO role at One Beacon Insurance Co. two years ago, although I still do some occasional consulting work with prior colleagues. Life has been great with two married children and one grandchild (so far). We split our time between Wynnewood, PA, and Sunapee, NH, where we have a summer house on the lake. I have been refreshing my skills in golf, tennis, sailing, and bridge and have taken some courses and am looking for some meaningful volunteer work. Additionally, we are traveling quite extensively. My fraternity brother and roommate from Cornell, **Ken Lawrence**, lives nearby and we get to see each other quite often. I look forward to the 45th Reunion in a few years."

*Corrections Dept.* In our last column, we incorrectly described **Sara Weisblat** Schastok's position with the Evanston Community Foundation. She has been *working* there, rather than volunteering, and is currently president and CEO. Sorry, Sara. Please keep the news, names, and notes coming to: ✉ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl@optonline.net.

**70** Autumn has arrived and the students are back on the Hill, so things are bustling in Ithaca, much as they are in all our lives. Hope you all had a happy, healthy, and fun summer and will have a great fall. Enjoy the news about your fellow classmates.

**Kurt "Gert" Krammer** (Concord, MA; gerhardt.krammer@yahoo.com) works part-time in an Alzheimer's clinic. He has been to Namibia and Botswana, and hopes to go to Africa again in the future to help and to teach. **Sandy Schorr** and husband **Chuck Breckheimer**, MAT/MS '69, live in Hendersonville, NC (breckschorr@aol.com). Sandy continues to work as a pediatrician, but now has the job of her dreams co-directing a community hospital (Park Ridge Hospital) nursery outside of Asheville, NC. She has been working half-time for the last two years and loving the time to pursue things outside of medicine. She particularly likes hiking the trails and mountains of western North Carolina—they are located near two forests, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Smoky Mountains National Park! Chuck is a retired high school chemistry teacher who taught at Ithaca High School for 25 years. He has been very busy setting up recycling in Henderson County as well as working with several environmental groups. Chuck also tries to help struggling high school chemistry students by volunteer tutoring. And he works a lot on improving his tennis game. They both enjoyed Reunion last year!

**Peter Ambrose** and wife Virginia live in Hudson, NY (pa@valstar.net). Peter is a professor of biological sciences at Columbia Greene Community College, and Virginia retired this past spring from Cairo-Durham high school after 40 years as a school counselor! On August 21, 2010, their daughter **Abigail '04** married Douglas Gunn, an artisan cheesemaker. In May 2011, their daughter **Margaret, JD '11**, graduated from Cornell Law School. Then, on July 9, 2011, their daughter Susan married Michael McGuire. Congratulations to everyone! **Sharon Hoopes** Piers (sepiers@hotmail.com) still teaches chemistry at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids, MI, where she lives with husband Ken. She is seriously considering retiring in June 2012. They have ten grandchildren! Ken is a semi-retired chemistry professor. They hope to do some traveling once Sharon retires. In her "spare" time she sings in a choir, rings hand bells, reads whenever possible, and is learning to play the flute. She and Ken have adopted a vegan lifestyle and are finding it to be quite an adjustment, but very interesting and healthy. Their daughter Katy (Princeton '98) is an endocrine surgeon at Rush Medical Center in Chicago as well as an assistant professor of surgery at the medical school there. Youngest daughter Meg (MBA, DePaul) is a finance manager with the Chicago Transit Authority.

**James Winchester** (avionic@aol.com) has expanded Avionic Products Inc. to include several companies in video amplifiers and audio distribution for military aircraft including the unmanned drone market. He and his family thoroughly enjoyed the Evening at Fox Studios with President

Skorton. James's wife finally understood what the Hot Truck was all about and why he and his friends stood outside in zero degree weather at 2 a.m. And by the way, he told her he knew nothing about Johnny's Big Red Bar and Grill! **John** and **Sandy Shands Elligers** (McLean, VA; jelligers@msn.com) continue to enjoy retirement. They celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Stockholm. Congrats! **Rick, JD '71**, and **Kathy Law Orloski** (Allentown, PA; kathyorloski@hotmail.com) report that, of their five children, four have graduated from Cornell: **Richard '94**, **Kevin '99**, **Joseph '03**, and **Katherine '10**. Katherine is married to **Nigel Watt '10**. **Bill Fogle** (bill.fogle@cox.net) writes that he has completed a history of the "unlucky DEKES," stories of the Cornell DKE military aviators who lost their lives in the last century. Bill and his wife live in Mesa, AZ. ✉ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** As I write this column I am recalling an outstanding reunion weekend. For me it began with a stroll on the Arts Quad with friends **Diane Brenner**, **Gery Eichner**, and **Leslie Kirpich** Brill. The sun was shining against a clear blue sky and the Arts Quad somehow seemed even more beautiful than I remember it 40 years ago. For those of you who were there, it was a terrific reunion. If you missed it, mark your calendars for June 2016 for our 45th!

Here are a few highlights of the weekend, shared with me by classmates: the Plantations wildflower garden tour, the Cornell chimes concerts, a household physics demonstration at Rockefeller Hall, a lecture on nutrition, memory, and immunity at Hum Ec, a visit to the Lab of Ornithology, the Olin Lecture—a dialogue between **Chuck Feeney '56** and President David Skorton—Pres. Skorton's State of the University address, and dancing to great live bands at the reunion tents on Friday and Saturday nights. These are just a few of the numerous events that took place during Reunion Weekend that showcased Cornell's outstanding faculty, natural beauty, and the business of running a university. One highlight for our class was the cocktail reception on the Straight Terrace, which was attended by Pres. Skorton and his wife, Dr. Robin Davison. Among our classmates who attended Reunion, **Roy Olsson** traveled the longest distance, from Bangkok, Thailand, and **Thomas Simmonds** came from São Paulo, Brazil.

**Bob Linden**, MD '75, and **Mike Staines** educated me on the champion crew team of 1971. Bob writes, "Saturday of our 40th Reunion marked big doings down at Collyer Boathouse on the Cayuga Lake Inlet. First, the new Cornell Rowing Center was dedicated. This marked the culmination of an \$8 million boathouse expansion and renovation project begun last year. Just as important, however, for the Class of '71 was the christening of *Resilient*. This shell was donated to this year's Cornell heavyweight team by the oarsmen who rowed in the 1971 Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) National Championship our graduating year. Two '71 classmates, Mike Staines and **John Swanson**, manned that boat along with two juniors, **Zyg Malowicki '72** and **Dave Wetherill '72**, and four sophomores, **Don Fisher '73**, **John Dunn '73**, **K.C. Flanigan '73**, and **Al Danser '73**. The boat's cox'n was **Jeff Cornett '72**, ME '73. With the exception of K.C., who has since passed away, everybody else involved with the victory that day in 1971 was present for the boat's dedication. After Cayuga Lake water was splashed on *Resilient's* bow, the

oarsmen jumped in the new shell and took her for a row. '71 classmates **Bob Linden** and **Bill Brown**, MBA '72, filled in—Bob for Dave Wetherill, who had developed acute back pain that morning, and Bill for K.C. Flanigan. Other members of our class who came down for the day's events were **Pete Brink**, BS '73, **Tom Heiss**, **Steve Kirk**, ME '72, **Mark Ketchum**, and **Sally Clark Shumaker**." Bob may be contacted at linden0552@yahoo.com.

In addition to enjoying the festivities, appreciating the natural beauty of the campus, reconnecting with old friends, participating in sporting events, and partaking of Cornell's fine faculty, our class is proud to report that we exceeded our development goals by raising more than \$4 million dollars in donations to Cornell, as well as beating our goal for Tower Club members.

We also have a new slate of class officers, most notably our president, **Jan Rothman** (jsr33@cornell.edu). Jan is a CPA/partner in Resnick Druckman Group LLC, an accounting firm located in Manhattan. His wife, **Debbie (Greene) '73** (HumEc), is a registered dietitian with an MS in nutrition from NYU and director of food and nutritional services at Park Avenue Extended Care Center, a nursing and rehab facility located in Long Beach. They have children Robyn, 33, a teacher in the City of New York School System, and Joshua, 30, a pre-trial services officer in the federal court system.

A special thank you to all who helped to make Reunion so successful: our outgoing president **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, reunion co-chairs **Gilda Klein Linden** and **David Beale**, and the many class officers who worked past midnight many nights to plan events, menus, transportation, class headquarters, and all the details that go into an event of this scope.

**John Burnap** (jkburnap@gmail.com) enjoyed reunion and attended with his wife, Joanie. They live in New Canaan, CT, and have two grandchildren who live in Maine. John is a project manager at SiriusXM Radio in New York. He spent a lot of time at Reunion with **Ray Pavelka** and visited the Psi Upsilon house. They were quite impressed with how well the house has been maintained. John and Joanie also spent time with **Jay**, ME '72, and **Julie Reisner Carter** and **Jay Kaplan**. They loved visiting the Arts Quad tents at night. John reports that he was part of a great '71 lacrosse team reunion in April. **Bruce Teague**, **Bob Rule**, **Bob Buhmann**, **Rob Wagner**, **Al Rimmer**, and **Mickey Fenzel** attended along with head coach Richie Moran.

This column presents a new voice in our alumni magazine column as I welcome **Gayle Yeomans** as my co-correspondent. **Matt Silverman** and I have been writing this column together for eight years, but he is stepping down to focus on some exciting professional opportunities. I wish Matt much luck, as we have had a great time together sharing this labor of love for the Class of '71. And I wish a warm welcome to Gayle. Please send us your news and we will write about you! ✉ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, LG95@cornell.edu; and **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com.

**72** I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer after an extremely wet spring (it was like being back in Ithaca). Speaking of Ithaca, it's not too early to start making plans to attend our 40th Reunion in June 2012. I've already checked the calendar, so I know I'll have to return to California as soon as reunion ends so I can attend the US Open golf championship at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Also in Ithaca, legendary Cornell baseball and football coach Ted Thoren passed away in May. Ted was our freshman football coach in the fall of 1968 and the varsity baseball coach for our class members during the 1970–72 seasons. Those of us who played for Ted have fond memories of him.

**June Feeks** Brooks (Eugene, OR) reports that in October 2010, she, her husband, Dan Kaye, her Cornell roommate **Nancy Drews Harding**, and Nancy's husband, **Robert '70**, all traveled to Greece to celebrate their 60th birthdays. Both Nancy and

hear from **Warren Mullison**. **Lawrence Blaustein** is retired and living in Chagrin Falls, OH. **James Stewart** works for Wilkin Management Group LLC. He fondly remembers his friends and associates at Cornell and is proud to be in the first class to graduate from the accredited Landscape Architecture program. James enjoys spending time with his family and would like to hear from **John Carroll '73**. **Mike Belzer**, PhD '93, is associate professor of economics at Wayne State U. in Michigan. After hours, he is principal, chairman,

**73** It's official: we are now old enough that several class members have lived past retirement and are now back on the job. After several years of retirement, **Roberta Axelrod Meyerson** reports from Boca Raton (where she lives with husband **Bill '72**) that she now works for son Geoffrey as the administrator for his business development advisory firm. **Randy Barbarash** is retired after 34 years in public education, most recently as principal of Warwick Valley High School in New York, but he too remains in the work force part-time as an adjunct for two local colleges (golf permitting). And **Karen Kindle** Hartsuyker has finally resurfaced in these pages after being a stealth Class of '73 member for the last 38 years. She's moved back to Ithaca after "retiring" from the ag-biotech industry in October, lives on the lake, and works at the Boyce Thompson Inst.

**Jack Thompson**, ME '74, chief engineer at Cincinnati's General Tool Co., has moved back to Ithaca with wife Susanne and is putting his 30-plus years of experience to use as a senior lecturer and advisor to MEng students. **Tom Clausen** remains on the staff of Mann Library—his 36th year in the access services department. Visit the Mann home page to see the haiku he posts each day by the poet of the month. **Liz Bauman**, also of Ithaca, co-authored the photo book *Ithaca: The City, Gorges, and Colleges*. It's at owlgorge.com. **Colleen Vaeth** Schiefen's life odyssey has taken her to Virginia, Chicago, New Jersey, and finally back to Ithaca to be near daughter **Monica Schiefen** Van Fleet '03 (Arts), son-in-law **Geoff Van Fleet '03** (Ag Eng) and, yes, the grandkids. One other child, Bill, is just a few hours away in Troy.

**Steven Gottlieb** spoke at the retirement dinner for legendary physics professor David Cassel, sharing memories of Physics 206-207 from **Andrew Cook**, **Walter Mooney** (see below), **Katherine Olesko**, PhD '80, and **Mark Bautz**. He also visited fellow former *Cornell Daily Sun* staffer Liz Bauman and Prof. **Barry Strauss '74**. **Sara Weiss** and her husband attended the Cornell graduation of their second son, which makes two Cornellians (**Jason Wasser '11** and **Louis Wasser '07**) and one Yalie (Rachel, who is co-CEO of Teach For China). Sara works with divorcing parents as a forensic psychologist in Manhattan.

Books to read: **Laurence Bernstein** is managing partner with his Toronto consulting firm, Protean Strategies, and says he's adopted *The Art of Choosing* by Sheena Iyengar as his new inspirational bible, replacing the *Wisdom of Crowds* by James Surowiecki. **Sandra Sharon** Rapoport's latest book is *Biblical Seductions: Six Stories Retold Based on Talmud and Midrash*, completed during a residency at Harvard. It retells the often-censored stories of six of the most audacious women in the Bible. More at biblicalseductions.com. **Dan Dlugonski**, writing under the name Dan Raphael, just saw his *Impulse & Warp: The Selected 20th Century Poems* published by Wordcraft of Oregon; February saw the release of his first CD, "Children of the Blue Supermarket."

**Nancy Winternight** (Nancy Ellen White at Cornell) and **Robert Selkowitz** celebrated 38 years as a couple. They own a summer art gallery and studio on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. Robert's books include *A Painter's Path through the Catskill Mountains* and *A Painter's Path on Cape Breton Island*. Nancy pursues her art and also teaches as an adjunct professor in education and expressive arts at SUNY New Paltz. More at www.artfolks.com. **Anita Graves** Deming, MPS '78, who works at Cornell

‘If you want to contact Gary Goldberg about monkey problems, he is on Facebook.’

Alex Barna '72

June are retired elementary school teachers and new grandmothers. Even though Nancy lives in Virginia and June in Oregon, they get together regularly in New York when they visit extended family. June donated the scrapbook she made during freshman and sophomore years to the University Archives. She says that it was weird to know that she was old enough to have her possessions archived. The mementoes included such diverse items as football game programs, an invitation to join Pi Phi, and newspaper articles about anti-war demonstrations during 1968–70. June is correct in observing that those were indeed "interesting years." She sums up her news report by proclaiming, "Life is good."

**Bob Shaw** (Santa Cruz, CA) is an investor whose hobbies include fishing, mountain biking, skiing, kayaking, and watching lacrosse. I hope Bob did not have a boat or kayak berthed in Santa Cruz harbor when the tsunami generated by the earthquake in Japan caused significant damage to many craft in the harbor. Bob attended the 40th Reunion of the 1971 Cornell NCAA lacrosse champions in April. He watches as much Cornell lacrosse as he can, while fondly remembering the joys of an MBC from the Hot Truck. **Virginia McNamara** Lester is retired and residing in San Antonio, TX. **Julia Kosow** Grosberg lives in Yorktown Heights. She has fond memories of International Folk Dancing on Japes roof (the Boathouse) overlooking Beebe Lake on warm spring nights. Sounds like fun. **William Molloy**, MBA '74 (Phoenix, AZ) is a healthcare real estate developer who enjoys watching his border collie compete in agility trials. The thing Bill enjoyed most about Cornell was playing on the Big Red lacrosse team and winning the first ever NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship.

**Gerald Howard** (ghoward@randomhouse.com) is executive editor and vice president of Doubleday. He says he is always reading and writing the occasional essay and review for *Bookforum*, the *Times Book Review*, etc. Gerald published a piece about the liberal arts at Cornell, "The English Major Who Got Away With It" in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and in a slightly expanded form in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. He has pleasant memories of his classes with **Edgar Rosenberg '49**, MA '50, **Scott Elledge**, PhD '41, and Walter LaFeber and of the occasional sunny day in Ithaca. Gerald wants to give a shout-out to **Debra Seabrook** and **Nancy Kollisch** and would like to

and president of Great Lakes Gateway Inc., creating the Great Lakes Freight Gateway, a freight corridor linking Michigan to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mike would like to hear from **Mussarrat Patel '73**. **Steve Kane**, MBA '73, is president of the board of trustees of the Oakland (CA) Zoo.

We received an e-mail from **Irwin Rosenfeld** proudly announcing that in May, his third grandchild, Liam Scott, was born, joining big sister Siena Bay, 2, and cousin Caleb Reed, who was 1 in March. Their parents live in Renton, WA, outside of Seattle. He goes up to see them every two months (from his home in Orange County, CA, where he continues in the private practice of psychiatry). Irwin purchased a condo near them for his girlfriend and him to stay when they visit. Irwin continues to pursue his hobby of duplicate bridge, and this past winter achieved the rank of regional master. **Ann Freedman** Spoon of Boca Raton, FL, is a pediatric dentist. She loves to travel and volunteers in Israel doing dentistry on indigent children. Ann says that she plans to go once a year. One of her fondest memories of Cornell is hanging out at SDT, her sorority. **Armando Olivera** is president and CEO of Florida Power and Light Co.

**Gary Goldberg**, DVM '76, is a veterinary medical officer/field specialist specializing in non-human primates (NHPs) for USDA/APHIS/Animal Care in Worcester, MA. The USDA/APHIS enforces the Animal Welfare Act by consulting with veterinary medical officers and animal care inspectors dealing with difficult non-human primate issues at zoos, circuses, breeding colonies, and research facilities throughout the US. Recently, he visited NHP breeding colonies in Israel and retirement facilities for NHPs that were used in research. In his limited spare time, Gary is learning Portuguese and reviewing Spanish and Hebrew. He also sings in choirs and prepares lectures. Gary plans a trip to Israel to work in the Volunteers for Israel program. He would love to be teaching at the NYS College of Veterinary Medicine or traveling to Africa, China, South America, Indonesia, or Japan to do field studies of non-human primates. Gary fondly remembers singing with the Cornell Glee Club, cramming for finals at the Straight, and swimming in the gorge. Gary wants everyone to know that if you want to contact him about monkey problems, he is on Facebook. Send news to: [Alex Barna](mailto:AlexBarna@cornell.edu), ab478@cornell.edu; **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; or **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

Cooperative Extension in beautiful Essex County, is the author of *From Forest to Fields: The History of Agriculture in the Champlain Valley*.

**Bill Horowitz** and wife **Nancy (Heller) '74's** youngest son Andrew presented them with a delightful granddaughter! Now they babysit as often as they can as they whisper "Cornell Class of 2032 . . ." **Jeff Algatt**, MBA '74, is a senior associate at Marcus & Millichap in the Philadelphia area. The kids are on their own, and his wife, **Ellie**, sadly passed away in 2008. He shares his urban condo with a pair of cats and swaps Cornell stories with **Bill Totten**, **Jim Davis**, and others in the Philly Cornell community.

**John Kontrabecki**, JD/MBA '77, started a boutique winery in Northern California called Foggy Bridge; they've released a fabulous Pinot Noir and Zinfandel made by winemaker Daryl Groom. More at foggybridgewinery.com. **Lee Grossbard** is chief operating officer and principal of Clearview Hotel Capital in San Diego, now managing five properties. Wife **Randee (McCutcheon) '72** started a private tutoring company, Randeethetutor.com. **Dick Woodward** is CEO of Vascular Magnetics Inc., a startup spun off by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. It's developing a treatment for peripheral artery disease using magnetically guided nanoparticles to deliver drugs to diseased blood vessels. After 30 years designing shoes (for Timberland, Charles Jourdan, and Saks), **Jamie Lawenda**, BFA '73, and her husband will launch twentyfive-sixtyeight, a new brand made in Guatemala. Summers you can find her at the house in Bridgehampton, tending to the vegetable garden. **Bernice Cramer** started a new job at Bose, running marketing, product management, and sales of Bose headphones. She crosses paths at work with **Ilyse Gerson Cody '02**.

**Riki Poster** Sheehan is still consulting for Sheehan Associates, husband Michael's political and corporate media company. She was at the Washington, DC, mini-reunion and saw **Susan Heller Bailey**, **John '72** and **Susan Laeger Sturc**, **Clark Rheinstein**, **Ed Long**, **Bruce Turnbull**, and **Eliot Greenwald**. **Mona Deutsch** Miller attended the induction ceremony for **John Kronstadt**, who now sits on the US District Court, Central District of California. John is married to **Helen Bendix '74**, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge. Mona herself prefers the "slow lane," practicing law, writing plays, and working with L.A.'s Fierce Backbone theatre company. "Cornell has given me many lifelong friends," she writes. "If the late **John Bedichek '70's** family is out there, please know I still think of him and wish you all well."

**Abe Berookhim** just opened a new concept of bar and restaurant in L.A. called SteingartenLA. See it at [www.steingartenla.com](http://www.steingartenla.com), and check out Stone Pint Night! **Walter Mooney** is a geophysicist with the US Geological Survey (USGS) and helped oversee the closure of BP's Macondo well. He and **Jodi Gandolfi** have been married since 1977. **Jonathan Kaplan**, MBA '74, reports that his son has at last graduated with a master's in medical science, after pursuing three majors over nine semesters at two colleges, followed by three years of working part-time, more courses, and finally two-plus years of graduate school! How did any of us make it in four years?

As for your humble class correspondent, I was on a media team (KIRO-FM) going up against the Harlem Globetrotter Alums, and was forcibly benched by their forward after missing five shots in a row. I didn't even know the rules allowed that, but then my college sports were Glee Club

and Gilbert & Sullivan. Thank you for the near-instantaneous response to my e-mail dragnet. For a class that cut our teeth on punch cards and mainframes, we've evolved nicely. **David Ross**, Mercer Island, WA, [dave@daveross.com](mailto:dave@daveross.com); **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, [phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:phg3@cornell.edu).

**74** Thank you for your prompt replies to my e-mail! I received so many, I was not able to report all the news in this column. All updates, however, will appear in future columns.

**Mara Miller** reports that after seven years in Philadelphia—where she regularly visited with **Tom Seidner** and his partner—she has moved to Honolulu. There, she writes what she describes as "creative nonfiction," and has become a painter with four works in a juried exhibition sponsored by PEN Women. She went to NYC in February to join **Jessica Nagelberg Sacks**, who was sitting shiva for her mother, **Esther**. **Robin L. Murray**, BArch '75, principal of rlm architect in Trenton, NJ, was elevated to Fellow of the American Inst. of Architects for her professional and volunteer leadership in sustainability, smart growth, and livable communities. Out of a membership of over 80,000, there are fewer than 2,700 AIA members distinguished with the honor of fellowship, and of that number, only 300 are women. Robin was the only architect in New Jersey to be distinguished with this honor this year. **Jeff Lang** reports that he attended the 100th anniversary of Sigma Alpha Mu during this year's reunion weekend and that he has seen **Charles Morrow**, **Eric Kaplan**, **Marty Toomajian**, **Mike Wasserman '73**, **Marty Rubin**, and **Alex Sokil**.

**Lou Walcer** informs us that in March, his wife, **Roberta Bandel-Walcer**, was appointed to a manager position at Excelas LLC, a medical litigation support firm. In May, their daughter, **Adrienne**, graduated from the U. of Rochester with a BS in biostatistics; son **Marshall** is serving as a customs and border protection officer in Arizona. Lou, too, has news. He resigned from his job as senior commercialization officer at Cleveland Clinic Innovations to accept an appointment as the director of the McGovern Family Center for Venture Development in the Life Sciences based in Weill Hall at Cornell. Details are provided in the *Cornell Chronicle* (<http://www.news.Cornell.edu/stories/may11/Walcer.HTML>). He recounts that among the many pleasures associated with this appointment has been a warm "welcome back to Ithaca" offered by many friends including **Don Tennant '73**, director of operations at Cornell's Nanofabrication Facility; **Chris Tichy** Place, BArch '75, an architect involved in business ventures and philanthropic activities in Cortland, NY; **Robert Boynton**, who maintains property in Ithaca for use on weekends when he is not engaged as executive director of alumni relations for the New Jersey Inst. of Technology; and **Michael Delwiche**, PhD '81, and his spouse, **Lora (Dickerhoff)**, MS '81. Lou looks forward to visits from other members of the Notable Class of '74.

Citing her passion for art, **Deborah Doderhoff** Purcell, describes an art viewing as "one of the most fulfilling and joyous art experiences" of her life, thanks to the planning of **Jim Irish** and the generosity and graciousness of **Joel '55** and **Sherry Vogel Mallin '55**. The Mallins led a private tour of their Buckhorn Sculpture Park on their estate in Pound Ridge, NY, which Deborah reports features a breathtaking collection of 70 outdoor sculptures. Each has its own specially selected venue, including two gigantic Richard Serra discs

placed in a meadow by a lake, **Anthony Gormley** figures appearing "ominously" through thick foliage, a "heart-stopping" **Mimmo Paladino** rising on the crest of a hill, and a "spine-tingling yet comical" **Liza Lou** "noir" scene covering every interior square inch of a classic Airstream.

**Florence Higgins**, DVM '81, and husband **John Lebens**, PhD '88, have joined the empty-nesters ranks as their older son, **Greg**, will finish his associate's degree in political science sometime in the next year, while teaching swimming at the local Y, and younger son **Zack** will attend SUNY Binghamton. **Chris Shiber** (El Cerrito, CA) is the interim pastor of El Cerrito United Methodist Church. She reports that after getting approval to sell the church building to a Chinese Christian Church, she will move her "tiny congregation" into the parsonage and become a church without walls. She hopes to attract people who consider themselves "spiritual but not religious." She is also working on "permanent supported housing" for homeless families with children. Her son graduated from Cornell in 2009, and her daughter graduated from Barnard in 2005 and is pursuing a nonprofit MBA at the Yale School of Management.

**Morris Diamant** tells us that he is beginning his third year as a vice president of the New England Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. He has been active in a variety of programs, including Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) and fundraising events, such as the Tour de Shuls bike ride for the Tikvah Special Needs Program at Camp Ramah. **Barbara Gales** reminisces that she initially envisioned herself working as a physician in a Fortune 500 company or with a sports team. After having seven uncles serve in the military, however, she found her calling "to serve those who served us." She now works as a physician in a V.A. hospital in the New England area, where she delivers care to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. She describes her work as challenging, but rewarding in delivering services to those who have defended our freedom. **Barbara** has also traveled—her most memorable trip was to Dubai, where she met up with **Phyllis Turner-Williams**, who has lived and worked in Saudi Arabia for the last 20 years with her family and husband.

In May 2010, after more than 25 years in the School of Design and Production at the UNC School of the Arts, **Henry Grillo** became associate dean in the School of Filmmaking at the School of the Arts. His wife, **Kathy (Ganss) '75**, continues to work in the costume shop in the School of Dance, also at UNC School of the Arts, as a cutter/drafter/costume designer. Last October, **Kathy** and **Henry** visited son **Daniel '08** and his wife, **Nurul Abrori '08**, in Singapore for the celebration of their marriage. **Dana Smith Woroniecki** Jurak, ME '75, and her husband enjoy living in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, and working on their vacation rental villa, Crystal Sands Villa—so much so that they will introduce two new villas: Coconut Beach Villa on Sapodilla Bay in the Turks and Caicos Islands and Beach Sands Villa in St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. Dan urges her classmates to visit and enjoy a technology-free environment. **Pete Saracino's** daughter **Bridget '11** graduated this year from the Arts college as a Theatre Arts major and was accepted to Brown U.'s MFA program in theatre.

President Obama appointed my husband, **John Kronstadt '73**, to the Federal District Court bench in Los Angeles. Our daughter, **Nicola '14**, successfully completed her freshman year in the Arts

college and received the full benefit of a Cornell education that spanned pre-med courses, Italian, sculpture, and rock-climbing. She made many new friends from all over the country. Son **Erik '06** graduated in June from Stanford Business School with a master's in education. Thanks again for all your e-mails! ☐ **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Jay Wind**, jjw@mhwlawfirm.com.

**75** I just returned from the 2011 Reunion (I crashed 1976's festivities and had a blast) and am already excited about June 2015, when our 40th coincides with Cornell's 150th anniversary. I thought it would be appropriate to send the final installment of my news from last year's notebook of Reunion 2010 recollections:

At Saturday's dinner, there was a group from Sperry Hall that was able to reconnect; it looked and sounded like they were having a blast. Over dessert and wine, they filled my notebook with lots of notes (although I couldn't read some of it and some of it I can't repeat!). According to them, the following Sperry Hall-mates were able to bond: **Susan Reiner-Gillis** (susan221@charter.net) and husband Kurt live in Sandy Hook, CT, where Susan is a behavioral nurse at Danbury Hospital. They have daughter **Elsa '10** and son Harrison, a junior at Colgate. Susan was pleased that, while many of our classmates were sporting more gray hair at Reunion, none had really grown up! Also from the East Coast is **Denis McDaniel** (denis@cyned.com), who is president of Cyned Transport and lives in Wrightstown, NJ.

**Ernie Guenzburger**, BArch '76 (Holmdel, NJ; castlewdfg@aol.com) is an architect with Castle Woodcraft. Another Sperry architect, **Len Roberts**, BArch '76 (Framingham, MA; lnnrdbrts@rcn.com) has his own architecture firm. Also in Massachusetts is **Sam Liao**, MS '76 (liao@pbworld.com) in Sharon. Sam is a senior project manager at Parsons Brinckerhoff. **Bob Stein** (Montclair, NJ) is a partner at the law firm of Blank Rome in New York. Daughter **Erica '05** (with wife **Paula Kirschenbaum '76**) had an editorial in the *Daily Sun* over Reunion Weekend. Daughter **Joanne '08** works for Citibank in NYC, and son Alex is a junior at Tufts. Also working in law in New York is **Peter Lavigne** (pwlavigne@gmail.com), who is special counsel for Sullivan & Cromwell. **Mike Tannenbaum** (Rhinebeck, NY; mike.tannenbaum53@gmail.com) is provost and VP of academic affairs at Hartwick College.

Further down the coast were Sperry folks in Virginia/D.C./North Carolina. **Christine Oster** lives in Alexandria, VA, **John Van Beek** is an attorney at Young, Goldman & Van Beek in Fairfax Station, VA, **Cindy Johnson** Giambastiani splits her time between D.C. and the Chesapeake, and **Mark Powers** (mark.powers@duke.edu) and wife **Karen Lauterbach** (kel49@cornell.edu) are in Chapel Hill, NC. Mark is a pulmonologist at Duke Medical and Karen is in marketing communications at RTI Int'l. Karen is also our webmaster, so if you have pictures from reunion or other Cornell get-togethers, please e-mail them to her and she will start posting them on our website! Moving westward, we had Sperry Fever coming from South Milwaukee, WI, where **Guy Costello** (guycostello@sbcglobal.net) lives, and Colleyville, TX, where **Steve Segien** is president at Exxon Mobil.

**Dave** (rallyedad@aol.com) and **Carol Borst Harkcom '74** came from Rochester Hills, MI. After

working for VW in Germany, they returned to the US. They also took up competitive ballroom dancing and, we hear, they won the 58th annual Salsa Congress at the Nevele Hotel in 2007. **Kevin** and **Mary Beilman McNary** (mbmcnary@yahoo.com) are another Sperry couple. They now live north of New Orleans, LA, with their two sons. Kevin has his own law practice and Mary follows suit with her own dental practice. Moving further west did not deter Sperry fans from returning. **Howard Green** (heg22@cornell.edu) came from Los Gatos, CA, while **Tom Berry**, ME '76 (tjb43@cornell.edu) came from San Jose, CA, where he works for Galileo Systems. Also from California, was returnee **Harry Levinson** (harry.levinson@amd.com), a senior fellow and manager at Global Foundries.

On to more recent news: **Steve Lapointe**, PhD '86 (sll13@cornell.edu) is a research entomologist, discovering insect pheromones. Living in Vero Beach, FL, enables Steve to enjoy running, kayaking, and walking the beaches, as well as the indoor pleasure of piano. He does miss cross-country skiing at Hammond Hill. Daughter **Lauren '14** is in Arts and Sciences and runs cross-country and track. Steve's second daughter just finished high school (at the time of his note in December 2010, she had not decided where to attend). **Vicki Mercer** (merce@efn.org) and husband John O'Donoghue are in Eugene, OR, where Vicki earned a certificate in mediation from the U. of Oregon. Her artwork is also on display—in North Carolina! She worked for the North Carolina State Parks about four years ago and drew plants and animals for many of the trail markers. She fondly remembers Dr. Mower and Prof. James McConkey for the time they spent with students. **Sandi Belsky Auerbach** (sandi.auerbach@gmail.com) writes that her son **Jonathan '05** married Danielle Schwartz (Wake Forest '05) in NYC last October. The wedding party included daughter **Alissa '09**, nephew **Jason Belsky '08**, and several of the groom's classmates. Nearly 20 other Cornellians were also in attendance including **Jeffrey Belsky '77**, **Alan Belsky '85**, **Jeffrey Auerbach**, **Jeffrey Berg '79**, **MBA '81**, and **Judy Urman Elbaum '74**.

In March, I attended a Cornell Wall Street panel discussion entitled, The World Economic Outlook: A Conversation on Japan, the Long Slump, Global Inflation, and a Broke Baby Boomer Generation. **Charlie Temel** (ctemel@aol.com) was on the panel with other Cornellians from the '60s through the '80s. Also in attendance were **Jay Sterling**, **MBA '75**, **Ralph LePino**, and **Fanny Ho**. Charlie and wife **Judy (Wesalo)**'s three children are all Cornellians. **Erica '06** is at Fordham Law and wrote that five-year alumni viewpoint for the reunion issue of the *Cornell Daily Sun* I mentioned earlier. **Laura '09** is working for Bank of America in NYC, and **Dan '14** just finished his freshman year. I see Charlie and Judy regularly in NYC and beg them for news, and finally Charlie sent a quick note. He and Judy were in San Francisco last November and took a winery tour in Napa, where they were surprised to run into **Dennis Ling** (Greenwich, CT; dennisling1@gmail.com) and his wife, Janice. Charlie and Dennis, an avid fisherman as well as a lover of wines, were on the same U-Hall 1 floor freshman year! I subsequently ran into Dennis at a One Day University held in NYC that I attended with **Lynn Arrison** Harrison.

I would like to remind you all to try the new CornellConnect site, which is expected to replace the old alumni directory. If you have not accessed this site and updated your profile, now is a good time to do so. You will need a NetID and password.

To get your NetID (which is your initials and a number assigned by Cornell), please go to <http://www.cornell.edu/search/> and use the "People" tab. Type your name and your Net ID will come up. Afterward, go to <https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu/> and "Login." Then: "I forgot my ID"; then "Activate your NetID." After you get your NetID and password, log in. Search for yourself, update your profile, and have fun finding others! Another way to reconnect with classmates is to send news into Cornell with your e-mail address attached. We try to include them in the column for others to get in touch (unless we are asked not to). We all love to hear about second and third careers, retirement activities, recent travels, children's successes, and grandchildren and other additions to the growing families we have! Continue to contact your class correspondents with news updates, and we will get them in as soon as possible. ☐ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** Reunions just get more and more fun. **Bill Hanavan** and I drove from Michigan and found lots of pals among the 205 classmates, plus their families, who attended (according to **Martha Plass** Sheehy's count). Huge thanks to our four intrepid and gracious reunion chairs—Martha, **Mary Pykosz** Creekmore, **Terry Wolff** Heinichen, **MBA '83**, and **Ellen Gobel** Walsh—for the top-notch arrangements! Our accommodations take a definite step up with each reunion; this year, though we don't rate the Statler yet, we were in the newish townhouses on North Campus. It was hard for U-Hall veterans to believe that those are freshman dorms. The U-Halls are no more, and in fact, the campus has undergone so many upgrades that our class received helpful maps with the outlines of buildings as they were in 1976 superimposed on the current campus layout.

Our gatherings showcased some of the fancy new buildings. Friday night we had a local beer and wine tasting and dinner at Keeton House on West Campus. You know, Keeton? As in your freshman biology textbook? The building, named in honor of Prof. William T. Keeton, opened in 2008 and is a residential house for upperclassmen and transfer students on the former site of U-Halls 4 and 5. Another sign that our class is moving up in the world: Cornell president David Skorton spoke at that Friday dinner. Or does that have anything to do with the fact that our class now provides six, count 'em, six members of the university Board of Trustees, including chair-elect **Robert Harrison**? Whatever the reason, it was a charming evening. We caught up with **Larry**, **MBA '78**, and **Karen Hasby Epstein '77**. If there was a trend during the weekend, it was the answer to, "What are your kids doing now?" Consistent initial response: "One is at home, dog-sitting." That was Larry's first reply, too, but upon further inquiry, we learned that Larry and Karen's daughter Kate, the sometime canine caregiver, just graduated from the dance program at Muhlenberg College and now works for a dance company in New York, while son Mike is a health education writer in New York City. Larry himself is the director of the entertainment and arts management program at Drexel U.

Saturday morning found us at the rededication of the newly expanded boathouse on Cayuga Lake with former oarsman **Kevin Walsh** and wife Ellen. Bill and some of the other superannuated

crewmembers took shells out for a spin as the promised rain kindly held off. Other class members were on campus for the Reunion Run and the State of the University address at Bailey Hall. A barbecue lunch took our class to another new building, Weill Hall, a **Richard Meier '56**, BArch '57, design dedicated to cell and molecular biology. There was an overflow crowd at Martha Van for our class-sponsored lecture, "Nutrition, Memory, and Immunity." The promised rain did fall for a while late Saturday afternoon. Appropriately, just as the rain fell, I was honored to represent our class at the Alumni Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service at Anabel Taylor Chapel, with its impressive, newly installed baroque organ. The service was a touching memorial for the classmates we've lost, including my former roommate **Sandy Widener**. No wonder reunions with our dear friends mean more and more every time.

Our Saturday night reception and dinner happened at yet another impressive new building: Duffield Hall on the Engineering Quad. Over pitchers of our class's "signature cocktail," raspberry mojitos, Bill and I finally met, in person, **Maira Bundza**. Though Maira is a research librarian at Western Michigan U. and lives in Kalamazoo, mere miles from us, we had met only via e-mail and Facebook. It takes a reunion, I guess, but we will definitely see more of each other back in Michigan. Maira reminisced with us about the, let's say, "formative" state of women's volleyball and crew when we were at Cornell. It's great to see the strides women's sports have taken since then. For **Ira Rosen** and **Iris Schneider**, the weekend was the 25th anniversary of their meeting at our 10th Reunion. Ira, a producer for CBS's "60 Minutes," is consulting on a screenplay based on his reporting for an interview with John Gotti Jr. Ira was disappointed that **Buck Briggs**, though he lives in Ithaca, was not at the reunion. Buck, a sports arbitration lawyer by trade, had been invited to preside at a wedding in Massachusetts that weekend. We chatted with Cornell soccer great **Joe Mui**, an estate planner based in Toronto. Joe's son now works with him on land development projects, and Joe still gets out on the pitch regularly. We bemoaned the absence from this reunion of our mutual friend **Dean Lennox '75**, who considers himself equally a member of our class and usually attends reunions.

At Saturday night's dinner, Bob Harrison shared memories of our shared 1972-76 experience, from the dorm-window declaration "U-Hall 4 Sucks!" and the stump outside the Straight to the North Campus stripper and streakers—who mysteriously have not been seen on campus since 1976. Hmmm. Bob, who will become chair of the Cornell Board of Trustees in January, shared five reasons he's optimistic about the future of Cornell: President David Skorton and his vision of Cornell as a public policy leader; that Cornell is more competitive, selective, and diverse than ever; its investment in great new faculty as a wave of retirements sweeps through; Cornell's investment in the kind of state-of-the-art facilities that our class had a chance to see that weekend; and the news that Cornell is on track to raise a stunning total of \$4.75 billion (with a B) in funds by the end of 2015, its sesquicentennial year, to fulfill its strategic plan. We applauded our outgoing class president, **Eileen McManus Walker**, MBA '78—job well done!—and elected **Gary Davis** president. Other officers: **Mary Pykosz Creekmore** and **Lorraine Mohan**, MBA '78, vice presidents; **Diane Baker**, membership chair; **Rob Hellman**, secretary/treasurer;

**Simon Krieger**, MBA '77, Cornell Annual Fund representative; **David Daly** and Terry Wolff Heinichin, website community managers; and **Martha Plass Sheehe** and **Ellen Gobel Walsh**, reunion chairs. Thank you all for serving!

The Royal Palm was busy on Reunion Weekend, and there were also high spirits at the tents on the Arts Quad. We partied too late both Friday and Saturday with our Reunion townhouse-mates **Karen Polivy** and **Ellen Cord Dember**. **Barbara Grindrod Warner**, her husband Milo, and daughter **Elizabeth Barker '08** were the lives of the party. When she's not tearing up the dance floor, Barbara has a pretty serious job: she was recently made a vice president of IBM for cyber-security. We missed **Don**, MBA '79, and **Karen Krinsky Sussman** in all our frolicking—Karen was laid up at that moment with a back problem—but we expect them to be leading the conga line at the next reunion.

A bonus appeared after we got home: Karen Polivy forwarded me a post-reunion e-mail from **Skip Newman**. Skip said, "Rhonda and I had a wonderful time and were pleased that the weather cooperated (most of the time)." Skip went on to remind us that, in honor of the nation's bicentennial in 1976, Cornell broke with tradition and invited someone other than the president of the university to speak. Our commencement speaker was history professor **Walter LaFeber**, and Skip attached a scan of the actual typescript ("typed by his secretary on a typewriter, Pica Elite 11-point fixed-width font," Skip notes, adding, "The document itself is a throwback in time"). It's a treat to read, and I'd be glad to forward it to any classmate who asks. Thanks to Skip and to all the classmates and friends who made Reunion such fun! ☐ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com.

**77** Spring must have decided to skip Portland, OR, this year. As I write this in early June, the temperature is 59 degrees and it is overcast. Again. Thanks to all of you who responded to my plea for news. You provided so much interesting news that we have to spread it over this column and the next one. As I am self-employed and easing into more leisure time than work time, I was particularly interested to note the news of those of you who also are moving into what our parents referred to as the "golden years." Or at least the "post-first-career" years.

**Lynne Corwith Fraas** (lynnefraas@yahoo.com) writes that she actually retired from Ma Bell about five years ago, after working in Alabama and Georgia for over 26 years. Lynne and her husband have been seeing the USA and plan to start international travel this year. Although she has two grandchildren, Lynne still finds time to create T-shirt quilt memories. You can check out her work at [www.quiltsouth.com](http://www.quiltsouth.com). Also retired about five years is **Guy Dahms** (gedahms1@msn.com), who writes that he is taking "a vacation a month, instead of a vacation a year."

Some of us apparently couldn't sit still in retirement and moved on to other things, or at least are contemplating life after our first careers. **Karen Juli** (julicut@yahoo.com) retired from the Army back in 1996, and reports that she spent about six years traveling, visiting friends and family in places like Morocco, Italy, Germany, Korea, and Turkey. She lives in southern Georgia and is back in the Army as a civilian, helping the 3rd Infantry

Division as a logistics planner. Karen writes that she loves helping soldiers do their important work of defending our country. **Randy Kubota** (Houston, TX; [rkubota@wildwell.com](mailto:rkubota@wildwell.com)) is another reformed retiree. He returned to work after a short retirement from Chevron/Texaco and is now general manager of engineering for Wild Well Control. Randy travels quite a bit for work, but when he is not traveling, he plays golf, runs, and "enjoys life." He, along with **Dan Shank**, serves on the board of the American Diabetes Foundation. **Cheryl Keown**, BArch '77 ([cherylkeown@jayebee.com](mailto:cherylkeown@jayebee.com)) now lives in Abu Dhabi with her husband and daughter. She retired as a principal from the Design Partnership in Cambridge, MA, after more than 20 years practicing there. Cheryl writes that she and her husband agree that "architects need to be where the cranes are."

**Jeff Belsky** ([jbelsky@us.ibm.com](mailto:jbelsky@us.ibm.com)) admits to looking forward to retirement in the next few years. Still with IBM (for 31 years), Jeff is the manager of finance/global operations for global administration. Rather than sitting idle in his prospective retirement, Jeff is considering new adventures in the nonprofit world or teaching math or science in high school. Jeff and wife Rosalie will have been married 30 years in September. He reports that son **Jason '08** is pursuing a PhD at Duke and daughter Janine is finishing her second year at SUNY Binghamton, making Jeff and his wife "empty-nesters." **Rich Jaso** ([rich.jaso@unisys.com](mailto:rich.jaso@unisys.com)) and wife **Debbie (Graham) '78** are also empty-nesters, and Rich also has a job in global operations: he's VP of global operations for Unisys. Both of Rich's children went to Cornell, and he keeps in touch with Cornell buddies **Steve Corbo '78**, **Jon Clemente '78**, **Tim LaBeau**, and **Dave Ambrosia '78**, JD/MBA '82. They have gotten together multiple times every summer for the last five years to play in various golf tournaments. The team has won several times and the members proudly sport "Go Big Red" golf shirts. You go, guys!

Also starting down the road to being empty-nesters are **Lewis Weinstock**, MS '80 ([lweinstock@triad.rr.com](mailto:lweinstock@triad.rr.com)) and **Marian (Ruderman) '79**; their son Joshua has started at Emory and daughter **Rachel '12** (Arts) continues at Cornell. With two private college tuitions on their plates, however, Lewis writes that "there is no retirement in sight." Lewis is an air quality manager for the Environmental Protection Agency based in Research Triangle Park, NC, and Marian leads research efforts at Greensboro's Center for Creative Leadership. At least Lewis and Marian plan to vacation on a family cruise in the southern Caribbean and spend a weekend in Ithaca to visit Rachel. Down on



Galveston Island for more than 25 years, **Ellen Brennan Hanley** (ebhanley@aol.com) writes that her five children are mostly launched and “the adjustment to an empty nest has been great.” Ellen is the director of a small residential substance abuse treatment program for medically indigent women in coastal Texas (www.adawomenscenter.org). Ellen writes that since small nonprofits have no retirement plan, she has no retirement plans.

Many of us appear to have no retirement plans, either, but continue to work at our chosen vocations and avocations with gusto, even as time catches up with us. **Marc Swerdlhoff** (mswerd@bellsouth.net) writes that although his hair is thinner, he is enjoying middle age as a neurologist and father down in South Florida. None of Marc’s children have decided to follow their parents into medicine, but Marc does see fledgling doctors in the Cornell externs who join him during winter break. He has also discovered Facebook and was recently contacted by **Alan Bleier**, who is now on the Cornell faculty. Marc invites all of us to “friend” him on Facebook, take a look at his profile picture, and lie to him about how he hasn’t “changed a lick in 40 years.”

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**Dean Dilley** (ddilley@pattonboggs.com) continues to practice law at Patton Boggs in Washington, DC, where he has been since 1984. He and his wife, **Margarita (Knoepffler)**, celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary in Hong Kong. Margarita is on the boards of CH Energy Corp. and the National Cathedral School. Dean writes to congratulate the latest graduates of the Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, an institution that he helped establish in 2001 as legal counsel for the Qatar Foundation. **Amy Birnbaum** (amybirn@gmail.com) is still a producer at CBS News, where the CBS Evening News has undergone a change with new anchor Scott Pelley. Amy lives in Riverdale, where she enjoys being an urban dweller while still being able to do a “fair amount of bird watching and nature walks.” A colleague of Amy’s, **Jim Axelrod ’85**, has written a memoir about his father, called *In the Long Run*, about the NYC marathon and happiness. Amy looks forward to our reunion next year and to giving her daughter a taste of Ithaca and Cornell.

Speaking of reunion, class president **Joe Reina** tells me that plans for our 35th Reunion are well under way, with **Karen Lipton** Wellin and **M. Jane Klein** Epstein assisting **Cara Lebowitz** Kagan. Save the date—June 7–10, 2012! Joe also writes that **Barbara Bennett** is the new webmaster for our class website (<http://classof77.alumni.cornell.edu/>), where I expect you will see updates as reunion draws closer.

And for those of you kind enough to inquire, my trip to Italy last fall was, as the kids say, “awesome!” My Italian improved markedly, so I am now able to participate in meetings of local Italian speakers. And it was sweetly overwhelming to visit the small (pop. 3,000) town where both my

grandfathers were born and have half the town stop by to say, “Ciao, cugina!” (Hello, cousin!)

Thanks again to those who shared their news with us. For those of you who haven’t shared news with us lately, your class correspondents would love to hear from you. You can send news via e-mail, snail mail, or the alumni website, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Annette Mulee**, [annette@mulee.com](mailto:annette@mulee.com); and **Howie Eisen**, [heisen@drexelmed.edu](mailto:heisen@drexelmed.edu).

**78** I begin with a terrific legacy story. **Seth Klion** saw his daughter **Rachel ’11**—the eighth Cornellian in the family, representing the third generation of Klions—graduate this past spring. Seth’s brother **Scott, JD ’82**, explains that their father, **Sanford Klion**, was the pioneer, graduating from Engineering in 1946. Following him were his brother **Frank ’54** (A&S) and then all of Sanford’s children: **Jill ’75** (HE), Seth (CALS), and Scott. Seth then picked up where their father left off, having the pleasure of watching all his children graduate from Cornell: **Jodi ’06** (ILR), **Dana**

**’09** (CALS), and Rachel (CALS). Needless to say, it was quite an emotional day for them all. **Karen Schwartz-Sidrane** and husband **Steven Sidrane, MRP ’79**, were also at Cornell commencement with their daughter **Lindsey ’11**, who earned a degree in Chemical Engineering. Karen and Steven practice law together at their own firm, Sidrane & Schwartz-Sidrane LLP in New York City. **Roger Strauch** admits being terrified while delivering the commencement address to more than 6,000 UC Berkeley engineering grads and their families in May. That event was soon followed by another high-pressure experience when he and colleague **Dan Miller** helped take their renewable oil company, Solazyme SZYM, public on NASDAQ, earning a market capitalization exceeding \$1 billion.

**Michael Banks** was presented with the 2011 Judge Learned Hand Award by the American Jewish Committee in recognition of his lifelong commitment to the legal profession and his contributions to the institutions that enhance the quality of life in the Philadelphia area. Among his professional accomplishments, Michael and his partner, Gordon Cooney, represented, pro bono, a man wrongly convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of a New Orleans executive and an unrelated armed carjacking. In 15 years of post-conviction proceedings, the team uncovered evidence, witnesses, and critical information that changed the outcome of the case when it was retried in 2003. The defendant was found not guilty and released after 18 years in prison. A partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP in Philadelphia, Michael is a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, a faculty member at the Academy of Advocacy, and faculty lecturer for the Temple Law School in trial advocacy.

Having worked for 18 years at Johns Hopkins U., **Sarah Beran** Steinberg, ME ’79, was appointed vice provost for student affairs, with a new set of responsibilities. She would love to hear from members of the class ([steinberg@jhu.edu](mailto:steinberg@jhu.edu)) and would enjoy seeing anyone visiting Baltimore. Life is good for **Don** and **Gaby Kauffman Shanin**, who enjoy being empty-nesters. Their daughter Julia is a senior at York College of Pennsylvania, studying abroad this semester in Australia. Their son Daniel is in his second year at the Boston U. School of Medicine, after graduating from Haverford College. Both Don and Gaby went to graduate school in Boston, so they’re having fun getting to know the city again. Don is vice president for corporate compliance and deputy general counsel at Campbell Soup Co., where he puts his ILR training to good use as head of the company’s labor and employment group. Gaby’s in communications at Prudential. **Bruce Schneider** is back at AIG heading the process, policy, and performance management unit of global sourcing. A resident of Westport, CT, Bruce celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary. His son is a junior at NYU.

**David Bilmes** had a low-key summer this year after making his first trip to London last summer and spending two fantastic days at Wimbledon, where he watched the longest tennis match in history between Nicholas Mahut and John Isner and also got to see Roger Federer play on Center Court. David is proud of son **Elie Bilmes ’10**, who completed his first year of Teach For America, teaching at one of the lowest-achieving high schools in St. Louis. “Anyone who says teaching is easy need only spend one day in my son’s classroom and they will never say that again,” says David. **Tom Sennett** reports that he, **Steve Follett**, and **Mark Pinnie** got together to see the Phillies play in June. (It was a Chi Psi event, so there were other Big Red alums in attendance, but none from ’78.) Despite the 98-degree heat, Tom says Steve remained as cool as he was in college and never broke a sweat, saying it didn’t feel as hot as our last class reunion, “when they stuck us in those miserable dorms on North Campus!” Mark is still handsome, though hairless; Tom refuses to recognize that he graduated years ago and has been masquerading as an adult. They can all be found lurking somewhere on the Web, if you have any interest in tracking them down.

**Lynne Kolton** Schneider (drlynne@hotmail.com) got tired of the cold and shoveling snow, and moved with her husband down to Boca Raton, FL—just ahead of last winter’s snowstorms in the New York and New Jersey area! Lynne still works as a freelance medical writer and she’s also starting up a new practice as a board-certified sex therapist in sunny Florida. [Correspondent note: Shades of *Meet the Fockers*?] She would love to hear from anyone living in southeast Florida—or anyone visiting that sunny and warm location! On the “hardier-souls-still-up-north” list are **Bob** and **Sunshine Lorenz Weggler**, who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this year in Northfield, VT, where they have relocated to a fixer-upper. In their 11th year at Norwich U., Bob is the men’s rugby coach and Sunshine is the editor of the alumni magazine, the *Norwich Record*. You can find them both online—Sunshine on Facebook under her married name, Diana Weggler. Their children—Ryan, 29, Rose, 25, Wilhelmina, 18, and Pearl, 16—and dogs Coda, 4, and Lady, 2, keep them young at heart. Sunshine writes, “We send our best wishes out to all our classmates and hope that life fulfills all your hopes and dreams.” I couldn’t have said it better myself! Until next time, keep the news items coming in to me or

Cindy at: [ileland@snet.net](mailto:ileland@snet.net); **Cindy Fuller**, [cindy@cindyfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyfuller.com).

**79** Each generation has certain events that everyone remembers. Most of us know exactly what we were doing at a precise moment. Our class's first shock was probably when we were in first grade and JFK was assassinated. The most recent collective memory was likely September 11, 2001. It is near impossible to believe that ten years have passed since that shattering day. On the one hand, it seems so recent because the wounds are still raw and the World Trade Center grounds and skyline have so much emptiness and construction. On the other side, it is unfathomable how much has occurred in our world and lives since then. Each of us has our own story to tell about that day.

My story (**Linda Moses**) is that I was volunteering my time to enable my children's school to issue a municipal bond to finance a new building. I needed to meet with law firms to decide which firm would document the bond. One law firm suggested meeting at their office on the 85th floor of the World Trade Center on either September 7 or 11 at 9:00 am. Fortunately, I picked September 7 for our meeting, so I met with the other set of lawyers in my children's middle school library on September 11. I will always remember the shock on my librarian's face when she told me the news. My office has been very close to the WTC for many years, so after the attacks, I spent months navigating through police lines and witnessing the catastrophe through the smells, legions of emergency vehicles, and unfathomable numbers of trucks and barges carting debris.

A number of our classmates live in New York City or nearby. **Zena Saunders**, MBA '81, lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. In May, she and husband Glenn Schlossberg hosted a Cornell Hillel event that featured Prof. Richard Polenberg talking about Bob Dylan's Jewish roots and then leading a Dylan singalong. Many Cornellians from our generation attended, including **Larry Unger** and **Marcy Wachtel**. In 2009, **Marcie Gitlin** moved to a new home in Upper Manhattan. She is enjoying her new career as a social worker in a nursing home. She finds it extremely challenging working with her nursing home residents, their families, and facility staff, but it is also rewarding to make a difference in people's lives. In her spare time, Marcie maintains her loves of travel and reading, as well as music. Certain artistic and cultural interests stem from her initial exposure to them at Cornell. On top of this, Marcie finds volunteers with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York's hospice care program, through which she visits terminally ill clients. This extraordinary work was made with the thought that someday she may be able to get a full-time job with them. She stays in touch with many Cornellians, who are among her closest friends.

**Warren Frankel** ([sashimi@aol.com](mailto:sashimi@aol.com)) and wife Gail live in New City, NY, in Rockland County and recently held a grand opening at his decorative plumbing fixture and hardware showroom on 58th Street in Manhattan. He now has four showrooms, with three of them in Manhattan. Warren would love to hear from **Tom '78** and **Jackie Lee Sutcliffe '78**, **Monte Kramer '78**, **Pat "P.J." White '80**, and **Randy Sauer**. **Sarah Lumley** Bean works at Michael Allen Co. in Darien, CT. She is active in the Cub Scouts and is currently a den leader for her 10-year-old son's pack in Trumbull, CT.

Unfortunately, last winter Sarah slipped and fell during an ice storm and broke her hip. She expects a full recovery and has a new fondness for the warm weather.

**Michael Gross** is the orthopedic director of sports medicine at Hackensack Hospital. In addition, he co-founded Active Health & Wellness in Hackensack, NJ. The full-service wellness facility offers personalized health and wellness programs. Because of his interest in preventive medicine, he is currently enrolled in a fellowship in anti-aging and restorative medicine and is working toward board certification from the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine. **Kevin Bruns** (Potomac, MD) was named the director of alumni for Cornell's Intrafraternity Council. Admirably, he is working on the transition to a 100 percent dry rush. Kevin's oldest son, **Connor '11**, will return to campus next year to study for a master's in Structural Engineering. Kevin is working with **Mary Wilensky** Kahn on affinity relations for our class. Affinity marketing seeks to connect Cornellians through common college activities such as sports or fraternities and sororities. Kevin and Mary's goal is to obtain a huge turnout for our 35th Reunion in 2014.

We are deeply saddened to hear about untimely the death of **Anne Updegrove** of Oak Park, IL. She passed away on February 16 after fighting a malignant brain tumor for a year and a half. Her family is totally devastated by this loss; her husband, Grayson Holmbeck, can be contacted at [gholmbe@luc.edu](mailto:gholmbe@luc.edu). Anne was an adjunct faculty member in the clinical psychology PhD program at Loyola U. Chicago from 2002 to 2010 and had a private practice as a licensed clinical psychologist from 1989 to 2010. On a personal note, Anne was one of my suitemates when we were freshmen living in North Campus 9. She was always amazingly vivacious and outgoing and was friendly with everyone. Anne was very active at Cornell—she played on the varsity tennis team and was a sister in Delta Gamma.

Your class correspondents would love to hear your news so we'll have a lot to write about. You can connect to our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of '79). Please send your updates to [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu) or directly to your class correspondents: [Linda Moses](mailto:LindaMoses@cornell.edu), [mosesgurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosesgurevitch@aol.com); **Kathy Zappia** Gould, [rdgould@comcast.net](mailto:rdgould@comcast.net); or **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthiashea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiashea@hotmail.com).

**80** I used to keep a list of accomplished people I've lived longer than: Joan of Arc, James Dean, Cleopatra, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Elvis Presley, James Dean times two, Jack and Bobby . . . You get the picture. It's a losing proposition, though, unless I start picking less august people, because the tendency to compare, which was, perhaps, the point in the first place, is vexatious to the spirit, given that my accomplishments so far are in the nature of being able to floss without a mirror and driving at night—but not at the same time. Or particularly well. And there were other problems with keeping the list, such as adding Michael Jackson. He was accomplished, yes, but genuinely strange. So the list has been set aside. Also abandoned is the list of things to do before I die, made in the optimism of youth: "Make a million dollars and retire" (inflation took care of that one). "Learn to juggle" (it seemed like a good goal in 1978). "Stop making lists." This is one I can live with.

The list of accomplished people we profile in this issue starts with **Donna Lanier Brown**, who writes that she enjoys working for her community, both as a volunteer and as a professional for the city of Tampa. Her activities include fundraising for her church, singing in the church chorus, and organizing youth activities. Her church, St. John's Presbyterian, is "responsive to the needs of the community, [and] they have an on-site health clinic and childcare center." She has a passion for promoting the arts, as well as exploring neighborhood development and transit issues. Her job with the city allows her to "experience some of the concepts I studied as a Government major." This past winter she purchased a home in Tampa. She writes that she would like to hear from **Umoja Sasa News Journal** alumni, as well as **Tyrone Taborn '81**, **Paul Saucier '81**, and **Hanna Nekvasil-Coraor '79**.

**Leslie Feldman**, PhD '90, a professor at Hofstra U., has published *Spaceships and Politics: The Political Theory of Rod Serling*. She discussed the book on Northeast Public Radio. In the interview, she states, "Today's television audiences—particularly fans of 'LOST', the new 'Battlestar Galactica', and 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer', might think the connection of science fiction and fantasy to social commentary is a current trend. 'LOST' featured characters with the names of political philosophers—Locke, Rousseau, Hume, and Burke—and explored the delicate balance between good and evil. But 'LOST' and shows like it clearly have antecedents in classic television, employed not only by 'The Twilight Zone' but also 'Star Trek' and 'The Outer Limits.'" This is good news for couch potatoes, and justifies the time you spent in the U-Hall lounges parked in front of the tube in gym shorts and a Led Zeppelin T-shirt. **Michele Rubin**, who lives in Marblehead, MA, with spouse Carol Roby, reports that she is a project manager for Siemens. "I am also starting a PT business, which is challenging to fit into an already very busy life." She enjoys motorcycling, kayaking, and bicycling. To maintain her health and activity level, she pays attention to her diet, and reports that her nutrition class at Cornell "helped open my eyes to how the food industry handles [and] processes food in the US."

**Drew Kleibrink** writes, "I am happy to share that my daughter **Erika '13** is a rising junior at Cornell in the Landscape Architecture program. She loves Cornell and is excelling there!" **Barbara Blair** Canary and her husband are empty-nesters; she jogs and likes to hike with her husband. They plan on giving their new puppy a workout on the trails this summer. She is "deeply involved in Best Buddies Connecticut, which helps people with intellectual disabilities." According to its website, Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization "dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities." Barbara would like to hear from **Carolyn Beaty-Mack** and **Bernadette O'Connell** Girvin. **Linda Goodman** Shapiro is studying Reiki, a hands-on technique to reduce stress and promote healing, in anticipation of opening a Reiki practice. She shares Reiki in a hospice setting that she chose because it serves Medicaid patients.

**Jill Teltser** Kimelman reports that she is "working full-time as a music teacher to pre-schoolers in three different schools." Jill is a woman of infinite patience. Her professional challenge is to find "new ways to engage every child in the creative process." Her children are in high school

and college, which presents challenges on the home front. Cornell activities and influences that continue to play a part in her life include social activism, an interest in whole foods, and environmental activism. She volunteers in her synagogue, as well as for a group home for developmentally disabled people, and in environmental and political organizations. She writes that she would like to hear from **Bill Goldsmith** and **Rosa Lee Charpentier**. **Scott Peer** still lives in Los Angeles and works at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, specifically on the Cassini spacecraft currently in orbit around Saturn. At the time of this writing, the craft was readying for a flyby of Saturn's moon Titan. The craft left our blue sphere 14 years ago; the next time you curse your server for taking eight whole seconds to send a Mother's Day eCard, think about the intricacies of programming ancient hardware moving at thousands of miles an hour, almost a billion miles away—Scott does that.

Adding to the list of empty-nesters is **Gregory Gordon** and wife Roberta, who will send their youngest to Cornell in the fall. Decidedly not on the list is **Doug Hughes**, who, with spouse Frances McLaughlin, welcomed Mack to the household in September 2010. Doug states, in a desperate scrawl on his News Form, "I cannot tell you anything that has happened since that day—it's a blur." Mack joins Dougie, 3. **Michael Totta** (Yarmouth, ME) is a physician in Portland. His daughter Alison will attend Cornell in the fall and will likely row, following in dad's oar-strokes. Dad still rows, incidentally, and competes in master's races. **Scott Picon** is developing a 90-unit condominium complex in Costa Rica, on the Pacific side, at Playa Vista Ocotol ([www.vistaocotal.com](http://www.vistaocotal.com)). The complex is a 20-minute drive from Liberia Airport. **Hal Ginsburg** is the managing partner at a Clovis Point winery on Long Island ([www.clovispointwines.com/](http://www.clovispointwines.com/)). The wines have won numerous awards. They offer free tastings for alumni. Amazingly, as if running a winery weren't enough, Hal also practices law at the firm he founded in 1984.

My wife and I are engaged in a recon effort aimed at picking a retirement location, despite the fact that my "days until retirement" countdown is a number in the thousands. This year we've devoted a couple of weeks to Maui and St. Thomas. Other Hawaiian and Caribbean islands are on the list. The idea is to pick someplace warm, but not too remote that various nieces and nephews won't come to take care of us when we're old and (possibly) senile. We've already eliminated French Polynesia, and Hawaii is a stretch. The plan is also dependent on being nice to said relatives, something that comes naturally to Kelley, but requires a bit of work on my part. Civility toward people covered in tattoos with pants down to here is problematic for me, so I'll likely wind up in a nursing home in western New York. Come for a visit. Wear a name tag. ☒ **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky@aol.com.

**81** As I approached from Route 13, my heart was pounding . . . I didn't realize how much I had missed Ithaca. If you missed reunion, you'll enjoy <http://vimeo.com/23897683>, which was put together by **Alex Silver '11** and passed on to me by **Nancy Amer-Lake** via her daughter **Jessica Lake '10**. It will make you wish you were there!

With 336 classmates, 31 spouses, and 40 kids, reunion was worth it! Our view of campus from the top of High Rise 1 was spectacular. While everyone wants to look their best for reunion, I was found wandering the hallway in my nightgown Saturday morning, after my spouse of 26 years accidentally locked me out of our room—felt like old times. **Donna Feeney** Alexander (of U-Hall 3) provided cell assistance . . . Futile, since my husband was having fun at breakfast with **Jill Flack**, **Alyssa Alia Malanga**, **Audrey Haddad Perrotti**, **Janet Schulman Buder**, and **Sandy Goldstein Karlin!** **Jay Wrobel, PhD '83**, was my hero, saving me from further embarrassment by retrieving the key. **Donna Feeney** (Fairport, NY) is married to Charles Alexander; they have a son, 12, a daughter, 17, and a daughter who is sophomore at Cornell, who also worked for the '96 Reunion. Jay is married to **Theresa (Kronik)**, who manages her own market research company. They are "empty-nesters" in Lawrenceville, NJ, with daughter Julia earning a chemistry degree from Swarthmore and son Gregg a junior at James Madison U. **Tanis MacKay-Bell** and husband **Michael Bell** were also present. Mike is chief medical examiner in West Palm Beach, FL. Their oldest, David, 24, graduated from U. of Miami. Dana, 21, is a senior at U. of Florida. Morgan is a junior at Cornell, and Dakota, 16, is beginning his college search.

Pi Phis showed up in numbers! We toured 330 Triphammer and checked out our girls' rooms for the fall. **Audrey Long O'Connor's** daughter Kelly is in the same pledge class as my niece Alli Wood. Audrey and husband Neil's son **Andrew** is a freshman at Cornell. I had a blast catching up with **Sarah Garlan Johansen**—at her first reunion. Sarah has been on the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School, since obtaining her medical degree there in 1990. She is married to **Tom, MBA '83**, the VP/COO of GW Plastics in Bethel, VT. Their daughter Caitlin, 26, is a UNH grad with a master's in justice studies, while daughter Jennica, 21, is a senior at Mary Washington. Son Christian, 17, is a high school senior, lax player, and Equity actor.

**Patty Bahr** Breslin and husband Stu (UNH '81) hadn't been back since our 5th Reunion! They have been married for 27 years and have kids Chris, 21, in engineering at Purdue, and Daniel, 12, and Emily, 10, who enjoyed seeing Cornell's gorges. They live outside of Indianapolis, where Patty is "semi-retired." **Ford '82** and **Kathleen Flynn Fay** came from Highlands Ranch, CO, where Ford works in Telecom. Their kids are Ryan, 22, Sean, 18, a freshman at Dickinson College, and Cassie, 16. **John** and **Laura Dake Roche** brought their youngest, Caroline, 13, to Reunion. They enjoy West Hartford, CT, while raising kids Morgan, a freshman at Bucknell running track and cross-country, Will, and Caroline. **Rosemary Schrauth** Gale had fun even though husband Alan had to stay home in Gaithersburg, MD, with son Jonathan, 10, and daughter Samantha, a freshman at Northeastern U. Rosemary has her law degree and Alan works for the Justice Dept.

**MJ Marlinski-Lehman** went solo to Reunion. She owns three retail stores and has launched an e-commerce site. Visit [NickyNicole.com](http://NickyNicole.com) to see the boutique fashion and trends for girls ages 4 to 14. MJ lives in Hudson, OH, with husband Dave and daughter Nicole, 12. Her son just graduated from college and lives in Chicago. It was also fun to catch up with **Naomi Gelzer Kettler**, BArch '82, with husband **Jim**, BArch '81, from Bethesda, MD; **Gail Merriam** from Somerville, MA; and **Sandy Waring** Holloway from Rochester, NY.

Through the persistence of **Sandy Mitchell Kelly** and husband **Kim '82**, there was a DKE reunion with 15 brothers from 1979–83 to memorialize **John "Jake" Kearney '79**, who died last spring in a motorcycle accident. In attendance were **Scott Morris**, **Tom Quinones**, **Steve Pozzi**, and **Doug Hart**.

This was the first time in 30 years that **Doug Craw** and his wife made it to reunion. In recalling past events, they referred to our memory shortages as "sometimers, not Alzheimer's." Doug is the director of human resources for Koatsu America Corp. in Peoria, IL. Married for 15 years, Doug and Vicki enjoy scuba diving in the Caribbean. Doug's only complaint was that "the weekend went too fast and I couldn't do everything I wanted!" **Chris Crehan** (Franklin, MA) had us all in stitches quoting Joan Rivers and an airline attendant: "Where's my seat?" "Well, it's about an inch lower than it was last year!"

We missed the bus to Saturday lunch at Plantations, so we squeezed in for a double-buckled car ride with **Carlo** and **Maureen Mello Scaramella**, **David Orthwein**, and **Anne Pavelka**. Carlo and Maureen are, respectively, an attorney and a chef/nutritionist in Marlton, NJ. Their kids are 17, 20, and 22. Anne is a geologist in Marleton, NJ, while David came in from Eolia, MO. The Cornell Big Red Band played after lunch and we heard President David Skorton talk about the university's sustainability initiative. The university's goal is to decrease its carbon footprint. It is now weaned off coal, obtained LEED Gold status for the Weill building, and has efforts under way to attain a Platinum rating for other campus buildings. We had a very "green" reunion—very limited use of printed paper and no disposable plastic bottles—and challenged other classes to be green.

**Posy Smith** Durning is at the New England Organ Bank as director and oversees donations and transplants and was featured in the ABC News series "Boston Med" in spring 2010. She and husband Joe enjoyed Reunion with their kids Megan, 15, Erin, 13, and Kelly, 8. Kelly won third place in the watermelon spitting contest following Saturday dinner (12.7 feet, preceded by **Ron Space** of Freeville, NY (23.3 feet) and **Jim Sigler** of Southboro, MA (25.7 feet)). Josh Moore donated watermelons, and **Gabe Diaz-Saavedra** had them shipped up from Bell, FL, for everyone to enjoy. Thank yous can go to [josh@1st-in-quality.com](mailto:josh@1st-in-quality.com).

Posy sees **Amy Schwartz** Goober, who is a Lia Sophia jewelry representative, traveling to Myrtle Beach and Puerto Rico. Amy's oldest, Samantha, is a freshman at Boston College, her son is in tenth grade, and the youngest, 9, has taken up rock climbing. **Laurie Rivlin** Caspert teaches art classes to children near Woodcliff Lake, NJ (<http://youngtahaheart.org/>). Laurie and husband Ronny have kids Rachel, a freshman at the U. of Indiana, Sammy, and Kenny. En route to the Hot Truck on the Arts Quad, I ran into **Anna Graves**, attending her first-ever reunion, with her daughter, Ally, a tenth grader. Anna obtained her law degree at UVA and is a partner with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman in Los Angeles.

After 20 years as your class correspondent, I am stepping down, along with **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto. With my daughter in her fourth year at Tennessee and my son heading off to UVA, I will be seeking new adventures, including figuring out Facebook! Kathy's son is a sophomore at Bentley College, and she will be starting the college process all over again with her 11th grade daughter! **JoAnn Minsker** Adams and **Barb Amoscotto**

Sabaitis will join **Betsy Silverfine** to continue the tradition for the column. Wishing you the best!

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**82** We have plenty of news to report, and thanks very much to all of our duespayers. We are fired up for Reunion 2012! Proud mom **Paige Klotz** Grossman (Tenafly, NJ) and grandpa **Lewis Klotz '56** report that David Grossman has been accepted into the Engineering college, Class of 2015. **Brandy Alvarez** lives in Plano, TX, with husband Giuseppe Lazzara. Brandy is an Italian lecturer in the foreign languages and literatures program at the Dedman College of SMU. She is still very close with her parents, who live close by. She hopes to take her son, 16, to Ithaca to see the "hallowed grounds" as part of his college search. She remains in contact with **Hope Hansen**, **Mary Parkman** Rowe, BArch '82, **Carol Diamond**, BArch '82, and **Ruth Logan**.

Class couple **Michael** and **Elizabeth Aksionoff Salshutz** live in Scarsdale, NY, where Liz keeps busy volunteering as Edgemont High School's PTSA copresident and a CAAAN contactor for Cornell. She enjoys meeting the next generation of Cornellians, and loves staying current with Cornell Facebook updates. She looks forward to our 30th Reunion next spring. Their older daughter attends Vassar College and dances with their student-run dance group FlyPeople; younger daughter Karen will begin the college search soon. Liz asks, "Where did the time go?" We also heard from **Jeff** and **Dorothy Meeker Wolfe**. Jeff and Dori live in Strafford, VT. Jeff is CEO of groSolar in White River Junction, a company that Dori helped to found in 1998. She is now retired from groSolar and is writing a historical novel about her grandparents. Dori fondly remembers and keeps track of the Cornell Chorus and Nothing But Treble. The Wolfes are active in church (religious education, youth group, and choir) and the town (energy and recycling committees), trying to "live more sustainably" and to "make a difference, one step at a time."

Lambda Chi Alpha brother **John Servis** lives in Orefield, PA. He earned an MA in history from Lehigh U. in January 2011, submitting a thesis titled "War as Democracy in Action: John Dewey's Support for American Intervention in World War I." The tiny hamlet of Rock Hill, NY, is home to **Timothy McCausland** and wife Cheryl. There he provides a positive role model to teenagers through his volunteer work with the Catholic Youth Organization.

**John McDaniel III** (Baltimore, MD) hopes that "Cornell and Johns Hopkins will resume their old regular season lacrosse games" so he can cheer the Big Red on. He says, "Wow! Are we coming up on 30 years out of Cornell? See you at reunion!" He was neighbors in Baltimore with **James Magruder** and still sees Jim around town. **Elizabeth Dibs Dole**, DVM '86, and husband Tony Farone live in Syracuse, NY, where she is a small animal (dog/cat) veterinary practitioner. She reports (in June), "We bought a home in Orange, VA, where we plan to

relocate within the next 18 months or so. Currently, we rent out the house (which is a farmhouse with 20 horse-fenced acres) to a family so that it doesn't sit there empty. We look forward to moving to a more temperate climate and hope we will see some classmates who live down in that area (such as **Richard Booth**)." Liz returned to Ithaca for her 25th Veterinary college reunion and also looks forward to our reunion.

Several classmates live and work in the New York City area. **Urania Poulis** has, since November 2009, been the administrator of St. Michael's Home, a Greek Orthodox Adult Home in Yonkers. **Randolph Hunt** lives in New York City and works in Long Island City as design supervisor with Region 11 of the NYS Dept. of Transportation. He enjoys swimming and reading history and political science, and he helps and guides young people as part of the Cornell Mentoring Program. **Robert Coll** also lives in New York City. He is founder and director of the donor-supported not-for-profit corporation Moon Water (based in Westchester County, NY) whose mission is to "inspire a sense of positive self-regard in mental health consumers through meaningful community involvement to help diminish stigma and myths related to mental health issues."

**Clare Ludgate** has been living in London, England, for 12 years and also maintains an apartment in New York City that she visits monthly. She works in hedge funds and would love to hear from Tri-Delts **Nina Kondo**, **Barbara Griggs-Pratt**, and **Pam Schneider '83**. Also overseas is **Mark Stenzler**, who writes, "My work with community radio continues long after I co-founded the pirate radio station 'Radio Free Ithaca' during my time on the Hill in 1980-81." Mark came to Switzerland in the 1980s as a physics researcher at CERN and, in parallel with his "day jobs," has hosted the staple "Blues Zeppelin" program (see <http://www.rabe.ch/sendungen/musik/blues-zeppelin.html>) since 1989 on Swiss Community Radio (Radio LoRa in Zurich/Radio RaBe in Berne). He adds, "In 2011, I was elected as member of the board of directors to Radio RaBe. Radio RaBe has just been awarded the Kulturpreis des Kantons Bern 2011 for extraordinary contribution to cultural life in Berne, Switzerland." In November 2010 Mark represented Swiss Community Radio at the AMARC10 Conference (World Association of Community Radio Stations) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at which noncommercial, community radio stations

from more than 110 countries were represented.

It is always interesting to hear from my fellow U-Hall 5 hallway denizen **K. A. "Andy" Bjork**. He and wife Carolyn live in Westborough, MA. Andy reports, "I merged our 50-year-old family business with another firm to create the number one agency in the gift and home industry." Andy serves as VP and chief strategy officer for the Exton, PA, company Ivystone Group LLC ([www.ivystone.com](http://www.ivystone.com)). He also shifted his US Navy Reserve command and is now working for NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation (SACT) in Norfolk, VA. Like many of us, Andy says, "I'm considering downsizing the suburban home in two years once our youngest daughter, Hanna, goes off to college." ✉ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Douglas Skalka**,

dsalka@nplaw.com; **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu.

**83** Hope you all had a great summer! **Ellen Ilivicky** Siegman ([ellenisiegman@gmail.com](mailto:ellenisiegman@gmail.com)) writes from sunny Florida: "I teach part-time at St. Petersburg College in Clearwater, FL, in the legal studies/paralegal program. I also have a small mediation and arbitration practice concentrating in business and financial matters." Ellen volunteers at her synagogue as chair of the youth and education committee, is VP of Education and American Affairs for Hadassah, and works on behalf of Planned Parenthood. **Len Newman** (LSNewman@syr.edu) returned to central New York in 2006 "after a long stretch at the U. of Illinois. I am a faculty member in the psychology department at Syracuse U., where I am the director of the social psychology area. I still keep in touch with many of the people I met wandering around the fourth floor of U-Hall 1 on my first day at Cornell."

**Nell Cady-Kruse**, MBA '85 ([nell@execs.com](mailto:nell@execs.com)) wrote that she and her husband moved to Singapore from Hong Kong. Nell is now chief risk officer, wholesale banking for Standard Chartered Bank. **Lynn Leopold** ([lymele@aol.com](mailto:lymele@aol.com)) lives in Manhattan and works for the City of New York as Senior Counsel, Manhattan Trial Unit, Tort Division. She was recently appointed chair of the Juvenile Justice Committee for the New York City Bar Association. **Liz Meller Alderman** ([ealder6665@aol.com](mailto:ealder6665@aol.com)) lives in New Rochelle, NY, and is professor of clinical pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She also directs the adolescent medicine fellowship and ambulatory practice at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore. She and husband **Eric '81** serve as chairpersons for CAAAN Committee 48 (New Rochelle, Pelham, Mt. Vernon, NY). Liz and her Cornell buddy **Penny Nemzer**, DVM '87, chaperone the Westchester Alumni Association Cornell trip for high school seniors.

**Dennis McNamara** ([dbccmac@aol.com](mailto:dbccmac@aol.com)) and wife Barbara are living in Manhasset, NY, and are busy keeping up with their teenagers Conor, 17, and Caitlin, 14. Dennis is currently executive vice president and general counsel of Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., in New York City. **Barbara Frank** ([Frank-Guior@msn.com](mailto:Frank-Guior@msn.com)) and husband Rick are thrilled that their daughter Sonia Guior got accepted into CALS in the Class of '15. Please write in with your news, or e-mail and let us know what's happening in your life. We love to hear from you. ✉ **Lorinda Buffamante**, lb325@cornell.edu; **Alyssa Bickler**, [cousinalyssa@yahoo.com](mailto:cousinalyssa@yahoo.com).

**84** **John Schmucker** married **Rachelle Bernacki '94** in Buffalo, NY, on June 5, 2010. Attendees included: **Stefan James**, **Martin Hartmanis**, **John Wanvig** (who was best man), and **William Luecke**, PhD '91. When I was at Cornell, Martin Hartmanis taught me how to windsurf on Cayuga Lake and I continue to actively windsurf today! **Don Augenstein**, MEE '85, is married to **Catherine (Groos) '86**. They live in Pittsburgh, PA.

**Steven**, MS '85, and **Mina Chan Baum** are proud of the fact that son Jeff will be a member of the Class of 2015, starting at Cornell in the fall. This will mean a third generation of Cornellians in the family, including Jeff's grandfather **Robert Baum '57**. They look forward to many more trips

‘My work with community radio continues.’

Mark Stenzler '82

to the Ithaca area. **Felicia Zekauskas** (zincdesign@aol.com) and husband Peter Maloney have published their 16th children's picture book, *One Foot, Two Feet* (Putnam, May 2011), an irregular plural counting book. Felicia would love to hear from Tri-Deltas and creative writing pals from senior year.

## ‘Dana Lee Evans reports driving 35,000 miles in the past year—to nowhere.’

**Sandra Stephens** is a director of clinical services in Orangeburg, SC. She and husband Luke Cooper have three children; they all love where they live. Sandra would like to hear from **Lisa Jones**, **Vanessa Jeffers**, and **Margo Carrancejje-Monperous '83**. **Rachel Bennett** is building her medical practice, taking care of patients, raising four boys, and maintaining a house. She's married to Alan Jacobs and enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, hiking, and biking. **Randy Katz** has been living and working in Monticello, NY, where he practices dentistry. He is married to Eileen and has kids Lauren, 15, and Ryan, 12. They were busy this past spring getting ready for Ryan's bar mitzvah, which was in June. Randy says, "I passed through Ithaca last fall on the winery tour circuit and it looked just like 1984 (sort of)—must have been the wine."

**Amy Wagner** Winkelman and husband Rick have been working at their family farm market and find the challenges of the economy and the weather very difficult. They live in Sanborn, NY. Amy would love to hear from **Lydia Cox** and **Katherine Darko** Simpson. **Jim Coppola** started a vineyard, Toro Run Estates (Tororunestates.com), on Rt. 89 in Romulus, NY. He has utilized many Cornell resources, including staff and alumni, to assist in his efforts. Jim says, "Agricultural Economics in general has served me well with my new vineyard (cost analysis)." He plans on moving to Central New York in a few years.

**Steve** (steven@howellcustombuild.com) and **Susan Seligsohn Howell '86** have been busy running their business, Howell Custom Building Group, a high-end residential design/build firm in Lawrence, MA, and attending their teenagers' basketball games and crew races. Writes Steve: "We look forward to spending time at Cornell again—our daughter, Olivia, will be a freshman this fall in the Arts college." Steve is also a board member at Habitat for Humanity. When **Julie Helitzer** Shubin wrote in June, she was busy grading final exams at George Mason U. Her ILR classes in Labor History still play a big part in her life, and she also keeps in touch with many Cornell friends. She adds, "My whole family volunteers at Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Organization, helping with cat adoptions. I also feed feral cats and am a member of Mason Cat Coalition." **Amy Allen** Moorman lives in Tennessee and is on the faculty of the Elon U. Love School of Business in Elon, NC. She teaches business law and business ethics.

**Peter Baccile** has been at JP Morgan for 25 years now. He is vice chairman of investment banking. He and Katie, his wife of 22 years, have a son **Nick '14** who plays receiver on the football

team. Second son Zander wants to play lacrosse in college. Daughter Caroline and son James also play lacrosse. **Rob Goldwasser** (robgoldwasser@yahoo.com) is a financial analyst at BNY Mellon in New York City. Outside of work, he's been doing a lot of biking and hiking. "My wife, **Jennifer**

## Susan Seligsohn Howell '86

(**Katz**) '85, and I have a home in the Berkshires, where we enjoy hiking and all the cultural offerings. I continue to see many of my DKE brothers." Rob and Jennifer's son is **Matt '10**. **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** The Class of 1985 continues to spread its wings across the country and deeper into their professions, industry, education, and, of course, their children. **Judy Cone** keeps things close to home. She is the COO of MCCI Corp., which is based in Ithaca. Judy has been with MCCI since its founding in 1995. Judy is married and lives outside of Trumansburg, NY. On the other end of things, **Marc Gillman** moved from New Jersey to Florida in August 2009. Marc has three boys ranging from 13 to 19 and is about to embark on a new restaurant venture called Smashburger. There are currently 100 stores from this Denver-based concept. Marc's stores will be in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

**Fredilyn Sison** is an attorney with the Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina in Asheville. She has co-authored a book, *Trial in Action: The Persuasive Power of Psychodrama*. The book was published in December 2010 and is a step-by-step manual that will help lawyers who are new to psychodrama search for the truth through dramatic methods. Beginning with the history of psychodrama in law, the book moves through various techniques used in and out of the trial setting. **Jill Gaydosh** Kafka started a new job as the executive director of the Partnership for Inner-City Education in New York. This organization will raise and invest more than \$15 million a year for scholarships and program improvements at inner city Catholic elementary and high schools by working with donors to drive excellence into schools that serve low-income families.

While my knees are starting to show their wear from more than 30 years of running and I continue to plug through endless gym classes—including, but not limited to spin, yoga, Zumba, and "barre burn"—at least one of us has accomplished the most grueling of athletic feats: the Ironman triathlon! **Kelley Noonan** Jensen completed this race (a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile run) before the cutoff time of 17 hours. Kelley is back working for Coca-Cola in Atlanta after a five-year hiatus from corporate life. She tries to make it back to Ithaca with husband Dave every couple of years.

Back up north, **Konomi Takeshita** lives in Central New Jersey with husband **Sean McMurtry '86**. Konomi is a patent attorney at a law firm in Philadelphia. Sean is an assistant prosecutor with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office in Trenton, NJ. The family plans a summer trip to the Grand Canyon with their kids Liam, 14, and Mariko, 10. Crossing to the other coast, **Laura Rabinowitz Lefkowitz** became the chief of podiatric surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Her husband, **David '86**, is a professor of music composition at UCLA. Daughter Talia is 11, and son Adam is 15. **Scott Clifton** (San Diego) writes that he and his wife and two kids live in the Rosecroft national historic estate. They are both still retired and recently hosted six Cornell students from the Glee Club at their home.

Back to the East Coast, **Mark Larsen** took a jump with his wife Bebe into instant parenthood! They adopted two girls ages 13 and 11 from Rwanda! They still live in Greenwich, CT, where Mark is the MIS director at a large heavy construction company in the NYC area. Speaking of fatherhood, **Martin Lubell** is a stay-at-home dad while auditing classes at the College of Wooster, where his wife, Beth Muellner, is a German professor. Martin hopes to gain acceptance to the Johns Hopkins online bioinformatics program this fall. **Sarah Willens** Kass teaches eighth-grade English in Bethesda, MD. Sarah's sons attend college in California; Eliot enrolled at Occidental and Jacob is at Claremont McKenna College. Husband Mark practices business law, working primarily on Israeli startups.

Living in our nation's capital, **Howard Spira**, MBA '86, is back in the States working for the US Treasury. He was appointed to the post of chief technology officer for the Office of Financial Stability late last year. He came to this position with extensive experience in the private sector in technology and international banking. Wife Hanan and kids are settling into life in the capital. His oldest will be a senior in high school next year and will hopefully put Cornell on the wish list. In Atlanta, **Tony Pickett** is the executive director of the Atlanta Land Trust Collaborative (ALTC). Tony is responsible for leading this organization's efforts to maintain affordability in neighborhoods that are at risk of gentrification and displacement due to the Atlanta BeltLine and throughout the City of Atlanta.

If I am reading this right, **Levin Nock** is doing all he can to live up to going green. He works for Pike Research as an industry analyst consultant on energy efficiency in buildings. He loves telecommuting and sold his car two years ago! Levin is up in Portland, OR, with his wife, two dogs, and a cat. I am doing plenty of driving in my Prius, as I spent the winter touring the ice skating rinks in the Northeast for my daughter's figure skating competitions and practices. I almost ran out of gas in a snowstorm on my way into Lake Placid in February for the Eastern Synchro Championships. What can I say? You don't put gas in a Prius that often. **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfahiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zekowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa M. Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

**86** What a memorable, fun, and nostalgic 25th Reunion—organized by our maestros **Dina Lewisohn** Shaw and **Katie Roth** Boyar. Kudos to them for yet another perfectly orchestrated event. We were thrilled to learn that they have signed on to do it all again for our 30th! The event was attended by 255 of our classmates and raised over

\$2 million. Organized weekend events included reunion tents, fraternity and sorority open houses, a class lunch and photo, and a Saturday morning yoga class led by classmate **Lynne McFarland McKinnon**. **Hope Haskell Jones** and **Elizabeth Molloy de Coluby** were back on campus for the first time in nearly 25 years, and they loved it! Hope, along with **Michael Jackson** and others, took part in a Reunion Row at the dedication of a new rowing facility.

Outgoing class president **Michael Wagner's** reunion highlight was a swim in the gorge with **John Conti** and **Mason Wenger**, ME '90. Incoming class president **Margot Tohn** summed up her weekend as follows: "This year I went to three great lectures. I heard **Chuck Feeney '56**, founder of Duty Free Shops, at the Olin Lecture (at the wonderfully renovated and fully air-conditioned Bailey Hall), learned that we can apply how bees cooperate to find their new hives to business meetings and decision-making, and found out that politically conservative people tend to be more sensitive to offensive visuals, thoughts, and smells. **Lisa Maier** and her family taught me that you can walk up to the Plantations—rather than driving—and we showed Lisa's two daughters and husband Shawn the highlights of Collegetown. The highlights of my weekend had to be the view of campus from the Johnson Museum's 5th floor and having President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and his wife, Rosa, as our guests for Friday night dinner."

As for your correspondents, we felt like students all over again, sharing a dorm suite with Kappa sisters and friends **Mimi Wohabe Boublik**, **Sydney Solomon Neuhaus**, **Suzanne Ringold Harman**, and **Carol Getz Abolafia**. Down the hall were **Maria Elias-Williams**, with her 14-year-old son Cobi, **Michael** and **Lori Spydell Wagner**, and **Beth Bruno Wood**. A big surprise was seeing Kappa sister **Lisa Walker**, whom we hadn't seen since graduation. Lisa is living in Chicago, where she is busy raising her two children and three stepchildren, as well as working as the managing director for Leadership Capitol Advisors.

On Saturday night, we danced the night away in our very own Class of '86 tent, followed by an after-party in the parking lot—just like college days. The party revolved around an RV that had been driven to Reunion by Phi Delt brothers **Peter Bell**, **Marc Abizaid**, **Ken Nacar**, **Eric Hage**, **Tim Smith**, **Pete Rogers**, and **Keith Olson**.

Alpha Chi Omega sorority had 11 of its founding sisters return for Reunion, including **Michelle Adelman**, **Lisa Teitelbaum Wexler**, MRP '88, Margot Tohn, **Sue Zieman**, **Julie Chen Saydah**, **Gayle Reichler Mazlish**, **Lisa Maier**, **Hope Jones**, **Karen Gryson**, **Regina Franco**, and **Carol DiBenedetto**.

People came from near and far, overcoming obstacles to get to Ithaca. **Jeff Cowan** flew in from L.A., but weather left him stranded in Philadelphia. He remembered that **Holly Isdale** lives there, so he called her and ended up driving to Ithaca with Holly and her son Jack, 14. **John Moses**, MRP '90, came from D.C. with **Dave McCurdy**. **Bliss Blodgett-Stephan** flew from Texas, where she works for American Airlines. **Laurie Feinswog** also visited from Texas, reconnecting with **Susan Garretson Friedman**, **Asya Kamsky '85**, and **Dan Blumenthal '85**.

We were glad to see **Bob** and **Lauren Jensen Corning** made it from Boston, especially after seeing Lauren featured in a *Boston Globe* article titled "The Age of the Digital Dinosaur." The article quotes Lauren as being "confronted with her own digital limits when making plans to attend

her 25th Reunion at Cornell. The Reunion website invited returning alumni to follow Reunion on Twitter, visit a Facebook page, and upload itineraries to their smartphones." The article goes on to say that Lauren tried to make plans digitally, "but in the end looked for a human to touch base with." We're glad she did! And we're confident she's quickly becoming digitally savvy as the VP of distribution planning for Sovereign Bank.

Also in attendance was **Dana Lee Evans**, who lives in Old Greenwich, CT, and humorously describes her "day job" as "slave of the domestic kind." She lists among her favorite activities, "going to Staples at 8:59 p.m. because one of my four children needs poster board." She reports driving 35,000 miles in the past year—to nowhere. She clocked that driving around town and to the athletic fields. **Kevin** and **Emily Nisco Frank '87** arrived from Syracuse, where Kevin is director of the Brady Faith Center, an urban spirituality and outreach center on the south side of the city. Kevin and Emily have four children ranging in age from 13 to 20. They look forward to this new adventure in ministry and to offering retreats that allow people to "Come and See" the good things that God is doing in the lives of struggling people.

Several classmates who couldn't make it back to Ithaca took solace in connecting with others on the Class of '86 Facebook page. In fact, **Joanna Morris Brinker**, who is living in Maine, started a "virtual reunion" by posting lots of photos from our college days. Others checked in to let us know why they couldn't attend. **Peter Quinter** was backpacking the Appalachian Trail from northern Georgia with his son. **Dan Dalmeida**, ME '87, a high school math and science teacher in Seattle, was accompanying his daughter to compete in the national history day finals in D.C. **Ming Wong**, MBA '89, felt it was too far to travel, but invites classmates to contact him when they are in Hong Kong.

Reunion always wraps up with the announcement of new class officers. Here's the slate for the next five years. President: Margot Tohn; VP: **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster; membership chair: Elizabeth Molloy de Coluby; class correspondents: Holly Isdale Ryan, Michael Wagner, and Lori Spydell Wagner; Annual Fund rep: **Joan Button** Thakor; treasurer: **Mike Manaster**; webmaster: **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner; secretary: **Irene Molnar** Wrenner; and reunion chairs: Dina Lewisohn Shaw and Katie Roth Boyar.

If you'd like to get involved with our class, please contact Margot (mtohn@verizon.net). We are looking for people to host events in their cities and towns and serve as ambassadors for our class. We bid you farewell as your class correspondents. **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susanhowell86@verizon.net; and **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net. Send future news updates to: **Holly Isdale** Ryan, Isdale@mac.com; **Lori Spydell** Wagner, loriwagner@wowway.com; **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com.

**87** Hope you've all got your calendars marked for our 25th Reunion, which will run June 7–10, 2012.

**Scott Pesner**, **Melissa Hodes**, and **Mary Bowman** traveled to Ithaca this past June to check out this year's reunion, where they were joined by **Claudia Regen** Johnson and her husband, Scott. They spent the weekend looking at venues, comparing caterers, and seeing what other classes planned. Scott Pesner reports, "We ate our way through Reunion. But it was all for the good of our class." So save the date—and if you're willing to help

with reunion, our chairs Scott, Melissa, and **Debra Howard Stern** will gladly accept your offer! Scott's e-mail is sjp17@cornell.edu. **Rob Goldberg**, who made an appearance in our previous class column, plans to be at the 25th, coming all the way from Hawaii: "Truth is, I don't like leaving Kaua'i, but I'm making an exception for the Big Event. Aloha."

Did anyone catch the Cornell Entrepreneur Network (CEN) webinar "Marketing Your Brand in a Post-Recession Economy," featuring **Beth Hirschhorn**, senior vice president and chief marketing officer of MetLife? Rumor has it she was fantastic. Beth lives with her family in Manhattan. **Susanna Gordon** writes from Oakland, CA, that she is the manager of the systems analytics department at Sandia National Labs. She and spouse **Eli Rotenberg** are busy with a new puppy. Susan notes that her favorite Cornell memory is the annual reading of Handel's *Messiah* in the Riskey dining hall. **Emile Levisetti** currently directs TV. Look for his episodes on "Bones," "Castle," "Lie to Me," and "Army Wives." He reports that he has been doing a lot of cycling with **Kevin Reilly '84** and **Steve McPherson '86**. All three have been participating in triathlons. Emile would love to hear from his freshman year roommate, "Chowds."

**Lynne Raymond** Martin is a stay-at-home mom to Julia, 8, and Molly, 5. She belongs to a community band and is busy attending her daughters' Irish dance competitions and rehearsals. Lynne writes that she and husband Greg recently bought their first house and look forward to the day when they will be "furnishing the house instead of spending all our money on repairs." Good luck, Lynne! **William Herz** (Falls Church, VA) is a vice president of scientific programs at the Fertilizer Inst. He serves on the US Environmental Protection Agency Scientific Advisory Board and has been appointed to the US Dept. of Agriculture's Agricultural Air Quality Task Force.

From Niskayuna, NY, **Jeff Handelman**, MPA '92, writes that he is the deputy director of human resources and administration for the NYS School Boards Association. He's about to finish a two-year term as president of his synagogue, which, he notes, "was about as challenging and rewarding as anything I have ever done." During his free time, Jeff stays busy skiing, camping, and watching his kids play baseball, softball, and lacrosse. **Peter Bernstein** is a lawyer on Long Island, working as a partner at Scully, Scott, Murphy, and Presser PC. He finds some time to coach soccer, baseball, and basketball for his kids Daniel, 15, and Sarah, 13, but notes that these days it's mostly work and no play. Peter gives a shout out to **Steve Jureller**.

We have lots of news from the doctors in our class. **Andy Karanas** is a trauma surgeon in Chesterfield, MO. **Mark Nicoletti** is an emergency medicine physician. **Kirstin Crowe** Certalic (Oak Creek, WI) works part-time in family medicine in an acute care walk-in clinic. Kirstin spends the remainder of her time going on "adventures" with her kids. She misses traveling, but comments that she got a lot of it in before motherhood, which was even better. **David Gruen**, MD '91, is the director of women's imaging for Danbury Health Care Systems and serves on the board of directors for the Susan B. Komen Foundation.

Lastly, I am sorry to share with you the sad news of the passing of **Cheryl Welch** Muller. Cheryl was the founder and sole owner of the Franklin Lakes Animal Hospital in Franklin Lakes, NJ. Her good friend and Alpha Chi Omega sorority sister **Andi Dobin** remembers her this way: "She was PASSIONATE. That's really the best word for her.

She was passionate about her friends, her career, her kids, her animal hospital, her life. She was the one to ask 'Why not?' when a crazy idea got floated. She was infectious. Her father told me that he called it the 'Cheryl Disease.' When you met her, you always wanted to be with her because you knew it would be fun and different. She even took up surfing last summer! For the FIRST TIME. I envied the spirit with which she lived." Beautifully spoken, Andi. Our condolences go to Cheryl's four children and to the rest of her family.

Continue sending us your news through the link on our Class of '87 Web page (<http://classof87.alumni.cornell.edu>), or through our Facebook Group, "Cornell University Class of 1987." ■ **Heidi Heasley Ford**, [hfh6@cornell.edu](mailto:hfh6@cornell.edu); and **Brenna Frazer McGowan**, [bfm26@cornell.edu](mailto:bfm26@cornell.edu).

**88** Hello, fellow '88ers! Last year at this time, I wrote about my wife Ann and me surviving and celebrating our first year of parenthood with our daughter Grace. Well, another year has gone by, and while we are still celebrating, the surviving part has taken on new twists and turns as Grace seems to be trying to fulfill every stereotype of being in the "terrible twos!" Those of you with young children are probably experiencing something similar. Those of you with older children are probably shaking your heads and laughing quietly to yourselves.

Speaking of those with older children (note I only mention that the children are older), I am happy to report that **Brad and Angelica Watson Botkin** have officially completed the cycle of adding a Cornell legacy in their family as their son **Alex '11** graduated from the College of Engineering on May 29, exactly 23 years since the date our class marched into Schoellkopf Field for commencement. Congratulations to Alex, Brad, and Angelica!

Before I start obsessing about how long I have to wait for a similar event, let me turn to news from other classmates keeping young by having some of those younger children. **Jill Lemire** wrote to tell of the birth of her second daughter, Reilly, in September 2010. Jill said that Reilly and her older sister, now 2-1/2, are getting along fine. **Christopher Pearce** sent word that he and wife Molly welcomed their second child, son Benjamin, into their lives on March 21, 2011. "We are thrilled to be parents again, but it's a challenge when you already have an active 3-1/2-year-old at home." (I think I hear that quiet laughter again.) Chris and family live in Alexandria, VA, where Chris is a government relations manager with S.C. Johnson & Son.

Okay, let's move beyond the news of children, older or younger. There were quite a few classmates with interesting career news to report. **Steve Labows** wrote in about the "twists and turns" of his career in the US Navy over the past few years. Between 2006 and 2009, Steven was the lead test pilot for the Navy H-60 Helicopter Test Team at Patuxent River, MD. That tour was interrupted by a year in Baghdad, where he was the executive officer for the Army General responsible for logistics in the Iraq Theater of Operations, where he worked directly with Iraqi and Coalition forces on many infrastructure rebuilding efforts. Upon returning home, Steven was promoted to captain and has taken command of the defense contract management agency office at the Boeing helicopter plant in Philadelphia. This has given him and his wife, Emily, the chance "to return to

their Philly roots" after 25 years and allow them and their four kids to hopefully stay put for a while after 11 Navy moves in 22 years.

A little further to the south, **George Frangos** sent word that he has opened Farm Burger in Decatur, GA. They raise all their own grass-fed cows and heritage pigs on their farms in Georgia. George says that "it's amazing to bring farm to table to a \$6 burger rather than a \$50 meal." You can learn more about Farm Burger at [www.farmburger.net](http://www.farmburger.net). Continuing down the eastern seaboard, **Mark Tamis** sent word from Miami Beach, FL, that he has an amazing new career as SVP of guest operations for Carnival Cruise Lines; he oversees dining, entertainment, housekeeping, and guest services for all 23 ships in the fleet, including the *Carnival Magic* launched in May of this year in Venice, Italy. Mark and wife Amanda celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in November 2010 on the island of St. Bart's. Congratulations to you both! Mark also mentioned that he and his kids—Harry, Ricky, and Isabella—look forward to Thanksgiving every year when they continue to bring [www.dadsforgiving.org](http://www.dadsforgiving.org) to life in service of their local communities.

Another classmate engaged in community service is **Karen Luludis Gundrum**. Karen is a veterinarian living in Ocean Isle, NC, who, with husband David, also owns and operates a family restaurant named Roberto's. They have a "Team Roberto's" that works on fundraising for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" program. Another '88er in Miami is **Andrew Levi**, a former federal prosecutor who has joined the international investigative firm Nardello and Co., opening their new office in Miami. Andrew is an accomplished trial lawyer and financial investigator who has prosecuted a number of large-scale securities, banking, and tax fraud cases.

**Jennifer Lee** Chandler has been a faculty member of the Canterbury School in Milford, CT, since 1993. Jennifer teaches chemistry and coaches girls' soccer and boys' squash. She played squash at Cornell for all four years and says she still loves sports including hiking, yoga, running, cycling, and working with her own children and others to learn sports. On the international front, **Raphael Kassin** is an investment manager living near Zurich, Switzerland. He spends a lot of time traveling between London, Dubai, Brazil, and Turkey. He keeps in touch with a few Cornell friends, but finds it challenging as "people live everywhere and far away." Raphael wrote, "There is nothing like school life at Cornell; I really miss it. But the real world is great, too. I find Cornell offered us a very realistic microcosm of the globe and it prepared me well for my career."

Last, but certainly not least, **Merih Dagli-Odonoghue** is a stay-at-home mom of four in Hagerstown, MD, and a physician who plans to return to family practice once her youngest child is in grade school. Merih does a lot of volunteering at her kids' schools, most of it photography related. A few years ago she submitted some photos to the schools for yearbooks and now assembles the grade school yearbook and makes a video yearbook for the preschool. She was even approached to be a wedding photographer once, but turned it down.

Well, that's it for this column. I hope you all enjoy hearing about your classmates' doings all around the country and the world. If you are looking for an online outlet to reunite with other '88ers and happen to use Facebook, please look for and join our class group, Cornell '88 Alumni. A number of classmates were getting reconnected right around reunion time in June. As always, you

can write or e-mail with updates on your lives, work, and families. Until next time, I wish you peace. ■ **Steven Tomaselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu); **Brad Mehl**, [bam62@cornell.edu](mailto:bam62@cornell.edu); and **Sharon Nunan Stemme**, [sen28@cornell.edu](mailto:sen28@cornell.edu).

**89** I've been having fun lately touring colleges with my daughter, and I'm pleased that her vote for the most beautiful campus is still Cornell! Best wishes to all of you who have kids going off to college this fall.

**Karen Weinreich Weiss** has a few years to go, but is thinking already: "My big news is our newly adopted daughter! Lana Hope Weiss was born in November 2010, and although I knew she would bring big changes and lots of joy, I had no idea the extent of each of those. We're enjoying this new diaper and bottle phase, even as some of our classmates celebrate their children's bar mitzvahs and (gulp) even some college applications! We look forward to Lana's first campus visit this June and to her joining our other classmates' children for Reunion 2014. Never too early to start the indoctrination!" **Mark Michael** went to the Cornell vs. Columbia basketball game in NYC with his three children and met **Amy Arthur Samuels '90** and her three children. This has been an annual event for them for the past three years.

**Samantha Berg** updated us on a current passion: "After graduating, I worked as an animal trainer at SeaWorld of Florida in Orlando for three and a half years. I now live in Palmer, AK, where I own and operate an acupuncture center with my husband, **Kevin Meddleton '91**. I have completely changed my mind about marine mammals, especially killer whales, in captivity. I briefly worked with the whale that killed Dawn Brancheau last February, and since that time I have been working to get the word out about orcas in captivity." View an interview with Sam at <http://theorcaproject.wordpress.com>.

**John Stuart**, ME '90, bought a house in Winthrop, ME, in early 2009, and explained that he made this decision "through prayer and consideration of broader purposes than shelter such as hosting meetings, providing for guests, and connecting with community." John works in IT and volunteers with his church, hosting a mid-week Bible study and teaching Sunday school. He enjoys canoeing and camping and living across the street from a lake. He traveled to Australia and Montana to see family and would like to reconnect with **Steve Parks**. From **Erika Ange**: "Our big news is that my family and I (husband **Bernie Sheehan '88**, Zoe, 4, and Max, 2) moved to Rochester, NY (my hometown) in summer 2010. We're missing some things about Washington, DC, but love our new house, the neighborhood, and being so close to family. I telecommute with my parent company, Ingenix, working in government affairs, and Bernie volunteers at the Empire Justice Center while he looks for his next legal opportunity. We got to see **Rachel Hollander** this past November in NYC. I've spoken to **Carol Borack** Copenhaver—she, Chris, and the kids (Bryn, Ryan, and Addison) are all doing well outside Asheville, NC. We've also run into **Jeff Hirschberg**, whose youngest son attends the same daycare program as our kids. Small world."

**Leslie Feifer** Rice hasn't moved lately, but she and her husband, Kenneth, have been fixing up the home they bought six years ago in Oceanside, NY. They love their new bathroom and kitchen;

next up is a new fence and front and back doors. The Rices adopted Maggie Moo, a 3-year-old pit bull mix, last summer. Leslie enjoys serving as a CAAAN ambassador and participating in the Long Island alumni chapter of Delta Delta Delta. **Alex Martin** has settled down in Princeton, NJ, with his wife, Maria, and their four children. He keeps in touch with **Nathan Andrew**, an ER physician who lives outside of Boise, ID, with his wife, Janet, and their three children. Say hello if you're passing through Princeton or Boise! **Kim Bradley** White wrote from Great Falls, VA: "My husband and I have children Gabrielle, 14, Pierson, 9, and Aidan, 7, and own a financial services and insurance business, Great Falls Insurance Group. I am involved with the business, but mostly focused on my children, volunteering at their schools, PTA, sports, dance, and all other mom duties. I ride horses, run, ski, work out, and do lots of photography of kids, horses, dogs, and nature. I did the Army ten-miler last fall and plan to do more races this year. My daughter and I volunteer at a horseback riding center for disabled kids, which is rewarding. I am a busy mom, but loving every moment!"

**Joseph Tagliente** and **Howard Capek**, MBA '93, manage a private equity real estate company. Their biggest challenge, notes Joseph, is the economy. He stays in touch with his football friends and fraternity brothers and volunteers on the business development committee for his daughter's crew team and with community rowing near their home in Weston, MA. **Matt McGinity** (Sudbury, MA) purchased and renovated a commercial building in Natick for his business, Superlogics Inc. "The business had moved several times as leases expired, so we purchased this building to provide stability for employees, customers, and vendors." Matt remains in close contact with friends of Sigma Nu and their families.

**Amy Pfannenstiel** Bunszel e-mailed back in February: "I celebrated my eight-year anniversary at Autodesk and started a new job as the senior director of the AutoCAD business. I'll move from Oregon to the San Francisco Bay Area with my husband, Chris, and kids Renee, 11, and Nolan, 9. California sunshine, here we come! There are lots of Cornellians at Autodesk and I'll be working more closely now with **Brian Mathews**. In other fun news, my team here in Oregon built an iPad app called Tinkerbox, designed to get kids interested in inventions and physics. As I write this, it is the number one free game on the App Store and we've had more than 250,000 downloads in less than a week. It is incredible how things spread like wildfire these days." **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89\_news@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, kal20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

**90** Konnichiwa from Kobe, classmates! We Cornellians in Japan sincerely appreciate your continued good wishes and support following the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami in the Tohoku region. I was in Washington, DC, that morning, visiting with fellow Asian Studies alumna **Tracy Taylor** and her family before her State Dept. re-assignment to Laos. Despite worldwide worries about a possible nuclear disaster in Fukushima and a last-minute precautionary flight cancellation by the airlines, I managed to return to Kobe as scheduled on March 20. Since then, I've done what I could, including sending two

cases of my niece's Girl Scout cookies to Ishinomaki, one of the hardest hit areas.

The annual general meeting and dinner of the Cornell Club of Japan was postponed from April to May and turned into a Big Red fundraiser for disaster relief. It was great to catch up with **Kavin Bloomer**, MPS '90, and **Kenichi Kiriya**, MPS '90, at the Tokyo gathering, where one million yen in donations from alumni throughout Japan—and about half of the event's participation fees—were collected for an educational fund for orphans of the tragedy. **Andrew Hazelton** moved back to the US from Japan with his family last December, but was in Korea when the earthquake occurred and flew to Tokyo the next day. He reported, "My only inconvenience was a cold shower. I moved to Nagoya for business and stayed there the rest of the week. I'm back in Tokyo and I am the only foreigner in Shinagawa. Very odd feeling."

On a lighter note, the highlight of my visit home to L.A. was "Early Evening with David Skorton," a magical event at Fox Studios, complete with replicas of Ezra and Andy, the dragon, and Johnny's Hot Truck! **Kevin Reilly** '84, president of Fox Entertainment, presented Dr. Skorton with signed "Glee" memorabilia from **Jane Lynch**, MFA '84, who was a scheduled guest on the "Tonight Show," but joined us via humorous video clip. Longtime Cornell Club of L.A. volunteer webmaster **Yasmin Salas** Green was also among the 450 alumni on hand for the Big Red festivities out west.

Speaking of volunteers, the Class of 1990 is quite active in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). Receiving around 36,400 applications for the Class of 2015, Cornell was the most popular of the Ivy League schools this year. **Haruka Yamashita** serves as Northern California CAAAN chair, while I am co-chair for CAAAN Japan. **Josh Wright** in Boston wrote to say, "My wife, **Lisa Bumbalo**, and I have three great kids who all aspire to be Cornellians someday. I have been meeting applicants for a few years; it is fun and easy to do." **Suzy Schwam** Tomasseti (Jupiter, FL) found time to speak with four prospective freshmen, adding that it "brings back great Cornell memories!" Suzy and husband Joe spend part of each summer in Kennebunkport, ME, with their children Joey, 5, and Marisa, 14. Another volunteer group with plenty of Class of 1990 representation is the Cornell University Council, chaired by **Mitch Lee**, JD '96, which helps make the opinions of alumni, parents, and friends heard in the Cornell administration's strategic planning. Classmates serving on the Council are **Ivan Brockman**, **Tavora Leitman** Buchman, **John Cayer**, **Michael Karangelen**, **Michael Kim**, **Charles Lynch**, MBA '95, **Kevin McManus**, **Doug Onsi**, **David Pollin**, **Jay Shah**, and **Samir Somaiya**, MS '92, MBA '93. If you would like to reconnect to Cornell as an alumni volunteer and are looking for ways to help, please contact Laura Denbow, senior director of volunteer programs (laura.denbow@cornell.edu or 607-254-7253).

NYC resident **Colleen O'Neal** made a difference in Southeast Asia while on a yearlong Fulbright scholarship in Malaysia, teaching clinical psychology and researching urban refugee children's mental health issues. She writes, "There are highlights, although it's tough to weed through them all. They center around: 1) our children as our best ambassadors to Asia; 2) following the refugee trail through Burma, Thailand, and Malaysia; and 3) studying trauma among refugee kids in Malaysia and going through our own mild version due to an overnight gas explosion in a neighboring apartment

building. The story always ends with resilience, through a love of learning in school." Hope Colleen and her family have recovered from the scary experience through their many cultural experiences and colorful travels in the region.

Healing words of wisdom come from **Catherine Park** Alleva (Placitas, NM), who works as Web development technical task lead at Indian Health Services. She and her husband are raising their adopted Korean sons Alex, 4, and Kai, 2. "I've discovered the joys of yoga, which help me stay grounded and present during a time of constant and radical change. The practice of looking for oneself internally instead of in one's thoughts, whether they are analytical thoughts about the past or fears of the future, becomes critical with children since they are very much present and need their parents to be as well. So this is my current path—to be as present, conscious, and aware as I can be and lead with the heart."

It is hard to believe that ten years has passed since 9/11 and the terrible events of that day. As we pause to remember the innocent and heroic lives that were lost and the families that were left behind, may we all remember to lead with our hearts and try to make the world around us a better place for everyone. **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu.

**91** From June 9 through June 12, members of the Class of 1991 took a break from their normal routines to return to Cornell for our 20th Reunion. As in years past, Reunion provided classmates with a wonderful opportunity to remember the good times we shared as students and to reflect on our lives over the years since we left the Hill. We marveled at how much has changed on campus since our graduation and at how much has remained blissfully the same. During the weekend, classmates enjoyed a Friday night barbecue next to Beebe Lake, Saturday night dinner at Barton Hall, breakfasts under a tent next to Mary Donlon Hall, Cornelliana Night at the renovated Bailey Hall, the Reunion Run, the Fun-in-the-Sun family carnival on the Arts Quad, bird walks at Sapsucker Woods, zip-lining over the gorge behind Beebe lake, tent parties on the Arts Quad, receptions at fraternities and sororities, a cappella groups, Finger Lakes wines, the Ithaca Farmers' Market, cocktails in Collegetown, buffalo wings at Napoli's, deep dish pizza at the Nines, Pinesburgers at the Glenwood Pines (now offered with bacon!), Hot Truck, and countless other activities. Most significantly, classmates lingered in dorm rooms, lounges, stairways, and quads, catching up and sharing memories with old friends and making new friends and creating new memories.

For the fourth time in four reunions, the Class of '91 broke the all-time university record for number of classmates in attendance. 441 members of our class returned, including 63 first-time reunion attendees. The previous record for a 20th Reunion class was 416, so we set a new record that should be hard to beat. Taking into account family members and friends, the Class of 1991 boasted 809 registered attendees, more than any other 2011 Reunion class. Classmates and their families were spotted all over campus and across Ithaca wearing the fabulous red and white tie-dye Cornell T-shirts that reunion co-chair **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, designed. Other classes appeared envious of our numbers, energy, and shirts—and with good reason.

Reunion co-chairs Jeff Weintraub and **Dorine Colabella** and class president **Bob Baca** each put forth a tremendous effort to make Reunion a smashing success. Their tireless dedication, attention to detail, and non-stop good cheer were instrumental in making the weekend so memorable. Not only did these three officers work hard planning the reunion throughout the prior 13 months, they were busy all weekend attending to last-minute details and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. We are so lucky to have such dedicated officers, and we thank them for all they have done over the past 20 years and for what they have signed up to do for the next five years.

Not only did we have a record-breaking number of classmates at Reunion, they came from all over the world! People returned to Cornell from Washington, DC, 34 states (including Hawaii), Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Russia, Switzerland, Indonesia, and Kenya! **Jerry Ray** arrived as a non-preregistered walk-in, having been traveling the world—most recently in Japan. **Michelle Gilardi** came all the way from Kenya, where she is a hospitality consultant. **Geoffrey Moscowitz** traveled from Moscow, Russia, where he is continuing his quest to ensure that capitalism flourishes in the former Soviet Republic, running his own industrial and business cleaning business. **Ivan Arzola** came from Puerto Rico, where he works as an engineer for a local company. Ivan brought his wife, daughter, and parents to Reunion, and they were looking forward to spending the following week traveling the Northeast, ending in Washington, DC.

**Deborah Best**, an attorney in Seattle, WA, flew to Toronto, where she met up with **Catherine Kim Kumaradas '92**. After enjoying some much-needed girl bonding spa time in Toronto, Catherine and Deborah piled into the “swagger wagon” and drove to Ithaca. **Ernie Joynt** traveled from Denver, CO, where he works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. At NOAA, Ernie is responsible for global IT projects regarding the collection of data on natural hazards such as tsunamis. He claims that he does not in fact control the weather, but the twinkle in his eye suggests otherwise.

Many classmates enjoyed seeing class-favorite band Rock N Roll Chowder reunite to play at the Nines. The band includes **Teige Carroll**, **Noah Kornblum**, **Mark Weigel**, and **Jeff Webb**, as well as **Matt Kane '90**. According to **Sharlyn Carter** Heselam, who was at the show, the guys were amazing, and when the crowd cried for an encore, **Ruth Ann Keene**, JD '98, said, “If they stop playing, I’ll have to open my eyes and be old again.” Luckily they played one more song and the audience was able to be 20 years old for a little bit longer. We hope the band will return to play for the class at our 25th Reunion!

Just weeks after the news wires announced that **David Einhorn** had entered into exclusive negotiations to buy a minority stake of the New York Mets, David and **Cheryl (Strauss)** joined the class at Reunion. David proudly wore a Mets cap to dinner Saturday night and enjoyed hearing people’s ideas on what can be done to turn the

team around. On behalf of all Mets fans in our class, here’s hoping David can share some of his Midas touch that has made him so successful on Wall Street with the Mets. Please, David, we want meaningful October baseball in Flushing! **Jennifer Leeds** and **Robert Hess** came to Reunion with their sons Jaden, 13, and Max, 10, from Arlington, MA, where Jennifer works for Novartis Pharmaceuticals as an executive director of antibacterial discovery and Robert is a patent attorney at a boutique intellectual property law firm. Jennifer and Robert were looking forward to moving to the San Francisco area during the summer, where Jennifer will continue to work for Novartis. Jennifer and Robert would love to hear from other classmates in the Bay Area.

**Kim Rugala** LaFontana sent news almost immediately upon returning home, reporting that she had a fantastic trip to Ithaca. “It was an amazing chance to catch up with friends—old and new—and to stay up much too late. My freshman year roommate Ruth Anne Keene and I wondered at how at-home we still feel in Ithaca after all these years.” Kim is managing director at the Advisory Board Co., and spends her “free time” chasing her two little girls to ballet class, T-ball, soccer, gymnastics, and preschool. Also upon returning home, **Stacey Ries**, DVM '95, posted on the Cornell91 Facebook page: “Can’t believe I missed the previous reunions! What was I thinking!? Thanks to all the organizers and the student help. Wonderful time and such great memories.” Finally, although he was not at Reunion, special congratulations go out to

**John Tillman**, head coach of the U. of Maryland’s men’s lacrosse team. In his first year as head coach, John brought his team all the way to the NCAA championship game. John previously served as head coach of the Harvard U. men’s lacrosse team.

After five wonderful years writing about the Class of 1991, this is my final column. Kathy, Shar, and I have enjoyed sharing your news with the Cornell community, and we now hand over the reins to a new trio of writers. Thank you to Kathy and Shar for being such great co-correspondents! ✉ **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, [ams14@cornell.edu](mailto:ams14@cornell.edu). Our new correspondents: **Wendy Milks**, [wmilks@maine.rr.com](mailto:wmilks@maine.rr.com); **Tom Greenberg**, [twg22@cornell.edu](mailto:twg22@cornell.edu); and **Charles Wu**, [ccwu@mac.com](mailto:ccwu@mac.com).

**92** Now that the Summer Solstice has passed, and a colorful autumn is waiting to emerge, read on to find out what our class has been up to! **Amy Bonsall** Harry and husband Lance have been busy taking their 6-year-old son to all of his newly found activities—hockey, karate, swimming, and baseball. Amy and her family moved back to Massachusetts in October 2010, and she is an enrollment counselor for Bright Horizons Family Solutions. She is responsible for helping families through the childcare research and enrollment process. **Meghan Degolyer Hauser** writes that husband **Rick**—who is the owner of In.Site Architecture—

## ¡Hola!

### Alexandra Migoya '93

When Alexandra Migoya was looking for an after-school Spanish program for her two daughters in their home city of Washington, D.C., she was disappointed with what she found. “Many Spanish teachers these days are using a lot of slang, a lot of Anglicisms,” says Migoya, a former corporate lawyer who majored in the language on the Hill. “I visited one class where the teacher used *troca* for ‘truck’ instead of *camión*, and I was like, are you kidding me? That is not what Spanish is. This is the language of Cervantes, of Gabriel García Márquez.”

After her search for the perfect program proved futile, Migoya and a friend decided to start their own. Opened in 2009, Isabella & Ferdinand Spanish Language Adventures offers classes after school and on weekends for students aged one to ten, all taught by native speakers. Some sessions are geared toward bilingual children, while others cater to kids who are new to Spanish.

Migoya and her partner created the school’s curriculum, in which music features prominently. In April, the school released *Olé & Play*, a CD of thirteen original songs on topics from Pablo Picasso to *Don Quixote*. “Using music in the classroom allows students not only to learn proper pronunciation,” says Migoya, the daughter of a Spanish father and a Dominican mother, “but is also a great way to teach about culture.” The school’s ultimate goal, she says, is to show children the richness of Spanish and Latin American language and heritage—and not just the obvious, Americanized variety. “When a lot of teachers teach culture, they focus on food,” says Migoya. “My joke to the teachers is, ‘If you can teach Mexico and never once use the word taco, I will be infinitely grateful.’”

— Adrienne Zable '11



has just opened another office in Geneva, NY, in addition to the main office located in Perry, NY. Rick is currently working on a Center Valbio project in Madagascar, which is scheduled to be completed in 2012. Congrats, Rick! Meghan is a dairy farmer who has participated in the Perry Farmers' Market for the past ten years. She has also been the Summer Arts Series organizer in Perry, as well as the organizer for the Perry Chalk Art Festival.

**Sean Nolan** and wife Andrea are residing and raising their children in Norwich, VT. Sean is a professor at the Vermont Law School and has been enjoying hiking, skiing, and yoga in his downtime. You can check out his latest happenings on his blog, [www.seannolan.com](http://www.seannolan.com)! **Karen Usselman** lives in Delaware with her husband, Jeff, and their daughters. When not busy being a veterinarian, Karen spends her time raising her teenagers and volunteering at the girls' school, as well as the local veterinary association. What would she like to be doing right now? Traveling! Sounds good to me too! **Daniel Domenech** and wife Nikki have been very busy raising their five children in Allentown, NJ. In addition to being a parent, Daniel is currently the VP of human resources at American Express and is very active with the Allentown Presbyterian Church. He also manages to be a Little League baseball coach! Daniel, hats off to you with all of your endeavors!

**Bill Haveron** lives in Wilmette, IL, with wife Megan and writes that he is currently an account director at Ogilvy Action Marketing/Advertising Agency in Chicago. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching his 7-year-old daughter Amelia's soccer team, as well as running marathons. Bill tells us he has run in the Boston, Chicago, and New York marathons! **Beth Yancey** Storiz is a creative process design consultant at Ideas To Go in Morristown, NJ, where she designs and facilitates innovative sessions for Fortune 500 companies. She is also very active in soccer and baseball with her 7- and 10-year-old sons. **Dan Tomaselli** works part-time in corporate financial planning at Foradori Partners LLC in Norwalk, CT. He is also an individual investment advisor. He says that he enjoys the challenges of mortgage refinancing.

**Matthew Shaw** (Tully, NY) is a landscape architect. In his downtime he likes getting outdoors, skiing, and art. **Ellen Huang** writes that she is enjoying time with her identical twin boys, Maxwell and Theodore, who turned 1 this past June. **Erik Harris**, MHA '92, and wife Marni live in Franklin, TN, where Erik is the director of reimbursement at BioMimetic Therapeutics. **Jessica Ingram**-Bellamy received special Congressional recognition from Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) in March 2011 in appreciation of her commitment to strengthening our nation. She was recognized as a successful NYC woman entrepreneur as part of Women's History Month. Jessica heads up her own boutique civic and social issues advocacy and marketing firm. She also advises nonprofits on competitive branding, positioning, and communications strategies. Congratulatory, Jessica! That's all for now, folks! ☐ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu); **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Megan Fee** Torrance, [mtorrance@torrancelearning.com](mailto:mtorrance@torrancelearning.com).

**93** Happy fall, fellow classmates! I hope that your summer was fun and rejuvenating, and you look forward to getting back into everything that this new season brings. A hearty thank you to those who sent news. We are grateful that you have

made our Class Notes more interesting and informative. To those of you who are holding back, please consider joining in by sending an update of any kind. Our addresses are below. Speaking of news, let's jump right in.

**Kim Azzarelli**, JD '97, published a fascinating article with former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The article discusses how supporting female judges around the world benefits everyone. Analyzing research from both the World Bank and the private sector, the authors reveal how investing in women and girls at the bottom of the social and economic pyramid boosts the economies of the societies in which they live. The authors maintain that, in order for the positive results to stick, women and girls must have equal access to justice and basic human rights and protections. The article was published in the *Cornell Int'l Law Journal*. Kim is the Newsweek Daily Beast Co.'s VP of new business ventures and the managing director of Women in the World. She's also co-founder and chair of the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School.

**Jane Chen** Chin has also become a published author. She has published three books: *Practical Leadership for Pharmaceutical Executives*, PhD [alternative] *Career Clinic*, and *The Youngest Light*. Her Amazon author page is [www.janechin.com](http://www.janechin.com)/amazon. Another published author, **Michael Tino** has written a chapter in the book *Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists*. Michael serves as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester, in Mount Kisco, NY. His congregation was honored with a national award for congregational growth. New Medici, **Adrian Sexton's** media strategy company, has also been recognized nationally—by winning the British Airways/*Harvard Business Review* "Face of Opportunity" entrepreneurial award. New Medici works with studios, consumer brands, and social media startups on a go-to-market basis. It models new digital businesses, providing product strategy, social marketing, and distribution.

Several classmates have started new jobs and/or relocated. **Lee James** has become the new medical director in oncology at Pfizer Inc. **Jeffrey Hammer** has joined the MITRE Corp., providing management consulting in the federal sector. **Peter Savage** moved to Sanibel Island, FL, and opened Sanibel Island Gear, a retail store offering high-end sunglasses, clothing, cigars, and beach gear. **Samantha Hardaway** has relocated to London, where she is associate general counsel, EMEA for Taleo Corp. **R. Andrew Sewell** bought a house in West Haven, CT, and has been promoted to associate research scientist at Yale U. School of Medicine. **Hans Maentz** moved to a new house in aptly named Cornell, CA, and was promoted to senior VP of private wealth management at Morgan Stanley. **David Sims** has become a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Mission, KS, a suburb of Kansas City.

**Jason Ellen Kim** Lee moved to Westchester County, NY, to be closer to family. **Stefan Greenberg** moved to Greenwich, CT, after living in NYC for 16 years. He and his wife welcomed twin boys, Luca and Tiago, born March 3, 2011. Stefan is grateful to his brother, **Thomas Greenberg '91**, and his sister-in-law, **Daphne Liu**, for babysitting. **Marc Watkins** and his wife welcomed daughter Annabelle. He and his family live in West Orange, NJ, and Marc runs Rockledge Property Group, a real estate firm based in NYC. Congratulations also to new parents **David Bombard** and wife Adriana, who welcomed daughter Collins Garvick, and **Kristi**

**Coleman**, who had a daughter in March 2011. **Karin Abell** and husband Adam Constabaris welcomed son Emmett Zaphod on July 27, 2010. Lastly, congratulations to **Theresa Flores**, who married **Ike Enahoro '94** on Jan. 29, 2011 in Key West, FL. They re-connected via Facebook in March 2010, and the rest, as they say, is "theirstory."

Every year at this time, I marvel at the changing season and happily think of the beautiful Ithaca autumns. This September brings an exciting change for our family, as our fiery redhead is "finally" starting kindergarten, joining her big brother in elementary school. Happy fall, everyone, happy changes, happy everything. Take care and please share. ☐ **Melissa Hart** Moss, JD '97, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, [ygb1@cornell.edu](mailto:ygb1@cornell.edu); **Melissa Carver** Sottile, [mcsottile@yahoo.com](mailto:mcsottile@yahoo.com).

**94** Let the news begin, as it so often does, with the New Yorkers. **Dana Hagendorf** was thrilled to announce the launch of her new company, Gallant Media Group, a boutique marketing consultancy with a focus on luxury brands. Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group was her first client. Check it out at [www.gallantmediagroup.com](http://www.gallantmediagroup.com). Also in NYC is **Jeffrey Anbinder**, who recently changed fields, switching from law to his former career in higher education development. Wrote Jeffrey, "I'm now senior associate director of major gifts at Barnard College, a lovely 1.3-mile walk from home to campus." **Tom Goldstone** is executive producer of CNN's world affairs show "Fareed Zakaria GPS." In April, when Zakaria gave a lecture at Cornell, Tom joined him in Ithaca to talk to students about his career. "I'm putting my government major to good use!" he wrote.

Former New Yorker **Julian Harker**, who earned an MFA in film production from New York U., is enjoying his adopted city of Los Angeles, where he works in Web development. After a seven-month deployment in Afghanistan, **Peihua Ku** completed a tour in Virginia, where he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the US Navy. In January, he moved to Maryland to start a new assignment. From family-friendly Ann Arbor, MI, **Susan Bryan** and **Stephen Hsieh** checked in to announce the birth of their first child, Hamilton. Wrote Susan, "I don't know how I waited so long to do this (I was 40 at the birth), but I should have done it sooner! Kudos to all of the parents out there who raise kids. It is a whole other world. We're late, but we're procreating!" She reported that **Leo Yen** is also a new parent; he and wife Song just had their first child, Rand.

From **Kaila Colbin**: "Lots of excitement going on! At home in Christchurch, New Zealand, we got hit by a massive earthquake in February, so things are pretty insane down there. I gave a talk about the quake and the incredible opportunity that it represents for Christchurch; it led to me running TEDxEQCh in May; it was a hugely successful event that I hope will have a big impact on the future of the city! Meanwhile, our startup virtual world MiniMonos.com was one of ten companies selected (from more than 230) for the Springboard venture accelerator in Cambridge, England, for three months, so I'm hanging out in the UK through July." In February, Kaila met up with **Michelle Connolly** Campagna and Michelle's kids: new baby Carmen and son Oscar. She also spent time with **Nilay Shah** in NYC in June and **Ben Shunfenthal '06** in New Zealand.

We got a fun update from **Margot Vigeant**. "My big Cornell news is that my youngest brother, **Mark Vigeant '11**, is now also a proud Cornell alum! He joins me and my husband, **Steve Stumbrils**, in the Cornellian family." At Mark's graduation, the revelers restaged a family photo that they took 17 years earlier at Margot's commencement. Mark shared a link to the photo on the news aggregator Reddit, where the whimsical image drew over half a million hits.

For Margot and Steve's sons Gabe, 9, and Simon, 6 (future Cornellians, no doubt), the highlight of their trip to Ithaca was that hidden gem, the Cornell Brain Collection. Margot is associate dean of the College of Engineering and associate professor of chemical engineering at Bucknell U. In 2010, she took a class to Brazil, and will be accompanying another class to China in 2012. Steve works at the Small Business Development Center, providing engineering design services for small businesses.

As for me, I'm still working as a freelance editor and enjoying my adopted city of Chicago. You'll find my book reviews in the online literary magazine *TheNervousBreakdown.com*, where I also interviewed author Jennifer Egan, this year's winner of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. ■ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, Jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu.

**95** The East Coast has been my home for the majority of my life—except for the brief stint I did in Ann Arbor when I attempted to be a law-school-attending Wolverine. Why I had to move to New Orleans before I was able to attend Book Expo America in NYC shall remain a mystery. I just returned from a week away, where I met many booksellers, publishers, authors, and bloggers, and ate a ridiculous amount of food. Who knew reading could be so fattening and heavy? I shipped home 80-plus pounds of books and such. One of my favorite moments was meeting Tom Angleberger, the author of *The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda*. An intern (or maybe the president of Abrams) dressed as Darth Vader handed me an origami Vader, and I was in geek heaven. While in New York City, I was able to travel to the bowels of Grand Central to consume Magnolia Bakery's red velvet cake with **Mei Mei Lee '96**. We have not seen each other since I graduated; we met in the bowels of Ecology House her freshman year. Apparently, we like to hang out in dark places. Mei Mei is as beautiful and full of energy as I remember.

Speaking of energy, **Brian** and **Caroline Rose** (Dallas, TX) welcomed their fourth child, Gideon Nathaniel, on May 25, 2011. Caroline writes, "Gideon has three, thrilled, big siblings: Cyrus, Nina, and Arden. Here's to a half-dozen Roses!" **Russ Levitan** and wife Sheri Koblenz are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Alana Joan, born on May 26, 2011. Dad says he, his wife, and the new baby are doing well, but "big sister Jamie has no idea" what is happening with the new addition. **Valerie Guilfoyle** Sanders has drawn the line at two kids. She lives in Walnut Creek, CA, with her husband and "awesome kids Riley and Claire." Valerie works in IT security, but I hope she still has time to do some theater! If any Alpha Phi sisters are headed to the Bay Area, please look her up.

**Adam Capes** and **Philip Mekelburg '91** founded Atlanta-based Equity Estates ([www.equityestatesfund.com](http://www.equityestatesfund.com)). Jordan Blakesley, who provides public relations for the company, notes, "Equity Estates is

the country's largest and fastest-growing luxury residence fund." A luxury-residence fund "is designed to offer spectacular vacations in addition to real estate investment opportunities. Membership is structured as an equity interest in the fund that owns the vacation homes and offers use of these residences, in addition to appreciation when the homes are sold." Despite the gasping-for-air economy, "Adam and Philip have managed to grow Equity Estates by more than 50 percent, year-over-year. They constantly travel the world looking at multi-million dollar homes for the fund." Adam has been married for 11 years to Rachelle Gross from Atlanta and has children Chloe and Aidan. Since Equity Estates has two residences in NYC, Adam is there all the time and loves to reconnect with other Cornell alumni.

**Mary Alice Lee**, director of the New York City Playground Program, writes, "My organization, the Trust for Public Land, holds planting days at schoolyards that we have renovated in NYC. (We transform asphalt schoolyards into community parks and gardens.) Generally, the people who volunteer are students from the school and residents from the neighborhood. People can always go to [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org) for more information." A fellow vegetarian, Mary Alice attended a vegan barbeque Memorial Day Weekend. Sign me up for next year! **Jack Hayes** recently spent some time with **Patrick** and **Angela Ruggieri Omilian '97**. They went on a wine tour in our old stomping grounds. I plan on hopping in my invisible jet next time to join them. Anyone else? Jack keeps busy parenting his little girl, while Angela and Pat have a daughter and son. I hear man-to-man defense works well in parenting; zone is a bit tougher.

The gaggle of crazies (Patrick Omilian, **Tom Hughes**, **Jeff Kline**, **Eric Krug**, and **Janice Siegford**) that I lived with or near during my time at Cornell plans a mini-reunion before our 20th (in 2015, people). We hope to rent a house along the water. Janice claims she does not actually want to see any of us; she just wants to be able to shout, "Living on the lake," a popular catchphrase in our day. If you have ideas about our 20th Reunion, don't hesitate to contact us. Remember, we have a class website (<http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>) and a Facebook page (search for "Cornell Class of 1995"). ■ **Veronica K. Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com; **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu.

**96** I have three children, ages 7, 8, and 10, the time in life when all poetry assignment roads invariably lead to an acrostics poem. I've caught the bug. For your consideration, here is an accounting of the June 2011 Reunion Weekend spent far above *Cayuga's Waters*.

C is for **Carlton Griffin**, who, along with fellow reunion co-chair **Jennifer Lagnado**, MAT '97, worked endless hours to coordinate a successful Reunion Weekend and expressed thanks to all who attended.

A is for the *Alumni Affairs* team at Cornell, who did their typically spectacular job in organizing an interesting and eclectic mix of events that were expertly run and very well received.

Y is for fans of the 1983 Barbra Streisand movie *Yentl*, at least one of whom must have been among the group of 331 alumni, family, and friends who attended our 15th Reunion. The group missed setting a record for classmember headcount, but it was a great turnout and an

impressive feat considering the typically unpredictable Ithaca weather.

U is for the *unhappy* classmates who did not arrive at class headquarters on Thursday in time to enjoy the culinary bounty delivered courtesy of Hot Truck.

G is for the *gala* on Friday night at the Johnson Art Museum, attended by more than 177 Class of 1996 alumni and their families. The event included an address from President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes, who joked about his retirement and having left the Class of 1996 early and missed our commencement. It was a wonderful evening, and many classmates sought out Pres. Rhodes for photos following his remarks.

A is for the impressive *athleticism* shown by more than 150 alumni and guests who competed Saturday morning in a five-mile race from Barton Hall's historic entrance through the Cornell Plantations and back to Lynah Rink. Among the list of finishers was **Liam O'Mahony**, who placed 25th out of more than 80 runners.

S is for *Saturday* afternoon, when Touchdown the Bear made an appearance at Fun in the Sun. More appropriately/cynically known as Blast in the Overcast, this family-friendly event attracted hordes of kid-toting alumni of the classes of '86, '91, '96, and '01, and included a dance contest, face painting, water balloons, bounce house, and ice cream. The dark clouds were menacing, but the actual rain held off until the very end, when most of the kids (and some of the parents) were exhausted, full of junk food, and ready to take a nap anyway.

W is for the *woodsmoked* barbeque that was served Saturday evening at the class photo, class meeting, and dinner event on Saturday evening. The festivities were set up under and around a tent erected on the shores of Beebe Lake.

A is for **Andrea Van Shoick**, class co-president, who thanked the Class Council for five years of great work, thanked all who were in attendance, and recognized deceased classmates by reading their names and asking for a moment of silence in their honor. Distinguished members of Cornell Alumni Affairs team—Pat Burns, Tina Gourley, and **Cathy Hogan '70**—were also thanked for their tireless efforts and presented with tokens of appreciation.

T is for *tipping* out of a canoe, which is exactly what happened to class co-president **Krishna Collier** when one of our class clerks stood up at an inopportune moment on Saturday night while navigating around Beebe Lake.

E is for *enthusiasm* shown by and toward the 1996 Class Council slate, which was voted unanimously into five-year terms at Saturday's class meeting. 2011-16 class officers are: **Andrea Van Shoick** and **Alexi Clinton** (co-presidents); **Dave Caleca** (treasurer and VP membership); **Stephanie Cockerl** (nominations chair); **Carlton Griffin** (reunion co-chair); **Ron Johnstone**, **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, and **Liam O'Mahony** (class correspondents); **Nicholas Grego** (Web communications chair); and **Krishna Collier**, **Jonelle Bradshaw** de Hernandez, **Katrina James**, and **Jennifer Lagnado** (at-large Class Council members). Still available for the taking are the following positions: reunion co-chair; reunion registration chair; VP affinity; and class historian/communications. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact **Stephanie Cockerl** at [smc5@cornell.edu](mailto:smc5@cornell.edu).

R is for the *representative* of the Cornell Environmental Health & Safety department who cajoled '96 alums to relocate the party indoors to the class HQ after the rains returned following the

class meeting. By that time, of course, many attendees were too deep in the celebratory mood to notice either the drizzle or the mandated transfer to sheltered environs.

S is for the live *stream* in Kennedy Hall that was necessary to accommodate the masses of people who were turned away from a jam-packed Bailey Hall for Cornelliana Night, held late Saturday night. Always a popular cap to Reunion Weekend, the gala included performances by the Alumnae Chorus and the Alumni Glee Club of songs of Cornell. The undeniable highlight of the show was when the Alumni Glee Club serenaded two female members of the Class of 1931 seated in the front row, who were in town for their 80th (yes, 80th) Reunion. After festivities ended at Bailey Hall, a robust crowd made its way back to the Arts Quad for a late night of cocktails, dancing, storytelling, and catching up.

Robert Frost I'm not. Best wishes for a wonderful rest of 2011! ☐ **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** It's hard to believe (or maybe I am just in denial) that 15 years ago we were embarking on our senior year on the Hill. What was happening 15 years ago? In October 1996, Hunter Rawlings was entering his second year as president of the university and the men's hockey team was coming off an ECAC championship over Harvard during 1995–96 and headed to another. What else do you remember? We would love to spend the next few columns remembering some of the fun times had by our class during that year, so send in your memories.

We've received updates from all over the globe, including Geneva, Switzerland, where **MC Gasco-Buisson** has relocated with her husband following a promotion to associate marketing director (for prestige fragrances) at Procter & Gamble. MC shares that they love European living! Also in the marketing arena is **Josh Grossman**, who is the head of marketing for SavingStar. His company has launched as the only national paperless coupon service by linking the eCoupons you select on SavingStar.com (or on your smartphone) to your local store's loyalty cards. Josh mentioned that the company works with more than 100 chains, including a Cornell favorite, Wegmans. Josh was kind enough to let me know that my favorite local chain was also included!

Returning to his ILR roots, **Eric Saidel** now directs human resources for Easton Associates, a consulting firm offering strategic business advice for life science companies; they have offices in New York, London, and Beijing. Eric mentioned that he had a chance to catch up with **Sean Cutler**, who was passing through NYC on business. Eric is already planning to be back on campus for reunion next summer. See you there! Class Council member **Donell Hicks** has become the president of the Cornell Club of Greater Miami and the Florida Keys. Make sure to contact him to get involved if you live in the area. Thanks for representing the Class of '97, Donell. **Josh Carter** was admitted to the partnership at PricewaterhouseCoopers, effective July 2011. When not busy traveling for work, he is enjoying spending time with his wife (that's me!) and his three crazy kids. Congrats to all our classmates on their successes.

**Michelle McKee** Cubbon and husband James are excited to share the news of future Cornellians

joining their family. Noah Joseph and Alexandria Lee celebrated their first birthday this past spring in the company of future classmates Jackson and Anne Wallace (and their parents **Scott** and **Kathryn Boniti Wallace**) and Braden Mitchell (with parents Brian and **Kelly Patel** Mitchell). The twins' circle of friends also includes Maxwell and Zoe Campbell, children of Magnus and **Cheryl Tourney** Campbell. **Jill Dash** and husband Jerome Brown welcomed daughter Maya Greer to their family in November 2010. Welcome to all the future Cornellians!

Perhaps as you read this column you are thinking to yourself, "How can I get involved with Cornell now that it has been almost 15 years since

Sheezea Deba, also in the Garden State, earned the title of "Favorite Aunt" by traveling to be with both her brother on Long Island and her sister in Florida, when it came to delivery time. She is the proud aunt of Adam, Hanna, and Maxwell; they have a ball when they are together. Maxwell James Yerrakadu is the son of Sheezea's twin sister, **Shazeeda Bacchus Yerrakadu** and husband **Stephen**. The families will celebrate Maxwell's first birthday in August. Congratulations on becoming parents, Shazeeda and Stephen! In other baby news, **Syeda Ali** and husband Yousuf welcomed their daughter, Inayah, in February 2011. Big brother Ibrahim is excited to have a little sister.

‘We transform asphalt schoolyards into community parks and gardens.’

Mary Alice Lee '95

I graduated?" Well, I have the answer: contact **Marika Bradford Toothaker** at mjb11@cornell.edu. Marika has been working in Alumni Affairs and Development for Cornell almost since graduation. She encourages anyone with questions about how to give to or get involved with Cornell to contact her. She and husband **Tom** live in Fairfield, CT, where Tom is a neurologist. Daughter Susanna is 4 and is getting used to being a big sister; her little brother, William, was born in May 2011. **Pamela Tan** relocated to Ithaca in June to become director of admissions for CALS. She says the most bizarre part is retracing some of her old steps and realizing that the last time she walked that path she was most likely listening to a mix tape on her Walkman (and perhaps wearing flannel!)

Thanks again for all your replies to the e-mail request. If you haven't sent something in yet, please do. We'd love to hear from you! ☐ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** I'm writing this column in June, and to me, summertime has always been an opportunity to step back and reflect on recent events or even an academic year, especially when I was in school. Maybe it was the summer heat that seemed to slow things down, but whatever the case, if you find yourself slowing down a bit—enjoy the moment! Smell the roses! Reflect and share your latest news with us! We'd love to hear from you like we've heard from these fellow Class of '98 members.

**Linda Obasi** hosted a private catered event back in March to screen her film, *Overseas*, a story about a woman discovering her family's past to embrace her cultural identity. The special evening marked the premiere viewing of Linda's labor of love. Invited guests included me, **David Haro** and wife Patty, **Sheezea Bacchus** Deba and husband Ravi, and **Tawana Bean**. Linda and her family orchestrated a wonderful time for all. Look for her film at a film festival near you! David Haro has no complaints. He and Patty are balancing work life and home life just fine. He was recently promoted to manager of sales engineering at 24/7 Real Media while Patty is a chemist at Coty. Together, they are parents to adorable Jonas, 3, and baby Liam. The family lives in New Jersey.

Definitely future Cornellians in the making!

That's all for now, but please send us your news so we'll have more to share next time! Keep the news coming to: ☐ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu; or **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu.

**99** I recently had the chance to catch up with **Paul Arnold** (paul.arnold@rosewoodhotels.com), a former 221 Eddy Street housemate, in New York City. After 12 years of working with Ernst & Young's real estate, hospitality, and leisure advisory practice globally, he joined Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, the premier manager of ultra-luxury hotels and resorts around the world, as VP of development for the Middle East, Africa, and Indian Ocean. Paul will be responsible for growing Rosewood's portfolio throughout these regions as well as supporting their development activities in Europe. He is based in Dubai. **William Aw** is spearheading the Asia-Pacific Natural Gas Vehicle Association (ANGVA) Green Highways 2011 event; it is a forum to discuss Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV) as a viable alternative to petrol and diesel. To find out more, visit <http://www.angva.org/main.asp?pageid=76&Access=P>. **Jennifer Ose-MacDonald** traded in her Wall Street career to devote her energies full-time toward studying and repairing our global food system. Currently a master's candidate at NYU, Jennifer is studying the environmental, ethical, and economic factors in food production and distribution with the goal of applying her product and business management skills toward the design of a more sustainable food system; she would love to connect with other grads working in this field.

**David Dalpe** and wife Jodi (Colgate '02) also live in NYC, where David is a global head of development at Thomson Reuters. Congratulations on the birth of their son, Jordan Alexander, whom they welcomed to the world on April 12. **Lee Humphreys** and husband Jeff Neiderdeppe, both assistant professors in the Dept. of Communication at Cornell, welcomed their first child, Ruth Leora, on April 13. **Samantha Muhlrad**, who is living in East Setauket on Long Island, started an orthopedic hand surgeon practice at Stony

Brook U. Medical Center. **Marissa Perman** also works in medicine and was slated to move with her husband, Ben, and son Zachary, 20 months, to Philadelphia to begin a pediatric dermatology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on July 1, 2011. She still finds some time to play lacrosse and was looking forward to being closer to family and friends on the East Coast after spending the past six years in Cincinnati training in pediatrics and dermatology.

Many '99ers live in or near Boston. **Laurel Singer** and her husband live in Medway, MA. For the last four-and-a-half years, Laurel has worked as a staff attorney for the public defender's office in Worcester, MA. Laurel and her husband own a catering company and café, J & L Catering, and cater anything from small, intimate dinners to large weddings and corporate events. **Joshua Chaitin-Pollak**, ME '01, works as a software architect at a pre-but-close-to-IPO robotics startup in Boston, and spends half of his time in Beijing, where his wife, **Sharon Chaitin '00**, is doing legal research on a Fulbright grant. **Matt and Julie Heim Jackson** welcomed their second child, Owen, last year. Julie works as a child and adolescent psychologist with a local private practice. Matt has teamed up with some former Microsoft executives on a startup in the Boston area that is focused on incubating new software product ideas. **Julie Allmayer** is training for her first triathlon in Philadelphia—good luck, Julie!

**Lauren Tauscher Woods** and husband **David '95** live in Dallas, TX, with their son, Lucas, 2. David completed his second Ironman triathlon in Houston. Lauren loves her job working for Southwest Airlines as the technology manager of southwest.com. They just got back from seeing **Bonnie Gault Biggee** in Pleasanton, CA, and her three beautiful kids with husband **Michael '98**, MS '99. Also in California is **Deborah Schoeneman**, who moved to L.A. three years ago after a decade as a journalist in New York City for publications including *New York* magazine and the *New York Times* Sunday "Style" section. She is a writer for "Girls," a new HBO comedy series debuting in early 2012 that was created by Lena Dunham ("Tiny Furniture") and executive produced by Judd Apatow ("Bridesmaids," "Knocked Up"). On Feb. 26, she married Joshua Groban, a senior adviser for policy and appointments to Gov. Jerry Brown, in Palm Springs, CA.

**Kelley Prebil**, BArch '99, lives in San Francisco. She works as a database administrator for Coupons.com Inc. and administers one of the largest SQL Server OLTP database systems outside of Microsoft. She spends her free time skiing, caving, canyoneering, hiking, scuba diving, riding motorcycles, and volunteering with the Western Cave Conservancy and National Speleological Society. **Maggie Mellon** (Portland, OR) works for Providence Health & Services. She also enjoys spending a lot of fun, quality time with her good friend **Kyle Connell '00**, ME '04. **Ira '00** and **Daryl Nierenberg Noble** were married in December 2010 in Florida. Their joy is somewhat bittersweet due to the unfortunate and sudden passing on May 21, 2011 of Daryl's mother, Lynne, who was married to her father, **Andrew Nierenberg '69**, for 42 years. To commemorate her legacy as an educator of gifted children for more than 30 years, they have established the Lynne Nierenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit gifted and talented children in South Florida. ✉ **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce West**, mga6@cornell.edu; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com.

OO There's nothing better to cure your "I-can't-believe-I'm-11-years-out-of-college" blues than a trip to Ithaca to see 6,000 bright faces graduate as Cornell's Class of 2011. So this Memorial Day Weekend, I did just that. I drove up, up, up the Hill to see my little cousin, **Courtney Chan '11**, turn her tassel and toss her cap. Cheers for Big Red, chimes from the clock tower, and a round of the "Evening Song" were music to my ears. Not only was it a very proud day, but one that reminded me that you really never lose your Cornell spirit.

If you can't get up to Ithaca until our 15th Reunion (hint, hint), don't despair, because as Dorothy said, "You don't have to look any further than your own backyard to find your heart's desire or some Cornell pride." OK, maybe I took some creative liberties on that last part, but the sentiment still applies. If you just look in your own town, I'm sure there's bound to be some Cornellians right around the corner. Just follow the red and white balloons!

For instance, just the other day, I was engulfed by more than 200 Cornellians at the Cornell Summer Student-Alumni Networking Event at the Cornell Club-New York. It was fantastic! I was especially excited to see **Jill Lustbader** Rudich, who had an incredible mommy glow. Jill and her husband, Adam, recently celebrated the birth of daughter Ayelet Rina this past March. Jill told me they can't wait to take the baby up for her very first visit to Cornell. It was great to see **Kimm Maugeri '01** as well. Kimm is working at Paul Weiss and earning her master's at Columbia, and on top of all that, she still makes time for all her Cornell committees! **Mike Walton '01**, MD '05, as popular as ever holding down the healthcare table at the event, is now a psychiatrist at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and also an instructor at Weill Cornell Medical College.

After the formal segment of the event, the alumni were invited down to the Big Red Tap & Grill for some refreshments and reminiscing. **Amy Gruenhut '01**, currently the reserve partnership director at Refinery29, was there; and **Randy Brandoff '98** is literally jet-setting all over the world as the chief marketing officer of NetJets, a private company of Berkshire Hathaway. **Sarah Binder '01**, **Kaitlin Dufton '07**, and Pat Burns were amazing hosts of the event. And of course I can't forget to mention **Margaux Neiderbach '99**, who not only helped plan the evening, but also greeted each student with a nametag and a smile. Thanks to all of you for organizing such a successful night.

Over on a different hill, Murray Hill to be exact, I ran into **Clifford Lerner** who happened to be right next to me grabbing some bagels one Sunday morning! Cliff went up to Ithaca this year for Sigma Alpha Mu's Centennial, and had an awesome time with all the Sammys. Cliff is the founder and CEO of SNAP Interactive, a top developer of social applications on Facebook and the iPhone. SNAP is one of the only publicly traded companies purely focused in the social space (Ticker: STVI) and owns AreYouInterested.com, one of the largest social dating applications, and WhoIsNear.com, a product that enables you to discover new people and places nearby. Incredible, Cliff! And speaking of amazing feats, **David Kapson** and his wife, Heather, successfully summited Mt. Kilimanjaro just this past February. They hiked 45 miles through five micro-climates, and claim that sleeping in tents with their down jackets every night was well worth it to see the breathtaking view from the top. Nice job, you two!

Also making strides on the African continent, **Jennifer Wolter** serves as biology teacher and assistant director of student life at the African Leadership Academy, a pan-African boarding school. Jennifer has been in South Africa for the last four years and has been traveling throughout southern Africa, Ethiopia, and Kenya. This summer she added Uganda and Mali to her list when she assisted students with their self-started social enterprises. And last, but certainly not least, a hearty congratulations goes out to **Jenny Mogy Zajac**, who had a baby boy this year! Jenny writes, "Dylan was born on March 29, 2011 and is the light of our lives." All such great news!

As for me, I am honored to tell you that I was recently appointed to a four-year term on the Cornell Council, and am humbled that I will be joining the ranks of some truly amazing Cornell alumni, including our own former class president **Emanuel Tsourounis**, JD '03. Best of all, I have a new excuse to take another trip back to Ithaca! And I promise to keep you all updated on the changes on campus, if you promise to keep us posted on the wonderful things happening in your lives. Send news! We love hearing from you, and we love writing for you. ✉ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 We have lots of great news to share with the Class of 2001 after our 10th Reunion in June! We had a total of 369 attendees: 272 classmates, 19 non-reunion-year alumni, 55 guests, and 23 children. The reunion weather was on both extremes: from melting heat to a torrential downpour. The classmate that traveled the furthest was **Katy Billing** Lundholm. She came from Vejle, Denmark, with her husband and two children.

A quick summary: Our class wine tour consisted of stops at Cayuga Ridge Estate Winery, Goose Watch Winery, Lucas Vineyards, and Swedish Hill Vineyards. At the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences breakfast, **Jim Alves** completed his final duty as president of the college's alumni association. During a reception in the Dept. of Communication, beloved professor **Brian Earle '67**, MPS '71, wore a tie that **Ali Solomon** Mainhart painted for him ten years ago. Ali is the creator of the comic strip Strings Attached (<http://stringsattachedcomic.com>), which, among other papers, appears in the *Daily Sun*. **Cory Earle '07** was our guide for a historical tour of campus, which concluded on Saturday just before the storm broke. And the Hangovers performed at the beginning of our class meeting. A special congratulations to the Class of 2001 Reunion Run medal winners: **Elizabeth Farrell** placed first in the 2-mile (female, age 30-39); and **Alan Nawoj** placed second in the 5-mile (male, age 30-39).

As a class, we blew away our Reunion Campaign goal of \$160,000, raising over \$715,000! And we not only met our original Tower Club goal, but also achieved a "Super Goal" of 31 Tower Club members! Our class broke two records for 10th Reunion classes: 1) total number of Tower Club members (previously held by the Class of 1990); and 2) total dollars raised (previously held by the Class of 1997). Kudos to **Sarah Binder** and **Lora Epstein**, our Annual Fund co-chairs, and their team on this huge accomplishment.

A big Reunion 2011 shout-out for its huge success! Special thanks to **Claire Ackerman** (reunion chair), **Andrea Sweeney**, **Diana Tyler**, **Greg Robinson**, **Katrina Dryer**, **Lora Epstein**, **Nathan**

**Connell, Praveen Anumolu**, ME '03, Sarah Binder, **Trina Lee**, and everyone else for their great efforts to make it a fabulous weekend! A great recap of Reunion was written with tweets from classmates Nathan Connell, Diana Tyler, a classmate spouse, and our own class Twitter feed, @Cornell2001: <http://sfy.co/BNh>. Our feed was recognized as the "Most Prolific Tweeter" during Reunion by Andrew Gossen, senior director of social media strategy for Cornell.

In other class news . . . Congratulations to **Stuart Weiss**, who was promoted from associate to member at the law firm Cozen O'Connor. Stuart is a member in the commercial litigation department. He has extensive experience litigating complex commercial matters in state and federal courts and has represented clients in a variety of fields including the financial, securities, legal, health care, and manufacturing industries. **Lyle Young** sends his greetings from Florida! He's starting his last year of orthopedic surgery residency at U. of Florida, Jacksonville, and will be heading to Emory for a fellowship in spine surgery in Atlanta after finishing residency. Although he couldn't attend Reunion he sends his regards, hopes everyone is doing well, and was sorry to miss out on a great time!

**Nicole D'Amato** checks in from New York City, telling us that she recently accepted the position of global intellectual property counsel at Samsonite LLC, the world's largest luggage company. Since Samsonite is headquartered outside of Boston, it's given Nikki the opportunity to spend more time with **Nate** and **Jocelyn Heyman Dyer**, who welcomed daughter Madeleine in December 2010. Congratulations to **Elie Gamburg** and **Angela Wong '04**, BArch '05, who were married the weekend before Reunion at a ceremony in Lenox, MA. Many Cornellians were in the wedding party including classmates **John Lundholm**, **Jonah Bamberger**, **Trineesh Biswas**, **Amit Bhatia**, and **Michael Zito**. Elie and Angela are living in NYC. Angela is currently working on an extension/renovation to Delta Air Lines' terminal at JFK Airport, and Elie was promoted to associate principal at Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC. He's had three articles published, continues to teach at NYIT, and has buildings under construction in both India and Korea, as well as additional projects in New York and China.

Congratulations to **Maureen Sullivan**, who married Hayden Mauk of Lexington, KY, at Point Vicente Lighthouse in California last July 2010. Many Cornellians were in attendance, including much of the Cornell field hockey team (among them, classmates **Catherine Kelly** Mulgrew, **Christina Peruto** Post, **Amy Galebach** Crone, and **Sara Diedrich** Brohl) and classmates **JR Taormina**, **Niels Heilmann**, **Kim Mescher** Butler, and **Allison Batten** Costa, plus the bride's father, **Timothy Sullivan**, **MPS '81** (Graduate School of Communication). Go Big Red! Please keep forwarding the good news! E-mail us at [classof2001@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001@cornell.edu). **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, [LEW15@cornell.edu](mailto:LEW15@cornell.edu).

**02** The news is low as your correspondents await the returns from the class's annual News and Dues mailing this fall. Please look for it in the weeks ahead—and if you haven't already been in touch with Jeff or me via e-mail, send in an update we can share with the class.

What are you up to? Have you traveled, learned a new skill, taken up a new sport or hobby? Have you seen any classmates? Are you planning on going to our 10th Reunion next June?

Who would you like to see there? Just a few sentences will help make our job of keeping us all in touch just a bit easier. Write to either of us any time of year at the e-mail addresses below, or send in your hard copy News Form in the envelope provided in the class mailing. Hope you had a great summer! **Carolyn Deckinger**, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu); **Jeff Barker**, [jrbp41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrbp41@cornell.edu).

**03** After one too many gray days, summer in Seattle has finally arrived! Pat and I put together a couple of vegetable boxes in the side yard and have been enjoying our mini-harvest of kohlrabi, beets, carrots, Swiss chard, lettuce, peppers, and radishes. And the tomatoes are on their way! Other than working in the yard, Pat and I traveled to Europe in May to run the Prague Marathon. It was a great experience! This month we ran the Seattle Rock 'N' Roll Marathon with 26,000 other people and had a blast. The bands along the course were incredible motivators.

Thanks to all our classmates who shared news! Fellow Hotelier **Matt Repogle** still lives in Chicago, where he has been since graduation. Matt helped open a restaurant for Levy Restaurants called Oak St. Beach. **Adam Shindler** lives and works in Buenos Aires, Argentina. **Anna Resek** Chung started a job with CW Capital on their Hotel REO team a few months ago. Anna writes that she is working with lots of great Hoteliers. "More important, I was married over Memorial Day weekend and just got back from a great honeymoon in Spain." Congratulations, Anna!

**Zach Conine** still lives in Vegas and works with Fine Venture Partners and their subsidiary company, the LEV Restaurant Group. LEV opened their first original restaurant concept, i [heart] burgers, in January and is opening Lobster ME at the end of July. Zach is also involved in the team assuming development and operations at the Lady Luck Casino in Downtown Las Vegas. He is attending law school at UNLV's Boyd School of Law and lives with **Teresa Vente '08**, who is halfway through medical school. Zach and Teresa have two dogs, Democracy and Liberty. According to Zach, "Both dogs are awesome." **Connie Wong** and husband Alex are back in New York City. Connie participated in a fundraising effort to support Cool Culture Inc.'s June 18 event at the Queens Museum of Art. Cool Culture Inc. works to provide low-income families access to all the museums in the New York area.

**Kay Scott** wrote from Texas: "Lots going on here. The kids are 5 and 3 now and I'm still running after them. Still have six cats, and still in the same house. I did my first full Ironman last summer and a couple of 100-mile runs since then, so now I'm training for a Double Iron early this fall. The biggest news was the tornado that hit our neighborhood a few weeks ago. We lost a few trees, we need a new roof and new fences, and it's been a crazy amount of running around getting estimates and stuff! Luckily, it was a fairly weak one, so nobody was hurt, but its path through the neighborhood is pretty clear." **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, [swnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:swnoonan@gmail.com); and **Sudha Nandagopal**, [sn58@cornell.edu](mailto:sn58@cornell.edu).

**04** A short column this time, but more to come in the next issue when life settles down for your class correspondent, who has been on the move, living in three states in the span of

three years. Anne has just graduated from residency in primary care family medicine and will be moving to New Hampshire, where both she and her husband will start new positions at Dartmouth. Send news to: **Anne C. Jones-Leeson**, [cu2004correspondent@gmail.com](mailto:cu2004correspondent@gmail.com).

**05** Hello, Class of 2005! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer that was filled with plenty of sunshine. Our classmates have been busy around the world. In Montreal, **Zach Weinstein** was honored with the Scarlet Key Award by McGill Medical College. As president of the McGill Osler Society, Zachary created the "Osler Hour" event series, a monthly fundraiser aimed at uniting McGill's health science faculties to forge partnerships among future health practitioners of Quebec. Zachary has also been an active fundraiser for the Best Care for Life Campaign, organizing a charity soiree that raised close to \$3,000 for the new McGill U. Health Centre's redevelopment project. In addition to planning the 89th Annual Osler Banquet, Zachary oversaw the Osler Society's physician shadowing program, managed community outreach projects, coordinated French medical workshops, and helped organize discussion groups focused on the intersection of science and the humanities. Zachary is committed to enriching medical school education outside the classroom and promoting inter-professional teamwork among the health science faculties.

**Chen Chow Yeoh** has accepted a new job as part of the leadership team for Groupon Malaysia. **Jacklyn Popeil** completed her MBA in May 2010 and has relocated to Houston. She is a senior analyst of corporate public policy for Conoco Phillips. **Aviesha Palmer** Stephens has been busy preparing to launch an e-commerce business selling personal care products and expects to manufacture her own personal care line. She has also started a new job as an account executive at Aon Corp.

**Kate Jackson** graduated from law school at the U. of Houston. She has moved to the Bay Area to take the California Bar and then work for a patent prosecution firm in Silicon Valley. She looks forward to reconnecting with all of the Cornellians out there! Also moving and looking to connect with alumni is **Christian Polman**, BArch '05, MBA '11. He has completed his studies at the Johnson School and is heading to London to work for Bain & Co. **Tiffany Halo** completed her doctoral work in the chemistry department at Yale and is working at the International Inst. for Nanotechnology at Northwestern U. She was married on October 8. **David**, ME '06, and **Jacqueline Conti Rimshnick** returned to Ithaca this past summer. David is starting a PhD in Operations Research & Industrial Engineering (ORIE), while Jacqueline plans to work with the Dept. of Music at Cornell.

**Thomas Balcerski** serves as a graduate resident fellow (GRF) at the newest of the West Campus residences, Flora Rose House. He had the pleasure of teaching the course "The First American University" in spring 2011. This one-credit course, offered with co-instructor **Corey Earle '07**, explored important topics in Cornell's history. To the instructors' great surprise, more than 100 students enrolled, necessitating a change in format from a seminar to a lecture. The Cornell Chronicle covered the course in March and the feedback from students has been generally very positive. The course was offered as part of the West Campus "living and learning" initiative.

Thanks all for the great updates. Have a fantastic fall season and don't forget to stop and take a minute to remember the Cornell orchards, apple cider, and the beautiful autumn colors of the Ithaca trees. ■ **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu.

**06** It's around noon on Friday of Reunion Weekend in Ithaca, NY, and the rest of us '06ers are trickling onto North Campus, finding our way to the appropriate dorm room. Gazing out from the fourth floor of Balch Hall, I'm laughing while watching fellow alumni schlep their luggage in one hand and a red Cornell embroidered snuggie in the other. I'm already so excited to be back. The other goodies in our '06 welcome package included a slap bracelet and Kanye light-up glasses—also red, of course. This was definitely the beginning of what was going to be a most memorable weekend (and a very needed escape from five years of reality—aka non-campus life).

There were so many weekend highlights, it's difficult to only mention a few. On my run around Beebe Lake Friday morning, I came across some planned activities—canoeing and zip-lining. Naturally, I had to get involved and zip-line across the lake. Although there were predominantly older classes with their families, I'm sure a few others of us went as well. I also ran by a Dinosaur BBQ catering truck. Salivating, eyes wide, I inquired as to when they would start serving—deliciousness—but to my dismay, it was for the Class of '91. Luckily, we '06ers had our Dinosaur feast planned for the following evening under the tent in front of Dickson Hall. It had been raining on and off that day, which only added to the experience. It felt like summer camp, but with Riesling, a DJ, and college buddies.

Later that night, the festivities continued at the beer tents on the Arts Quad. There were three tents, and each one had a different musical band and vibe: '80s rock, Salsa, and American classics. It was amazing reconnecting with old friends, meeting new ones, and rocking out with the other classes. I even engaged in a dance-off with a Class of '60 Cornellian. Maybe you saw him—long gray hair, full beard and mustache, and a Cornell T-shirt. One word: radical.

Other wonderful planned events included wine tours, wine tasting at Trillium, rock climbing at Lindseth, and the Champagne breakfast. There was so much stuff I never got around to, but there were "musts" I couldn't *not* do while back on campus:

Saki bombing at Plum Tree, bubble tea from the Old Tea House, darts at Ruloff's, the back patio and extremely long bathroom line at the Palms, walking around campus with friends, Ms. Pac-Man at Pixel, browsing Uris Library and the "Harry Potter Room," driving past the downtown Commons, bagels and sangria at CTB on College Ave., browsing the Cornell Store, and late night shopping at Wegmans . . . just to name a few.

So much has stayed the same, and a lot has changed. The construction on campus is clearly an ongoing process that will probably never cease. But the new buildings look amazing, and I'm sure the students are thrilled. It was cool to see how West Campus has evolved as well. But just as the campus changes and grows, so do we. It was exciting to hear about what everyone has been doing. We are growing as people, working hard, making our mark in the world, and representing Cornell in the best way. I also noticed a lot of bling on campus. Congrats to all of you who are engaged! So exciting! Please do keep us updated when you get married, because we'd love to write about it! More news to come in the next issues. ■ **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

**07** Fall is upon us and times are changing with the seasons. Read on to see how our class has kept up.

**Mary Montague** recently accomplished two major feats. She ran her first marathon and graduated from the French Culinary Inst. in New York City before relocating to Massachusetts. **A. Angelina Ang** moved from central New Jersey to Hoboken to be closer to New York City, where she works in supply chain by day and in cupcakes by night. With an engineer's mind she believes cooking is an art, but baking is a science. Her fiancé, **Brian Lee**, lives on Long Island.

**Jeffrey Stambough** moved to St. Louis, MO, to begin residency in orthopedic surgery at Washington U. Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Jeffrey is excited to have **Nathan Skelley** as his co-resident. **Lauren Trakimas** has entered her third year of medical school at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) School of Osteopathic Medicine. She is appreciative that Cornell's College of Human Ecology taught her to take into account all the forces that can shape a person and is applying that concept to her understanding of clinical medicine. She also feels very fortunate to be in her third year of rotation at Morristown Hospital and the Atlantic Care Hospital System during her time at UMDNJ.

A green belt in Six Sigma and a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, **Mark O'Hern** is administrative director at cardiology services at U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian Shadyside. Before moving to UPMC, he was clinical director of ambulatory services at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and has participated in the Pittsburgh chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. In his free time he volunteers at the local food pantry with Cornell Club of Pittsburgh and with a program that provides horseback riding for the handicapped.

**Aaron Mauer** is proud to have married his sweetheart, **Jacqueline Lull**, MAT '09. They reside in Syracuse, NY. Aaron recounts proposing to Jacqueline over winter break at her favorite spot at Cornell—under the WWI arches on West Campus. Previously working for the Federal Aviation Administration on airplane safety and detection, Aaron recently made the switch to radar systems working for the US Military at Sensis Corp. Jacqueline is happily teaching earth sciences at a local school. After an unsuccessful attempt at returning to school, **BJ Siasoco** left his job at the Sciencenter in Ithaca to travel around Southeast Asia and visit his family for more than a month. He's dreamed of seeing all the UNESCO world heritage sites and added a few more to his list on the trip. He visited Hong Kong and Bali, saw the ora (Komodo dragons) in Komodo, and swam with whale sharks in the Philippines. BJ says that living in Ithaca for the past three years after graduation has been interesting, and he has decided to continue his job hunt there.

**Can Babaoglu** moved to Palo Alto, CA, and started an online sporting company, Zonline Sports Inc. This is the second Web-based endeavor launched by Can; he figured that Silicon Valley was the right place for him. **Jessica Hochberg** attends the U. of Miami Medical School in Miami, FL. She volunteers as a coordinator for Project Sunshine, serving families of children with medical difficulties through educational and social programs. **Jennifer D'Amato** recently got a job as a research scientist at Platinum Performance, a company in California. She also recently adopted a chocolate Lab puppy!

Passionate about spacecraft and missions, but failing to find aerospace jobs in New York, **Parker Imrie** moved to Oakland, CA, in fall 2008. He also found little success in the California job market in the midst of the economic recession. So in March 2009 he enlisted with the California Air National Guard. Allowing the opportunity to move into the aerospace industry, the Guard also afforded him full-time training and student loan repayment assistance. Perhaps his plan worked, because in May 2009 he joined Team FREDNET, competing for the Google Lunar X Prize. The prize offers \$30 million to fund a team to build a robot that can send images of the moon back to Earth. FREDNET did not win the prize, but they were still offered a \$10 million contract with NASA. Although the team dissipated shortly thereafter, Parker was able to make some connections and scored two part-time jobs as a result. He is currently interning in NASA's SOFIA program at the Universities Space Research Association and is also working to develop the math and physics department for an accredited undergraduate degree program at American Academy of Aeronautics, a small flight school. As a bonus, he receives free flight training. "This patchwork employment situation is an exciting way to keep afloat, but I am still looking for a full-time aerospace engineering job, and I may have just found one . . ."



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**08** Happy autumn, Class of 2008! I'm writing this column in the height of summer in New York City, where classmates seem to be everywhere, and after celebrating **Stephen Welker** and **Suzanne Clark's** very Cornell wedding weekend in Ithaca, June 24-26, 2011! Someone accurately described the festivities celebrating Steve and Suzie, who met while singing in the Hangovers and Nothing But Treble, respectively, as "a combination of Orientation Week and Senior Week," as the weekend included an arch sing, Cass Park picnic, Sage Chapel ceremony, Willard Straight Hall reception, and Finger Lakes wine tour on Sunday. The bride was even spotted in Rulloff's and Collegetown Pizza in her wedding gown! It was an amazing weekend full of love, and we send you the best Big Red wishes, Suzie and Steve!

I was lucky enough to catch up with what seemed like half of the Class of 2008 at the wedding! **Matt Perkins**, **Rohan Thakkar**, **Nicole Mangiere**, and I drove up to Ithaca together and we stayed with fellow attendees **Jonathan Feldman**, **Becky Wolozin**, and **Garima Malhotra** in Collegetown. Matt is still enjoying his work with General Electric, where he puts his engineering skills to use selling and marketing solar panels, and recently moved to Manhattan. Becky and Garima were roommates this past year in Washington, DC, where Garima will be a second-year student at the Catholic U. of America's Columbus School of Law and Becky was an honors paralegal at the Federal Trade Commission. Becky has recently moved to Cambridge, MA, and is starting Harvard Law School in the fall.

I also had the opportunity at the wedding to catch up with classmates **Michael McKeon**, **Nina Coutinho**, **Lauren Rotman**, and **Adam Gay**. Nina is living in her hometown of Toronto, ON, and working in donor relations at Free the Children, while Lauren is a second-year student at Case Western Reserve U. School of Medicine. While in Ithaca, I also ran into **Jason Beekman**, JD '11, studying for the Bar following graduation from Cornell Law School. Jason writes, "After seven wonderful years in the Ith, I am moving to Baltimore for a one-year clerkship with the Hon. J. Frederick Motz, District of Maryland. Since I have been a hermit law student the last three years, I am looking forward to reconnecting with my fellow '08ers out there in the real world!" Jason would love to hear from any Cornell alumni in the Baltimore area.

Speaking of marriage, many classmates have written in to share the news of their recent nuptials. **Michael Collis** is living in New York,

NY, and working as a financial services consultant. He recently married his husband, **Gabriel Arana**, MA '09, in Washington, DC, "surrounded by many fellow Cornell alums." He writes that while he loves life in New York, he'd rather be "back in the basement of Bartels Hall with all the crazies at Cornell Outdoor Education, teaching my love of the outdoors to anyone who will listen." He remembers "lazy Sunday brunch with dear friends" from his years on the Hill. **Jeanette Perez Gasca** recently shared an update with us: "I married my 'college sweetheart,' **Juan '06**, in December. My husband and I moved to New Jersey and live with our four-legged child, a pug named DeNiro. I recently started working for Ross Stores Inc. in their corporate control department after working two years at Ann Taylor Inc. as a planner." Speaking of planners, **Morgan Beschle** has been planning her wedding. She is a senior operations analyst at Health Dialog in Portland, ME. Congratulations to everyone!

**Becky Vayo** has been living with her fiancé **Nick Sunseri** in the Bay Area since graduation. Nick is in his third year working at Facebook, in the Internet marketing team. Becky writes, "I'm also working at Facebook—as a pastry chef. After graduating Cornell, I was initially working at a start-up in San Francisco in client operations, but was unhappy. I decided to go to pastry school, where I absolutely identified my passion for baking. About a year and a half ago, I quit my office job

and decided to pursue baking full-time. I've been working at Facebook on the culinary team for over a year, and my Nutritional Science degree has been helpful since my focus is geared toward healthier desserts and working to create gluten-free and vegan options as well. I have a baking website (that Nick helped build), <http://www.bebaking.com>. Life is good!" **Mike Chua** says he has left Morgan Stanley Private Equity and currently works as a talent buyer for the Venetian Macao. Among other things, he is focused on routing major Western music acts through China. In the fall, he will begin his MBA studies at UCLA Anderson. **Bryan Latchford** is also returning to school this fall, leaving his job as a project scientist at EnviroTrac Ltd., and will be studying for a master's in environmental science and management at UC Santa Barbara. Keep sending in your news—we'd love to hear from you! [✉ Elana Beale](mailto:ElanaBeale@cornell.edu), erb26@cornell.edu; [Libby Boymel](mailto:LibbyBoymel@gmail.com), lboymel@gmail.com.

**09** **Marvin Chaney** is about to celebrate his two-year anniversary working with the Texas Water Development Board. This is a major accomplishment considering the current state of the economy as well as recent layoffs within his agency. In addition to that, Marvin continues to promote and participate in public service by volunteering to

## Double Word Score

Hilary Johnson '05 & Rebecca Slivka '83, March '86

**E**very Tuesday night, Hilary Johnson and Rebecca Slivka join the other members of the Seattle Scrabble Club, paying \$6 to play the game for four hours straight. But the weekly meetings are just one aspect of the friends' Scrabble addiction. Slivka and Johnson each spend more than fifteen hours per week honing their Scrabble skills by studying wordlists, playing online, and competing in tournaments around the Pacific Northwest. "Sometimes," says Johnson, "I even play Facebook Scrabble between games at the club—with people who are also at the meeting."



Johnson (left) and Slivka

Long before playing competitively, Johnson and Slivka each enjoyed the game as children. In 2009, when Johnson moved to the Pacific Northwest to pursue a master's in education at Seattle University, she joined the club as a way to meet people. That's when she met Slivka, a computer consultant and the club's director. "Rebecca was the first person to invite me out to do anything social in Seattle," remembers Johnson, "so she served this dual purpose of Scrabble mentor as well as friend." Slivka, too, enjoys the game's social aspects. "At tournaments, you meet a lot of people from around the country,"

she says, "and online you can play with people you know and keep in touch that way."

Other perks of competitive Scrabble can include cash prizes; tournament veteran Slivka has won \$3,000 so far. Then there's the expanded vocabulary; Johnson's favorite play is "jiao," which she discovered by studying wordlists. "I don't know what it means," she admits, "but I've learned the hard way that you can't put an 's' on the end of it." (It's a unit of Chinese currency.) But for the most part, says Slivka, playing the game is its own reward. "It's a way to let loose intellectually," she says. "The great thing about Scrabble is that you never know what letters you're going to pull out of the bag."

— Adrienne Zable '11

clean up the parks of Austin, TX, with local organizations, organize events for the Human Rights Campaign's local chapter, and take care of his new cat, Grace. **Andy Cochran** and fiancée **Pam Ahn** met freshman year in Donlon, and have been in love ever since. They live together in New Jersey, just outside NYC, where Andy works for Tom James of New York. Cornell gents can give him a call. Pam teaches high school English at Chatham High.

**Tristen Cramer** recently finished her second year of law school at Regent U. She will be serving as chairman of the Regent Law Moot Court Board for the 2011-12 school year. **Maria DeBye-Saxinger** has graduated with her Master of Landscape Architecture from Rhode Island School of Design. She was a special invited guest at the Int'l Design Festival in Quebec, Canada, for this year's opening of the 12th edition of Contemporary Garden Designs. She will be enjoying cycling, running, horseback riding, and spending time with her loving family in upstate New York over the summer after finally finishing six years of school! **Crystal Maring** has joined the Boston office of the design firm Stantec as a landscape architect. She is joining Stantec's planning and architecture division, which employs several Cornell grads and focuses on design, permitting, master planning, and related site issues for all types of building and development projects.

**Ari Evans** has had a whirlwind past two years, including spending a year as a business analyst at Goldman Sachs and picking up an MS in management science from Stanford U. He has recently started as a product manager at Zynga in San Francisco, and in his free time he works feverishly on his own music startup, LessThan3.com, through which he hopes to one day change the model for artist compensation in the music industry. Also in California, **Marissa Fessenden** lives in sunny Los Angeles. For the past two years she has worked at UCLA in a neuroscience lab and at a flow cytometry core lab. Now she is headed to UC Santa Cruz in the fall for the science writing program, with the eventual goal of seeing her name in print as a science journalist. When **Rachel Harris** sent her news, she had just finished her second year of law school at Penn and was working as a summer associate at the law firm Sullivan and Cromwell in New York City. She is on the executive board of the Prisoner's Education & Advocacy Project, an umbrella organization that works for criminal defendants' rights. Her favorite part is teaching legal education courses to inmates.

**Adam Hall** is now working at Gatorland in Orlando, FL, as an educator/entertainer, which is what he loves to do. He teaches people about reptiles through fun shows—and, yes, he wrestles alligators! **Jonathan Yale** moved to Mexico in July 2010 to work at a company that imports welding supplies for wholesale. He recently moved to Cleveland to start a similar business with the CEO of the Mexican company. He sees his Chi Psi brethren often. **Julie Cantor** has recently gotten into pie-making, although she has yet to create any actual pies. Her first will probably be apple, but she's heard scary things about working with crust. After finishing up two years with Teach For America, she will be attending American U. for law school. Send news to: [✉ Julie Cantor, jlc252@cornell.edu](mailto:jlc252@cornell.edu); [Caroline Newton, cmn35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmn35@cornell.edu).

**10** Your faithful class correspondent got quite a scare when he began composing this column. For a short while, he was under the frightening (and very

wrong) impression that the class had just given up sharing their news. He panicked, hoping there was a minor technical glitch with his e-mail account, yet fearing that members of the Class of 2010 had literally dropped off the radar one year after graduation. Fortunately, I am pleased to report that, after a few messages with the technicians, my mailbox is filled to the brim with notes. The Class of 2010 is still excited and willing to share the good news of the adventures they are on.

**Fil Eden** writes: "After graduation, I headed to Budapest, Hungary, to finish up some elective credit so I could get my diploma. After that semester, I decided to bum around for a bit. I spent Christmas with a new friend in Germany, then hitchhiked through Romania and Moldova, to Odessa, headed south from there through Bulgaria, and back to Budapest. From there I went up through Germany and through the Netherlands and Belgium, took a bus to the UK, and then a ferry to Ireland, where I spent a month with my grandfather and cousins." Fil urges any of his classmates who have a few months to "stick out your thumb and see where the world takes you."

For many of our classmates, a new adventure begins with graduate school. **Matt Bouraee**, currently playing professional soccer for the Puerto Rico Islanders, will head to University College London's School of Energy Resources. **Ben Cole**, after spending a year as a technology pioneer at Google, heads to the U. of Cambridge as a Gates Scholar. **Haden Lee** is heading west to get his PhD in computer science from Stanford U. **Jessica Weyman** will head to medical school at the U. of Connecticut with her fiancé.

A few from the class are heading back to the Hill. **Ishan Sharma** is going for his master's in Applied Physics and **Gaby Rocha** is returning for law school. For some, graduate school itself is the adventure. **Samantha Stout** is in her second year at UC San Diego, studying material sciences and engineering and will receive an IGERT Fellowship to work in the Center for Interdisciplinary Science in Art, Architecture, and Archeology as a trainee in engineering for cultural heritage. **Melanie Stewart** is heading into her second year of law school at Howard U. **Blanca Hernandez** attends law school at the U. of Southern California. For others, a new adventure begins when graduate school ends. **Adam Agata** graduated from Columbia U. with a master's in statistics and now works for the New York Yankees. **Rachel Zheng** graduated with an MS in business from the U. of Rochester's Simon School of Business and is joining RBS as an investment analyst in its Hong Kong office. **Scott Tucker** hung around the Hill for another year and graduated with a master's in Biomedical Engineering.

In other adventures, **Alison Ewing** joined the Big Red's hockey rival Harvard U. in their Office of Student Life. **Carolyn Richley** serves as a platoon leader for an Army airborne construction unit. Beginning next year, she'll be dispatched to help with the aftermath of natural disasters around the world. **Christina Blacken** now works for dosomething.org as a business development associate and moonlights as the vocalist for the New York City-based band Mixolydian. **Star Li** is developing a new phone app that aggregates discounts for various membership card programs. Over in Jakarta, Indonesia, **Marijke Schouten** works for the German Development Corp., dealing with issues of social protection. **Stephanie Purnell** works for the National Highway Traffic

Safety Association as an IT specialist while she applies to medical school. **Teddy Lu** is entering the challenging world of real estate and hopes to further his education in the future. And your class co-correspondent, **Mike Beyman**, is an associate producer at CNBC, working in its primetime documentary unit. Lastly, many adventures come from the bonds of holy matrimony. **Adrienne Chan** married **Scott Silver '07** on June 5. The happy couple now lives in Henderson, NV.

Of course, adventures happen well after this column's deadline, so send reports of your new adventures to: [✉ Mike Beyman, mjb262@cornell.edu](mailto:mjb262@cornell.edu); or [Rammy Salem, rms84@cornell.edu](mailto:rms84@cornell.edu).

**11** Congratulations, Class of 2011! You've officially made it to the first "fall semester" post-Cornell. Since graduation, you have spent the summer traveling to all corners of the world, enjoying time with fellow Cornell grads, preparing for your first full-time job, and relaxing before immersing yourselves in graduate level studies. To commemorate your new alumni-status lives, please keep your classmates posted by submitting updates about what your time away from the Hill entails.

For the next five years, we (**Lauren Rosenblum**, **Kat Ling**, and **Michael Stratford**) will serve as your inquisitive correspondents. This position entitles us to regularly ask you about what is going on in your life while not appearing too creepy—at least, we hope not. Accordingly, since you do not want us to stalk your Facebook too much, we oblige you to answer our requests for updates. Just imagine—you can share exciting parts of your life with fellow Cornellians without worrying about the number of Twitter followers you have. Send us information about your eye-opening travels, your outstanding position at your new job, your accomplishments in the "real world," or your wedding announcements (write us after the event occurs and give us all the details!).

As your class correspondents, we are just one part of your Alumni Class Council. The council works together to run the Senior Class Campaign (remember all those phone calls you received during senior year?) and our 5th Reunion in 2016. Our co-presidents **Jeff Stulmaker** and **Alina Zolotareva** oversee the efforts of the class officers. Our events/publicity chairs **Liana Passantino**, **Kristina Francillon**, **Ernest Meadows**, and **Dan Gusz** organize creative events that build class identity, and they will work with our reunion chairs **Briseida Castellanos**, **Ashley Jeanlus**, **Chris Mejia**, and **Elizabeth McInnis** to make our 5th Reunion unforgettable. To facilitate communication throughout the year, secretary **Janelle Teng** records the efforts of the class officer team, and treasurer **Nicole Morson** is responsible for maintaining the class budget and helping with the strategic planning and funding of class programs. Webmaster **Laurie Josephson** ensures that our class website is current, and last but not least, our Annual Fund chair **Ben Bissantz** is charged with making sure our class gives back to Cornell in gratitude for all the opportunities the university has afforded us.

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## 1930s

'30 MS—Helen Besley Overington, Waynesboro, PA, December 4, 2010  
 '31 MA—Katherine Watkins Rooney, Nashua, NH, January 21, 2011  
 '31 BA—Sylvia Weiner, West Hartford, CT, December 29, 2010  
 '31 BS HE—Frances E. Young, Ithaca, NY, January 16, 2011  
 '33 BA—Isadore A. Honig, Silver Spring, MD, October 29, 2010  
 '33 BME—Andrew Pinkerton Jr., Palm Beach, FL, January 31, 2011  
 '34 BS Ag—Theodosia Taylor Carlson, Denver, CO, December 5, 2010  
 '34 BA—Esther A. Leibowitz, Rockville, MD, December 19, 2010  
 '34, BME '36—Thomas B. Martin, Placerville, CA, June 25, 2010  
 '34 BA, PhD '37—Leon L. Miller, Rochester, NY, September 3, 2010  
 '34 BA—Ada Buck Reynolds, Kankakee, IL, July 6, 2011  
 '35 BA, MD '38—Alvin R. Mintz, Morristown, NJ, November 3, 2010  
 '36—Douglas P. Boyea, Plainville, CT, November 19, 2010  
 '36 BS HE—Ruth Staley Engel, Toms River, NJ, January 22, 2011  
 '36 BA—Herman P. Kessler, Albany, NY, December 8, 2010  
 '36 BA—Muriel Silber Nathan, Pompano Beach, FL, November 27, 2009  
 '36 BA—Margaret Kraemer Rumble, Gaithersburg, MD, November 18, 2010  
 '36 BS Ag—Finley M. Steele, Horseheads, NY, December 18, 2010  
 '36 JD—Charles E. Strobel, Greer, SC, November 22, 2010  
 '37 BS HE—Theda Backalenick Frank, Santa Barbara, CA, Jan. 15, 2011  
 '37 BA, JD '39—Alex J. Gossin, Rochester, NY, April 15, 2010  
 '37 BS HE—Elizabeth Halsey Guldi, Rockdale, TX, January 29, 2010  
 '37 BA, LLB '39—Charles J. Mistretta, Albuquerque, NM, June 13, 2010  
 '37 BA, B Chem E '38—John H. Pendergrass, Cincinnati, OH, Dec. 12, 2010  
 '37 BA—Glenna Vreeland Wilcox, Whiting, NJ, November 30, 2010  
 '38 BA—Martin F. Beck, Roslyn Harbor, NY, October 21, 2010  
 '38—M. Dudley Buck, Youngstown, OH, December 25, 2010  
 '38 BA, LLB '40—W. David Curtiss, Ithaca, NY, January 26, 2011  
 '38 MD—Gilbert L. Klemann, Augusta, GA, January 18, 2011  
 '38 DVM—Thomas Lawrence, Buena Vista, CO, January 30, 2011  
 '38 SP Ag—David F. Melrose, Broomall, PA, December 17, 2010  
 '38 BA—Leonard M. Roberts, New York City, December 15, 2010  
 '38 BA—Harold A. Segall, Scarsdale, NY, December 8, 2010  
 '38 BA, JD '40—Judson C. Williams, Surprise, AZ, December 31, 2010  
 '39 MA—Rosamond Shurtleff Banks, Exeter, NH, January 2, 2011  
 '39—Cynthia Kerr Bates, Newtown, PA, December 11, 2010  
 '39 BS HE—Rose Quackenbush Frangella, Coeymans, NY, January 1, 2011  
 '39 BS Ag—Evelyn Zimmerman Linowitz, Washington, DC, Oct. 9, 2010  
 '39 BA—Charles R. Milford III, Red Bluff, CA, December 28, 2010  
 '39—Rose Knight Speno, Syracuse, NY, December 25, 2010  
 '39 BS Hotel—Arthur N. Wladis, Orchard Park, NY, January 14, 2011  
 '39 BA, MA '41—Ella Thompson Wright, Annandale, VA, Feb. 13, 2011

## 1940s

'40—Frank Q. Barone, Las Vegas, NV, June 2, 2009  
 '40 BA—Robert L. Case, Canandaigua, NY, November 25, 2010  
 '40 BS HE—Martha Atwood Cheney, Mt. Dora, FL, January 1, 2011  
 '40 BS Ag—Joseph Dell, Delmar, NY, December 28, 2010  
 '40 BA—Evelyn J. Gray, Rochester, NY, January 15, 2011  
 '40—Earl W. Henry, Eden, NY, December 25, 2010  
 '40 BA—Theodore R. Hoenig, Longboat Key, FL, January 25, 2011  
 '40 BA—Muriel Udkie Hymen, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY, Dec. 31, 2010  
 '40 MA HE—Elsie Gabel Lutz, Frederick, PA, January 20, 2011  
 '40 BCE, MCE '44—Francis W. Montanari, Alexandria, VA, June 25, 2009  
 '40 BME—Kingman W. Page, Olean, NY, December 21, 2010  
 '40 BS HE—Iantha Sheldon Papero, Peru, NY, January 26, 2011  
 '41 BS HE—Marjorie Carpenter Block, Great Valley, NY, Jan. 23, 2011  
 '41 BA—Persis Whitehead Cohen, Orlando, FL, December 17, 2010  
 '41 BS HE—Elizabeth Turverey Cornish, Ithaca, NY, Nov. 25, 2010  
 '41 BA—Marjorie Healy Herrick, Lockport, NY, November 28, 2010

'41 BS Ag—Joseph Hilzer, Flemington, NJ, January 26, 2011  
 '41 BA—Marion A. Hoos, Liberty, NY, November 2, 2010  
 '41 MS, PhD '47—W. Keith Kennedy, Ithaca, NY, February 18, 2011  
 '41—Richard C. Kern, West Bloomfield, MI, November 26, 2010  
 '41, BArch '42—Robert McCroskery, Desert Hot Springs, CA, Dec. 12, 2010  
 '41 BME—John C. Sterling Jr., Bloomfield, CT, January 10, 2011  
 '41 BS HE—Anna-Rose Bernstein Tykulska, New York City, Dec. 16, 2010  
 '42, BA '46—William H. Bright, Vero Beach, FL, November 23, 2010  
 '42 BA—Barbara Gerlach Frey, Sonoma, CA, August 15, 2010  
 '42—Wilbur F. Gasner, Key Biscayne, FL, January 21, 2011  
 '42 BA—Joseph Good Jr., Wayland, PA, March 11, 2010  
 '42 BA—Frank H. Hiscock, Skaneateles, NY, January 4, 2011  
 '42 BS Ag, MS Ag '43—Conrad E. Hoffmann, West Grove, PA, Dec. 19, 2010  
 '42 BME—John T. Jackson, Palm Beach, FL, December 17, 2010  
 '42 BS HE—Ruth Goodyer Jones, Wallingford, CT, August 9, 2009  
 '42 BA—Elaine Hoffman Luppescu, Lake Worth, FL, Dec. 17, 2010  
 '42 BS HE—Jean F. Potter, Washington, CT, January 17, 2011  
 '42 BS Ag—Lee Selbst, North Hollywood, CA, May 8, 2010  
 '43 MA, PhD '46—Stephanie Benton, Denver, CO, November 28, 2010  
 '43 BME—Thomas H. Danforth, Williamsville, NY, December 11, 2010  
 '43 BS Hotel—Philip B. Gibson, Stratford, CT, January 7, 2011  
 '43 DVM—John F. Hokanson, Salt Lake City, UT, December 8, 2010  
 '43, BS HE '48—Hannah Hartmanns McLay, Lynchburg, VA, Dec. 21, 2010  
 '43—Richard W. Overton, Watertown, NY, January 27, 2011  
 '43, B Chem E '44—Louis A. Schroeder, Littleton, CO, Nov. 26, 2010  
 '43 MD—William C. Thomas Jr., Gainesville, FL, December 25, 2010  
 '43 BS Ag, PhD '51—Donald J. Watson, Suffield, CT, August 4, 2010  
 '43 MA, PhD '47—Alice Sperduti Wilson, Oxford, OH, Dec. 25, 2010  
 '44 BA—Margaret Pearce Addicks, Washington, CT, December 13, 2010  
 '44 BS Ag—Marie Buenning Cramer, Washington, DC, Feb. 6, 2011  
 '44, BA '46—Morris Goodman, Johnson City, NY, December 9, 2010  
 '44—Henry A. Hitch Jr., Huntington Beach, CA, December 8, 2010  
 '44—Betty Jacobs Kalik, New York City, December 6, 2010  
 '44 DVM—Charles R. Robinson, Portland, OR, December 12, 2010  
 '44—Maurice S. Schaeffer, Topanga, CA, May 3, 2010  
 '44 BS Ag—Fern Chase Whitehurst, Plano, TX, October 26, 2010  
 '44, BS Ag '47, PhD '50—Harold Yacowitz, Piscataway, NJ, March 20, 2008  
 '45—Mitchell W. Beardsley, Villanova, PA, December 29, 2010  
 '45 DVM—Theodore J. Beyer, Conesus, NY, January 21, 2011  
 '45, BME '49—W. Craig Bradley, Skaneateles, NY, January 5, 2011  
 '45, LLB '52—James W. Conboy, Fort Plain, NY, December 7, 2010  
 '45, BS Hotel '48—William R. Ebersol, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Dec. 9, 2010  
 '45, BS HE '44—Henrietta Burgott Gehshan, Southampton, PA, Feb. 8, 2011  
 '45—Fremont D. Lockwood, Camillus, NY, August 21, 2009  
 '45—Sue Lopez Moody, Berne, NY, December 10, 2010  
 '45 BME—Albert J. Schauer, Dover, PA, December 25, 2010  
 '46 BS Nurs—Myrtle Seabright Donner, Yardley, PA, January 11, 2011  
 '46—Joseph Gottlieb, Boynton Beach, FL, January 6, 2011  
 '46 BS Hotel—Ruth Wood Green, Roscoe, NY, November 16, 2010  
 '46 DVM—Robert W. Kirk, Ithaca, NY, January 19, 2011  
 '46—Robert P. Kwalwasser, Renfrew, PA, January 26, 2011  
 '46, BS Chem E '45, B Chem E '47—James Moore, Evanston, IL, Nov. 12, 2010  
 '46, BS HE '45—Gertrude Botsford Moseley, Lake Placid, NY, Dec. 13, 2010  
 '46 BS HE—Joyce Burke Ricciardi, Lakewood, OH, October 15, 2010  
 '46-47 SP Ag—Edgar F. White, Phoenix, AZ, January 16, 2011  
 '47 BS HE—Nancy Wigsten Axinn, Tucson, AZ, September 28, 2010  
 '47—Helen Pinola Crawford, Dallas, PA, January 1, 2011  
 '47 MS, PhD '49—Robert B. Deering, Davis, CA, December 1, 2010  
 '47 BS HE—Bonnie Kauffman DeLaMater, Macungie, PA, Jan. 5, 2011  
 '47 GR—Betty Lowery Fox, Rochester, NY, January 8, 2011

'47 DVM, MS Ag '49—John R. Leahy, Otego, NY, January 19, 2011  
 '47 BEE—Paul R. McCormick, Murrysville, PA, November 26, 2010  
 '47 BA—Betty Wingert Moore, Daytona Beach, FL, January 9, 2009  
 '47 BA—Alden J. Perrine, Springfield, OR, May 30, 2010  
 '47 MS Ag—Kenneth L. Robinson, Ithaca, NY, December 8, 2010  
 '47 BS Ag—Edward E. Stapleton, Boulder, CO, January 5, 2011  
 '47-49 SP Ag—Peter F. Tudda, Ridge, NY, September 17, 2009  
 '47 BA—Audrey Smith Wilson, Honolulu, HI, November 26, 2010  
 '48 DVM—Kenneth W. Benson, Bainbridge, NY, January 2, 2011  
 '48 BCE—Alexander H. Borsani, Monongahela, PA, November 15, 2009  
 '48, BA '49—James A. Eichner, Richmond, VA, November 20, 2010  
 '48 BS Ag—Joe Fairbank, Ashville, NY, November 27, 2010  
 '48 BA—B. H. Friedman, New York City, January 4, 2011  
 '48 BA, MA '50—Anthony Geiss, New York City, January 21, 2011  
 '48 BME—Lawrence J. Gonzer, Short Hills, NJ, December 19, 2010  
 '48—Thomas R. Hunter, Whittier, CA, November 11, 2008  
 '48—Nicholas J. Lavrinos, Fly Creek, NY, December 19, 2010  
 '48—Charles B. Miner, Oriskany Falls, NY, December 14, 2010  
 '48 BS ORIE—William P. Purcell Jr., Lansdowne, PA, Nov. 19, 2010  
 '48 BS Hotel, MBA '50—Thomas T. Rollinson, Raleigh, NC, Jan. 26, 2011  
 '48 BCE—John L. Rose, Lenox, MA, December 17, 2010  
 '48 BME—Bruce M. Thomas, Middletown, OH, December 27, 2010  
 '48 MS, PhD '54—Michael Waldner, Newbury Park, CA, Dec. 17, 2010  
 '48 BS HE—Janet Reese Yacker, Cranford, NJ, October 23, 2010  
 '49 BS Ag—M. Lawrence Bayern, Bozeman, MT, December 30, 2010  
 '49 JD—Henry R. Dutcher, Port Charlotte, FL, April 16, 2009  
 '49 LLB—Henry A. Fischer, Vero Beach, FL, January 2, 2011  
 '49 BCE—George N. Freeman, Greenlawn, NY, February 15, 2011  
 '49 BA—William E. Johnson, Hampstead, NC, January 20, 2011  
 '49 BA, MD '52—Theodore I. Jones, Isle, Mull, Scotland, UK, Oct. 30, 2010  
 '49 BS Hotel—John A. Krieger, Ithaca, NY, January 14, 2011  
 '49—William Malick, Albany, NY, November 27, 2010  
 '49 LLB—Paul D. McCusker, Durham, NC, November 23, 2010  
 '49 BCE—Howard E. Newcomb, Hockessin, DE, December 20, 2010  
 '49 BME—William H. Novak, Pittsfield, MA, November 22, 2010  
 '49, BA '50—Harold W. Osterhout Jr., Port St. Lucie, FL, Feb. 8, 2011  
 '49 BA, PhD '53—Robert B. Pearsall, Sioux Falls, SD, Nov. 27, 2010  
 '49 BA, JD '52—John R. Phelps, Niagara Falls, NY, February 1, 2011  
 '49 BS Ag—William C. Phelps, Westfield, MA, January 27, 2011  
 '49 MCE—James J. Scott, Charleston, SC, February 5, 2011  
 '49 BCE—Richard C. Sharp, Woodbury, CT, December 17, 2010  
 '49 BEE—Richard A. Siek, Rumney, NH, January 24, 2011  
 '49 BS Hotel—Frank J. Thomas, Penfield, NY, April 26, 2010

**1950s**

'50 PhD—Phillip Adams, New Providence, NJ, January 28, 2011  
 '50 BA—Earle N. Barber Jr., Philadelphia, PA, November 28, 2010  
 '50 BA—Patricia Fritz Bowers, New York City, December 13, 2010  
 '50 MS Ag—Glen A. Campbell, North Manchester, IN, Jan. 29, 2010  
 '50 BA—H. Lawrence Goldstein, Syracuse, NY, January 27, 2011  
 '50 BS Nurs—Alma Tagliabue Harr, Ft. Myers, FL, August 14, 2006  
 '50 BEE—Alfred E. Hirsch Jr., Warren, NJ, February 1, 2011  
 '50 MD—Dean G. Hudson, Seattle, WA, November 25, 2010  
 '50 BA—Robert N. Jacobs, Napa, CA, February 8, 2011  
 '50 BS Hotel—J. William Keithan Jr., Seattle, WA, December 9, 2010  
 '50 BA, MA '52—Fay Binenkorb Krawchick, Rochester, NY, Nov. 29, 2010  
 '50—Charles E. Malsan, Clifton Park, NY, December 4, 2010  
 '50 MEd—Robert F. Powell, Annapolis, MD, December 29, 2010  
 '50 BME—Milton J. Rice Jr., Rockford, IL, December 24, 2010  
 '50 BA—Herbert J. Sukenik, New York City, January 14, 2011  
 '50 BA, PhD '54—George A. Theodorson, State College, PA, Dec. 20, 2010  
 '50 BA—Jane Bird Trafzer, Carmichael, CA, December 28, 2010  
 '50 BS Ag—Charles E. Wille, Montgomery, NY, December 22, 2010  
 '50—David A. Wolcott, Rush, NY, October 19, 2010  
 '50 BME—Edward E. Zajac, Lubbock, TX, and Tucson, AZ, Jan. 30, 2011  
 '50 BS Ag—Raymond Zimmerman Jr., Upper Marlboro, MD, Jan. 19, 2011  
 '51, BME '52—Marcus N. Bressler, Broomfield, CO, January 7, 2011  
 '51 LLB—Wallace F. Davidow, Islandia, NY, July 19, 2008  
 '51 BA, JD '53—Mark E. Fields, Kissimmee, FL, January 9, 2011  
 '51 MD—James G. Gray, Elmira, NY, December 22, 2010  
 '51 BA—Ruth Gutgesell Griffith, Aurora, CO, January 25, 2010  
 '51 BA—Arnold W. Guess, Corona Del Mar, CA, September 5, 2007  
 '51 BS Ag—John O. Lawrence, Malone, NY, November 30, 2010  
 '51—Marshall B. Leibowitz, Ridgefield, CT, November 24, 2010  
 '51 BS Ag, MEd '61—John A. Oliver, Ithaca, NY, January 5, 2011  
 '51 MS, PhD '54—Henry Y. Ozaki, Atlanta, GA, December 27, 2010  
 '51, BME '52, MS Aero '53—Peter H. Rose, Seattle, WA, July 18, 2010  
 '51, BA '54, PhD '60—K. Norman Sachs Jr., Madison, CT, Jan. 29, 2011  
 '51 BS ILR—George F. Truell, Williamsville, NY, February 7, 2011  
 '51 BS Hotel—Richard L. Verkouteren, Oro Valley, AZ, Jan. 10, 2011  
 '51 JD—Roger A. Williams, Carthage, NY, December 4, 2010  
 '52 BA—P. Richard Bauer, Denver, CO, February 6, 2011  
 '52 BS ILR—Charles J. Christenson, Cambridge, MA, Nov. 18, 2010  
 '52—Ross H. Forney, Dallas, TX, December 14, 2010  
 '52 JD—Richard M. Hays, Mt. Lebanon, PA, January 7, 2011  
 '52, BS Nurs '53—Elaine Willis Hazard, Bemidji, MN, Dec. 28, 2010  
 '52 BA—William P. Hoffman, North Miami, FL, January 17, 2011  
 '52, BEP '53—Ben Josephson Jr., New York City, August 4, 2010  
 '52 BS HE—Ann A. MacLenathen, Lake Placid, NY, August 1, 2009  
 '52 BS Ag—Richard F. Meier, Batavia, NY, February 9, 2011  
 '52 BS Ag—Kenneth H. Pugh, West Winfield, NY, October 29, 2010  
 '52 BA—Richard M. Ross Jr., Dallas, PA, February 17, 2011  
 '52 BS Ag—Dan O. Taylor, Rush, NY, December 21, 2010  
 '52 BS Ag, DVM '52—Gerald L. Thorington, Rushford, NY, Feb. 2, 2011  
 '52 PhD—John G. Tryon, Boulder City, NV, January 9, 2011  
 '52 BA—John H. Voigt, West Chester, PA, October 11, 2010  
 '52 BArch—Bruce Warner, Charlotte, NC, October 16, 2010  
 '52 BS Ag—William C. Weinpahl, Fleischmanns, NY, May 11, 2010  
 '53 BS Nurs—Joan Christman Arnold, Middletown, RI, Feb. 15, 2011  
 '53 BA, MBA '54—Robert C. Bell, Pittsburgh, PA, December 11, 2010  
 '53 MS, PhD '55—Robert L. Bergen Jr., South Hadley, MA, Jan. 11, 2011  
 '53 PhD—Charles F. Buck Jr., Lexington, KY, January 14, 2011  
 '53 BA—Donald E. Clark, Manlius, NY, July 20, 2010  
 '53 PhD—Jerome Gavis, Baltimore, MD, February 8, 2011  
 '53—John N. Gehl Jr., Green Valley, AZ, December 26, 2010  
 '53—John J. Kleske, Binghamton, NY, January 26, 2011  
 '53 BA, BS Hotel '61—Carol Erdman Merkle, Panama City, FL, Dec. 28, 2010  
 '53 BS Ag—Carl A. Pfeiffer, West Seneca, NY, February 16, 2011  
 '53—John M. Rhodes, Big Flats, NY, January 17, 2011  
 '53 MME—Nagakazu Shimizu, Tokyo, Japan, October 4, 2010  
 '53—Elliott H. Stone, Cambridge, MA, December 19, 2010  
 '53 BArch—Barbara Palestine Waxman, Kinterville, PA, Nov. 9, 2008  
 '53, BA '54—George N. Williams, Gates Mills, OH, March 28, 2007  
 '54, BME '55—Alan A. Blatz, East Brunswick, NJ, January 2, 2011  
 '54-55 SP Ag—Dorothy Voorhees Burgess, Salisbury, CT, Jan. 2, 2011  
 '54, BEE '55—John L. Fryling, Easton, MD, February 4, 2011  
 '54, BArch '55—Audrey Nightingale Greenwald, Cos Cob, CT, Dec. 24, 2010  
 '54 BA—William C. Morgan, Bowie, MD, November 20, 2010  
 '54 JD—Alvertus J. Morse, Pelham, MA, January 23, 2011  
 '54 BA—Robert D. Myers, Mechanicsburg, PA, January 29, 2011  
 '54 MS—Frederick P. Salzer, Rexford, NY, January 6, 2011  
 '54 BEE—Robert F. Schuetz Jr., Scottsdale, AZ, January 31, 2011  
 '54 PhD—Theodore W. Sery, Haddonfield, NJ, January 2, 2011  
 '54 BA—Gladys Carson Warshauer, Naples, FL, January 16, 2011  
 '55 BA—Robert Brandwein, Newton Centre, MA, October 2, 2010  
 '55 MS—Donald C. Dobson, Cedar City, UT, January 10, 2011  
 '55 BA—Naomi J. Kahn, Oakland, CA, December 7, 2010  
 '55 JD—John W. Keib, Jamesville, NY, December 18, 2010  
 '55 MS HE, PhD '59—Nina Weingarten Lambert, Ithaca, NY, Dec. 10, 2010  
 '55 BS Nurs—Susan Toshach MacFarlan, Boulder, CO, January 1, 2011  
 '55—William L. Murphey Jr., Carmel, CA, June 6, 2010  
 '55 BA, MD '58—Ronald N. Ollstein, Bronx, NY, December 30, 2010  
 '55 BS Ag—Barton D. Seager, Smyrna, NY, November 28, 2009  
 '55 MD—Miles H. Sigler, Merion Station, PA, November 29, 2010  
 '55 PhD—Paul W. Van Der Veur, Sebring, OH, January 20, 2011  
 '56 MD—Donald E. Allen, Standish, ME, December 31, 2010  
 '56 BA—Donald E. Butkus, Jackson, MS, February 2, 2011  
 '56-57 SP Ag—Melvin R. Claassen, Mountain Lake, MN, Feb. 2, 2011  
 '56 MS HE—Elizabeth C. Davies, Middleton, WI, January 11, 2011  
 '56—Dalton W. Dedrick, Leesburg, FL, February 9, 2011  
 '56 MA—Richard D. Goff, Surf City, NC, January 16, 2011  
 '56—Thomas E. Henderson, Middletown, NY, March 11, 2010

'56 BA—Alice Peckworth Leiserson, Fairfield, CA, December 6, 2010  
 '56 BS Ag, MS '59—David C. Ludington, Ithaca, NY, Feb. 12, 2011  
 '56 BS ILR—Elizabeth Wright Tower, Branford, CT, August 9, 2007  
 '56 JD—William S. Yale, Newport, RI, June 24, 2007  
 '57—Patrick F. Burke Jr., Lawrence, MA, February 3, 2011  
 '57 BS Hotel—Normand C. Cleaveland, Rehoboth, MA, Oct. 19, 2010  
 '57 MS—Francis G. Fielder, Alpine, NY, January 20, 2011  
 '57 BS HE—Eileen Hoffman King, Fairport, NY, January 20, 2011  
 '57, BCE '61—Amadeo Lopez-Castro Jr., Miami, FL, October 29, 2010  
 '57 BS Nurs—Sandra Miller McAleer, Berwyn, PA, December 10, 2009  
 '57, BArch '59, MArch '61—Leander Minnerly, Vero Beach, FL, Dec. 26, 2010  
 '57—Daniel H. Palmer, Easton, MD, December 24, 2010  
 '57 BS Hotel—Richard H. Squier, Miami, FL, January 15, 2011  
 '58 BA—Harland B. Calkin Jr., El Dorado, KS, December 19, 2010  
 '58, BA '59—Frederic A. Dion, Vienna, VA, March 14, 2009  
 '58 BS Ag—John H. Lounsbury, Smithboro, NY, December 27, 2010  
 '58 BS Ag—Daniel J. Michl, Manchester, CT, January 6, 2011  
 '58 BS ILR—Robert T. Tyler, Woodside, NY, September 9, 2010  
 '59—William B. Allnutt Jr., Archdale, NC, January 7, 2011  
 '59 MS, PhD '64—Paul C. Heckert, Lavale, MD, January 17, 2011  
 '59 BA—Joel D. Levinson, Mountainside, NJ, February 3, 2011  
 '59 BS Ag, MS Ag '62—Henry E. Studer, Davis, CA, February 10, 2011  
 '59 PhD—Edwin S. Weaver, South Hadley, MA, December 12, 2010

## 1960s

'60 PhD—Syed M. Husain, Pitman, NJ, December 1, 2010  
 '60 BS Ag—Thomas M. Jolliff, Cape Vincent, NY, February 14, 2011  
 '60 BA—Michael J. Marks, Cherry Hills Village, CO, October 5, 2010  
 '60 DVM—Roger E. Olson, Frederick, MD, January 8, 2011  
 '60 BA—Kenneth A. Wallace, Paradise Valley, AZ, February 11, 2011  
 '61, BS Ag '62—Alan S. Berlet, Otto, NC, January 6, 2008  
 '61, BCE '63, MBA '65—Ricardo Bird, San Juan, PR, June 7, 2010  
 '61, BCE '63—Andrew J. Boyle, Central Point, OR, December 26, 2010  
 '61 JD—Robert N. Farquhar, Dayton, OH, April 22, 2008  
 '61 BS Ag—Helen Brady Hill, Wayne, NJ, January 28, 2011  
 '61 JD—Col. Edward E. Kuhnel, West Palm Beach, FL, Dec. 14, 2009  
 '61 BA—Robert T. Mosher, Sherman, NY, December 31, 2010  
 '61 BS Ag—Herbert D. Schultz, Brocton, NY, November 30, 2010  
 '62 DVM—John P. Combs, Placida, FL, January 5, 2011  
 '62, BS Ag '63—Robert L. Gloor, Fredonia, NY, February 1, 2011  
 '62—Jonathan E. Meincke, Blythewood, SC, January 23, 2010  
 '62 MS, PhD '63—Robert E. Miller, Naples, FL, December 20, 2010  
 '62 MD—Dennis D. O'Keefe, Santa Fe, NM, November 16, 2010  
 '62 MS—Aurelio M. Quiray, Fort Walton Beach, FL, January 13, 2011  
 '62 BS HE—Constance Lanfranchi Schaevitz, New York City, Nov. 10, 2010  
 '62 BS HE—Nancy Weiss Stegman, Chapel Hill, NC, Dec. 19, 2010  
 '62 PhD—John M. G. Zajacek, Devon, PA, February 6, 2011  
 '63-64 GR—Gottfried Averdunk, Kirchheim, Germany, Feb. 9, 2011  
 '63, BEE '64—Donald J. Cole, Glendale, CA, December 13, 2010  
 '63 PhD—Robert J. Gould, San Diego, CA, June 15, 2009  
 '63 MA—Michael Selkin, Phippsburg, ME, February 8, 2011  
 '64—Jack Parl, Bayside, NY, January 18, 2011  
 '64 MD—Robert H. Reid, West Palm Beach, FL, November 27, 2010  
 '64—Catherine D. Theobald, Wauwautosa, WI, January 9, 2011  
 '65 BS Ag, DVM '69—Clark K. Bushey, St. Albans, VT, Dec. 29, 2010  
 '65, BA '67—Derwin M. Hyde Jr., Newton, MA, October 5, 2010  
 '65 BS Hotel—David A. Margonelli, Edgcomb, ME, January 21, 2011  
 '65 LLB—John C. Parker, Weston, CT, February 23, 2009  
 '65 BCE, MCE '66—Allen B. Reed III, Virginia Beach, VA, Dec. 19, 2010  
 '65 BS ORIE, MS ORIE '66—Timothy Richards, Lancaster, MA, Jan. 4, 2011  
 '65 BA—Jenny Rink, Pompano Beach, FL, September 1, 2010  
 '65 DVM—Edward L. Savage, Trumansburg, NY, January 28, 2011  
 '65 MPA, PhD '74—James R. Thornton, Landenberg, PA, Feb. 11, 2011  
 '65 MS—R. Dennis Wayson, Orinda, CA, September 9, 2010  
 '66 MS, PhD '74—Picroh Arjsongkoon, Bangkok, Thailand, Jan. 1, 1991  
 '66 EdD—Harry G. Beard, Whispering Pines, NC, December 3, 2010  
 '66, BA '67—William H. Blockton, Mamaroneck, NY, January 5, 2011  
 '67 BS Ag—Robert J. Badolato, Mohegan Lake, NY, February 5, 2011  
 '67 BS HE—Mary Ann Reilly Machanic, Cambridge, MA, Oct. 20, 2010  
 '68 BA—Donna Brogle Cogshall, Mountain Lakes, NJ, Dec. 3, 2010  
 '68, BS ILR '69—Andrew G. Gindes, Eureka, CA, December 6, 2010

'68 JD—Robert C. Paltz, Manlius, NY, December 5, 2010  
 '69 MD—Paul A. McGee, Newton, NJ, December 11, 2010

## 1970s

'70 BA—Drew J. Kovalak, Woodbury, MN, November 27, 2010  
 '70 MS Ag, PhD '74—Jacqueline Kupec Mullen, Auburn, AL, Jan. 23, 2011  
 '71 BA—Thomas W. Faber, Dallas, TX, October 31, 2010  
 '71 PhD—Daniel J. Garr, Santa Cruz, CA, January 11, 2011  
 '71 BS Hotel—Hans-Joachim Kurzawa, Lewistown, MT, Nov. 24, 2010  
 '71 BS Hotel—Thomas R. Lutz, Maitland, FL, October 13, 2008  
 '72 MD—Steven M. Friedman, West Chester, PA, December 26, 2010  
 '72, BS Ag '73—James B. Juenger, Trumansburg, NY, Nov. 30, 2010  
 '72 PhD—David L. Ostfeld, New Milford, NJ, December 27, 2010  
 '73 BS Ag—Frances Moschitto Elligers, Windsor, CT, Dec. 13, 2010  
 '73 PhD—LaVerna Earle Fadale, Mechanicville, NY, January 15, 2011  
 '73 MA, PhD '75—Roy J. Gardner, Bloomington, IN, January 10, 2011  
 '73 BS HE—Shelley L. Gould, Ithaca, NY, November 27, 2010  
 '73 BA—James B. Nowak, Rochester, NY, January 28, 2011  
 '73, BS ORIE '75—Thomas R. Shook, North Miami, FL, July 5, 2010  
 '74 MBA—Carolyn E. Greig, North Salem, NY, November 27, 2010  
 '74 BEE—Gary D. Herlihy, Nashua, NH, December 4, 2010  
 '74 MPS—Charles E. Mettam, Asheville, NC, November 30, 2010  
 '74 PhD—Charles Rockwell, Shoreham, NY, January 26, 2011  
 '75-76 GR—Chelson R. McCathen, Pass Christian, MS, Nov. 20, 2010  
 '76 PhD—Joel P. Brainard, Schenectady, NY, December 11, 2010  
 '76, BS Ag '78—William H. Kohaus, Peoria, IL, December 5, 2010  
 '77 JD—Mark C. Flavin, New York City, January 25, 2011  
 '78 PhD—Phyllis C. Kaniss, Philadelphia, PA, December 17, 2010  
 '78 BS Ag—Paul J. Sadowski, Webster, NY, February 8, 2011  
 '78, BA '79—Madeleine Neary Sipes, Ivoryton, CT, January 18, 2011  
 '79—Randolph P. Allgaier, San Francisco, CA, November 27, 2010  
 '79 DVM—Jeffrey A. Friedman, White Plains, NY, November 21, 2010  
 '79, BS ILR '80—Mark J. Hulkower, Washington, DC, February 5, 2011  
 '79 BA—Jack Katz, Shaker Heights, OH, December 8, 2008  
 '79 BME—John V. Kearney, Sunnyvale, CA, January 25, 2011  
 '79 BS Hotel—Henry G. Vickers Jr., Scituate, MA, January 10, 2011

## 1980s

'80 BS Ag—Paul A. DeJesus, Reading, MA, January 27, 2011  
 '80—Kurt W. Messerschmidt, Poquoson, VA, December 17, 2010  
 '81 BS HE—Alan E. Barman, Chadds Ford, PA, September 14, 2010  
 '81 BA, MFA '84—Jane Genung Dickinson, Freeville, NY, Feb. 1, 2011  
 '81—Diane L. Geist, Yarmouth, ME, January 15, 2011  
 '82 BS ILR—Val M. Berry, Clarksburg, MD, February 11, 2011  
 '82, BS Ag '87—Katherine Kalaf Stiler, Austin, TX, January 2, 2011  
 '82 BS ORIE—Teresa Wong, Bayside, NY, January 4, 2011  
 '83 PhD—Uraivan Tan-Kim-Yong, Chiangmai, Thailand, April 28, 2007  
 '84, BS Ag '85—Kathleen Fabry Cooley, Seneca Falls, NY, Dec. 12, 2010  
 '84 BS Ag, DVM '90—Yvonne Bopp Oppenheim, Newton, MA, Jan. 21, 2011  
 '85 BEE—James F. Hoffmann, Lawrenceville, NJ, January 9, 2011  
 '85—Valdis I. Kirsis, Homer, AK, March 30, 2010  
 '86 BS ILR—Jeffrey S. Rosenberg, Dunwoody, GA, Sept. 17, 2010  
 '87, BA '88—Silvy Fernandes Murphy, Cary, NC, June 1, 2009  
 '87 MBA, PhD '89—Eric G. Wruck, Columbus, OH, January 22, 2011  
 '89 MS, MBA '96—Robert L. Ard, Auburn, AL, August 14, 2008  
 '89 BA—Peter Chai, New York City, June 12, 2009

## 1990s

'91 MBA—Michael Campson, Simsbury, CT, January 24, 2011  
 '91 MS, PhD '94—Kevin L. Novins, Ardsley, NY, January 26, 2011  
 '94 BS—Chad T. Barry, Portsmouth, NH, December 15, 2010  
 '94 PhD—John M. Kalb, Kenmore, NY, December 22, 2010  
 '98 JD—Steven J. Snyder, Cherry Hill, NJ, December 3, 2010  
 '99 BS—Richard M. Flores, Elizabeth, NJ, January 14, 2011

## 2000s

'01 JD—Benjamin I. Julier, Winthrop, MA, November 4, 2010  
 '02 MBA—Susan Heho, Washington, DC, November 12, 2010  
 '04 MA, PhD '07—Sarah C. Kulkofsky, Lubbock, TX, January 13, 2011  
 '09-10 GR—Daniel E. Ferrero, Brooklyn, NY, December 12, 2010  
 '10 PhD—Tine K. Rubow, Ithaca, NY, December 2, 2010

# House Party

Delta Phi celebrates a century at Llenroc

**E**zra Cornell was not a grandiose sort. Buildings like Morrill and White, constructed under his supervision, reflect his pragmatic approach to architecture. Llenroc, the stone mansion he built for his family, is an anomaly in the founder's design aesthetic—a formidable neo-Gothic villa boasting twenty-foot ceilings, crystal chandeliers, and intricate molding that many initially dismissed as “Cornell’s Folly.” “It’s not really in his character,” says University archivist Elaine Engst, MA ’72. “He was a Quaker—plain-thinking, plain-dressing, and plain-living.”

But an 1862 tour of English country homes, as well as some persuasion by the more extravagant A. D. White, influenced Ezra when it came time to build a grand house for his family. He personally selected the materials—the façade was made of limestone from a quarry near White Hall—and oversaw construction, which began in 1867. When Ezra died in 1874, he left the unfinished house to his family. The following year saw the completion of Llenroc (the name, of course, is “Cornell” spelled backwards), and Ezra’s wife and children moved in. They lived there on and off for thirty-two years, holding “pantry teas” in the kitchen on Sunday evenings.

By the early twentieth century, the Cornells had vacated the villa, too grand for their needs. Meanwhile, the Pi chapter of Delta Phi fraternity, incorporated at Cornell in 1891, was searching for a house. In 1911, George Tarbell 1891, LLB 1894, a



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prominent Ithaca lawyer and co-founder of the chapter, purchased Llenroc from Ezra’s daughters. “There are a number of big houses that other fraternities live in,” Engst muses, “but this would have been seen as a real prize.” With the exception of both World Wars—when servicemen occupied the house—Delta Phi brothers have lived there ever since. In September, the fraternity will mark a hundred years of ownership with its “Century at Llenroc” celebration, aimed to bring several hundred members and their families back to the villa, the largest gathering of alumni in the chapter’s history.

Llenroc itself has evolved over the years. Modern furniture has replaced Victorian trappings, and framed class photos of the brothers hang on the library walls, a reminder of the generations who have passed through. “We consider it our home,” says Delta Phi Association president Ian Wright ’94, “so it can be a challenge, with the wear and tear of time, to keep it a beautiful, historic place while upgrading the facilities for Internet, modern heating, and energy savings.” Members of the Llenroc Foundation hope to raise \$1 million to fund renovations, which have included projects like repairing the roof, restructuring the kitchen, and refinishing the woodwork. “It’s not very glamorous stuff,” member and architect Art Gensler ’57 explains, “but it should be maintained, first because it’s Ezra Cornell’s home and second because it’s one of the great buildings in America.” In 1980, that significance became official when Llenroc was added to the National Register of Historic Places. “The chandeliers in the music room and living room, there are only three in the world like them,” Gensler notes. “One of them is in the Smithsonian—and the other two are in Llenroc.”

— Maya Rajamani ’12



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Rock of Ages: Ezra Cornell’s East Hill mansion circa 1913 (top) and today (above)

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