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Peter Coy '79 and Andrew Ross Sorkin '99 are two of the nation's top financial reporters—Coy for *Bloomberg Businessweek*, Sorkin for the *New York Times*. At CAM's invitation, the two sat down over lunch in the *Times* building to discuss the state of financial journalism in the post-bailout age, from declining circulation to the influence of social media to the fallout from the *News of the World* scandal. "I find that I don't really understand something until I've written about it," says Coy, "because the exercise of writing forces you to boil and boil until you have it straight in your mind."

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ADRIENNE ZABLE '11

With just one novel under her belt, Téa Obreht, MFA '08, has become a literary darling. The *New Yorker* named her one of the top twenty fiction writers under forty, and her book, *The Tiger's Wife*, won Britain's prestigious Orange Prize for female fiction writers. Still living in Ithaca after a stint teaching in Cornell's MFA program, Obreht contemplates such topics as the perils of early success and the inspirational value of "Frasier" reruns.

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BETH SAULNIER

Last summer—in addition to courses on topics like weather forecasting, Dickens, and Seventies pop culture—Cornell's Adult University offered two sessions of the Harried Gourmet. Designed by longtime University chef Dave D'Aprix, the course teaches time-strapped home cooks to unshackle themselves from recipes and embrace the joys of culinary improvisation. A look at one crazy Gourmet day, as D'Aprix helps seventeen students prepare a smorgasbord of dishes—from seafood stew to stir fry, cookies to kale chips.

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Toward Cornell's Sesquicentennial

As we prepare to transition from the Board of Trustees leadership of Pete Meinig '61, BME '62, to that of Bob Harrison '76, we look forward to Cornell's sesquicentennial in 2015. As I shared with those of you who visited campus for Reunion Weekend, we will maintain a sharp focus on four areas that have been important to Cornell's historic leadership and remain critical to our future.

First, we have long been the prototypical opportunity university, making good on Ezra Cornell's promise of "any person, any study." Even in the darkest days of the Great Recession, we maintained our policy of need-blind admissions and need-based undergraduate financial aid. Going forward, we will keep Cornell within reach—not only for undergraduates, but also for graduate and professional students, and for international students, who, especially as undergraduates, have only limited access to financial aid.

Second, we will set the standard for globalization of higher education, sharing our knowledge and tapping the insights of the best minds the world over. We have a strong record internationally, from Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar to such projects as our leadership of international efforts to confer durable rust resistance in wheat. But the world is changing rapidly, and Cornell must change with it. "Problems without passports," such as climate change, infectious diseases, nuclear proliferation, trade regulation, and many others, require international collaboration, and all of us need the skills to live and work effectively across cultures and national borders.

Third, we will step up to the challenge of public engagement, bringing the talents of our faculty, students, and staff, and of our research and outreach, to the greater society as never before. Our strategic plan includes among its goals making public engagement a distinctive feature of a Cornell education and strongly connecting it to our on-campus research and educational strengths.



One significant way in which we seek to increase our public engagement is by partnering with the city of New York to build a visionary applied sciences and technology campus in Manhattan. The competition is stiff, but with Cornell's leadership in interdisciplinary information-age education and research, our culture of entrepreneurship, and our strong presence in and commitment to New York City, we are confident that we are the right choice—and that by undertaking this venture we will accelerate Cornell's economic impact on our state, our nation, and our world.

And fourth, we will renew our faculty within each of the basic academic groupings. We have made substantial progress, hiring sixty-three new faculty members for the Ithaca campus so far in the 2011–12 academic year. We will keep the momentum going as we approach the sesquicentennial, because faculty renewal is absolutely crucial to Cornell's future. We are enhancing the faculty ranks in all areas, with a special focus on the humanities and a growing concentration on sustainability.

As I've mentioned before, thanks to masterful management by Provost Kent Fuchs in Ithaca and Provost for Medical Affairs Tony Gotto at Weill Cornell Medical College, we are on track to a balanced, sustainable budget with the resources to recruit many new faculty, stabilize our staff workforce, and continue our commitment to need-based student financial aid. We need to balance growth in faculty numbers and new initiatives with discipline in cost containment, to slow the rise that sooner or later must be reflected in the price of a Cornell education. Yet we must also ensure that Cornell's excellence, influence, and contributions are shared widely—in our local community, within New York State, nationally, and globally.

Along with good management and the sage guidance of our trustees and overseers, it is the contributions of our alumni, parents, and friends that have helped us weather the financial storm. Building on our success so far—with \$3.4 billion already raised—and with excitement about our sesquicentennial starting to build, we are extending the university-wide campaign until December 31, 2015, and increasing our goal to \$4.75 billion.

Our alumni have been extraordinarily generous over the decades. With your continued help, Cornell will reach new heights as a world-class, comprehensive, sustainable university with global impact, reach, and significance as we celebrate our sesquicentennial. And the time to begin the next phase of our collective future is *now*.

— President David Skorton
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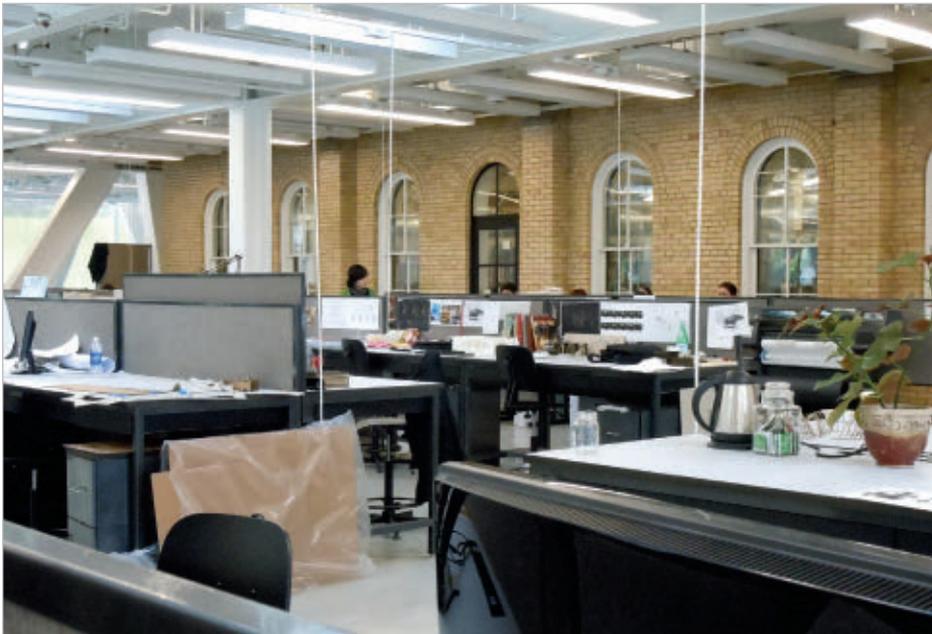
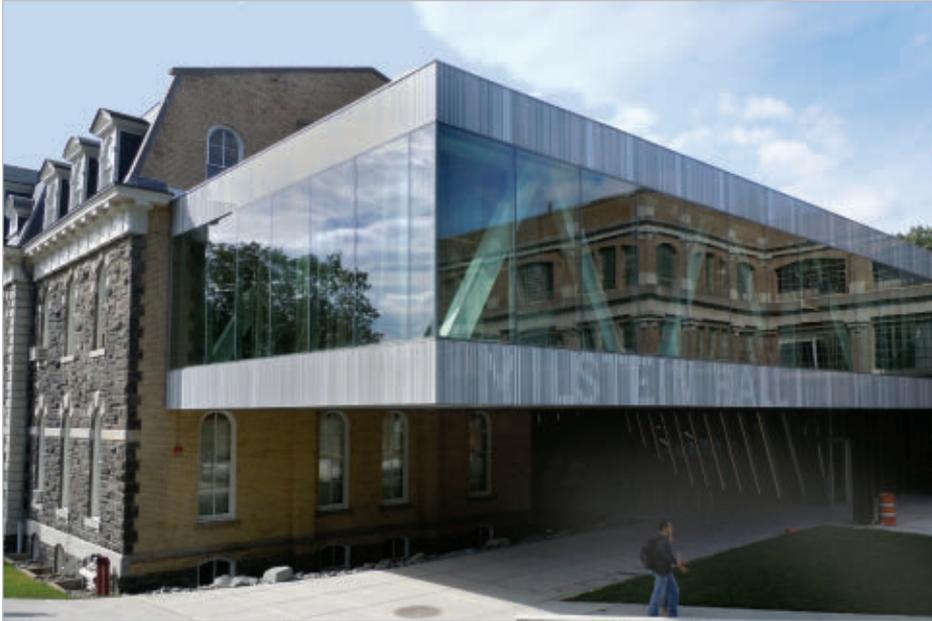
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The Big Picture



Box Step

The College of Architecture, Art, and Planning's long-awaited Milstein Hall opened in August. Designed by Rem Koolhaas, the 47,000-square-foot building features (clockwise from top) a dramatic glass rectangle attached to Sibley Hall, a sweeping ground-floor entrance, and vast open studio space on the second floor. A grand opening celebration, including symposia and other events, is set for March 9 and 10.

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Milstein
Construction
Time Lapse



Bravos and Brickbats

Firefighters, fracking, and fiscal matters grab the attention of our readers

CAM, September/October 2011: What a great issue! One of the all-timers. Two great pieces by Brad Herzog '90—the amazing, moving article about Chris Ganci '99 (“Company Man”) and the amusing one about the two Colbert staffers (“Observe and Report”)—and a useful excerpt from the new Robert Frank book (“Starve the Beast?”). Not to mention the Cornelliana endpiece by Maya Rajamani '12 about my fraternity house, Llenroc, which was a pleasure to see. Bravo!

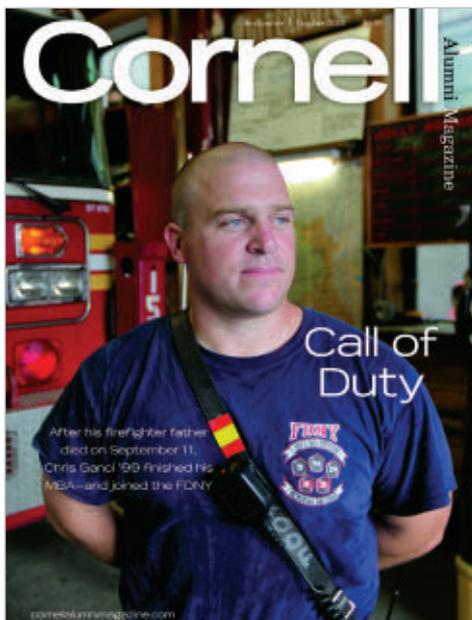
Keith Johnson '56
Sharon, Connecticut

Thank you for the wonderful article on my daughter Meredith Scardino '98 and her co-worker Liz Levin '98, writer and producer, respectively, for “The Colbert Report.” Both the Scardino and Levin families had outstanding experiences while our daughters were at Cornell. And because both girls were athletes, we got to enjoy all the fun of the games and the incredible tailgates, not to mention staying overnight at the Statler. Any parent should be proud when they receive that acceptance packet in the mail. Cornell is an incredible place that prepared my daughter for a successful future.

Anne Scardino
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Drilling Down

I decry the unbalanced reporting in “Hot Topic” (Currents, September/October 2011). The author devotes most of the article to describing a study led by Cornell professor Robert Howarth that claims the 100-year greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint caused by extracting natural gas from the Marcellus



shale is “comparable to that of coal.”

The fact that other Cornell professors disagree with Howarth is dismissed in a single sentence. There is no meaningful discussion of opposing views. The article goes on to say that “Howarth is quick to point out that no peer-reviewed journal has published a study that refutes his work.” However, a ten-minute search on the Web turned up a peer-reviewed paper published in *Environmental Research Letters* by a team from Carnegie Mellon Institute titled “Life cycle greenhouse emissions of Marcellus shale gas.” They concluded that “Marcellus shale gas adds only 3 percent more emissions to the average conventional gas, which is likely within the uncertainty bounds of the study. Marcellus shale gas has lower GHG emissions relative to coal when used to generate electricity.”

I don’t know whether the Howarth paper or the Carnegie Mellon paper represents the better scientific approach, but

it seems to me that the readers of CAM would be better served if equal consideration were given to both sides of an important environmental question.

W. C. Thurber '54, BChemE '55
Edgewater, Maryland

Prof. Howarth replies: Mr. Thurber refers to the paper by Jiang et al., which was published on August 5, many weeks after my interview with CAM. Of interest, the Jiang et al. paper does not conclude that our analysis was wrong or flawed in any way. In fact, they do not refer to our paper, and they address a more narrow topic than we did. They analyze the greenhouse gas footprint of shale gas when used only for electricity production, and they focus on the time scale of 100 years after emission. Their conclusion is that under these constraints, shale gas is preferable to coal. This conclusion is broadly consistent with our study, although we believe Jiang et al. have underestimated methane emissions as well as the global warming potential of methane compared to carbon dioxide.

The larger issues, though, are their focus on electricity production and on the 100-year time frame. We focused on heat production from gas, since this is the major use of gas in the U.S., and shale gas is predicted to largely be used to replace conventional gas as a source of heat and industrial energy (and only secondarily to be used for electricity). Natural gas is used more efficiently than coal in generating electricity, but has no efficiency advantage over coal or oil when used for heat. And we focused on both the twenty-year and 100-year time frames. Because methane is relatively short-lived in the atmosphere, its influence on the longer time frame is relatively small. We believe the shorter time frame is critical, if society is serious about addressing global climate change. Again,

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at shorter time scales, the greenhouse gas footprint of shale gas is worse than that of coal, particularly when used to generate heat and process energy.

Had Mr. Thurber continued his Web search for other literature, he also would have found a new paper by Wigley, accepted for publication in *Climatic Change Letters* on August 10. Wigley uses a more sophisticated model for estimating the consequences of methane on global warming than we did. He largely confirms our conclusion that shale gas is worse than coal in terms of global warming when viewed over shorter time scales, although his model results suggest less of a difference than our analysis indicated. Interested readers can further explore the consequences of assumptions behind our work at our lab website: www.eeb.cornell.edu/howarth/Marcellus.html.

Bash the Beast

Robert Frank's criticism from a distance of California's Proposition 13 in "Starve the Beast?" is misinformed and wrong. Tax revenue per capita in California is consistently ranked within the top ten states. The income tax rates are within the highest five states. The top 9.55 percent tax rate kicks in at only \$46,766 of taxable income. California has no separate capital gains rate—capital gains are taxed at ordinary income rates. There is a sales tax that varies locally at an average of 8 to 9 percent. Californians are not under-taxed.

Our fiscal problems would be better solved by cutting the state budget than by raising taxes. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, state and local government employees in California are paid an average of \$40.10 per hour in wages and benefits against \$27.88 in the private sector. A community college professor can earn \$150,000 to \$200,000 or more, plus benefits. Before he left office, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger predicted that in twenty to twenty-five years there will be no money in the state budget for anything except public employee wages and benefits. Although the amounts are in dispute, there is little disagreement that state and local governments face staggering unfunded pension and benefit liabilities. Public employee wage and benefit levels are driven by public employee union political contributions. The prison guards union was former Governor Gray Davis's largest campaign contributor, for example. The wage and benefit costs extracted by the public employee unions in return for their political contributions are what is bankrupting the state.

Californians rightly see Proposition 13

as their last bastion of defense against state and local governments insatiable for more tax revenue and spending too much of what they now receive on a favored class of public employees. If Proposition 13 were repealed, the tax burden added to the taxes we already have would drive more businesses and productive individuals out of the state in addition to those who have already left, with immense adverse economic consequences, a result not considered in "Starve the Beast?"

Robert Dunn '58
Corte Madera, California

Prof. Frank replies: Taking Mr. Dunn's description of conditions in the Golden State at face value, he and his fellow citizens appear to be suffering at the hands of a dysfunctional state government. The fact that government is often wasteful was, of course, my point of departure in "Starve the Beast?" But what should we do about that?

Mr. Dunn believes it's a good thing that Proposition 13 has reduced his overall tax burden, suggesting that he also believes that depriving the state of tax revenue is a productive way to eliminate government waste. But as evidenced by the comments from Californians at the online version of my article on the CAM website, that approach has caused good programs to be cut along with bad ones. Mr. Dunn is correct to say that if the overall tax burden and lack of public services in California grow sufficiently burdensome, the most mobile individuals and businesses will continue to flee the state. But the most effective solution to that problem would be to reform state government in California. Mr. Dunn cites examples of the corrupting influence of campaign contributions from public employee unions. Others would cite the corrupting influence of campaign contributions from corporate interests. Any and all sources of corruption are ripe for attack, but the corrupting influence of campaign cash should be at the top of every reformer's list.

Building good government is hard work. But it's not impossible. Many countries and many American states have succeeded in building responsible, responsive governments. None of them did it by starving the beast.

Alumni Deaths: Yeegads!

When I receive CAM, I always flip to the obituaries first to see if I know anybody, to see if I'm listed, and to read about the accomplishments of former Cornellians. I was stunned by the decimation of our alumni ranks this time—three pages of names with no kind words regarding their

careers. There was also no mention of the plague that is wiping out Cornellians so rapidly. Is it contagious? Am I doomed?

I did find the nine-page PDF of the full obituaries on the website, but the printed version in the September/October 2011 issue was a shock. Let's hope this plague abates.

Jeff Earickson '77, MS '80
Waterville, Maine

Ed. Note: Don't worry, Jeff—there's no plague. But we have, as you noted, changed the way we're presenting Alumni Deaths in the print magazine. As Cornell's alumni body has grown larger each year, we have found it more and more difficult to keep up with the deaths reported to us. This problem has been exacerbated by budgetary constraints that have reduced the number of pages in most of our print issues. More deaths and fewer pages—so we have been falling farther and farther behind in publishing the obituaries. Recently we were running almost a year behind, which is simply unacceptable. We considered a number of options and decided on a compromise solution, with a listing of names and dates of death in print and full-text memorials online, where there are no space restrictions. This will allow us to publish these obituaries in a timely manner and, in fact, expand the longer versions when appropriate. For full-text versions of all memorials, go to the CAM website.

Corrections

Legacies 2011 (July/August 2011, website): Elissa Prout '14 was inadvertently omitted from the One Parent list. She is the daughter of James Prout '83. Elissa is also the great-granddaughter of Ellis Robison 1918.

Authors (September/October 2011, page 21): We wrote that *Royal Pains* was "the second foray into royal history" by Leslie Carroll '81. It is actually her third.

"High and Mighty" (Currents, September/October 2011, page 24): The photographs should have been credited to Jon Reis/Photolink.

"The Great Red Way" (Currents, September/October 2011, page 36): Due to an editing error, we misidentified the play that was inspired by Walt Whitman. It was *Yawper on the Balch Bridge* by Lauren Feldman '01, not *Arts and Sciences* by Sheri Wilner '91.

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Homecoming Revisited

A grand tradition gets even grander



Go Big Red: On a crisp September evening, more than 14,000 fans turned out to cheer the 24-13 win over Bucknell.

PHOTOS BY LISA BANLAKI FRANK

I first attended Homecoming as a child. My father, Alan Roberts '22, would bring me to campus to see the football game. I'm not sure when this began, but I remember watching a Cornell team coached by Lefty James take on Navy at Schoellkopf. The football media guide tells me this was in 1956, so I was seven years old at the time. As I recall, Big Red halfback Bo Roberson '58 had a good game, but Cornell lost to the Middies.

After graduating, I didn't return to campus for many years—but since I moved back to Ithaca in 1999, Homecoming has been a regular event on my fall calendar. It's mostly been about alumni association meetings and tailgating, but in recent years I've seen the weekend take on new dimensions. It's not just about the football game anymore.

This year, thanks to the efforts of Chris Marshall and his hardworking staff in Alumni Affairs, Homecoming reached new heights. The festivities kicked off on Friday, highlighted by an "A Cappella United" concert in Bailey Hall. On Saturday, the game was moved to 6 p.m. to



allow alumni to participate in daytime activities like guided bird walks at the Lab of O, a tour of Milstein Hall, and the first-ever Homecoming Speed Networking Event. There were also student showcases, films, lectures, plays, concerts, and even a grape stomping. The events wrapped up with the "Judy's Day" cele-

bration at the Plantations on Sunday afternoon. The weather was good, the Big Red won the football game, and the entire weekend was a grand celebration of Cornelliana. If you were there, you know how much fun it was—if not, then plan to come next year.

— Jim Roberts '71

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From the Hill



LISA BANLAKI FRANK

New recruits: Starting next year, fraternities and sororities will have to attract and vet prospective members without the traditional pledging system.

Skorton Bans Pledging in Greek Organizations

In the wake of the death of a sophomore in an alleged hazing incident, President David Skorton has announced an overhaul in the fraternity and sorority pledging system. “Although pledging is justified as a period of time during which pre-initiates, or ‘pledges,’ devote themselves to learning the information necessary to become full members, in reality, pledging is too often the vehicle for activities that are dangerous or demeaning,” Skorton says. “This must stop.” The University is working with Greek student leaders to develop a new member recruitment and initiation process, to be implemented in 2012–13.

Although hazing has been prohibited at Cornell since 1980—and illegal in New York State since 1983—the pledging process has come under particular scrutiny since the February death of

George Desdunes ‘13, who was found unconscious after a night of heavy drinking at Sigma Alpha Epsilon. His mother has filed a \$25 million wrongful death lawsuit against the fraternity and more than a dozen of its members; several students face criminal charges and SAE has been banned from campus for at least five years. “For far too long, campuses like ours have worked to be rid of hazing practices, but those efforts have not been successful,” Skorton says. “Anything less than a complete overhaul of the pledging process to bring people into our organizations will result in more of the same. We cannot simply ‘try harder.’ We need a clean break with the past.” The executive committee of the Board of Trustees has passed a resolution supporting Skorton’s efforts.

Oldest Alumna Dies at 109

Helen “Happy” Keane Reichert ’25, believed to be Cornell’s oldest living graduate, died on September 25 in her New York City apartment. She would have been 110 on November 11. A longtime copywriter and educator, she taught at NYU’s Graduate School of Retailing for thirty years after earning a master’s at Columbia Teaching College. In 1949 she founded the Round Table of Fashion Executives to better represent women in the industry, and in 1951 she began hosting a television talk show, “FYI: The Helen Faith Keane Show,” on WNEW; it earned her a McCall’s Magazine Golden Microphone Award for outstanding service to women. Reichert’s husband, cardiologist Philip Reichert, MD ’23, passed away in 1985. Her survivors include two brothers, also centenarians.



Happy Reichert ’25

Reichert—who, as a Girl Scout, sold World War I bonds outside the New York Public Library—became familiar to listeners of NPR in April, when she was the subject of a commentary piece by her gerontologist, Medical college professor Mark Lachs. In the story, he was asked whether Reichert attained her advanced age through abstemious living. “No,” Lachs said, “Helen Reichert likes chocolate truffles. Her favorite beverage is Budweiser. And she once announced to me that she was thinking about smoking again. When I protested, she reminded me that she has outlived several other physicians and told me to mind my own business.”

Oberlin Director Tapped for Johnson Museum

Stephanie Wiles, head of the Allen Memorial Art Museum at Oberlin College since 2004, has been named the new Richard J. Schwartz Director of the Johnson Museum of Art. She succeeds Frank Robinson, who retired in June after nineteen years, segueing to a job in Cornell’s development office. At Oberlin, Wiles oversaw a building renovation and art storage expansion and acquired major works by artists from Rembrandt to Sol LeWitt. Her previous posts include curatorships at Wesleyan University and the Morgan Library and Museum. Wiles, who holds a PhD in art history from CUNY, will assume the job in mid-November, a month after the grand opening of the Johnson’s 16,500-square-foot expansion.

Milstein Hall Opens—At Last

In August, after a decade of debate and several rejected designs, Milstein Hall opened its doors. Designed by Rem Koolhaas and the Office for Metropolitan Architecture, the building contains sixteen studios with 25,000 square feet of work space, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a 250-seat auditorium for lectures and events. “It will be functional as well as instructional,” architecture chair Mark Cruvellier says of the department’s first new building in a century. “It puts on public display what we do here.” At the start of the academic year, some 200 architecture students marched from Sage Chapel to claim their desks in the new building. “It’s beautiful—absolutely gorgeous,” said Ben Waters ’14. “I can’t believe it’s ours.” For photos of the new building, see page 4.

Native American House Marks Two Decades on Campus

Akwe:kon, Cornell’s Native American heritage residence hall, celebrated its twentieth anniversary in September. The residence, the first on a U.S. campus specifically built to celebrate Native American culture, is currently home to thirty-five students, half of whom are Native American; its name, pronounced “a-gway-go,” means “all of us” in Mohawk. An anniversary celebration in Appel Commons included an Iroquois/Haudenosaunee social dance and remarks by dignitaries, who were presented with traditional handwoven baskets and blankets.

Physical Sciences Building Gets Environmental Honor

Cornell’s new Physical Sciences building has received a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold rating. The building, which houses research in chemistry, physics, and applied physics, earned forty-seven out of a possible sixty-nine points. The program judges buildings in categories like energy efficiency, lighting, water use, and design innovation. Physical Sciences features such measures as ventilation sensors, an air and heat recycling system, a white roof, and light-colored paving to reduce heat gain. Weill Hall, the life sciences building completed in 2008, also earned LEED gold certification, the program’s second-highest rating (after platinum).



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High noon: The “Science Guy” designed a clock that marks the sun’s highest point in the sky.

Bill Nye Unveils ‘Solar Noon’ Clock Atop Rhodes Hall

In August, “Science Guy” Bill Nye ’77 was on hand to dedicate the solar noon clock atop Rhodes Hall. A gift from Nye, the clock funnels sunlight into a tube to illuminate a fourteen-inch disk on its face at solar noon each day, indicating the moment the sun hits its highest point in the sky. It was designed in part by engineering students, led by professor Michel Louge. After a dedication ceremony and public lecture, Nye narrated the approach of solar noon from Hoy Field as hundreds watched the clock light up for the first time. Nye, a former Rhodes professor best known for hosting the Nineties PBS children’s series “Bill Nye the Science Guy,” conceived the idea when, during a campus visit, he noticed a large, round, blank space on the façade of Rhodes Hall and thought it the perfect place for a clock. Solar noon rarely coincides with clock noon; the day of the dedication, it struck at 1:07 p.m.

Cornell Investments Gain

The Investment Office has announced that as of June 30, 2011, the value of Cornell's long-term investments (LTI) increased to \$5.35 billion. This represents a rise of nearly a billion dollars over the end of the previous fiscal year, when the LTI—which includes the endowment and other funds—was valued at \$4.43 billion. The endowment alone, which was valued at \$4.38 billion on June 30, 2010, increased to \$4.93 billion in the past fiscal year. These gains were realized despite the fact that the University has been operating without a chief investment officer since May 1, 2011, when Michael Abbott resigned after holding the position for only six months. At its peak in 2008, before the financial crash, the value of the LTI had been \$6.14 billion and the endowment \$5.8 billion.

Alan Krueger '83 to Head White House Economic Council

ILR grad Alan Krueger '83 has been nominated by President Barack Obama to lead the White House Council of Economic Advisers. If confirmed by the Senate, Krueger will be charged with spearheading implementation of the president's economic growth policies. An economics professor at Princeton, Krueger served as assistant secretary for economic policy in the Treasury Department in 2009–10 and as chief economist in the Department of Labor in 1994–95. He holds a doctorate in economics from Harvard.



Alan Krueger '83

Altschuler Marks Twenty Years as Continuing Education Dean

This year, Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76, celebrates two decades as dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions, which offers courses for teens, continuing education students, and non-degree students. Under Altschuler's leadership, the school has introduced programs for rising high school juniors (including teens from China), courses on finance and law featuring internships in New York City, a post-baccalaureate program in health studies, and a finance course for non-financial managers, among other initiatives. Altschuler is the Thomas and Dorothy Litwin Professor of American Studies, a faculty fellow at Hans Bethe House, and vice president for university relations. He has received a Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellowship and a Clark Teaching Award, among other honors.



Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76

Four Undergrad Programs Make U.S. News Top 10

In its 2012 survey of colleges and universities, *U.S. News and World Report* has ranked four Cornell undergraduate programs among the top ten. The University placed second in engineering science/engineering physics, fourth in biological/agricultural engineering, ninth in business, and ninth in engineering. Other rankings included tenth in economic diversity and tenth on the list of "Great Schools, Great Prices." For the third year in a row, Cornell was fifteenth on the magazine's overall list of national universities.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

Anthropologist **Sarah Blaffer Hrdy** of the University of California, Davis, and biologist **Margaret McFall-Ngai** of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, named to six-year terms as A. D. White Professors-at-Large.

Behavioral ecologist **Stephen Emlen**, winner of the Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Animal Behavior Society.

Art professor **Stephanie Owens**, named to a three-year term as director of the Cornell Council for the Arts.

President **David Skorton**, named co-chair of the newly created Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council. CALS dean **Kathryn Boor '80** was named a member.

Cornell University, ranked number two in AARP's list of top employers for people over fifty. The University was also named the nineteenth-best employer by *Working Mother* magazine and one of the top 100 adoption-friendly workplaces by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

Arabic literature professor **Shawkat Toorawa**, recipient of a \$50,000 post-fellowship award from the Mellon Foundation to complete work begun under a previous grant.

Emeritus professor **David Mermin**, named the "Best Person in Physics" for 2010 by the *Electronic Journal of Theoretical Physics*.

Civil and environmental engineering professor **Linda Nozick**, appointed by President Barack Obama to the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

Computer scientist **Noah Snavely**, named by *Technology Review* as one of the top tech innovators under thirty-five.

Doctoral candidates **Takuma Itoh**, **Ryan Gallagher, MFA '10**, and **Eric Nathan**, winners of ASCAP composer awards.

ILR professor **Patrick Wright**, named one of the most influential human resources thinkers by Britain's *HR* magazine.

Philosophy professor **Andrew Chignell**, whose article "Real Repugnance and Belief About Things-in-Themselves: A Problem and Kant's Three Solutions" was named by the *Philosopher's Annual* as among the ten best in the field in 2010.

Emily Richer '11, winner of a Fulbright scholarship. She'll teach English in Thailand for 2011–12.

Medical College Names Dean

A professor of immunology and medicine at Harvard has been named Cornell's provost for medical affairs and dean of Weill Cornell Medical College. Physician Laurie Glimcher will take office on January 1, succeeding Antonio Gotto Jr., who has served since 1997. A past president of the American Association of Immunologists, Glimcher is a veteran researcher with strong ties to the pharmaceutical industry, including long tenure on the corporate board of Bristol-Myers Squibb. Her lab is credited with such immunology breakthroughs as the discovery of the T-bet transcription factor, which regulates immune functions, and the Schnurri-3 adapter protein, which controls adult bone mass. Says President David Skorton: "Her passion for accomplishment and her many research and clinical strengths make her ideally suited to build on Tony Gotto's strong foundation and lead Weill Cornell's bright future in clinical care, education, and translational research as well as participate at the highest level of Cornell University in fostering excellence in the life sciences."



Laurie Glimcher, MD

New Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Named

Lee Melvin has been hired as Cornell's associate vice provost for enrollment, succeeding Doris Davis, who left the University in 2010. Melvin comes to Ithaca from the University of Connecticut, where he had served as vice president for enrollment planning and management for two years and as director of undergraduate admissions for the previous five. During his time in the UConn admissions office, minority enrollment rose by 28 percent and the university saw a 300 percent increase in international undergrads. Melvin has also held administrative posts at the University of Michigan; the University of Georgia, Athens; the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Wayne State University. At Cornell, he will oversee undergraduate admissions, recruitment, enrollment management, and financial aid. Says Melvin: "I was attracted to Cornell because of its mission to enroll promising students from any background, regardless of the resources they may need to come here."

Two Deans to Lead Embattled Africana Studies Program

This academic year, the Africana Studies program is being overseen by two senior associate deans from the College of Arts and Sciences: Elizabeth Adkins Regan and David Harris. The announcement by Arts dean Peter Lepage included the acknowledgment that a six-month search for a long-term leader did not bear fruit. "Ultimately, we weren't able to identify a faculty member who was both willing to serve and acceptable to a substantial majority of the Africana faculty," he said, "and we believe that faculty enthusiasm is critical to effective long-term leadership." The issue has been a source of controversy since last year, when the program and the Africana Studies and Research Center were folded into the College of Arts and Sciences. In his statement, Lepage said he remained optimistic about the program's future, citing an ambitious hiring plan and the development of a PhD curriculum. After the announcement, a group of Africana alumni issued a letter that called the naming of the co-deans "regressive and colonial in nature."

R&D

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Researchers at Cornell and Brigham and Women's Hospital found that long-term use of vitamin E can decrease the risk of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease by about 10 percent in women over forty-five. The finding applies to both smokers and nonsmokers.

The Vet college has developed a new test for Lyme disease in horses and dogs. It can detect three types of antibodies produced in response to the bacteria that causes Lyme, allowing for earlier intervention.

A joint study by Cornell and Columbia supports efforts by the National Labor Relations Board to shorten the time between filing a unionization petition and the date when workers vote. It found that a longer gap between the two leads to greater anti-union intimidation.

Regions of the midshipman fish's brain reveal how vertebrates generate sound for social communication, finds neurobiology and behavior professor Andrew Bass. A central pattern generator in the hindbrain coordinates swim bladder muscles, producing sound in a way analogous to that of the human larynx.

Neurobiology and behavior grad student Karl Berg discovered that parrots assign unique calls to their chicks just as humans name their children—helping them find one another during far-flung migrations.

Losing weight could be as easy as having a lower-calorie lunch, say nutritional sciences professor David Levitsky and grad student Carly Pacanowski. Their study showed that when volunteers ate portion-controlled lunches (but ate as much as they wanted at other meals), their average weight loss was 1.1 pounds in ten days.

Cornell's Survey Research Institute has found that hostility toward and fear of Muslim Americans have risen since Osama bin Laden's death. SRI director Yasmin Miller says the survey also indicates that citizens doubt the government's ability to protect them from terrorist attacks.

Cornell and University of Albany researchers have invented a portable pathogen detector that can identify even small quantities of anthrax. The device can also be used for salmonella detection and crime scene forensics.

Psychology professor Melissa Ferguson finds that the American flag makes people vote Republican. Being shown the flag during a 2008 political survey increased the likelihood that subjects would vote for John McCain in the actual election.

Researchers have figured out how the cabbage looper caterpillar resists the biological insecticide Bt. Entomology professor Ping Wang, PhD '96, and colleagues found that in caterpillars who developed resistance, a digestive enzyme was altered.

Big Game

September 30, 2011



Daniel Haber

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In its Ivy League opener, the men's soccer team stunned Penn by scoring the game's only goal with just 1:37 left on the clock. Forward **Daniel Haber '14** did the honors, with a shot fired from the far right side of the penalty box after a throw-in by team captain **Jimmy Lannon '12**. Goalkeeper **Rick Pflasterer '13** made three saves to record his fourth shutout of the season. The 1-0 win pushed the Big Red's record to 5-1-3, with their only loss coming in the season opener against Niagara.



Jadd Schmeltzer

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BIG RED SOX After becoming the first Big Red baseball player to sign a professional contract since **Rocky Collis '06**, **Jadd Schmeltzer '11** spent the summer with the Gulf Coast League Red Sox in Fort Myers, Florida. A 6-foot-4 right-handed pitcher, Schmeltzer appeared in 15 games for the Sox, picking up a team-high four saves and posting a 2.92 ERA while holding opposing batters to a .233 average.

TOP HONORS A pair of All-Americans are among 10 former Big Red athletes who will be inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame on November 11. **Steve Baginski '80, MBA '84**, was a two-time All-American in the hammer throw, and **Pat Dutton '99** was an All-American midfielder for the men's lacrosse team. The other members of the Class of 2011 are **Karen Chastain Hughes '01**, women's track and field; **Chris Mabley '65**, lightweight rowing; **Robin Moore '01**, volleyball; **Peter Orthwein '68, MBA '69**, men's polo; **Helen Barfield Prichett '95**, women's swimming and diving; **Joseph Splendorio '01**, football; **Dave Van Dyke '74**, gymnastics; and **Molly Kauffman West '97**, field hockey.

Sports Shorts

CHARGED UP In September, **Bryan Walters '10** became the 42nd former Cornell player to play in the National Football League when he suited up for the San Diego Chargers and caught two passes in a 24-17 win over the Minnesota Vikings. Walters, who spent the 2010 season on the Chargers practice squad, gained national attention when he returned a kickoff 103 yards in a preseason game. At Cornell, Walters set Ivy League records for both career punt return and kickoff return yards. He is the first Big Red player to reach the NFL since offensive lineman **Kevin Boothe '05**, who played 16 games for the Oakland Raiders before being traded to his current team, the New York Giants.



Bryan Walters

MIKE NOWAKY/SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

PRESEASON PICK After back-to-back trips to the Frozen Four, expectations are once again high for the women's hockey team. Cornell was the unanimous choice atop the preseason ECAC coaches' poll and ranked third in the preseason USCHO national poll. Big Red players were also busy during the offseason, with seven participating in Canada's National Women's Team September camp. Cornell Head Coach **Doug Derraugh '91** is one of the assistant coaches on the Canadian National Team staff.

TRIPPED UP A bid by **Morgan Uceny '07** for a world championship in the 1,500 meters was thwarted when she was brought



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down by a runner who had fallen in front of her with 550 meters to go. Uceny picked herself up and finished 10th. Despite this disappointment, Uceny established herself as one of the fastest 1,500 meter runners in the world when she won the Diamond League series title, taking the series-ending race in Brussels, Belgium, by passing nine runners over the last 400 meters and posting a personal-best time of 4:00.06.

B-BALL REUNION Former Cornell teammates **Jeff Foote '10** and **Ryan Wittman '10** are together again on the basketball court. Two years after leading the Big Red to its third straight Ivy League title and first trip to the Sweet Sixteen, they have both signed to play with Zastal Zielona Góra in the Polish Basketball League. Foote spent most of last season playing with Melilla Baloncesto in the Spanish second division, and Wittman split his time between Fulgor Libertas Forli in Italy and the Fort Wayne Mad Ants in the NBA Development League. Their teammate **Louis Dale '10**, meanwhile, is back with BG Gottingen, in Germany's top league, Basketball Bundesliga.

TRIPLE PLAY A world championship would be enough to satisfy most runners, but for **Max King '02** it was just the beginning of a busy month. On September 12, King won the World Mountain Running Championship, covering a hilly 12.7 kilometer (7.9 mile) course in Tirana, Albania, in 52 minutes and six seconds. Then, on September 23, he won the USA Track and Field 50 Kilometer Trail Championship in his hometown of Bend, Oregon, with a time of 3:27.54. One day later, King successfully defended his XTERRA trail run national title, covering the 21 kilometer (13 mile) course outside Ogden, Utah, with a winning time of 1:17.59.



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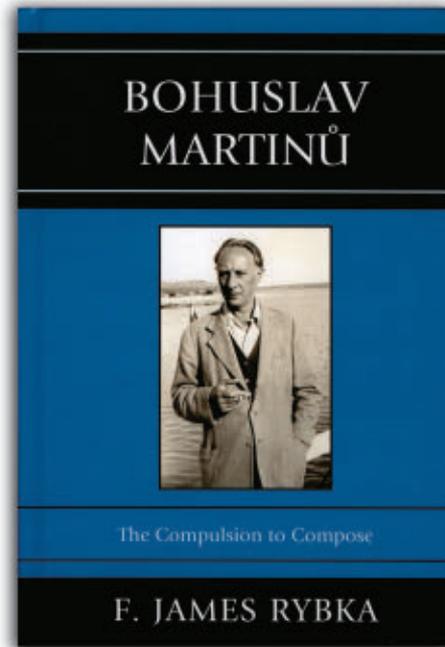
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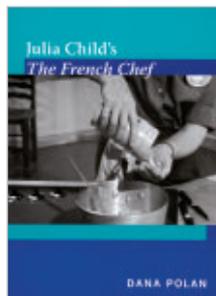
A Compulsion to Compose

Bohuslav Martinů by F. James Rybka, MD '61 (Scarecrow)

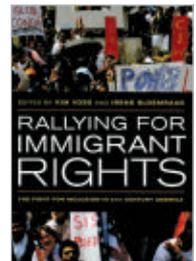
The twentieth century Czech composer Bohuslav Martinů wrote more than 400 pieces: symphonies, operas, ballets, and many orchestral, chamber, piano, and vocal works. His style evolved from impressionism through experiments with expressionism and constructivism to neoclassicism and often employed jazz idioms. The abundance of his output caused some critics to question if the music was facile and uneven. Rybka, a retired professor of plastic surgery at UC Davis and family friend of the composer, emphasizes the quality of Martinů's work and makes the case that Martinů's compulsion to compose was a result of Asperger syndrome.



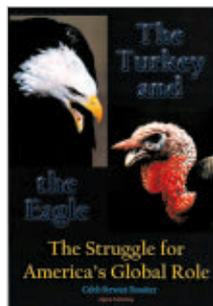
Julia Child's "The French Chef" by Dana Polan '75 (Duke). Julia Child changed American attitudes toward food and turned a cooking show into popular television. "With 'The French Chef,' entertainment and instructional strategies came together in the force of a dynamic personality who cogently and consistently made cooking fun while never losing sight of the utility of basic instruction," states Polan, a professor of cinema studies at New York University. "The mere functionality of the cooking demonstration is transformed into steps on the path to pleasure. In its own way, 'The French Chef' prepares the way for later, more hedonistic cooking shows."



Rallying for Immigrant Rights edited by Kim Voss, MS '77, and Irene Bloemraad (California). In early 2006, an estimated 3.75 to 5 million people across the U.S. demonstrated for immigrant rights. Although their activism helped defeat the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act, legislation that would provide a path to legalization for millions of undocumented workers and their families failed to pass. A professor of sociology at UC Berkeley and her colleagues argue that the legacy of the protests is a "call to a new politics of inclusion, one that is being challenged by alternative visions of exclusion and expulsion."



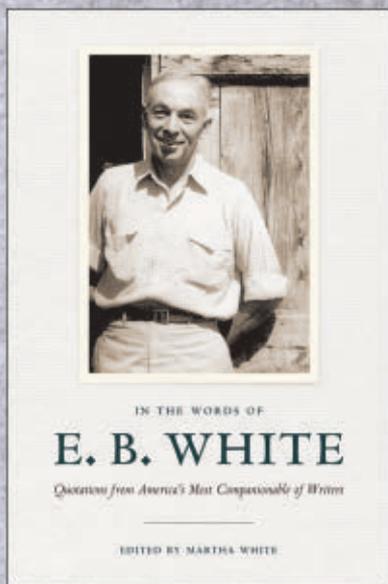
The Turkey and the Eagle by Caleb Stewart Rossiter '73, PhD '83 (Algora). Benjamin Franklin advocated the industrious wild turkey as the symbol of the United States rather than what he termed the "sharping and robbing" bald eagle, a choice that signified aggression and dominance in foreign policy. One look at the back of the dollar bill shows which symbol won. Rossiter, an associate fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies and assistant professor at American University, reviews the history of U.S. domination and citizens' efforts to control it, from the Spanish-American War to the current war on terrorism.



Don't Expect Magic by Kathy McCullough '84 (Delacorte). Fifteen-year-old Delaney Collins's world turns upside down after her mother dies and she leaves her home and friends in New Jersey to live in a California beach town with her emotionally distant father, a famous life coach and self-help guru whom she hasn't seen in four years. One day she stumbles upon his secret: he's a fairy godmother. When she discovers that the fairy godmother gene is hereditary, wise-cracking Delaney isn't prepared for the troubles her newfound powers cause. She learns that magic doesn't always help the person who holds the wand.



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Fiction

Becoming Marie Antoinette by Juliet Grey '81 (Ballantine). The first novel in a trilogy follows the life of Maria Antonia, the young Archduchess of Austria, as she makes the arduous transformation to Marie Antoinette, a suitable wife for Louis, the French Dauphin.

Mariage New-Yorkais by David Grossvogel (l'Éditeur). A professor emeritus of Romance studies and comparative literature tells a satirical tale, in French, about a murder investigation in New York.

Non-Fiction

In Uncertain Times edited by Melvyn P. Lefler '66 and Jeffrey W. Legro (Cornell). Policymakers from the George H. W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush administrations examine how 9/11 and the fall of the Berlin Wall have affected U.S. foreign policy.

The Deaths of the Author by Jane Gallop '72, PhD '76 (Duke). In close readings of four literary theorists, Gallop, a professor of English and comparative literature at the University of Wisconsin, reconsiders the poststructuralist idea of the "death of the author"—that the author does not matter, only the text—in light of the recent deaths of several theorists.

The Seed by Jon Gordon '93 (Wiley). The business consultant, life coach, and author of *The Energy Bus*, offers a fable on how to gain perspective and restore purpose and passion in one's life and work.

Evolution of Plant Breeding at Cornell University by Roysie P. Murphy and Lee B. Kass, PhD '75 (Internet-First University Press). Murphy, former dean of the faculty and head of plant breeding, and Kass, visiting professor in plant biology, tell the 100-year history of the Department of Plant Breeding. Available online at <http://hdl.handle.net/1813/23087>.

Inside a U.S. Embassy edited by Shawn Dorman '87 (Foreign Service Books). Foreign Service employees give day-in-the-life accounts of their work in embassies and consulates from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe and answer questions about careers in diplomacy.

Gay Latino Studies edited by Michael Hames-García, PhD '98, and Ernesto Javier Martínez, PhD '05 (Duke). The authors explore the state of gay Latino studies in the U.S. and "highlight relationships among ongoing intellectual projects that take the lives of gay, bisexual, and queer Latino men as a starting point."

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Bryophyte Ecology and Climate Change edited by Zoltan Tuba, Nancy G. Slack '52, MS '54, and Lloyd R. Stark (Cambridge). Researchers describe the varied ecosystems where mosses and other bryophytes exist—from peat bogs to deserts to alpine regions—and how these plants are indicators of climate change.

Postcolonial Cinema Studies edited by Sandra Ponzanesi and Marguerite Waller '69 (Routledge). In this collection of essays, a professor of English and women's studies at UC Riverside and her co-authors examine the effects of migration, militarization, economic exploitation, and racial and religious conflict on the work of filmmakers from former European, Soviet, and U.S. colonies.

Deterrence through Strength by Rebecca Berens Matzke, PhD '00 (Nebraska). Britain's Royal Navy—backed by its ship-building capacity, steam technology, and economic strength—was a deterrent force in the early Victorian period. "British naval power posed a genuine threat," argues an associate professor of history at Ripon College, "but British governments exercised discretion in using it."

A Field Guide to Wildflowers of the Sandhills Region by Bruce A. Sorrie '67 (North Carolina). A botanist for the North Carolina Natural Heritage Program focuses on the unique plant life of the Sandhills region of the Carolinas and Georgia and its dependence on fire ecology.

Mobilizing Restraint by Emmanuel Teitelbaum, PhD '05 (Cornell). An assistant professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University compares worker rights in Sri Lanka and India and argues that democracy promotes better industrial relations and economic success.

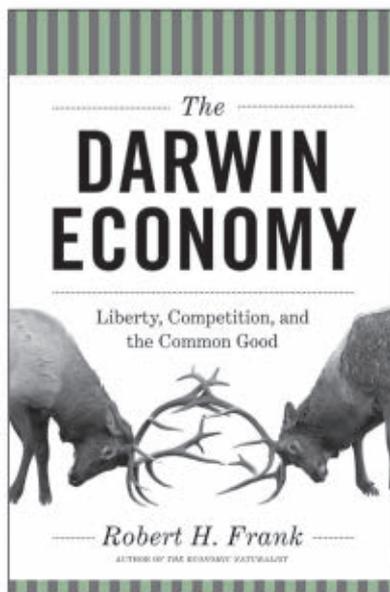
Come Closer edited by Toby Emert and Ellie Friedland '76 (Peter Lang). Activists, scholars, and theatre professionals describe how they use the lessons of Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed to create dialogue and democratic change.

Nationalism in Europe and America by Lloyd Kramer, PhD '83 (North Carolina). A professor of history at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, looks at the history of nationalism and the influence of the American and French revolutions.

Reading Embodied Citizenship by Emily Russell '01 (Rutgers). Using examples from the works of Mark Twain, Flannery O'Connor, Carson McCullers, and David Foster Wallace, an assistant professor of English at Rollins College explores how physical disability "throws central concepts of American identity into crisis."

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On a hill above Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes Distilling turns local crops into tasty beverages

Drink up: Brian McKenzie '99 in the tasting room. Opposite: The distillery (top) boasts a 4,000-pound copper still (center) and a dramatic view of the lake.

High Spirits

Drive west from Ithaca until you hit Seneca Lake, hang a right, head north along the shore, and there it is: the region's only liquor distillery. On a hill overlooking the water, Finger Lakes Distilling makes and sells seventeen spirits—vodka to gin, grappa to whiskey. But don't look for rum or tequila; by law, the company's ingredients must be sourced from New York State, which nurtures neither sugar cane nor agave. "A big part of what we're doing is not just running a distillery, but creating something that jibes with a bright spot in this area: wine tourism," says president and founder Brian McKenzie '99. "In my mind, it's a tourism business as much as a distilled spirits business."

Located in Burdett on the Seneca Lake Wine Trail next door to Damiani Wine Cellars, Finger Lakes Distilling has rows of vines in its sloping front yard; its land includes a century-old vineyard, and the distillery uses the grapes in some of its

products. On the bottom floor of the custom-designed building is the production facility, jammed wall to wall with stacks of barrels, most made from American oak. On this overcast day in June, the distillery is producing its 90-proof corn whiskey, dubbed Glen Thunder. To make a batch of the liquor, hundreds of pounds of corn from local farms are milled to the consistency of flour, then put into the steam-jacketed mash kettle, where the starch breaks down into sugar. Then it's into the fermenter and finally the 4,000-pound copper still, which McKenzie designed and had shipped from Germany. A clear liquor, the corn whiskey goes straight from still to bottle with no time in the barrel. "It surprises people, because they think it's going to be like pure moonshine," McKenzie says. "It has a sweetness to it. It's actually pretty smooth."

Upstairs is the tasting and sales room, its bar made of pressed tin and its floor salvaged from a Kentucky tobacco barn. Here, visitors can choose from such liquid delights as a Gewürztraminer grappa with notes of spice and apricot; a rye whiskey whose grain is grown directly across the lake from the distillery; a bourbon made from local heirloom corn and finished in Chardonnay casks; three fruit brandies (peach, pear, and currant); a maple-infused liqueur; and the distillery's top-selling item, Seneca Drums Gin, which was named best New York State spirit at the 2010 Food & Wine Classic. But tasters must weigh their options carefully; unlike at wineries, they're limited by state law to three samples of a quarter-ounce each. "Nobody's going to get smashed," McKenzie says. "They're not even getting a legal drink. A legal drink is an ounce and a half of hard alcohol, and they're getting three-quarters of an ounce."

A policy analysis and management major in the College of Human Ecology, McKenzie grew up in nearby Elmira and worked in banking and finance after graduation. But he'd always had an interest in whiskey, visiting distilleries in Kentucky and in his grandfather's native Scotland while on vacation. When the small Upstate bank he worked for was taken over, he used his severance to explore his dream job. At a distilling conference in Louisville, he met a master distiller named Thomas Earl McKenzie—no relation, but serendipitous for future whiskey-bottle labeling—and the two men hit it off. Brian decided to go for it. "Some people thought I had lost it, maybe," he recalls with a smile. "Most people were skeptical—but they thought it had some potential, too."

But there was a major stumbling block. What he planned to do—conduct tastings and sales at the distillery—was illegal in New York State. So he joined other small distillers and the state farm bureau in lobbying to create a new license classification; then-governor Eliot Spitzer signed the Farm Distillery Act in August 2007, and Finger Lakes Distilling opened two years later. It now distributes directly to some 400 retailers, bars, and restaurants throughout the state, including tony Manhattan spots like Tribeca Grill, Eleven Madison Park, Craft, Jean-Georges, and Gramercy Tavern. (Ithacans can sample McKenzie's wares at the Statler Hotel and other local establishments including Moosewood Restaurant.) While the distillery can't ship direct to consumers, some of the stores that carry its products offer mail order; McKenzie is aiming to widen distribution—this summer, the company expanded into New Jersey and Chicago—and enlarge pro-



duction space. "Our business is really seasonal," he says of the tasting-room traffic. "It kicks off on July 4 and stays busy through October. We're trying to appeal to a wide range of palates, and we get a pretty good mix of both men and women."

In addition to selling its spirits, the distillery offers a variety of high-end mixers, from boutique tonic waters to rhubarb-flavored bitters. It produces a monthly newsletter with innovative cocktail recipes like Wild Berry Lavender Lemonade (made with its berry vodka), a rosemary martini, and a gin-and-Cointreau-based concoction dubbed the Corpse Reviver #2. "There's a big interest in spirits right now," McKenzie says. "People are looking for something authentic, even historical; pre-Prohibition cocktails are really popular. It's fun to get a bottle of something and use it twenty-five different ways, versus just drinking a beer or splitting a bottle of wine."

Less fun, McKenzie admits, is the day-to-day grind of running a business—even one focused on making and selling high-end libations. "People think it's a glamorous thing to do, but there's nothing glamorous about the process side; right now, Thomas is downstairs basically covered in mash," McKenzie says of his master distiller. "There are a lot of fun things about it—getting out to sell your brand—but at the end of the day you're doing immense amounts of paperwork to keep up on all the regulations." Speaking of which, he adds: "This is a lot more regulated than banking was."

— Beth Saulnier

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Galaxy Quest

Amateur astrophotographer Steve Mazlin '81, BA '82, captures eye-popping images of the night sky

Steve Mazlin '81, BA '82, has perfected the whole dual identity thing. By day, he's a neurologist in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. By night, he travels to distant star clusters, explores misty nebulae, and watches galaxies collide. And he does most of it while he's sleeping.

Mazlin is an amateur astrophotographer; he's part Ansel Adams, part Carl Sagan. His home and office are festooned with breathtaking images of the universe—the stunning colors and exotic shapes of wonders like Orion's Belt, the Whirlpool Galaxy, and the craters of the moon. In fact, eight of his images have been selected by NASA as its Astronomy Picture of the Day, which Mazlin describes as “the holy grail in astrophotogra-

phy.” And this despite the fact that he has never taken a course in astronomy or photography and didn't even own a computer until fourteen years ago. He is self-taught, a backyard hobbyist—quite literally.

In 1998, Mazlin constructed a rotating dome observatory 100 feet from his house. Inside the fiberglass structure are a telescope mount that turns to compensate for the Earth's rotation, a high-resolution and light-sensitive digital camera, and a laptop computer equipped with a planetarium program. With the bells and whistles he has added over the years, Mazlin estimates that the total cost of his passion has come to roughly \$75,000. But the images are priceless. “It is an expensive hobby, there's absolutely no doubt,” says Mazlin, who lives with his wife and two sons in Upper

Makefield, about thirty miles north of Philadelphia. But he adds, chuckling, “Then again, I don't sail or play golf.”

Mazlin does have another hobby: magic. He taught an Experimental College course in Willard Straight Hall as an underclassman, and you can watch a shell game routine by “The Great Mazlini” on YouTube. Mazlin sees a correlation between capturing an instant of deep-space wonder and a successful sleight-of-hand. “Astronomy is such a mystery, and when you watch a good magic routine you get that same gee-whiz feeling,” he says. “In a sense, astrophotography is me wanting to make rational this totally irrational universe. Through the pictures, I'm saying, ‘I may not be able to understand it, but here's what it looks like.’”

An amateur photographer since age eleven, Mazlin had his own darkroom in the basement of his childhood home on Long Island. Although he never took Astronomy 101 during his years as a chemistry major on the Hill, he was always mesmerized by the secrets of the universe—a fascination that first crystallized when, as a teenager, he glimpsed the rings of Saturn through a family friend’s telescope. But Mazlin’s two interests didn’t collide until the late Nineties, when amateur astrophotography became possible with the emergence of sophisticated technology. Inside his ten-foot-wide, eight-foot-high backyard observatory are a twelve-and-a-half-inch reflecting telescope and a four-half-inch refracting telescope, as well as a digital camera developed specifically for astro-imaging. The camera includes two chips—one that locks onto a guide star to keep the scope on target and an imaging chip that reduces the thermal noise that creeps into ultra-long exposures (the shutter may be open for as much as an hour, as opposed to a fraction of a second for typical photography).

In the beginning, Mazlin used to camp out in his observatory until well past midnight, swatting away mosquitoes in the summer or braving the cold of winter as he continually adjusted telescope settings and manually rotated the dome to obtain multiple exposures over several hours. But now the dome rotates automatically, software allows the telescope to self-adjust, and he need spend only a few minutes setting up



his imaging of the night sky. Then he can control everything from his in-house computer. “Hopefully, I’m mostly on autopilot once it starts running,” says Mazlin, who estimates that there are a couple of hundred amateur astrophotographers at his elite level throughout the world. “If everything goes well, you have all your data when you wake up the next morning.”

While Mazlin collects scientific data, his goal is aesthetic—turning the science into art. So processing the data—removing the effects of light pollution and digitally superimposing the various exposures—can take days, even weeks when mosaics of

larger areas are being assembled. “You have to decide how you’re going to combine the data, what you’re going to emphasize, how much you’re going to sharpen some areas and blur others, how you’re going to adjust your color balance,” says Mazlin. “All of that is the fun part. You want to come up with an image that is visually appealing, but also realistic.”

Aiming to photograph the night sky as viewed from the Southern Hemisphere, Mazlin recently became a partner in Star Shadows Remote Observatory, a cooperative astro-imaging venture (operated with the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) that offers use of a professional installation in Chile. With the dark skies and steady air, says Mazlin, it is “one of the best locations in the world to do astrophotography.” Mazlin can operate the installation’s telescope remotely, imaging distant galaxies by tapping his iPhone.

Mazlin’s photographs, which he sometimes sells (“virtually at cost,” he says) to patients or visitors to his website (www.fourthdimensionastroimaging.com), are dazzling enough that they were displayed at New Jersey’s Monmouth Museum a couple of years ago. His images have appeared in magazines like *Sky & Telescope* and *Beautiful Universe*, and his “Witch Head Nebula” photograph was chosen by UNESCO for its 2009 World Science Day poster. “People see a Hubble [Space Telescope] image and say, ‘Oh, of course. They have a few-billion-dollar piece of equipment that’s out there beyond the atmosphere,’” says Mazlin. “But a schlepper like me in my backyard without any formal training can accomplish something that looks pretty damn good.”

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Star gazer: Steve Mazlin '81, BA '82, with his backyard observatory, which he used to capture images of (top left) Orion’s Belt and Sword and (top right) the Dumbbell Nebula.

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Outdoor art: The arboretum's Sixties-era sculptures have been restored.

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Abstract and Concrete

The Plantations sculpture garden gets a face-lift

Near the pond in Cornell Plantations' Newman Arboretum, eight pieces of modern art loom amid the lush scenery—concrete structures standing in rigid contrast to the rolling hills and flowering trees. But when art professor Jack Squier, MFA '52, acquired space for the sculpture garden in the early Sixties, the area was little more than a trash heap. "When I got ahold of it," Squier recalls, "the land was full of old railroad ties, fifty-five-gallon drums, and piles of chicken manure as big as cars."

The sculpture garden took root as an extracurricular project by eleven fourth- and fifth-year architecture students. In the winter of 1961, the group worked in the studio with Squier on sketches and scale models. When the ground thawed, the figures—varying in size, shape, and style—were sculpted on site and hoisted into place. Of the original eleven pieces, the largest weighed ten tons. "After we hooked the crane to the first piece, we lifted it off the ground about three inches and jiggled it a little," says Squier, now a professor emeritus who splits his time between Florida and Ithaca. "We had to make sure the crane wouldn't collapse." The University donated the concrete, the crane, and a cement mixer, but the students financed the rest. A number of them—including Alan Chimacoff '63, BArch '64, '77, PhD '87, who designed Cornell's North Campus and Lab of Ornithology—would go on to distinguished architecture careers.

In the years following the installation, three of the pieces were found to be structurally unsound and had to be taken down; last year, the Plantations completed a restoration of the eight remaining works. The pieces were cleaned, minor repairs were made, surrounding trees were trimmed, and an informational sign was installed. "The sculpture pieces represent another aspect of human culture and artistic endeavor," says Plantations director Don Rakow, MPS '77, PhD '87. "The trees and the sculptures play off one another, enhancing the beauty of each."

While the sculptures have their share of critics—who argue that their industrial look detracts from the arboretum's bucolic atmosphere—they've gotten at least one high-profile endorsement. Squier notes that shortly after their installation, Walter Gropius, the legendary German architect and founder of the Bauhaus movement, called to congratulate him on the project. "He thought it was one of the best devices he had ever seen for training architects," Squier recalls. "It was very public. If the students succeeded, they succeeded publicly. If they failed, they failed publicly."

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Get the Gist

According to human development professor **Valerie Reyna**, if public health officials want to counter the anti-vaccination movement, they need to understand how people process risk

Cornell Alumni Magazine: What do you study?

Valerie Reyna: I study risky decision-making in children, adolescents, and adults. The canonical example is the teenager who takes risks—who speeds or gets into a car with a driver who’s been drinking. Or think about the hundreds of thousands of people who die from smoking every year; almost every one initiates that behavior in adolescence. Certain personality types are what we call sensation-seeking—the fact that something bad might happen makes it thrilling—and many people go through a period like that in adolescence. But the cognition of risk changes fundamentally from adolescence to adulthood.

CAM: Could you give an example?

VR: Take unprotected sex. There’s the possibility of HIV infection, and most adults would say it’s not worth it. From the point of view of an adolescent, there are benefits to having sex and the chances of HIV infection are objectively low, so it makes sense to take a risk. But as you go from adolescence to adulthood, there’s what we call a “gist-based intuitive process.” That’s a mouthful, but what it boils down to is this: if there’s a non-negligible possibility of a really bad thing, don’t do it.

CAM: How does that thinking apply in areas where people are quite bad at assessing risk? People ride in cars every day but are terrified to fly, even though the odds of dying in a car accident are much higher than in a plane crash.

VR: In fact, the joke in my profession is that people drive to the airport, and *then* they worry.

CAM: So why do people think like that?

VR: Risk perception is affected by things like familiarity and control. Essentially, if you have less control over something or it’s less familiar, you’re more fearful.

CAM: Given your specialty, why were you interested in studying immunization?

VR: It involves a major public health problem, and also it’s a question of risk. Vaccines are low-risk, but they do have some risk; there’s the very remote possibility that you will have a severe reaction or even die. Parents have to decide whether to vaccinate their children—but there are major public health consequences if they don’t. There have been recurrences of some diseases, like measles, that we thought were conquered.



ANDY FRIEDMAN

CAM: What are the most common worries about vaccination?

VR: There has been concern about narcolepsy associated with certain vaccines in Europe; in the U.S., some people continue to see a connection (wrongly) between autism and childhood vaccinations. And the prevalence rate for autism—one in seventy for boys—is very high. As more people talk about this in the media, more people are concerned that there is a link. They think, I got my child vaccinated and he began to exhibit these symptoms; they connect the dots.

CAM: In general, are people good at assessing risk?

VR: It depends if they’ve had adequate opportunity to experience the outcome. People who lived before the polio vaccine knew people who had polio; they saw friends die, they saw

people in iron lungs. The research shows that if you have exposure to outcomes, you're able to estimate probabilities very well. But in today's world, if everybody gets vaccinated, you don't observe the bad event.

CAM: What is happening in people's minds when they decide whether or not to vaccinate?

VR: One thing that's obvious is that official sources of information about vaccination risks and benefits—government websites, for example—are difficult for laypeople to understand. It's not that they necessarily use big words; it's that the concepts—like “herd immunity”—make no sense. The sites just tell facts; they don't explain them. My theory says that you can encode facts in a rote fashion—what we call “verbatim representation”—but those representations are not what you use to make decisions; to make decisions, you use what we call “gist representations.”

CAM: What are gist representations?

VR: They capture the bottom-line meaning. If you don't understand what you're reading, your gist is impoverished. And these websites don't explain; they exhort. They say, “You should get vaccinated.” Why? “Because you should.” They don't really explain the risks, the mechanisms of the vaccines, or the process by which they're approved in a way that people understand and therefore trust. On the other hand, if you go to an anti-vaccination website, it's very explanatory. There's a coherent narrative.

CAM: Do the anti-vaccination sites also tend to be more compelling? They can tell a story like, “My son Billy was three years old and developing normally and now he's autistic because of this vaccine.”

VR: That's precisely correct. We're seeing stories that are not only emotionally evocative, but also more coherent.

CAM: As a researcher, do you have to be neutral about whether vaccines really cause autism?

VR: Being objective does not necessarily mean being completely open-minded about things for which there are established facts. For example, mercury was removed from vaccines—so if mercury caused autism, you'd see a drop in autism, and in fact it continues to be diagnosed at a higher rate. I would not presume that someone who's anti-vaccination is irrational; on the other hand, there are consequences. If you decide not to vaccinate, what about the child that

sits next to yours in school?

CAM: Given that part of the problem is that one side offers more compelling messages, what can public health officials learn from your research to make a more effective case?

VR: The recommendation would be to focus on the gist instead of reporting facts that public health officials assume are self-evident—“this is FDA approved, you should just do it.” The gist-based approach

says that, to make a decision, people have to understand what they're being told. It might be tempting to conclude, “The government will put the facts out there about vaccination, heart disease, cancer, or smoking, and that will solve the problem.” But it's not facts that determine a decision; it's the mental representation of those facts. It's what's in the mind, not what's on the page, that determines what you do. In terms of public health, that's where the rubber meets the road.

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Hoarding specialist Leslie Josel '85 helps clients cope with extreme clutter

There was the family whose house was so overstuffed, they had to enter it by climbing an eight-foot ladder to reach a window—and slept in a tent in the backyard. There was the compulsive shopper who bought four houses next to each other to hold all his belongings. Then there are the “sentimental hoarders”—the kind who keep everything from baby clothes to the ugly vase they got as a gift twenty years ago—and the “intellectual hoarders” who hold onto every newspaper, magazine, and piece of mail on the off chance they may need it someday. This isn't the lineup for the new season of TLC's “Hoarding: Buried Alive”; it's Leslie Josel's career.

The former human development major is a professional organizer specializing in clients with chronic disorganization and hoarding behaviors. Her Westchester-based business, Order Out of Chaos, serves clients throughout the tri-state area. About a third of them are teenagers needing help with ADD-related issues or time management, another third are adults who hoard, and the rest suffer from compulsive disorganization. Josel '85 generally handles the more severe cases, while the more straightforward jobs are passed on to the three organizers she employs; her firm also has a moving and downsizing division.

A former human resources executive, Josel founded Order Out of Chaos a decade ago after her son was diagnosed with ADD and learning disabilities. She searched for ways to “untangle” his environment, and soon found that others wanted her to organize their homes. While Josel did not initially treat hoarding, she realized there was a growing market for such specialists and sought certification from the Institute for Challenging Disorganization, the field's nonprofit professional group. Since then, popular interest in the disorder has grown significantly, with numerous media stories about hoarding cases and two reality TV shows on the topic, “Hoarding: Buried Alive” and A&E's “Hoarders.” Josel, who has worked with both shows and appeared on “Buried Alive,” believes that public interest has helped sufferers by giving the problem a real diagnosis. “It's brought the clutter out of the closet,” she says. “Everyone used to joke about the crazy lady in the house with the cats, but now they've humanized it.” Still, Josel predicts that such behav-



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iors will continue to increase, fueled in part by our consumer-oriented society. She has even begun working with children who hoard, including a young boy who keeps 1,000 boxes in his room, forbidding anyone from touching them. “We are a disposable generation,” Josel says, “yet some of us don’t dispose.”

One of Josel’s current clients is Robert Stein, a successful New York lawyer who asked that his real name be withheld. Stein is a compulsive buyer, with many collections—from stamps to coins to cartoon memorabilia—and hoarding tendencies. For the past year and a half, he has been working with Josel to cut back on his buying and get rid of some of his collections. “It’s been highly successful, but it’s not done,” he says. “We’re still learning and making progress.” During their twice-monthly meetings, he and Josel determine that day’s goals; she often pushes Stein to rank his possessions on a scale of one to ten, one of her most common strategies. “You learn that you do have a finite amount of time for stuff,” he says. “If you cut back, maybe you can have more time for family if, rather than going on a shopping trip, you spend the time throwing a ball around. It’s been eye-opening.”

Josel stresses that it is often crucial to involve families and therapists in the healing process—and that while some people may think hoarding can be easily curbed, treatment can be lengthy. “It is a disease, a real disorder,” she says. “People need therapy, support, and someone in the trenches with them.” As Josel often puts it: “Clutter is like another member of the family—and it’s the most dysfunctional member.”

— *Natanya Auerbach '13*

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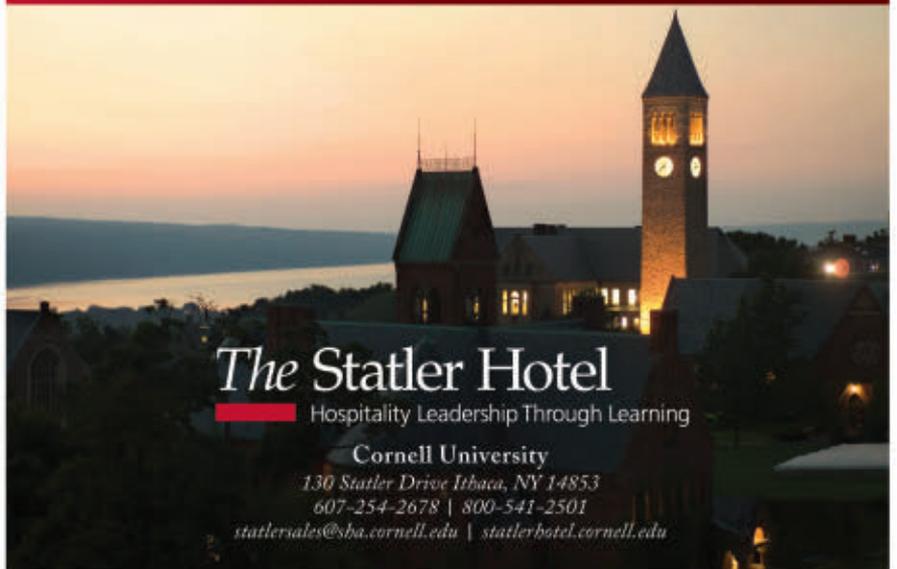
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As New Jersey's top forensic scientist, Howard Baum '79 oversees a lab without dim lighting (or high heels)

CSI: Reality

Howard Baum '79 is well aware that a visitor may be shocked by what he sees at the New Jersey Forensic Tech Center. It's not the thick vault door at the reception area, the sexual assault kit in an exam room, the human jawbone in the anthropology lab, or the concrete slab (which once encased a body) being examined in the vehicle bay.

No, it's the fact that it doesn't look like a TV crime show.

Here, at the largest of four state labs that Baum oversees as director of the New Jersey State Police Forensic Science Laboratory, the scientists don't visit crime scenes or perform autopsies. They each specialize in one area—toxicology, for instance, or drug analysis or arson. And they work under fluorescent overhead lighting, not the blue backlighting that makes modern forensics TV shows look like nightclubs. "And by the way, none of the women here is wearing stiletto heels," says Baum, as he gives a tour of the Hamilton, New Jersey, facility. "That's not practical."

But expectations are such that when a crew from "America's Most Wanted" came to chronicle the so-called Baby Bones case, they redecorated. "They decided it didn't look like a laboratory," Baum recalls. So the show folks brought in their own equipment and glassware, mixed hair gel and water to create colored solu-

tions, and lit the room so dimly it made you wonder how anyone could detect anything at all. "The only thing in that laboratory that was real was our anthropologist," says Baum, smiling and shaking his head. "Everything else was rented or borrowed."

New Jersey has 561 police departments; all of them bring evidence (logged in by bar code) to the central laboratory or to one of the three regional labs. The evidence ranges in size from microscopic to so large that it has to be loaded into vehicle bays—cars, boats, even 4,600 impounded pot plants. "The whole building smelled like marijuana," recalls Baum, who earned a PhD from Brandeis after receiving his BS in biology from CALS.

Hired as director in March 2008, Baum oversees 175 scientists, evidence handlers, and administrative support staff, more than half of whom work at the Hamilton lab. Much of the microscopic work is done in the criminalistics lab, where scientists examine hairs and fibers, analyze paint and glass fragments, and study impressions of tires or footwear. Surprisingly, Baum insists one of the best sources for matching footwear impressions is zappos.com, because the website offers pictures of the soles of each of its shoes. "Most people use it as a shopping site," says Baum, whose Cornelian relatives include his wife, Ellen Zukofsky Baum '80, a brother, a sister, and a son recently matriculated into the Class of 2015. "We use it as a database."

The center's DNA lab comprises three units—nuclear DNA, mitochondrial DNA, and CODIS (Combined DNA Index System, a national database linked to the FBI). But Baum notes that—unlike on TV—DNA analysis isn't instantaneous. "It takes us longer than an hour. We do not pop it into a machine and out pops the match. There are many more steps," says Baum, who estimates average turnaround time to be closer to sixty days. "The important thing is quality, because people's lives are at stake. We have to make sure we're right."

Which isn't to say that Baum and his staff can't deliver when justice requires a quick turnaround. Last fall, a shooting at a Seton Hall University party left three injured and one dead. No one could identify the assailant—but the police knew that, on his way into the party, he'd gotten into a tussle and suffered a bloody nose. They called Baum on a Saturday morning; he received the blood sample and summoned his crew. Within two days, they had extracted DNA and found a match: a man who lived three doors down from the shooting.

Baum was a research scientist at Life-codes Corp. in Valhalla, New York, before being hired in 1990 as deputy director of the forensic biology lab in New York City's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, a position he held for eighteen years. In the aftermath of 9/11, his duties included providing technical leadership in the effort to identify the tens of thousands of remains buried in the rubble of Ground Zero. Baum and the 100 scientists in his lab tested the limits of science during the process, described by his then-boss Robert Shaler as the "largest and most scrutinized forensic investigation in United States history." The remains of the World Trade Center victims were exposed to such high temperatures and pressure that their genetic material degraded—a phenomenon Baum calls "new ancient DNA"—requiring the development of new extraction methods.

Baum admits that for a while he had nightmares about his experiences following 9/11. But over the years he has learned to leave the atrocities at the office and to embrace the good that his lab achieves, whether it helps a case or not. "We examine the evidence, and wherever it leads, that's where it leads," he says. "You hear a lot about identifying and convicting the guilty, but I get great joy from exonerating the innocent." At the end of the day, he can even go home and watch TV. "As long," says Baum, "as it's not 'CSI.'"

— Brad Herzog '90



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False Advertising

Two studies explore the murky morality of online reviews



Oh, what a tangled World Wide Web we weave.

Take “deceptive opinion spam,” a virulent new strain of flimflammy that’s a pox on consumers everywhere. “This is not the spam we’ve become accustomed to—those annoying, unsolicited messages that pop up in e-mail,” says communication professor Jeffrey Hancock. “Deceptive opinion spam consists of fictitious opinions that are deliberately written to sound authentic. That takes deceit to a whole other level.”

Anyone who shops online is familiar with the star rating system and accompanying testimonials written by customers who have allegedly purchased or sampled the goods. Millions of these reviews are honest. But deceptive opinion spammers have infiltrated this trust-based system and, for as little as five bucks a pop, lavish praise on products and services based solely on their imaginations.

Consider this five-star review of an Ithaca dental practice: “The best dentist ever. Always in a cheerful mood, never down. Just all around wonderful people.” Sounds great. Until you research this particular patient’s past reviews and find that he also gave five stars to a roofing company in Tulsa, the Bedford Plaza Hotel outside Boston, the Brazilian Grille in Boise, and another hotel in South Dakota. The reviewer’s home base is San Diego. All seventy-four of his reviews are gushing.

You don’t have to be Miss Marple to crack such a simple case of deceptive opinion spam—but it’s surprising how easily fooled we are by online hokum.

According to Hancock, that’s normal. Research on deception shows that we are hard-wired to believe. It’s called the truth bias, and it makes civilized society possible. Violating that basic trust at the point of sale has untold economic impact. The opinion spam contagion is believed to be widespread, infecting all sites that use customer reviews, say Hancock and his colleagues; juicy targets include hotel, restaurant, and travel sites like Tripadvisor, Citysearch, and Yelp, as well as general retailers like Amazon. But no one knows how prevalent it really is, and people are not good judges of online writing. “Humans have had about 60,000 years of face-to-face conversation, so we’ve identified cues for spotting lies,” Hancock says. “But we’ve only been communicating in virtual ways for a relatively short time. We’re not very adept at identifying online deception in text.”

While the technology for detecting digital deception is in its infancy, Hancock and computer science professor Claire Cardie, along with grad students Myle Ott, MEng ’07, and Yejin Choi, MS ’09, have developed software that exposes deceptive opinion spam. By integrating principles of psychology and communication with linguistics and computer science, the researchers pro-



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duced an algorithm that scans text for patterns of prevarication based on a first-of-its-kind collection of opinion spam.

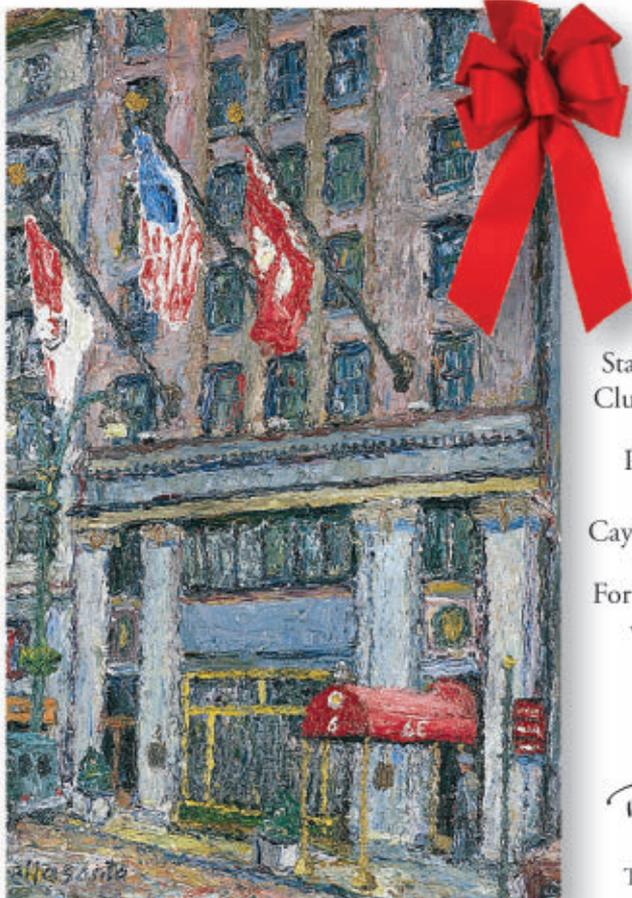
Four hundred fake reviews written by known hired guns and 400 (presumably) honest reviews of Chicago hotels were fed into the system. In repeated tests, the software weeded out the frauds with about 90 percent accuracy. (By comparison, a control group of three Cornell students fell around the 50 percent range, about as good as guesswork). The program detects fraud based on parts of speech and other tip-offs: deceivers tend to use the first person singular “I” and “me” as if to validate their observations; they often mention traveling companions and their reasons for being in Chicago (evidence of “overcompensation,” says Cardie). And, like fiction writers, deceivers deploy far more verbs, pronouns, adverbs, and superlative adjectives.

Truthful reviews, on the other hand, describe concrete spatial details like bathroom size. Also, they use more punctuation and often employ keyboard short cuts like “\$” as well as a liberal spray of dashes, ellipses, and parentheses. Honest folks stick with meat-and-potatoes nouns, prepositions, and adjectives and eschew the exclamation point.

Cardie’s team is well aware that publishing these tricks of the trade will inevitably generate more deceitful prose. But the more that businesses use spam to improve their bottom line, the greater the risk of having their credibility sabotaged by hired hacks and insiders seeding their own glowing reviews. Says Ott: “If there is an overabundance of positive reviews, the whole system of consumer reviews as a sales tool falls apart.”

And while the algorithm has its limits (so far, it is valid only for Chicago hotels), the software could be adapted to flag suspicious reviews; companies could then block writers with a known history of lying. The next step is to try the approach in other domains such as restaurant and book reviews. The industry response to Hancock and Cardie’s study was overwhelming: The researchers were besieged by job offers and inquiries from Google, Amazon, Tripadvisor, and various hotel chains.

Opinion spam comes in a variety of flavors, some less overtly destructive than others. For example, there is the kind that some Amazon reviewers generate simply to boost their own egos; writers whose reviews are deemed most helpful can generate a fol-



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lowing. A study profiling Amazon's top 1,000 reviewers, led by Cornell professor Trevor Pinch, reveals a world of bored freelancers, retirees, and armchair experts vying for most-helpful status by cranking out hundreds of reviews of items as disparate as romance novels, exercise machines, and dog brushes.

Pinch's study provides a composite of the opinion-spammer-at-large: roughly 70 percent are male and 40 percent are professional writers. Eleven percent are retirees, a fact that amuses him. "After my dad retired, he used to enter all these silly word game competitions and win gifts," muses Pinch, a professor of science and technology studies and of sociology. "It was a nice little hobby for him." But there's a darker side: Pinch found that 85 percent of top Amazon reviewers got free products from publishers, agents, authors, and manufacturers. Another 78 percent said they often or always review such giveaways. "If you get something for free," says Pinch, "a customer review is really not a customer review anymore."

Until technology catches up with the digital deceivers, a traveler's advisory for online shoppers is in effect: if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. As the old algorithm goes: *Caveat emptor*.

— Franklin Crawford

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Despite this logic, the Finger Lakes is not yet well known for its sparklers, and one might argue that truly outstanding examples are still rare. A wine that may help to change that situation is the Fox Run 2008 Blanc de Blancs. Made solely from Chardonnay grapes, this delicate, fragrant beauty demonstrates just how good Finger Lakes bubbly can be.

According to Fox Run winemaker Peter Bell, this wine was produced solely from the winery's original block of Chardonnay vines, planted during the late Eighties. In an unusual move for the Finger Lakes, the wine was fermented in the barrel before bottling and re-fermentation.



This painstaking process mirrors the practice of top French Champagne houses such as Krug and Bollinger.

Fewer than 100 cases of this wine were made. "I'd be happy to produce 2,000 cases," says Bell, "but the demand isn't currently there." He notes that while the locavore movement insists on locally produced food, when it comes to celebrating, even individuals who prefer to "eat local" are happy to toast with sparkling wine from France, Spain, or California.

Interestingly, Bell does not serve his Blanc de Blancs in a standard Champagne flute. He prefers to pour it into a small, narrow, regular wine glass, which he feels does a better job of concentrating the wine's aroma. However you serve it, this lovely wine (\$30 retail) is perfect for holiday celebrations. It can be purchased only from the winery; for information, go to www.foxrunvineyards.com.

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In early August, Coy and Sorkin sat down with CAM over lunch in the *Times* building to discuss their careers and the current state of financial journalism. By lunchtime, Coy had already made a lengthy appearance on C-SPAN to discuss that week's cover story ("Why the Debt Crisis Is Even Worse Than You Think") and Sorkin had broken the news—on television and online—of Kraft's decision to split its grocery and snack businesses.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: How do you explain complex financial concepts to the average reader?
Andrew Ross Sorkin: As simply as possible. Oddly enough, I was probably better at this when I didn't know a lot, because then you're forced to make people explain to you in the most basic terms to the point where you understand every element of it. But when you start thinking you actually understand, it can be dangerous.

Peter Coy: It's true. I find that I don't really understand something until I've written about it, because the exercise of writing forces you to boil and boil until you have it straight in your mind. That, to me, is the most enjoyable part of the job—figuring out hard-to-figure-out things and explaining them to people. The other thing is you have access to really smart people; Andrew and I both work for publications where people will call us back. I get Nobel Prize-winners on the phone giving me tutorials—stuff that I should have learned in college, but didn't.

CAM: How is financial reporting different from any other beat? Or is it similar to, say, sports?

ARS: There's a certain kind of reporting that is sort of like sports. You go to the game, you tell the world what happened; you report on a fire or what the president said today. But business reporting infrequently happens in front of you. It's rare where you get a

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Peter Coy '79 and
Andrew Ross
Sorkin '99





The street: Sorkin (left) and Coy outside the *New York Times* building

ringside seat to the board meeting and report on what happened. I think the challenge is to take the reader inside the room—so you can tell the story so that it almost feels like you're watching the sporting event. But it's hard to do that in real life.

PC: Andrew is one of the best at what he just described. You should ask him to tell you the story about how he doped out some of the sequences in *Too Big to Fail*, the painstaking work of reconstructing those scenes.

ARS: In *Too Big to Fail* I tried to recreate what happened in every meeting. I would sit with people for hours and ask, "What did you say? And what did he say? And what did she say back to you?" And I'd do this until I'd talked to virtually every person in the room. Then I'd sit in my living room with notes and match the quotes; for the ones that didn't match, I'd call everyone back and say, "There's another person who said you said it like this. And another person who said..." Until I got people to say, "Well you know what, that's actually right."

PC: Tell the story about the person who didn't want to talk to you until...

ARS: A lot of people do return your calls, but often people don't want to talk to you either because the information's too sensitive or they're not interested. In the example Peter is talking about, there was an executive who didn't want to talk to me. Finally I get him on the phone on a Sunday afternoon and say, "Look, I understand you don't want to talk to me, I've talked to your friends, your lawyer says leave you alone, I get it." And then I laid out for him what reporting I'd done. I said, "OK, I have you in [Morgan Stanley chairman and CEO] John Mack's house on Saturday morning at 10:30. You're sitting in the living room on the green couch, eating a chicken wrap sandwich his wife brought you. Your son's lacrosse game started at 1:30, you didn't show up until 2:30, and this is what you said." And there's this very long pause. By the end of the call he said, "I think we should talk." And that's how this happens over and over. The deeper you get in the reporting, the more other people become attracted to talk to you.

PC: Again, Andrew is one of the very best.

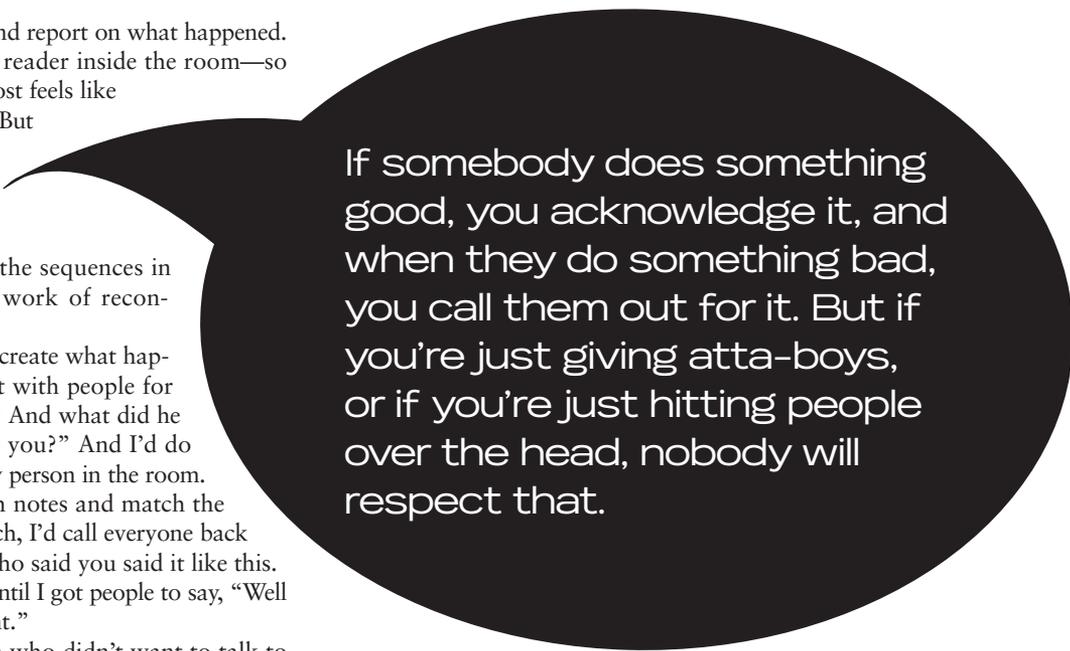
ARS: But you do a much more granular analysis.

PC: Well, the difference is that he's mostly covering Wall Street and finance and I mostly cover economics, although we do overlap here and there. Mine is less about recreating a scene than combing through data, looking for patterns, for trouble spots. I love finding a new data source. Then I'll say, "I still don't understand this," so I'll get some geek on the phone to explain it to me, and some other geek to explain that person's explanation, until I feel comfortable enough I can quote it in an article.

ARS: Peter, I would say you're selling yourself short on one aspect of this, which is the reason why your stuff is as good as it is. Not only do you talk to all the geeks and figure it out, you then use the human drama. If you're writing a mortgage story you might find a banker or someone who just lost their house, and tell the story so it's more accessible. You may start with the numbers, but then you find people.

CAM: How do you maintain relationships with sources that are cordial without being in their pockets? In other words, how do you maintain objectivity while getting people to return your phone calls?

PC: I am impressed with Andrew's ability to do that. He lays into some of these guys he knows he's going to need in the future. So



If somebody does something good, you acknowledge it, and when they do something bad, you call them out for it. But if you're just giving atta-boys, or if you're just hitting people over the head, nobody will respect that.

I want to hear his answer.

ARS: My sense has always been that if you approach people openly—explain what you're doing, give them the opportunity to respond, and come at them with an open mind—that even if you come to the opposite conclusion than they do, they will respect you for it. I've had lots of instances where I've called people and said, "I'm about to write something very critical. You are probably going to be very unhappy—or worse. Let's go through any and all reasons why I shouldn't be writing this, or at least tell me your side of the story." The other thing is being balanced overall; if somebody does something good, you acknowledge it, and when they do something bad, you call them out for it. But if you're just giving atta-boys, or if you're just hitting people over the head, nobody will respect that. Does that make sense?

PC: Yeah, I think that captures it. A lot of it comes down to basic journalism practices; you have to make sure your facts are right, and you've got to give people a chance to respond. And you have to pay attention to their responses, even if that means your story changes. I had that happen about a year ago, where I was going to blast this Washington nonprofit that's involved in low-income housing. I thought I had the goods on them—somebody had tipped me off—and I was reporting around them before I went to them; they caught wind, and we talked. So I sat down with the guy, and I realized we needed to kill the story. It was a momentary embarrassment that I'd wasted a bunch of time, but I'm glad that story never appeared.

CAM: Speaking of ethics, let's talk about the British phone-hacking scandal. As people who've chosen to spend your lives in this profession, what did you think when you heard about it? Were you surprised? Horrified?

PC: I didn't have a strong personal reaction, because that is so far from what I do that I don't really associate with it.

ARS: I think of the *News of the World* and the *Sun* and maybe the *New York Post* as being in a different business than I'm in. So I didn't have a tremendous reaction, but I wasn't that surprised. I remember years ago having a fascinating dinner with a reporter from the *National Enquirer*, learning about the techniques they use—getting hotel rooms next to Michael Jackson,

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paying maids to take pictures of celebrities for them. When I heard what the *News of the World* was doing, my reaction wasn't in the context of being a journalist but just of, "That's icky."

CAM: Peter, you graduated in 1979, Andrew in 1999—so roughly a generation apart. Peter, are you nostalgic for the pre-Internet era? Andrew, do you have romantic ideas about the heyday of print journalism?

PC: I'm nostalgic for my youth because everybody is, but it wasn't better back then. At the *Daily Sun*, I used manual typewriters to write my editorials. If you rewrote a paragraph you'd have to type it on another piece of paper and paste it on; we had to draw brackets when we were centering something. We'd take the articles downstairs after they'd been marked up, and somebody would retype them into a computer to form columns. This was not a better world.

ARS: I started my first internship with the *Times* in 1995; I was here when the paper was in black and white. I do have romantic notions about that time. I wrote for the *Times* from London after I graduated. Covering a story, I'd have a full day to call everybody I could find. Now that same story would probably be filed in some form by 9 or 10 a.m., and then you'd file iterations of it throughout the day. There's a tremendous value to that, but I also like the idea of crafting a story and spending lots of time with it. I write a weekly column, and I labor over it; you try to turn a phrase and wordsmith something. But that is harder in this rapid-fire age.

PC: It's a little different for us at *Bloomberg Businessweek*; because we're a weekly I can spend time polishing something. I do enjoy that. I worked for the Associated Press for nine years, and when I left I said, "I don't want to do this wire service thing again." And when we went on the Internet I felt like I was having flashbacks.

CAM: What about that desire for instantaneous information? How does it affect the way you work, and what are the advantages and pitfalls?

ARS: The good news about this always-on, twenty-four-hour world is that information has become much more efficient. The "first day" story that would have appeared in the *Times* the next

day now appears minutes after something happens. What would have been considered the "second day" story might appear by noon, and the sidebar and other offshoots of those stories might be done by four. The good news is that you can get a lot of information out there. The bad news is that by default, it's hard to get great perspective within hours of something happening. Sometimes you need to take a step back and ask, what does this all mean? And that's what Peter does so well. **PC:** Because we're a weekly, we have to figure out, "Here's where the conversation is now, here's where it's heading in the next day or so; where can we go that's not going to be completely chewed up by the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* and everybody else who has a higher frequency than we do?" It can be challenging to pull back like that. But it forces you to look for something new to say.

CAM: *Time* and *Newsweek* have seen major drops in circulation. Is there a future for the newsweekly?

PC: I think there is—but if it were just my opinion it wouldn't matter. Bloomberg decided there is, and has the money to back it up. We were losing money when we were acquired from McGraw-Hill in December 2009, but Bloomberg has deep pockets and can afford to keep us afloat while we rebuild circulation and advertising. That's the business case; the editorial case is that a lot of people enjoy a weekly frequency. It's closer to the news than a monthly but less frenzied than a daily.

CAM: How does the blogosphere affect what you do? Does it make your jobs harder? There's so much information out there—but also a lot of misinformation.

ARS: Financial journalism was already a remarkably efficient industry. There were thousands of people going after this news because there was money to be made in it, way before there were political blogs, arts blogs, or sports blogs. I would say the blogosphere has made it even more efficient; when there is bad information in the market, it is corrected remarkably quickly. And the blogosphere has added some new voices. There are business people who would have never been caught dead participating in a dialogue who now use it as a bully pulpit; a lot of economists write blogs and have interesting perspectives. I think what some of the established publications can do is to act as arbiters, the people who sift through it and figure out what's right and what's not.

PC: Overall, it makes my life a lot easier. It's a great reporting tool. When I'm working on a story, I have an RSS feed of thirty or forty blogs and I scan them to see if anybody's been writing about this. Because, as Andrew said, things move so quickly now; one person will throw something out, somebody else will respond to it, and within a few hours the state of thinking on the subject has moved pretty far. If you try to figure it out all by yourself, you're not taking advantage of the hive mind.

CAM: What about TV? Peter, you're appearing on TV twice today; Andrew, you're on CNBC every morning. What do you like about it?

PC: Frankly, I do it because my employer wants me to, because it gets our magazine out there. On C-SPAN this morning, they kept showing the cover of the magazine, quoting from my story—it's every reporter's dream. The hard part, on C-SPAN in

particular, is fielding questions. This morning, some guy who runs a Quiznos in Michigan called in, and he started ranting about how “these fellows want free potato chips with their order, and that offer’s over,” and he started swearing. Then you’ve got people calling in—what was it?—yelling about [anti-tax activist] Grover Norquist. What am I going to say about Grover Norquist? But it’s good for Bloomberg, and it’s good for me too. It’s more likely that people will call me back because they saw me on TV.

CAM: How different a skill is it to work in TV versus print?

ARS: I’ve enjoyed experimenting with different forms, whether it’s writing in the paper, writing a book, dealing with film, or doing TV. I’ve found that TV is another fascinating, very different medium. It’s obviously more instantaneous; there’s a lot of thinking on your feet. You’re not only trying to get an answer, you’re trying to get an answer *quickly*. For someone like me who’s focused on Wall Street and mergers and acquisitions, it’s allowed me to stretch myself. And also, I think Peter’s right; there is a personal connection on television that I’m not sure ever truly happens in print, in that viewers see you and think they have some relationship with you. There’s tremendous value to that, when you become their trusted source.

PC: A lot of people won’t even know who wrote an article; they don’t look at bylines. But you can’t *not* look at somebody’s face. Print people tend to hate the fact that every survey shows that TV is more trusted as a news source—but that’s the way the world is. People trust the ones they see.

CAM: Do you ever get recognized on the street, and if so, what’s that like?

ARS: I do, probably as a function of “Squawk Box” or back when I went on “Charlie Rose” or all the promotion around *Too Big to Fail* two years ago. If someone says, “Hey, love your book,” or “Love reading you,” it feels great. I’ve had a couple of awkward encounters where someone comes over to you and you think you should say hello to them because you know them, but you don’t, and then you don’t really know what you’re supposed to do.

PC: I don’t get recognized because I’m not as famous as Andrew. But that’s a problem for another day.

CAM: Andrew, what was it like to have your book made into an HBO movie starring the likes of William Hurt and Paul Giamatti?

ARS: Fantastic. There’s not much to say.

CAM: You’ve got to be kidding. Not much to say?

ARS: I mean, amazing, overwhelming, crazy. It’s one of those things where you pinch yourself.

CAM: You have a cameo, right? You’re a reporter in a White House press briefing?

ARS: I do. I did a whole method acting class. [Joke.]

CAM: OK, easy question. Is there an economic future for the news business?

ARS: I think that there’s actually going to be a long, viable journalism business. Do I think it’s going to exist like a magazine or the physical newspaper does? Not necessarily. But I think that’s fine.

PC: I feel the same way, and a few years ago I was pessimistic. People think that if the current exemplars are fading away, the business won’t be there. But it’s growing in new places, like furry little mammals replacing the dinosaurs. And unlike in biology,

some of the dinosaurs are going to transform themselves and continue on.

ARS: We hope.

CAM: In terms of an economically viable system, how do you feel about online paywalls like the one the *Times* established this year?

ARS: I’m a believer in the model. What I think is smart about how we’ve approached it, not to sound like an advertisement, is that it’s a permeable wall. Readers like to go to the newsstand and flip through the paper before buying it, so I like the idea that you get twenty articles for free and then we say, “Enough already.” It’s like getting the *tsk-tsk* from the man at the newsstand after you’ve been standing there too long.

PC: “This is not a library.”

ARS: Exactly. So I think that the approach is the right one, and it should help us economically over time. It’s probably too soon to cheer aloud, but all signs are in the right direction.

CAM: Given that, what advice would you give to the Cornell student who asks, “Should I go into journalism?”

ARS: It’s still a tough business. But if you love it, and you have a passion for it, you should do it. The most successful people I’ve encountered in journalism are people who from day one loved it, breathed it, lived it. You know, I always say I haven’t worked a day in my life. I think this is one of the coolest things you could ever do.

PC: Yeah, I agree. I said, “They’re going to pay me to do what I’ve been doing for free here at Cornell all these years?”

CAM: So in a nutshell: what do you love about your job?

ARS: You get paid to be curious, to ask questions of some of the most interesting people in the world. Occasionally, a TV segment or an article can actually have influence, can change the narrative of a discussion or even the national conversation. On television especially, I’ve seen the market react to something said on CNBC literally instantaneously. Same for the Web.

PC: The curiosity, yes. But the part that makes it different from, say, being an investigator is then you get to write about it, and that to me is equally pleasurable.

CAM: Speaking of curiosity: is there a question you’ve always wanted to ask each other?

PC: I want to ask Andrew how he got the scoop on Kraft, but he won’t tell me.

ARS: It’s not that exciting. It was at five o’clock in the morning.

PC: Nothing happens to me at five o’clock in the morning. I’m sleeping.

ARS: You’ve got to be awake at five o’clock in the morning. It’s where the action is.

PC: Oh, man.

ARS: I have a question for Peter. Do you think that Cornell University—your academic career—set you up to do what you do today?

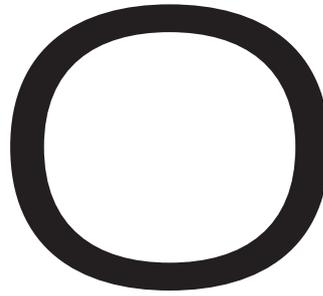
PC: No, clearly not. I used to joke that I was an Ithaca newspaper editor who was taking classes at Cornell. I took some great classes, but I probably didn’t suck as much of the juice out of Cornell as I could have if I’d really been a full-time student. If I had to do it over again, I might have majored in econ instead of history. I wish I’d taken more econ, more statistics. Maybe a little computer science.

ARS: I always think if I went back to school now, I’d learn much more.

PC: I know I would, because I’d be a much more serious student. ■

By Adrienne Zable

With her debut novel, *The Tiger's Wife*, garnering literary laurels, Téa Obreht, MFA '08, ponders early success, the Balkans' lost generation, and the creative font that is 'Frasier'



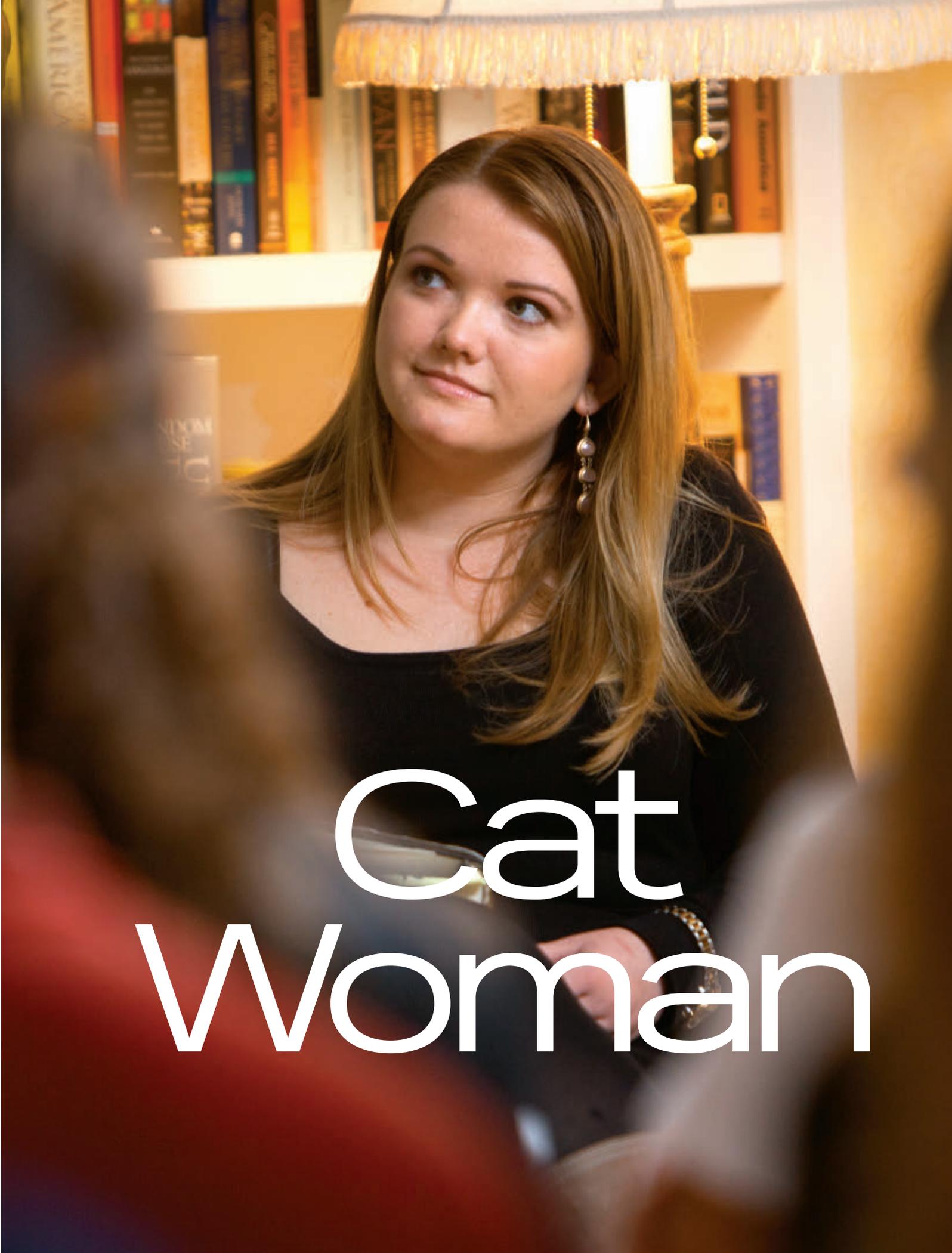
On a drizzly Ithaca afternoon in late summer, Téa Obreht, MFA '08, carries a red umbrella to fend off the rain on the brief walk from her Commons apartment to the Starbucks on East Seneca Street. "I'm always losing umbrellas," she says with the robust, throaty laugh that punctuates many of her sentences. Since her first novel, *The Tiger's Wife*, was published in March to roaring critical acclaim, umbrellas are just about all she's losing. Obreht has been traveling the globe giving readings and winning awards—including Britain's prestigious Orange Prize and a spot on the *New Yorker's* list of the top twenty fiction writers under forty.

Critics have been raving ever since an excerpt from *The Tiger's Wife* appeared in the June 8, 2009, *New Yorker* as a short story, and the combination of her youth and critical success (not to mention her striking looks) has continued to generate positive press. Her precocity has been mentioned time and time again, in reviews from the *New York Times* to the *Guardian*. "*The Tiger's Wife*, in its solemn beauty and unerring execution, fully justifies the accolades that Ms. Obreht's short fiction inspired," Sam Sacks wrote in the *Wall Street Journal*. "No novel this year has seemed more likely to disappoint; no novel has been more satisfying."

But the petite young woman in a black T-shirt dress and flip-flops hardly comes across as a literary star. Behind what *New York Times* reviewer Michiko Kakutani called "a hugely ambitious, audaciously written work" is an animated, slightly goofy twenty-something who made money in college by choreographing couples' wedding dances and who watches videos of Bruce Springsteen concerts to get her creative juices flowing. "She's extremely good-humored and funny," says her teacher-turned-friend from the Cornell MFA program, novelist and professor J. Robert Lennon. "In person she's deceptively cheerful, and you could be forgiven for thinking that she's not as serious as she actually is."

The Tiger's Wife tells the story of Natalia, a young doctor in Belgrade who struggles to come to terms with her grandfather's death in the aftermath of war in the former Yugoslavia. Along the way, Natalia attempts to separate folklore from reality in the story of her grandfather's life. Her journey through his past and the unnamed war-torn country in which she lives is intertwined with the magical realism of a tiger stalking her grandfather's tiny Balkan village; a deaf-mute girl who forms a relationship with the animal; and an immortal man who helps shepherd those nearing death to their final resting place. The novel's major themes include death, the blurred line between mythology and reality, and the impact of war. And while it is a work of fiction, these themes have featured prominently in the true story of Obreht's life.

Born Téa Bajraktarevic in Belgrade in 1985, Obreht lived in a multi-generational household with her mother, grandmother, and grandfather. (Her father has never been involved in her life.) When she was seven, the family left Belgrade for Cyprus to avoid the escalating violence, and it was there that she realized she wanted to become a writer. "My mom had this enormous laptop



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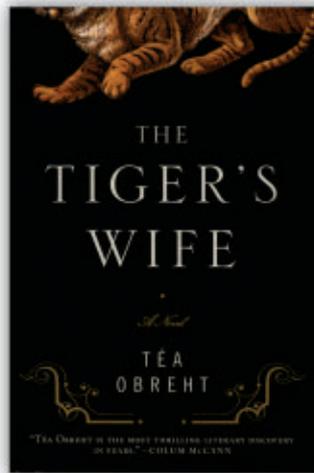
computer,” she says without a hint of an accent, thanks to the bootleg copies of Disney movies that her grandfather would bring home when she was a child. “I wanted to play with it, so I wrote a paragraph about a goat that has some sort of adventure.” She raises her voice by an octave, gasping for effect, eyes wide. “I went to my mom and said, ‘Hey, I wrote a story about a goat! I want to be a writer!’”

After a year in Cyprus, her mother’s career as an economist moved the family once again, this time to Egypt. In school, Obreht was always a straight-A student, thanks to her strict upbringing and her family’s high expectations, and she could often be found in the school library. When asked about a rebellious phase, she throws her head back and laughs. “Like six months junior year of high school, I dyed my hair red.” Mostly, her rebellion involved stealing books from the library and eschewing other children in favor of adults. “I was a shy kid,” she recalls, “but I always liked the company of grownups. They told better stories.”

Indeed, stories and mythology played a significant role in Obreht’s upbringing, and lend *The Tiger’s Wife* its folkloric tone. “It’s a novel set in the contemporary world with people who are connected to modern society, but it’s addressing legends and folklore,” Lennon explains. “So Téa had to find a way to incorporate the folklore, both thematically and aesthetically, with the society that we know.” The novel’s seamless segues between folktale and reality can be traced to Obreht’s lifelong appreciation of mythology. “In Cyprus you’d go for a drive to the beach and suddenly you’d find yourself in Pathos, and you’d see a rock in the water with a plaque that would say, ‘This, according to legend, is where Aphrodite touched land for the first time,’” Obreht recalls. “And then in Egypt, people’s homes were made with stones they’d taken from temples. There was this sense of the old civilization having died, but you were living with it every day—you’d just take it and build your house with it.”

The storyline of the man who shepherds the dying was heavily influenced by the regional superstitions passed down through the tightly knit generations of her family. “My grandmother would put scissors under her bed to ward off evil,” Obreht says, “and every time I go back to visit I look under there to see if she’s taken them away. But no, they’re still there.” Obreht admits to maintaining some of those beliefs; to this day she can’t bring herself to compliment anyone’s children, because of the superstition that it will call down the wrath of the devil.

When Obreht was twelve, she and her mother settled in a suburb of Atlanta. It was by far the biggest culture shock she had experienced. “I went from a private school in Cairo with about sixty other kids who were of mixed backgrounds—Dutch, Arab, Syrian, from all over the place,” she recalls. “And then I got to Georgia and my school had 1,200 kids.” Obreht was always the youngest in her class, having skipped two grades; a few years after the family’s next move (to Palo Alto), she enrolled in the University of Southern California as a sixteen-year-old freshman double majoring in creative writing and art history. “My mother was always extremely supportive of the whole writing gig,” Obreht says. “Her one caveat was, ‘You can go to college for creative writing, but you must have some sort of vocational



degree when you come out.’ So junior year, I decided that that would be art history.” She rolls her eyes and says with more than a hint of good-natured sarcasm, “Because you can do a lot with a BA in art history.”

During her four years at USC, writing took a backseat to the small ballroom dance troupe that she founded—until she heard about a last-minute opening in professor and novelist T. C. Boyle’s advanced fiction workshop. “It was like thunder from the sky,” she recalls, “a sign from on high.” Obreht had read *Descent of Man*, Boyle’s collection of short stories, and it had reawakened her interest in fiction. From that point on, writing consumed her; when she was accepted into Cornell’s highly selective MFA program, she moved (yet again) to Ithaca.

Three days before Obreht’s college graduation, her grandfather, one of the most influential people in her life, died of colon cancer. The loss hit her hard—and inspired her to begin the story that would become *The Tiger’s Wife* a few months later, during her first semester at Cornell. Many of the rituals enjoyed by Natalia and her grandfather in the novel were taken directly from Obreht’s real-life relationship. The novel opens with such a scene, with Natalia recounting an episode from her childhood:

In my earliest memory, my grandfather is bald as a stone and he takes me to see the tigers. He puts on his hat, his big-buttoned raincoat, and I wear my lacquered shoes and velvet dress. It is autumn, and I am four years old. . . . The cages face a courtyard, and we go down the stairs and walk slowly from cage to cage. There is a panther, too, ghost spots paling his oil-slick coat; a sleepy, bloated lion from Africa. But the tigers are awake and livid, bright with rancor. Stripe-lashed shoulders rolling, they flank one another up and down the narrow causeway of rock, and the smell of them is sour and warm and fills everything.

“Yes,” Obreht says before the question is even posed, “my grandfather and I did go to the zoo together and look at the tigers.” Before he died, her grandfather, confident in her career path, asked her to write under his name, Obreht.

After completing her MFA, Obreht stayed at Cornell to teach a freshman writing seminar and a creative writing class, and spent her spare time expanding her short story into a novel. Meanwhile, she had begun to re-establish contact with people she had left behind in Belgrade. The more she went back to visit, the more she began to see how greatly the war had impacted her peers. Though she had escaped much of the horror thanks to her family’s timely move, many young adults in the former Yugoslavia hadn’t been so lucky. “A sense of frustration still exists in people of my generation,” she says. “There’s a sense of powerlessness, which I think has a lot to do with the economic and social shifts that happened during the war. There was this stagnancy with respect to social mobility, what you could do with your life, how much money you could make.” This frustration permeates Obreht’s novel in painfully realistic detail—which is remarkable given that the author never experienced it firsthand. “It is a work of fiction,” she is careful to add, “so I did make stuff up.”

Sometimes such creativity came easily to Obreht, while at other moments she found it more difficult. “When writing is

going poorly it's agonizing, because it's a feeling of powerlessness," she says. "You're running up against a wall that you can't quite see, you just know that it's there." While writing her novel, she found herself slipping into a schedule that involved sleeping during the day and writing at night, and she would often stave off incipient writer's block by hopping into her red Nissan Altima and taking long drives, sometimes for hours, while listening to specific kinds of music for different parts of the book. "Writer's block for me comes when you sit down and nothing happens in the first twenty minutes, or you hit dead ends, or suddenly you find yourself googling song lyrics," she says. "It's very easy to give up and get out of the chair and go do something else. The trick is to do something that will allow you to think about your writing."

Her nightly rides did the trick, and she settled into a routine involving a jug of iced tea and a certain sitcom. "Over the course of writing *The Tiger's Wife* I purchased all eleven seasons of 'Frasier,'" she admits. "It's such a happy show. I think it's about conditioning comfort spaces in your brain, so it's like, 'OK, I have my 'Frasier,' I have my iced tea, here I am, there's nothing else to do; it's nighttime, there's nobody around.' You sort of have to corner yourself."

In March 2011, nearly two years after the short story version appeared in the *New Yorker*, *The Tiger's Wife* was published by Random House to critical acclaim. A few months later, Obrecht became the youngest-ever winner of Britain's \$45,000 Orange Prize for female fiction writers. "*The Tiger's Wife* is an exceptional book and Téa Obrecht is a truly exciting new talent," head judge Bettany Hughes said in the award statement. "Obrecht's powers of observation and her understanding of the world are remarkable. By skillfully spinning a series of magical tales she has managed to bring the tragedy of chronic Balkan conflict thumping into our front rooms with a bittersweet vivacity." Obrecht says she was shocked by the award; although she is happy with her work, she still confuses attendees of her book readings by doing some on-the-spot editing of her published writing.

Of course, the road to success hasn't been without its potholes. Obrecht's rapid rise has wearied some, who feel that the overwhelming praise is premature for someone so young and with just a single novel and a few short stories to her credit. Molly Fischer of the *New York Observer* wrote that Obrecht "writes like she's trying to please the grownups, and in so doing produces the good student's notion of what constitutes a good book. *The Tiger's Wife* reads like it belongs in the running for a Newberry rather than a Pulitzer." In the *Telegraph*, Philip Hensher began his review by noting that the Orange Prize "has a slightly shaky track record in picking first-rate books." He went on to say that

Obrecht "has at least stretched herself in taking on so large a subject for her first novel. If she had managed to render her interesting topic with an individual and striking voice, she would have produced something lasting as well as prize-winning."

But while some hint (or, perhaps, snipe) that Obrecht may be overpraised or have peaked prematurely, Lennon has no such worries; in fact, he sees her early success as oddly liberating. Why? "Because she's gotten all this adulation for the first novel," he explains, "and this much hype just can't happen again." Then he adds: "She could keep being popular, famous, and critically well-regarded—which I expect will happen."

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Food and fiction: President David Skorton and his wife, Professor Robin Davisson, hosted Obrecht at a Literary Luncheon in September.

As for Obrecht herself, the whole experience still seems fabulously surreal—but she stresses that she's keeping a firm grip on herself and her voice. "A lot of writers I've met have said that at the end of the day, no matter what the pressure is from fans or critics or the publishing industry, you must be at peace with yourself," she says. "After I finished *The Tiger's Wife*, I felt that it was the best possible work that I could have produced at this stage in my life as a writer."

For now, Obrecht is still living in Ithaca; though she is not currently teaching, she says she can see herself returning to it someday. Asked about her next novel, she is careful not to reveal much. "I don't think I'm quite done with the Balkan region just yet," she allows. "That's all I can say." And though she is content to split her time among her Commons apartment, the downtown Starbucks, and her nighttime drives, she does not anticipate staying in Ithaca—or anywhere else—for the long-term. As she puts it with another throaty laugh: "I'm a nomad." ■

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Galloping

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Gourmets

In his popular course, chef Dave D'Aprix teaches time-strapped home cooks to embrace the joys of culinary improv



If this cooking thing doesn't work out, Dave D'Aprix might have a promising future as an air traffic controller. Or maybe a professional juggler.

On a Tuesday in late July, D'Aprix is running around (more or less literally) and putting out fires (more or less figuratively) in the teaching kitchen of Human Ecology's Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. The longtime Cornell chef pinballs among the nine cooking stations where seventeen CAU students are hard at work over cutting boards, mixing bowls, and stovetops. Over the next two hours, D'Aprix's charges will concoct a cornucopia of dishes incorporating produce procured that very morning during an outing to Ithaca's downtown farmers' market.

In one corner, David Levine '78 is doing honorable battle with a bowl of cold, hard butter destined for the crust of some fruit tarts; on the other side of the room, two women are strategizing an ambitious menu of roasted kale chips, baby artichokes, and blueberry-coated duck breasts; in between, their classmates are whipping up such delectables as peach-raspberry pie, seafood stew, stuffed zucchini, glazed scallops, two kinds of salmon, at least four versions of stir fry, salads galore, and wafer-thin sugar cookies with homemade raspberry sauce. It's an atmosphere of controlled culinary chaos—and that's before a pepper sauce accidentally becomes an aerosolized weapon. "It's a lot of work on Tuesdays," D'Aprix muses. "It's just brutal, because I have twenty people going, 'Dave! Dave! Dave!'"

Welcome to the Harried Gourmet, a popular Cornell's Adult University course that trains amateur chefs in the art of gustatory improvisation. D'Aprix, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America who has worked at Cornell on and off since he was hired to teach cafeteria management at the Hotel school in 1980, designed the weeklong course to focus on flexible cooking methods and dishes that could be made in an hour or less. "I

Now they're cooking: Chef Dave D'Aprix helps Howard Kessler make seafood stew.

think it came to me in one of my hallucinatory dreams,” he says. “I might have been thinking a little bit of Rachael Ray, whose show I’ve seen twice—the idea that people are in a hurry, so how do you make good food fast?”

D’Aprix clearly hit a nerve; the course, scheduled for the first CAU session of the summer, sold out in three days. “Harried Gourmet filled in a nanosecond,” says CAU director Catherine Sutton Penner ’68. “It even beat out golf, which usually fills up first.” Its popularity prompted CAU to convert D’Aprix’s other course (a more general cooking class scheduled for week three) into another iteration of Harried Gourmet; days after the change was announced in an e-mail blast, the second class sold out too. “The structure was a hit,” says Penner. “I think one of the appeals is the idea that someone could put together a meal for family and friends with a relatively limited number of ingredients.” It’s a tradition of CAU cooking classes that after the students consume the fruits of their labors, any leftovers are set out in the program’s lounge, free to all comers; during Harried Gourmet, Penner and her staff made sure to happen by at gustatorially advantageous moments. “They did a wonderful lamb,” she recalls, “and a pasta with clam sauce, and the breads were fantastic.”

If the Harried Gourmet has an underlying philosophy, it’s this: don’t be afraid to wing it. In addition to giving basic lessons in areas like knife skills, kitchen safety, and menu planning, D’Aprix wants his students to understand the fundamental concepts of cooking, so they’re not wedded to recipes and can whip up tasty, nutritious meals from whatever they happen to have in the fridge or larder. “The course was just amazing,” says Jonathan Bender ’00, who enrolled at the last minute after his mother, physician Carol Bender ’65, had to drop out due to work demands. “It took my technique to a whole different level.”

Bender, a former software engineer now earning a master’s degree in choral conducting at Central Michigan University, has long been interested in cuisine; as an undergrad, he was lucky enough to get a spot in the Hotel school’s ever-popular cooking course for non-majors. “In that class, everything was very specific, and we followed the recipes closely; if it said two and a half tablespoons, you had to put in two and a half tablespoons,” Bender says. “In Harried Gourmet, the concept is, ‘This is how you know when it’s done, this is how you can add this particular fla-

vor.’ It was more about the flexibility of cooking.” Bender—whose favorite Harried Gourmet dish was lamb chops in a sauce of anchovies, capers, and sage—cites the time he put a loaf of braided French bread into the oven. “I asked Dave when I should take it out,” Bender recalls, “and he said, ‘When it’s done.’”

As D’Aprix notes, on most days Harried Gourmet is a fairly orderly enterprise. He does demonstrations in the mornings—on, say, how to properly sear a lamb chop, cook an omelet, make a Thai curry sauce, or bake a chocolate lava cake—and then students pair off to make their own versions of the dishes, which are unveiled to the group on a groaning countertop before being consumed in a communal feast. But the Tuesday farmers’ market outings make for an atmosphere of good-natured mania, in which D’Aprix helps the amateur chefs cook up whatever the market’s bounty has inspired them to create. For the outing during the second Harried Gourmet session in late July, the haul includes an entire flat of raspberries—the last of the season, D’Aprix notes as he makes a beeline for the vendor’s stall—as well as three dozen ears of corn and a dizzying assortment of peaches, kale, artichokes, fennel, sprouts, blueberries, yellow and red plums, cucumbers, beets, chard, zucchini, yellow squash, onions, cabbage, yellow and orange carrots, heirloom tomatoes, and more. Says D’Aprix as he takes his charges past one vendor’s bountiful, multi-hued table: “This looks like the cover of *Savueur* magazine.”

The student shoppers also pick up assorted baked treats for immediate consumption (“second breakfast,” a Hobbit tradition from one of the *Lord of the Rings* movies, is mentioned), as well as breads to go with lunch. Some stalls—such as the table bearing multiple varieties of garlic—inspire surprise and wonder. “I’m getting chills,” someone pipes up, “just looking at those cucumbers.” But a few steps down the row of vendors, another vegetable evokes a decidedly less worshipful reaction. “Why don’t we get some dandelion greens?” D’Aprix suggests. Pamela Davis Wells ’92, a freelance video producer from outside Syracuse, offers a reply worthy of a toddler: “Because they’re yucky.”

After a bus ride back up the hill, the students pair off to fill nine stations in the large MVR teaching kitchen. (Although there are eighteen people enrolled in the course, one is absent today, leaving Bender without a partner for his lattice-topped fruit pie.) Scrupulously clean, the room is jammed with bottles and jars of ingredients; the shelves are laden with cookbooks, from Mark Bittman’s *How to Cook Everything* to *Joy of Cooking* to titles by the Moosewood Collective, Julia Child, even Betty Crocker.

“My mother hated to cook,” recalls D’Aprix, an Upstate New York native who earned a bachelor’s degree in languages from Union College before going to culinary school. “I think that’s part of the reason why my siblings and I can all cook. The year after I finished kindergarten, my brother was a baby and it became clear that my mother wasn’t going to be fixing us breakfast—so I learned to make oatmeal. I was always fascinated with food. When I was in Boy Scouts, the first merit badge I got was for cooking.”

D’Aprix joined the CAU faculty in 2010 as a last-minute replacement for longtime instructor Shelley Gould ’73, who was battling lymphoma. (Gould, whose father, Sam, founded the eponymous College-town store that sold University-themed merchandise to generations of Cornellians, passed away that November.) In addition to his CAU gig—which Penner hopes will

Seared Lamb Chops with Anchovies, Capers, and Sage

(Serves four)

8 loin or rib lamb chops	3 tbs. drained capers
salt and pepper to taste	15 fresh sage leaves
3 tbs. good olive oil	red pepper flakes to taste
3 anchovy fillets	2 tsp. minced garlic

- 1) Season chops with salt and pepper, at least a few minutes before cooking, up to a day.
- 2) Heat the oil in a pan large enough to hold them all in one layer.
- 3) Add the anchovies and capers and cook until the anchovies break down, 2 to 3 minutes.
- 4) Add the chops and let brown, about three minutes. Turn chops, add sage and red pepper. Cook until lamb is at desired doneness, 2 to 3 minutes for medium/medium rare.
- 5) Remove chops, add garlic, cook for about a minute, spoon sauce over chops.

continue in 2012—D’Aprix is a fraternity chef at Phi Kappa Psi and Alpha Epsilon Pi. He’s also a former Cornell student; during his days on the Hotel faculty, he began (but didn’t complete) a master’s in hotel administration through the employee degree program. “I think food is inherently interesting for most people; we have to eat,” he says. “I like interacting with students, seeing people get excited about learning. They’ve made comments like, ‘You liberated me from recipes.’ That feels good, because the biggest problem is that people get hung up on recipes and don’t understand cooking techniques. When I’m doing a demo people ask, ‘How long does that take?’ and I say, ‘I don’t know, why don’t you time it? But don’t count on it, because if your oven’s different, or you’re doing a different quantity, it’s gonna be different.’”

In the second Harried Gourmet course of the summer, D’Aprix’s students range from culinary veterans (such as Sue Thau, a former psychiatric social worker turned professional kosher caterer, who enrolled with her husband and son, Arthur and Matthew Miller) to those just starting out. Kristen Lau ’10, a master’s student in medical physics at Penn, took the course with her mom, Rosemary Mok; the whole Toronto-based family was on campus, with sister Janice Lau ’13 taking summer classes and their dad in a CAU course on the psychology of emotion. Levine, vice president of research and development for a Pittsburgh-based software company, enrolled in Harried Gourmet with an eye toward broadening his knowledge of vegetarian cookery, since his family is heading toward a meatless lifestyle. “I’ve certainly gained more confidence in the kitchen and learned a significant amount about menu planning, especially on short notice—basically opening the cabinets and the refrigerator, seeing what’s there, and coming up with a menu that makes best use of what you’ve got and who you’re cooking for,” Levine says. “The other thing I’ve gained is more confidence to either stray from recipes or not use them at all. Dave is a master at improvising; I learned a lot from him and enjoyed watching him do what he does.”

Levine particularly liked—and plans to reproduce—the method D’Aprix taught for cooking arctic char. “You place the fish on a bed of cherry tomatoes and slide it under the broiler, and the tomatoes lift the fish off the pan so it doesn’t burn,” he explains. “They keep the underside moist, while the broiler adds crispiness. Dave added potatoes to it, so we had a complete meal that was quick and easy.” The course also satisfied Levine’s long-held desire to master crispy oven-baked tofu. The secret, he learned, is pressing the water out of it, tossing it with olive oil, and cooking it at high heat. “Often, things don’t turn out as the cook expects, but that doesn’t mean that they’re awful,” Levine muses. “This is something Dave conveys, that you have to do the best with what you have. A lot of recipes are created this way; so-called mistakes turn out to be wonderful.”

Today, Levine’s projects include a savory and a sweet: he’s making oven-roasted potatoes with rosemary and some fresh fruit tarts. For the crusts, he’s attacking the butter with a hand-crank mixer. “It’s not going too well,” he admits, “but the electric mixer goes way too fast even on the slowest speed. I’m going to look for something to mash with by hand. A potato masher would be perfect.” He buttonholes D’Aprix, who tells him the desired gadget can be found in a drawer at his station. Levine starts mashing, while D’Aprix moves on to the next request. Mok needs fresh ginger for her stir fry, but there’s none to be found. “Somebody took it,” he laments, recommending that she use powdered instead. A beet issue arises; for a salad, Wells asks, should they be raw or cooked? (Cooked, either boiled or roasted.) Rachel Salpeter-Levy, an Israeli-born agronomist living in Puerto Rico, asks for advice on the raspberry sauce for her



Vegging out: Zucchini rounds stuffed with rice and tomatoes (top) about to go into the oven. Below: Kristen Lau ’10 prepares a scallop dish.

Basic Thai Curry Sauce

(Makes two cups)

1 tbs. vegetable oil	1 c. chicken stock or water
1 shallot, minced	2 tbs. fish sauce
1 garlic clove, minced	2 tbs. sugar
1 tbs. curry paste (red, green, or yellow)	Pinch ground turmeric
1 c. unsweetened coconut milk	

- 1) Heat the oil in a small saucepan over moderate heat. Add the shallot, garlic, and curry paste and allow to sizzle for 15 to 20 seconds.
- 2) Stir in about 3 tbs. of the coconut milk. Allow to bubble for 1 minute, then add the remaining coconut milk and other ingredients.
- 3) Simmer for 5 minutes. If you want a thicker sauce, tighten with corn starch and water.

fond of them either—unlike other dishes, there were plenty of leftovers—though her salmon with chipotle remoulade was a hit. “I won’t lie,” she says with a laugh. “They were still kind of bitter.”)

In addition to her sugar cookies, Salpeter-Levy is making squash stuffed with rice and tomatoes. D’Aprix asks her where she found the garlic press she’s using, then riffs on the gadget’s relative merits. “You know what I do, what I think is easier, is chop it up in a Cuisinart and put it in oil and keep it in the fridge,” he says. “It lasts forever.” A small knob of fresh ginger is unearthed, but the center turns out to have a suspiciously bluish-green hue, and D’Aprix decides to toss it. “I’ve gotta teach them *mise en place*,” he muses, mentioning the culinary term for organizing the ingredients before making a dish. “I haven’t told them that yet.”

Mok cuts a finger while washing her knife; it’s not bad, but D’Aprix offers a glove in case she works with something acidic. Someone wants to know where to put the extra bunches of basil. “Put them in water,” he says, “like a flower bouquet.” Matthew Miller, about to start his freshman year at Boston University, announces that instead of grilling his salmon, he plans to marinate it in a sauce of crushed raspberries, olive oil, and Dijon mustard, then sauté it. Across the room, his father, dentist Arthur Miller, is making a salad; he notes that since he’s working as an assistant to his wife, it makes him “the Sue chef.”

Over at Kessler’s station, fresh fennel is going into his seafood concoction. “It’s not real bouillabaisse,” D’Aprix notes. “Real Mediterranean bouillabaisse has no shellfish; it’s made with five types of fish. Whenever I make it I call it ‘Mediterranean-style seafood stew.’ As soon as you don’t call it something, you don’t have to follow any conventions.” Whole fennel seeds go into the pot, along with garlic, onions, scallops, shrimp, and lobster tail. D’Aprix retrieves a bottle of sauvignon blanc. “I always cook with wine,” he deadpans,

“and sometimes there’s enough to put in the food.” He breaks into a Julia Child impression: “Oh Jacques,” he caterwauls, “it’s about time for a glass of wine!” Then, in his normal voice: “I met her a long time ago. She was such a nice person.”

Back over the steaming pot, he advises Kessler to add some fish broth. “I’ll show you a trick I learned out of desperation,” he says, dribbling bottled fish sauce, a staple of Thai and Vietnamese cooking, into a bowl of water. “It can be overpowering, so just a few drops.” They add saffron and some canned crushed tomatoes. “Ooh, that’s going to be good,” D’Aprix says. “It needs salt, more wine, pepper, and you know what else? A little squeeze of lemon, because it needs acid.”

As D’Aprix contemplates Kessler’s stew, a steady stream of



Taste test: D’Aprix dresses grilled zucchini with balsamic vinegar in preparation for the grand presentation of dishes—when students dig into a massive meal. Opposite: The chef samples Kessler’s stew (left) and Jonathan Bender ’00 shows off his peach-raspberry pie.

sugar cookies. “You could just cook them down and push them through a sieve and you’d have a puree and it would be beautiful,” he says. “Take four pints.”

A few countertops away, Maryland-based defense contractor Howard Kessler, Bender’s stepfather, gets lessons in deveining shrimp for his seafood stew. Then D’Aprix tells a still-skeptical Wells how to cook her dandelion greens with olive oil and garlic. “Put a little salt in to start, but very little, because they shrink down. Let them cook a little bit, gently, and then let’s taste them and see what we’ve got to do. You might have to braise them a little bit, but they look really tender. And if they’re bitter, we can use a little vinegar.” (Despite D’Aprix’s efforts, Wells later admits that the greens didn’t win her over. Her classmates didn’t seem overly



students taps him for advice. Should scallops be seasoned before sautéing? (Yes, with salt and pepper.) How long it will take to oven-roast potatoes? (Thirty to forty minutes.) What sauce might be good on steamed baby artichokes? (A vinaigrette dressing, since there's no time to make hollandaise.) "Anybody looking for something to do?" D'Aprix asks. "Anybody bored? You want to grill those squashes? It's hard for me to walk the room and grill." Then: "Who's got the zester? Can we borrow it?" Some lemon zest goes into the seafood stew, and D'Aprix advises Salpeter-Levy on thickening her raspberry sauce with cornstarch after straining it. "That's why the French have apprentices," he says. "So they can stand there for an hour and do it."

Suddenly the room erupts in coughing and choking, as every breath brings a lungful of abrasive, peppery air. Lau and her partner are making a maple-chipotle glaze for their pan-seared scallops with julienned carrots, squash, and onions; per D'Aprix's instructions, they've boiled a cup of maple syrup with some juice from a can of chipotle peppers, and now everyone is gasping for breath—though the class seems more amused than alarmed, and nobody stops working. "When you heat up the pepper sauce it gets into people's lungs," D'Aprix observes. "That's OK. It's not toxic or anything."

Returning to the stewpot, D'Aprix decides that it's missing something, and adds some red wine vinegar. "It doesn't have enough acid," he says. "These canned tomatoes are really sweet. The wine we're using isn't acidic, and I guess we drank more than we put in. If we'd used a pinot grigio it probably would have been all right." He samples it again. "It still tastes flat. Do we have enough salt in there? Yeah, it needs more." Another taste, then the addition of a half-teaspoon of red pepper. "It's very strong—you don't want to kill people—and it's not traditional," he says. Before going in search of a knife to slice the duck breasts, he makes another pronouncement. "In France," he says, "they're red pepper wimps." ❑

Molten Chocolate Cakes

(Serves six)

2 oz. semisweet chocolate, finely chopped	1 tsp. vanilla
1 tbs. dark rum	1/4 tsp. kosher salt
3 tbs. heavy cream	3 eggs
8 tbs. butter, plus more for greasing	1/4 c. flour, plus more for dusting
6 oz. bittersweet chocolate	confectioners' sugar
1/2 c. sugar	

- 1) Put semisweet chocolate and rum in a small bowl. Heat cream in a small saucepan just to the boil, pour over chocolate, and let sit for 1 minute. Stir until smooth, cover, and refrigerate until chilled. Divide into 6 portions, shape into balls, and keep chilled.
- 2) Heat oven to 425 F.
- 3) Grease bottoms and sides of six 6-oz. ramekins with butter and dust with flour; set aside on a sheet pan.
- 4) Heat butter and bittersweet chocolate in a small saucepan over medium heat until just melted. Remove from heat and let cool 10 minutes.
- 5) In a large bowl, beat together sugar, vanilla, salt, and eggs with a hand mixer on medium-high speed until thick and pale, 3 to 4 minutes. Beat in melted chocolate mixture; add flour and mix until smooth.
- 6) Divide half the batter between ramekins and place a chilled chocolate ball in center of each; top with remaining batter and smooth tops. Bake until just set, about 15 minutes. Let cool 2 to 3 minutes.
- 7) To serve, run a paring knife around edge of ramekins and invert cakes onto 6 serving plates. Dust with confectioners' sugar and serve immediately.

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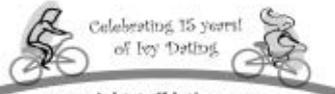
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In implementing the five-year strategic plan that was introduced in 2009 to make Cornell the “platinum standard” by which all universities’ alumni operations would be compared, leveraging emerging media was considered essential to supporting the plan’s overall goal of connecting alumni to Cornell—and to each other.

In January 2010, Cornell lured Andrew Gossen from his alma mater, Princeton, where he served in various senior-level roles in its Office of Alumni Affairs. Gossen, who holds a PhD in anthropology from Harvard and is considered a leading thinker in social media practice, was hired as Cornell’s first-ever senior director of social media strategy, with a mandate to implement such tools to better engage alumni. In April 2011, Gossen hired Keith Hannon, an Ithaca College grad who left a job in the gaming industry to return to Ithaca as his assistant director; Hannon brings a unique skill set to engage alumni and students using video and other visual media. In late August, Shane Dunn ’07, a director from the region on the board of the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA), representing New England, talked with Gossen and Hannon about social media and their impact on alumni affairs.

CAA: How did you get involved with social media in general, and alumni affairs in particular?

Gossen: When I was working in alumni affairs at Princeton about five years ago, I noticed that people were starting to talk to each other and organize via social media, notably Facebook. I saw how fast these communities grew, and it became clear that to be relevant with our alumni, we needed to be involved.

Hannon: For me it was a philosophical shift. I wanted to leave the private sector and use my skills and experience to have an impact. Coming to Cornell allows me to use my skills to help the University, in turn, a lot of people.

CAA: According to a recent report, fewer than one quarter of universities have staff dedicated to social media strategy in their advancement offices. What’s the draw for you, as professionals, to bring your ideas, talents, and vision to alumni affairs at Cornell?

Gossen: We are aware on a daily basis of how lucky we are to have a mandate to be experimental—and the resources to support us. It’s an opportunity that very few people working in social media in higher education have. It’s especially exciting when you have such an engaged, ambitious alumni body combined with an on-campus group of faculty conducting ground-breaking research in social media. When you put it all together, it’s a great opportunity to apply research being done at Cornell to the mission of engaging its alumni.

Hannon: I came here because I wanted to use my experience to highlight some of the unique and amazing things happening on campus. In a time when education, including higher education, is under public assault for a variety of reasons, I’m excited about highlighting and expanding access to a prestigious, productive institution.

CAA: What’s your goal for social media strategy and implementation in the short- and long-term?

Hannon: The quick answer is to use social media to connect alumni more closely with each other and the institution. To expand on

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Grin and bear it: In a comic YouTube video, a tearful Touchdown waits in vain for Big Red alumni to arrive at the Ithaca airport for Homecoming.

Touchdown Scores a Touchdown

To help promote Homecoming 2011, Andrew Gossen and Keith Hannon leveraged social media in a humorous way. “We decided to do a riff on the ESPN ‘Sportscenter’ commercials that featured school mascots,” Gossen says. Using Hannon’s video capabilities and help from students who play the Big Red Bear, three videos were filmed with the theme that Touchdown would be lonely if no one showed up for Homecoming. The videos featured Touchdown at the Ithaca airport, at the Hot Truck, and being cloned in a CALS lab. They’re accessible through the Cornell alumni Facebook page and on the CAA YouTube channel. Says Gossen: “Expect more like it in the future.”

Collaborative Efforts

A Message from the CAA President

Greetings from the Windy City! I am thrilled to be contributing my first column as president of the Cornell Alumni Association. Our sixty-five board members represent every



college, graduate program, regional club, and organization. We are your ambassadors, liaisons, and advocates. Over the past four months, we have been putting together a plan with specific action steps to make CAA even more meaningful to you.

One of the important pieces is an expanded recognition program. In the past we've done an excellent job recognizing our top volunteers through the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, given annually to six exceptional leaders who are at least thirty-five years from graduation. Expanding on this success, we will broaden our scope to include recognition of younger

alumni as well as our exceptional clubs and organizations. CAA vice presidents Scott Pesner '87 and Laura Fratt '81 are leading this important initiative.

The eighteen directors—from-the-region on the CAA board support our clubs across the globe. This team, led by vice president Shana Chacko Mueller '96, offers regular leadership training on such topics as annual planning and effective meeting management. The training has been greatly valued by our regional leaders, and I am happy to report that we will be working with the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) to offer even more educational opportunities. We have also partnered with the Office of Alumni Affairs to send out support materials for regional clubs—a new “Bear Necessities.” Look for it this fall.

For the first time, we are integrating affinity groups into the fabric of CAA. Vice president Tom Cummings '75 is working with the twelve directors-at-large to identify ways we can support existing affinity groups such as athletics, Greeks, and music, as well as Cornell's many special interest groups.

This is an exciting and important new area of focus.

We are especially fortunate to have Rhodes Award winner Steve Siegel '68 as a vice president. Steve's focus will be diversity initiatives. He will partner with the Office of Alumni Affairs as a visionary and a source of institutional knowledge. Speaking of which, we have invited all past presidents of CAA to be emeritus board members. They will help us build on our strong foundation as we move forward.

I am happy to report that the newest addition to the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* (CAM) Committee is Charles Wu '91, one of our CAA directors. Charles is an incredible addition to the committee, and his appointment further cements the relationship between CAA and the magazine. Together, we can provide greater alumni recognition in CAM while respecting its strong journalistic independence.

I am so excited about these collaborations at unprecedented levels—and so honored to be a part of this dream team. You can expect great things from CAA this year. I will keep you posted!

— Stephanie Keene Fox '89

In Memoriam: Jim Hazzard '50

In 1984, President Rhodes appointed a committee of forty-eight alumni, called the Steering Committee on Alumni Leaders, to “examine the participation of women and minority alumni as trustees, members of advisory councils, in student recruitment, fund raising, and the full range of involvement programs.”

After a year's study, the committee concluded that “many current attitudes and practices must change if alumni activities are to attract women and minorities as active participants and leaders.” It recommended that Cornell launch and support “a vigorous program to identify, recruit, effectively use, and advance women and minorities in its alumni organizations and programs.” President Rhodes endorsed the report and Cornell set about to find a change-maker, an experienced leader who would embrace these findings and see the recommendations through—someone respected by alumni, sensitive to the needs expressed by the committee, and philosophically in tune with the changes that needed to be made.

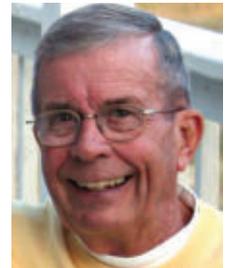
Enter Jim Hazzard, perfectly prepared for the job. He had experience as CEO of a large corporation, a ten handicap,

a habit of taking cues for living from Bob and Ray, and an understanding of suffering as a true-red fan of Ivy League athletics. In November 1985, the announcement of Jim's appointment as director of alumni affairs noted that his duties would include “setting goals and priorities for alumni activities, managing programs involving thousands of volunteers, and influencing alumni, administrations, and faculty to lead, support, or participate in those programs.” Clearly senior administrators recognized in Jim the qualities of spirit and attitude they'd set out as qualifications for the next director.

He hit the road, encouraging alumni leaders to set goals and find ways to measure their organization's impact on Cornell. He brought an infectious enthusiasm and commitment to his understanding of the mission: help Cornell by helping alumni leaders do their jobs more effectively, and at the same time provide them with the resources to recruit women and minorities into their ranks.

Jim's strategy was to personalize the job and set an example. He met with female and minority alumni he felt were qualified for leadership roles, and

encouraged them to seek those responsibilities. He stressed repeatedly to the current alumni leaders the importance of identifying and enlisting into their organizations women and



minority alumni with potential as leaders. Cornell then recruited these motivated and experienced alumni for positions on class councils, college advisory boards, University Council, the Board of Trustees, and as senior counselors to the administration and faculty.

Cornell was fortunate in finding the perfectly prepared leader to achieve its objective of diversity in the ranks of its alumni leadership. Jim's success is confirmed daily with one of the most diverse and functional alumni bodies in the world. His noble commitment to that achievement is his perfect legacy.

— C. Richard Lynham '63, BME '65

Dick Lynham is a former president of the Cornell Alumni Federation (now the Cornell Alumni Association).

Meet the Cornell Alumni Association Board



Theresa Flores '93

Position: Director-from-the-Region, Southwest/Mountain

Location: Dallas, Texas

Profession: Lobbyist

First Cornell volunteer experience: Working with the Cornell Club of Washington, D.C.

Current activities: Cornell Alumni Association of North Texas (board member); Cornell University Council (just elected);

Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (General Chair, Dallas)

Major: Government

Favorite place on campus: Sibley Library, because of the couches and the lovely art books

Favorite professors: Mary Katzenstein (government) and James Turner (Africana studies)



Katherine Ward Feld, MBA '82, JD '83

Position: Director-at-Large

Location: Short Hills, New Jersey

Profession: Vice President and Corporate Counsel, Prudential Financial

First Cornell volunteer experience: Cornell Law School Advisory Council

Current activities: Cornell Law School Advisory Council; past president, Cornell Law School Alumni Association; Cornell University Council (2007–11)

Favorite place on campus: Law school library (It's a great place to meet boys; my husband, Jeffrey Feld, graduated from the Law school in 1983.)

Favorite professor: Robert Summers (contracts)

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

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that, we are looking at two key variables: first, where there is already a critical mass of alumni activity (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter). And second, we are looking for emerging platforms that provide an opportunity to add value to Cornell.

Gossen: It's also important for us to prove to skeptics that this work is valuable to Cornell and alumni. Because of that, we're placing a premium on tangible, measurable deliverables.

CAA: What challenges have you faced over the past two years?

Gossen: It's not unique to Cornell, but we have run into people who are not comfortable with the fact that, at its core, the explosion in social media means that there is less central control over determining and disseminating content. This is a fundamental contradiction of historical alumni affairs and communications practice. We're used to driving the bus, not listening in the way that we now have to listen. This requires re-examination of practices and attitudes that have served us well for a long time; depending on your level of comfort with change, that could be viewed as an exciting opportunity or a threat.

CAA: How has your work affected the rest of the University?

Gossen: We are heartened by the fact that the Office of Research Communications, several colleges and units, and other people across the university are telling us they are excited about expanding their own social media presence to further

“A former colleague of mine says that he uses Facebook to reach his students because “you hunt where the ducks are.” If you want to engage Cornellians, there are 100,000 of them on Facebook.”

— Andrew Gossen

connect with their alumni audiences. We are hoping that our efforts will lead to additional collaboration that will positively impact the Cornell community.

CAA: You're dealing with a diverse group of almost a quarter million alumni. What are you doing to reach them?

Hannon: Over the past few months we've attempted to connect with alumni in a fairly emotional way by creating a bit of nostalgia. On Facebook, through the Cornell Alumni Association page, we have created interactive games and photo caption contests to re-connect alumni with their campus experience. We also have a YouTube channel that has rapidly grown in popularity.

Gossen: Keith's video experience is vital. The social web is an informal, fast-paced environment in which video works well. We're trying to create informal content

that evokes the many dimensions of life at Cornell. We also are extremely excited about the potential of live-streaming alumni events through our Facebook page. This ultimately opens up the University to people from around the world.

CAA: What's the best way for alumni leaders to leverage social media?

Gossen: There is an extraordinary number of Cornellians on all platforms, from the obvious to the obscure. Anytime you have that number of people on a platform, you must think long and hard before saying no to using it yourself. A former colleague of mine says that he uses Facebook to reach his students because “you hunt where the ducks are.” If you want to engage Cornellians, there are 100,000 of them on Facebook. There is no silver bullet on how to use this. Different audiences will respond to different engagement strategies. Experimentation is key; no one is an expert. You certainly can make mistakes with social media—and you should. However, the medium moves so fast that mistakes don't linger long. The biggest mistake you can make, in my opinion, is to not be involved.

Andrew Gossen can be followed on Twitter @agossen and Keith Hannon @keithhannon. You can connect to fellow alumni through the Cornell Alumni Association Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cornellalumniassociation and on Twitter @CornellAlumni and @CornellAlumniAssociation.

38 **Marshall Hoke** (New London, NH; mphoke@tds.net) reports that he had a good time composing his memoir “for the benefit of my numerous descendants.” He says that their visits from all over the world are a high point of his and wife Frances’s time. “And,” he adds, “they have been worldwide travelers.” Marshall swims laps in a local college pool for exercise and keeps up (“sort of”) with Sigma Phi’s chapter alumni he has known. The Hokes sold their two-and-a-quarter-acre lakeshore residence in 2006 and moved to New London to reduce the physical challenges of maintaining both a 40-acre tree farm and lakeshore housing for 35-plus years. He reports that among the visitors to the pond at the farm are wild turkeys, mallard ducks, snow geese, moose, and deer. As a volunteer, he’s been involved in the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and other conservation efforts, though no longer. With the help of Cornell Plantations director **Don Rakow, PhD ‘87**, he planted a 750-square-foot wildflower bed this past April, in which he was sprouting 14 species to fill the space between his lawn and the woods. Being one of the class’s few remaining members, he writes of himself and **Dave Crawford**, who he tries to remember to call weekly. “We loved and now greatly miss many of those gone by.” Other ‘38ers are welcome to send news any time of year to: **Class of 1938**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

40 **Martha Sweet Webb** sends this news from the Alexian Village retirement community in Signal Mountain, TN: “I’ve been well taken care of by my three sons,” she reports. “I still drive, am active in PEO, book club, and garden club, and volunteer in the Alexian library and village store. A highlight was four days in Maine to celebrate a grandson’s marriage, but I missed our 70th Reunion.” She is involved in the Kappa Alpha Theta alumni chapter in Chattanooga, formed three years ago. Martha’s husband of 67 years, John, died last year. **Arthur Durfee** (Champaign, IL) writes that he moved to the Midwest with his middle daughter, “so that daughters on the East and West coasts could more easily visit.” He has been woodworking recently, e-mailing with friends, and enjoying church and family connections.

Cornell received word that **David Chambers**, formerly of Overland Park, KS, died on February 4, 2011; he was 93 and is survived by his wife, Kathryn, and his children. **Albert Lotz** (Buffalo, NY) died on May 31. He and his wife, Carolyn, had been married 69 years and had four children. We send our sincere condolences to the families.

As reported in the Nov/Dec 2010 class column, in anticipation of her move to a retirement community, **Elizabeth Schmeck** Brown, MS ‘45 (Skillman, NJ) arranged to donate her extensive collection of garments worn in the 18th and 19th centuries to the Historic Costume Collection at Houston Community College. In August 2011, the items were displayed in an exhibition called

“Steampunk,” highlighting the fusion of Victorian demeanor and punk rock rebellion. Publicity for the event stated, “This fashion exhibition is a manifestation of Steampunk style with an injection of Industrial Revolution contraptions and an infusion of fashions spanning more than two centuries . . . a journey through time.” When she wrote, Elizabeth was anticipating a trip to Houston in late September to visit the exhibition and speak at the fall meeting of the Southwestern Region of the Costume Society of America. We hope it was a great trip! Send news to: **Class of 1940**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

41 While classmates gathered in June to celebrate the GREAT CLASS of 1941 on the Hill, a great backlog of news accumulated in our mailbags. It should keep the ‘41 columns going for quite a while, courtesy of the alumni magazine editors. Don’t hesitate to send news of yourself at any time of year, either in the envelope provided in the class mailing or to the address below. When **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer wrote in early June, it was the first update she’d had to put in the mail in some time—she retired as the ‘41 women’s class correspondent in June. “Ken and I have had increasing medical problems, and although we’re still living in our home, we are aware that we may need to move eventually,” she wrote. We send our personal thanks to Shirley and to men’s correspondent **Warner Lansing**, PhD ‘49, for their informative and upbeat columns over the years.

Several classmates provided short reports—or no reports—but we appreciate their continued support of Cornell and the class over the years. **Lillian Strickman** Hecht (Walden, NY), **William Nicoll** (Highlands, NC), **William Webber** (Pittsford, NY), and **Morton Beer**, MD ‘44 (Morristown, NJ) paid dues but sent no news. Sadly, we learned as press time that Morton, a veteran of the US Army Medical Corps in WWII, died on August 12. He had a long career as an ob/gyn, both as a volunteer and as chairman of the ob/gyn department at Morristown Memorial Hospital, where he delivered over 6,000 babies. His family will remember his quick mind, sense of humor, and the love he shared with his children and grandchildren. **Robert Morse ‘67** (Washington, DC) wrote on behalf of his mother, **Martha Lawson** Morse: “After several strokes, my mother and father have moved to Penn Yan (NY) Manor to be closer to family.” **Jack Weikart** (Hockessin, DE) was looking forward to reunion when he wrote, but kept his note brief: “No real news; don’t have the old-time energy to ‘git up and git.’”

Julian Smith (Ithaca, NY) reports that he remains moderately active, though dependent on a walker and electric scooter. “Here at Kendal, I participate in the writers group and the Kendal Chorus,” he reports. “Wrote one play and one song last year.” At Reunion 2010, he did a solo of his own composition in the Savage Club Show and planned a repeat for the 70th. Last year, he traveled with **Larry Lodico ‘50** and a few others

to South America. “We flew to Buenos Aires, then cruised to the Falklands around Cape Horn, and up the coast of Chile to Santiago. Flew home from there. In August 2011, we plan to cruise from Southampton up the coast of Norway to the very top, 71 degrees N.” **Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon (Cohoes, NY) was also looking forward to attending reunion. “Thankful each day that I can do all the things I am able to do,” she wrote in May. “Still drive my car to ‘the Mall’ and church and enjoy the antics of my four great-grandchildren, who live in nearby homes. Great-granddaughter number five lives in Greenwich, NY, which is not so far away. I feel that when one achieves the 90s, it’s a privilege just to be able to get up in the morning!”

Sylvia Jaffe Abrams (Washington, DC) wasn’t able to get to the 70th Reunion, but still remembers the 10th vividly and what a wonderful experience it was. She adds, “I still live in and take care of my 105-year-old house, which I cherish, and have cherished, to these last 45-plus years. Warmest greetings to all our Cornell family!” Also still keeping house, **Dolores Dirlam** Daudt (Midland, MI) says not much has changed since her last writing. “Fortunately, still able to travel and have a lot of company in our home built in 1957.” She wrote of her fond memories of **Jean Way** Schoonover, “who served our class so well. She and I were sophomore roommates and always kept in touch. Among her last letters were excellent pictures of her family celebration of her 90th birthday last September.”

David Altman and wife Beverly reside in Menlo Park, CA. “Still limping along with a cane, if no more than a couple of blocks,” he writes. “We took a cruise from Rio de Janeiro to Fort Lauderdale last December, but that’s probably the last cruise, because we don’t take advantage of excursions on shore. Otherwise, we remain busy with games (poker and bridge) and solving world problems, of which there is an endless supply. Maybe that’s what keeps us going.” At nearly the opposite end of the state from the Altmans, **William Turin** (Indian Wells, CA) reports that he lives in a beautiful apartment. Sounds like the climate suits him, too. “The daytime summer temperature is about 110 degrees F,” he writes, “which helps my old bones stay loose and active. I keep busy reading on my e-reader, playing piano, watching Netflix movies, and following the news on my computer. I’m still driving, although I don’t go out in the scary nighttime, except to attend my monthly book club. My family just visited from Los Angeles and Switzerland to celebrate my 90th birthday. I’m doing well and feeling lucky.” More to come in future issues! Send news to: **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) reminds everyone that the 1942 Class Scholarship is available for your grands and great-grands. Just have the student write to the Cornell Office of Financial Aid (203 Day Hall, Cornell U., Ithaca, NY 14853; or: finaid@cornell.edu), indicate their relationship

to you, and say they want to apply for the scholarship. The scholarship was suggested by **Al Ghoreyeb**, and **Betty McCabe** got it going. So let's keep it in force. Liz also recommends going to see *The King's Speech*, the excellent movie written by **David Seidler '59**, who won the 2011 Oscar for best original screenplay. Hard to find a good movie today.

Herman Jones (Leesburg, FL) lives a charmed existence, as bad weather has not hit them. His living accommodations at Lake Port Square (a life care community) are great—so many activities he can't enjoy them all. They have four local theatres, plus bus transportation to Orlando and Ocala and more than 70 acres of landscaped grounds on Lake Harris (the third largest lake in Florida), with putting green, shuffle board, and indoor pool. He enjoys dinners with **Lucille (Heise)** and **John Borst '41**; Cornell is a good topic of conversation. "Everything you can ask for!" **Henry Jones III** (Wallingford, CT) faces the challenge of legal blindness. After getting his BME, he signed on to a Navy program at MIT, where he co-authored a text on airplane performance and got an MA in aeronautical engineering. His war experiences were on aircraft carriers. While at Cornell, he especially liked the Sage Chapel Choir and now sings in the Masonic care chorus at Ashlar Village, his continuing care community. He also works with the low vision support group. He'd like anyone nearby to drop in.

Sadly, we mourn the passing of senior judge **Dick Thomas** (Meadville, PA), former class president and outstanding legal eagle and golfer all his life. He will be missed by all.

Ken Brennan '47, my Rockville Centre, NY, neighbor, had a bum leg, so was 4F during WWII and joined the American Field Service as an ambulance driver. His interesting story was sent to me by his daughter, Barbara, who wrote *Death Before Dishonor* from his diaries. In 1943, Ken went to the Ag college and states that he babysat for my son while he (Ken) was at Cornell. My son, Frank Jr., did not go to summer school in 1943 while I finished up my bachelor's, but Ken did live with me in Collegenetown while I got my master's in 1943-44. Ken died in 1986, and in those years lived near me here in Seattle. Many of you met his wife, Joan, on our Big Band cruises. *Death Before Dishonor* is available on Amazon.com—a good read. **Melva Weidemann Ribe** (Linton Falls, NJ) has been enjoying life at a wonderful retirement community—Seabrook Village—since the passing of husband Marshall. "I've made many new friends and enjoy numerous activities, as well as frequent visits from sons and granddaughters." She praises her Home Ec program for helping her to "adjust to a new life and to maintain a home where my children and their families are always welcome."

A note of thanks to **Beatrice Swick Ornitz '43**, who phoned the magazine shortly before press time with the news that husband **Martin** was on his way to New York City to celebrate his 90th birthday on September 13. The festivities were held at the Cornell Club on East 44th Street, and included their son **Richard '67**, his five children (including Beatrice and Martin's granddaughter **Alexandra Ornitz '94**), and assorted spouses and significant others. Great news!

Thanks to all for sending me such interesting accounts of your past and present. Let's keep it going. Please contact friends also and ask them to contribute. We are all interested in any special events of your lives. They make interesting reading for all of us. E-mail, phone, write. **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig

Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 326-4806; e-mail, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 **Jerry Batt** sends us, in his exquisite Palmer Method hand, what could pass for a professional broadside extolling the virtues of his and Dorothy's new digs at Canterbury Woods, Williamsville, NY, where they are enjoying their living room, kitchen, two bedrooms [one for sleeping?], excellent meals in the central dining room, library, putting green, fitness center, spa with heated pool . . . Jerry goes on: "Son **Mike '67** is an internist with a splendiferous spread on the Saco River near his practice in Westbrook, ME. Kevin's a lawyer in Boston, **Rosemary '73** a Cornell ILR professor, and Richard a freelance writer in advertising, also in Boston."

[Canterbury Woods! Why always upmarket Brit names? We have so many great Native American place names over this-a-way: Moyamensing, Manayunk, not to mention "don't Conshohocken before they're hatched."]

Sad news. Two deaths in June: **Carol Lee Bowman Ladd**, widow of the late **Bob Ladd**, at Aspenwood, Silver Spring, MD. She was a breeder of Arabian horses and chocolate Labrador retrievers, several of which earned their American Field Trial Grand Championships. Her interests included photography, genetics, genealogy, and dolls. She was a founder of the Sugarland Searchers Doll Club of Maryland. And **Stan Levy**, one-time Big Red polo standout. After graduating from Brooklyn's P.S. 139, Erasmus Hall, and Cornell, but before Harvard Law School, he served in the Army as an artillery observer pilot, then practiced law for 61 years in New York City. He was a philanthropist, Zionist, sportsman, and lifelong Republican. We also lost **Jack Slater**, on September 4—one of our brightest and brainiest stars, one-time captain of the Big Red tennis team, class president, wit, born leader, and all 'round good guy. Watch for our next News & Dues letter and a more fitting tribute.

Charles Harris persists in his mission to get politicians and media to heed his remedy for healthcare, which we recommend you find at: www.primary-care-medicine.net. **Pat Kinne Paoletta '46** writes, "In thinking over the past, I was wondering if you had occasion to work with a Cornell alumnus by the name of **Knox Burger**. He was from my hometown of Chappaqua, NY—very active in high school and three or four years ahead of me. I was always very touched that he came around to Risley my freshman year because he had seen in the town paper that I was at Cornell and offered his help if I ever had any problems adjusting. He was in Beta Theta Pi, I think. Really was a bright fellow in high school, and when I read of his achievements in the alumni magazine, I know he was a success in life."

We e-mailed **Shig Kondo** the YouTube video of an interview conducted by grandson/TV producer Tony Herman with yours truly. Find, if you have nothing better to do, at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SMillerHarris#p/a/u/0/Pu-k98rHF4Q>. Shig wrote: "Couldn't stop watching. I gave a biographical talk myself back in 2003 titled 'A Man Without A Country.' My son finally sent me the tape and I'm learning to edit it at the Apple Store and hope to burn some DVDs. Very happy you are still writing the alumni column. It's getting scary; we keep moving closer to the front of the book." Constant Reader will remember that when WWII broke, Kondo père took the family back to Japan where

Shig, who spoke no Japanese, was drafted into the Japanese Army. A pre-med student at Cornell, they made him a hospital medic, preserving him for a stateside life as MD in pathology and treasurer of the Class of '43. He reports that current funds stand at ¥2,424,211.

If, as we have, you've wearied of reading your subscription to the Reports from the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth District for the second time, or watching reruns of "People's Court" with the sound off, here's a heartening word from the late David Foster Wallace: "Happiness is the ability to pay attention, to live in the present moment, to find second-by-second joy and gratitude at the gift of being alive."

He hung himself in 2008. So it goes. **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA, 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

44 **Art Widmer** reports, "Without a mate for more than three years, the 'travel bug' has been after me. So I'm taking part of my family to Norway later this month. My grandson and his wife are not joining the rest of us, as they feel it will be a chore and not too interesting to have two 'rug rats' on an airplane for eight hours, so they declined. Life goes on, slowly, in a retirement home. Not that there isn't much to do—there always is—but without a mate and only a little more than 13 men and 140 women (quite a few in the 85-97 year bracket) it's a slow life. I keep busy as the treasurer of the residents' association fund and with my two kids, three grandkids, and two great-grandsons. Life is a gift and then you . . .!" **Law Mix** says that his immediate goal is to reach 90 in December. "Like a lot of you, I have graduated from a cane to a four-wheeled walker," he continues. "We have 500 residents in this retirement community—three women for each man—but only a few Cornellians. If any of you are in Virginia Beach, give us a call."

Jean Zenner Kaelber writes, "Since **George** passed away in '09, my travels have taken me just to Washington State and Colorado to visit daughters Libby and Linda and three great-grandchildren. We Class of '44ers are aging 'like good wine,' and for many the travels are less and closer to home, but, oh, what wonderful memories we can gather up!" **George Getman**, JD '48, is also staying closer to home. "My wife and I have reached the stage of limiting our overseas trips to less adventuresome ones, and most of them to the Americas," he writes. "Our safaris in Africa last year have to be the last long, extended ones. Besides, with the oldest great-grandchild about to enter college, that's a warning I have to change my lifestyle." His note also includes accolades for the work of **Art** and **Dotty Kay Kesten**: "You certainly have done a superb job over the years of keeping the class advised and functioning. We thank you very, very much."

Ruth Cosline Rhynedance still lives in her home in Fairview, NC. "I had considered moving to a retirement home in Asheville, where several of my friends reside, but I opted to stay here and am enjoying it so much, along with some occasional help. Family is scattered: daughter Karen and family in Turkey, Eric and family in California, and Patricia three hours away, also in North Carolina. I surely do have wonderful memories of our fabulous cruises—thanks to our leaders, the Kestens! Bravo, bravo." **Bill Ziemann** remains at the same address—47 years and counting—and reports that he's doing reasonably well. "Our daughter Nancy's

son started at Cornell this fall—third generation.” From **Marilyn Wise** Douglass: “At age 86, I spend days with caregivers. Sometimes we go to our small beach condo, south of Santa Cruz, CA, for a few days. And I write poetry. Grandson **Patrick Douglass ‘02** just began a great job with the Dept. of Treasury, dealing with US-China finances.”

“This is not news,” writes **Nancy Maynard** Harlan, “but since getting married in 1946 in Sage Chapel on the campus, my home has been urban Chicago. Life goes on.” Emeritus professor **Howard Evans**, PhD ‘50, and wife Erica report from Ithaca: “We are well and enjoying all of the college activities. Reunion Weekend was very nice and the weather was good for most of the time. Erica and I will fly to Seattle to spend a week with our son **Edward ‘74**, MBA ‘75, and stop in Michigan to see our first great-granddaughter. I have finished the revision of *Miller’s Anatomy of the Dog*, which will be published by Elsevier as a fourth edition.” Twice-retired **Durland Weale**, MS ‘53, is a real property assessor for the Town of Addison, NY. He previously worked for the agricultural education and BOCES administration for 34 years, and then as instructor and administrator for technical training on large process compressors and large gas engines worldwide. He has fond memories of the 65th Reunion and is looking forward to the 70th. He was back on campus on May 29 for Cornell’s 143rd commencement. “Grandson **Zachary ‘13** graduated from CALS,” he reports. “A third-generation Cornellian.” As always, Durland enjoys working with and operating old Ford.

Helen Wright Murphy is “feeling fine and enjoying retirement.” **Charles De Bare**, JD ‘49, celebrated his 87th birthday, attended by ten grandchildren and six children and their mates. He still summers at Elberon on the Jersey Shore. **Sig**, MFS ‘48, and **Serena Ginsberg Hoffman ‘47**, MA ‘48, summer in Great Barrington, MA, and enjoy six weeks in Palm Beach at the Fairfield Inn. “A good life,” writes Sig. “We are both well and our six kids are all well, including son **David ‘76**.” **Hugh “Dutch” Doerschuk** writes, “We are now living in a retirement home located in downtown Seattle and still spend time at our condo in Bend, OR, located on the road to Mt. Bachelor. Great dry snow skiing, downhill and cross-country.” Much more news to report in future issues. Send yours to: **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

45 As I write, US Rep. **Gabrielle Giffords** (D-AZ), **MRP ‘97**, is receiving a standing ovation upon returning to the House to cast her first vote since she was seriously wounded in January in Tucson. We salute this brave lady. Our sincere sympathy to **Bruce Weir** (Glenside, PA), who reports that his wife Mary passed away on March 25, 2011. After eight years of caregiving by Bruce and their son, she lost her battle with Parkinson’s disease. When a 60-year marriage suddenly stops, he says that things get lonely and confusing. He looks forward to a couple of months of R&R at the shore this summer. He sends best wishes to everyone.

Julie Kamerer Snell has returned from a glorious week spent in San Francisco enjoying a reunion with her family and “checking out scenes we knew so well when we lived there 50 years ago.” **Alma Morton** Blazic (Cincinnati, OH) enjoys playing bridge, going to shows, and eating out

with friends. She has been to two college graduations; one grandson will be living with her for a while. She appreciates being able to keep very busy. Alma still hears from **Dorothy “Scottie” Scott** Boyle.

Jean Herr Gehrett lives in a very active community on Hilton Head Island, SC. For details, email her at jogehrett@yahoo.com. She says that anyone who gets bored there isn’t paying attention. The activities she’s involved with include World Affairs—with guest speakers twice a month—and Life-Long Learning, with all kinds of subjects by retired college professors. The golf club and the beach also occupy her time. **Frances Shloss**, BArch ‘44, is an architect in Beverly Hills, CA. She says that her memories of Cornell include swimming in the gorge, picnics at Flatrock, and hiding out on a fourth-floor rain gutter while avoiding the night watchman in order to finish an architectural design project at White Hall. She’d like to hear from **Edwin Kramer**, BArch ‘44.

James Carley, PhD ‘51 (Tucson, AZ) is trying to mend from a fall more than a year ago and looks forward to resuming biking and snorkeling. He is concerned about how the beautiful open campus is rapidly disappearing because of overbuilding and a reluctance to replace old buildings. He suggests that a committee of trustees should visit Berkeley for a sobering view of where Cornell might be going. **Richard Weishaar**, MD ‘52 (Machipongo, VA) is recovering from a broken neck caused by a fall while mowing grass in June 2010. He fondly remembers living in Collegetown and satisfying major and minor requirements (Zoology and Chemistry, respectively) in three years.

Doris Klein Lelchook (Newton, MA) plans an annual memorial trip to Israel in memory of her son **David ‘78** (Ag), who was killed by rocket fire from Lebanon in June 2006. The trip includes a memorial baseball game with whoever wants to play. After a memorial service, she will visit with his family—daughter-in-law and grandchildren. **Marcia Hutchins Pimentel**, MS ‘50, and husband **David**, PhD ‘51, have moved to North Canton, OH. **Phyllis Avery** Olin (Charlottesville, VA) attends concerts and swims, plays the piano, and keeps up with the news. She enjoys visiting her children and grandchildren. From Cornell days she remembers jittersbugging to Glenn Miller records. She enjoyed last year’s reunion with **Thelma Emile** Hunter.

Betty Warner McMurtrie (Elizabethtown, PA) is busy doing a mountain of paperwork! (The exclamation mark is hers.) But she manages to put in a lot of time reading, as well as watching Phillies games. She remembers the wonderful friends she met at Cornell. **Frederick Allen** (Los Angeles, CA) tells us he’s vegetating, but he’s also doing crossword and Sudoku puzzles. He’d like to be hiking in the Sierras. He recalls climbing up the Hill in winter with the chimes ringing. He’d like to hear from **Paul Carus**.

Ann Shively Kalbach (Philadelphia, PA) is readying a third novel for publication, this one titled “French Kiss,” based on a plot suggested by a tale of a Cornell classmate. She is proofreading books that are transcribed into Braille by the Philadelphia Association for the Blind. She has been spending recent summers in the Dordogne Valley of France. Her fond memory is walking across the Quad on an autumn evening. **Margaret “Peg” Taylor** MacDonald (Chapel Hill, NC) says they’re still in their villa at Caroline Meadows, a very nice retirement community outside Chapel Hill, NC. She continues with her online genealogy studies. The eighth of their nine grandchildren will

graduate in June from Williams College. The last is finishing her freshman year at Bucknell U.

Barney Mayrsohn (Purchase, NY) would like to hear from **Bill Berley**. **Alfred Goldstein** (Sarasota, FL) received an honorary Doctor of Art degree from Ringling College of Art and Design. He previously received honorary doctoral degrees from Syracuse U. and Pace U.; he has served on all of their boards for many years. Your co-correspondents enjoy hearing from classmates, so do send news to: **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net; or **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 For a reunion fantastically well conducted, kudos to president and reunion chair **Lloyd** and **Marilynn Slaughter** (Morgantown, WV; lslaughter594@aol.com). Lloyd meant to announce the 2013 recipient of the Mavis Sands-Sam Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund. The winner was **Caryn Berley ‘13**. He recommends gifts to the fund as an excellent means for memorializing or honoring Cornellian friends and classmates. Lloyd discovered at Reunion that he and **Philip Gisser** (New York; pgisser@gmail.com) simultaneously worked at next-door corporations in South Charleston, WV. Lloyd worked for Union Carbide, Phil for Westvaco Chemical. In those days, Phil was courting his late wife Norma Jean, a Diamond, WV, native. Phil lauded Reunion’s exposure to academia and the arts. His favorites were the nanotech lab and the hard hat tour of the Johnson Museum expansion, lovingly led by retiring director Frank Robinson.

David Day, BCE ‘45 (Highlands Ranch, CO; davidday1945@msn.com) has attended every five-year reunion since his 35th. Accompanying him were his number one daughter and son. Marilyn achieved number one status through seniority; Ted, because all four of his siblings are female. **Gabriel**, MS ‘51, and **Lois Pesce** (Port Hueneme, CA; gvptlcl@aol.com) had a great time at Reunion. It was an opportunity to once again drive cross-country and visit with the many friends Gabe and Lois have made countrywide. In Ithaca, they visited many more friends made while in grad school and teaching at Cornell. **Jerrold Finch** (Bluffton, SC; fnch@hargray.com) came for his 35th and 50th, then every five years since. His highlight was stumbling upon the rededication of the Collyer Boathouse Saturday morning. He regrets that fellow crewmate **Park Metzger** (Orchard Park, NY; parkmetzger@verizon.net) did not experience the same serendipity. Park, a tough grader, rated Reunion “7” on a “10” scale. He loved Cornelliana, the Glee Club, and the Cornell songs, on which he was reared.

Melvin Popper (Woodbury, NY) returned after many years with two legacy children. **Nancy ‘76** was reuniting; **Michael ‘78**, BArch ‘99, was freelancing. Mel was gratified by the camaraderie offered by classmates. **Richard** and **Betty Hartman Selby ‘47** (Pittsburgh, PA; bettywaltzing@aol.com) thought a wonderful reunion could have been improved by dancing at the Statler and better food at Barton. **Richard Turner**, BS ‘45 (Lake-wood, NY; dickturner1@gmail.com) was thrilled by Cornell and the Statler staff VIP treatment afforded us. Dick loved Cornelliana Night and all the Cornell songs. **Arthur Voorhis** (Woods Hole, MA; jvoorhis@verizon.net) arrived with son Andrew for his first reunion in 30 years. He’s amazed

at all the changes on campus. **Paul** and **Lois Levine** (San Carlos, CA; pblevine@juno.com) say amen to all the positive comments above. We know Lloyd and his committee will act to improve where positive criticism warrants.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at below address. Include your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

We had a wonderful 65th Reunion thanks to the efforts of our class president and his team. I tried to speak to all the women during the weekend to get caught up on their 65 years since graduation. In the next few issues, I'll try to give you a thumbnail sketch of each of them. I'll begin with the Ithaca girls:

Louise Greene Richards, PhD '65, has served as VP, president, reunion chair, and, recently, nominating chair. She brought her walker because she is recovering from back surgery. She keeps tabs on the other locals for me. Sharing a room at the Statler with her was **Carolyn Usher** Franklin, who lives at Kendal. You'd know her anywhere. She still looks the same as frosh year, tall and skinny. Unfortunately, her husband is in the nursing center at Kendal. **Don** and **Marion Moulton McPheeters** also live at Kendal. Earlier this year, Don had a bout with cancer, but was able to join us. Several reunions ago, they were our tour guides at Sage College. They have four children, five grands, and two great-grands. **Evelyn Call** Brumsted's husband, retired from teaching at Cornell, joined us at several events. "Suky," originally from Batavia, must hold the record for '46ers with the largest Cornell family. Several brothers attended (one was dean of the Ag school), and some of their children are still pursuing their degrees.

Hazel Brill Brampton had her interview at Barton amid the band concert, so I hope I got all the information correct. An unscheduled stop at the ER prevented her from joining us at an earlier event. Needless to say, we greeted her with open arms. She had served once as our reunion chair. Hazel still lives in her own home in Ithaca, but is considering moving to smaller quarters. She has two children and two grandchildren. **Jean Gallagher** Welch has given up her house and lives with her daughter, who joined us at Barton. Years ago, Jean served as reunion chair. She has four children and five grands. She gave me a copy of the Ithaca newspaper listing of **Ann O'Connell** Willis's death on April 11, 2011. Both were Hotel school graduates.

Other New Yorkers: **Rayma Carter** Wilson is from Binghamton. She is another contact for information about classmates. Rayma taught in the Whitney Point schools, and she, too, had her walker along. (Guess I was the only one in a wheelchair, but I brought my son as my "designated pusher.") Coming from the Buffalo area were Larry and **Sylvia Mayer** Paul. Sylvia has been the official reunion "runner" for our class and has won three first-place medals and one second, but she was unable to compete this year. **Janet Bassette Summerville** came from Sacketts Harbor. She served as the corresponding secretary for the ten years preceding me. She and her late husband, **Skip '48**, had three children and six grands. Her sister, **Lee Bassette** Pierce '43, arrived on Saturday.

Irma Lesser Friedman and her husband took the Cornell Campus-to-Campus bus from New York City. They have two children and are considering

a move to New Hampshire to be nearer one of them. I called her in August to learn that they'd just returned from eight weeks in Wyoming. (While the rest of the nation had a July heat wave, it was cold where they were.) Other state attendees to be continued next issue. In the meantime, keep writing and calling. **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Ave., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

47 In the latest news forms, some of our classmates sent notes about their many artistic activities. **Bob Schultz** (jabobb@iinet.com) sings in a 40-member chorus that he organized 19 years ago. He also golfs twice a week and works on a local communication committee. **Mary Lou Gedel** (lgedel@bellsouth.net) is still line-dancing and

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Julie Kamerer Snell '45

singing in Montgomery, AL. **Jerome Hausman** (jerryhausman@gmail.com; Evanston, IL) continues as a visiting professor at the Art Inst. of Chicago. He was honored with the Edwin Ziegfeld Award of the National Education Association. Arts run in Jerry's family, as he went to London to see the opening of *The Damnation of Faust* at the English National Opera, a production for which his daughter served as associate director.

Jane Ruggles Pinel (janepinel@hotmail.com) and her husband, Robert Lint, run the Gallery at Well Sweep (www.galleryatwellsweep.com) in Hillsborough, NH. The gallery, located in an old barn, showcases paintings, photography, sculpture, oriental rugs, and pottery crafted by Jane. **Barbara Ann Baze** Kelley (Southport, CT) is applying her artistic ability to the Lady Landscaper, her business designing, planting, and maintaining flower gardens. "I love what I do," she declares. "I am a sculptor . . . so now I am sculpting the earth." **William Pendarvis** (Clackamas, OR) and his family are very involved in the Pickathon music festival (<http://pickathon.com>) on their farm in Oregon. Last summer was the 13th festival; the event combines Indie roots music, beautiful scenery, sound environmental practices, and local organic food. William also has a vineyard of pinot noir grapes.

It was nice to hear from **George Gurnee** of Virginia Beach, VA; **Lois Le Worthy** Domm (lldc@aol.com), who lives in an apartment in Ambler, PA; and **Louis Tyler** of Loveland, CO. **Richard Greenfield** (rkggps@comcast.net) of Lafayette, CO, delivered the commencement speech last spring at Mercer County Community College in New Jersey; he founded the college and served as its first president from 1966–75. **Robert Loeper** wrote from Mississippi to say he's keeping the doctors busy and enjoys hearing what's happening on the Hill above Cayuga's waters.

The Cornell tradition lives on in many families. **Shirley Buck** Rabeler (Cortland, NY) mentions that her granddaughter **Julie Settle '09** (CALS) is a fourth-generation Cornellian and is in her second

year at the Vet college. **Howard Snow** (Sarasota, FL) has a neurosurgeon son who is a graduate of Cornell's Medical college, and a granddaughter who is enrolled there studying psychiatry. **Charles** "Bob" **Cox** (grambocox@aol.com) sent three of his four children to Cornell. Bob lives in Vero Beach, FL, where he is active with a group of people who, like Bob, used to live in Pittsburgh. He also writes that he is "still active in Cornell activities. Why not? It gave me a wonderful education and prepared me for being a citizen of the world's greatest society."

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. My family and I will be spending Thanksgiving in New York City and New Jersey, as my grandson Lee will be marching in the Macy's Great American Marching Band during the big parade. Keep an eye out for the tall, handsome, sousaphone player! We may also go to the "Red Hot Hockey" game at Madison Square Garden on November

26—Cornell vs. Boston U. With this column, I am turning the reins back over to Sylvia for the next three issues. Be sure to send her your news. I look forward to seeing lots of you at reunion in June! **Artie Williamson** Anderson, arlie47@aol.com; tel., (585) 288-3752; **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, irashain1@verizon.net.

48 **Dick Brown**, Rockville Centre, NY: "Retired lawyer, on board of an insurance group. Economic situation still not good enough. Afghan situation about the same (poor). Congress is largely at an impasse between parties. If possible, abolish Senate rule currently requiring 60-vote majority to impose cloture. Failing that, elect enough Democrats/allies to total 60 votes. NYS is great for its variety and the energy of its people, but the Legislature is bad-bad-bad. Still, can't think of a better state. Went to Germany over Thanksgiving 2010 (daughter and family there). Don't need a car now. Will keep this one five more years. Wish I were in Jamesport, LI, 150 yards from the bay. Went to Croatia in April 2010. Interesting people, place, and history. Drove to North Carolina a few months later, in early September, for surprise birthday party for an 80-year-old. He was truly surprised. Got a ticket in North Carolina for going 70 mph on a 55 mph four-lane highway. Laughable for one used to the Long Island Expressway, but it hurt too much to laugh. Most important event in my life was, of course, my birth and those of our four children and 12 grandchildren. Finances OK (I hope). Have discovered that at least some of the Supreme Court justices are not apolitical. Can't figure out life; little prospect of success."

Jane Handforth Kester, West Valley, NY: "Husband **Harland '49** died June 25, 2010. He lived a meaningful life, one that leaves a footprint." **Dorothy Hirschhorn** Hertz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL: "Have been pasting stamps on complaint letters and bills. US is financially ruined and about to be

ruined by global warming. Too late to fix everything. Florida is 'crook heaven.' Health is a problem. Best event in life was my BS in 1948. This planet is doomed—watch it on TV." **Fred Hickling**, Endwell, NY: "Moved to Good Shepherd Village in April 2010, a brand new residential center. Haven't sold our Binghamton home yet. It's a new life! First great-grandson born May 2010 in Greensboro, NC. Went to 2010 Homecoming football game with Yale along with **Char Smith** Moore and **Warren '52** and **Sally Hotchkiss Rockwell '52**. Beautiful day—a full Schoellkopf for a change! Team is

keep it until I grind the tires down to the steel rims." **Adelaide "Laddie" Ogonowski** Johnson, East Greenbush, NY: "Golfing, line dancing, writing letters to the editor, and reading my Kindle. Things looking up; we're getting out of Iraq and Afghanistan. New York State has beauty and wonderful educational institutions, but the State Legislature stinks and the excessive tax structure makes it too expensive for individuals and corporations to stay. Don't know what state would be better. I am the original owner of my car and know its history. Not many miles on it, runs well, and

from his fraternity brother, Prof. **Howard Evans**. As roommates, they played many a practical joke upon one another and these are Bill's favorite memories of his time on the Hill. **Joyce Graham** Jordan (Wyoming, NY), married to Gilbert, spends her days "looking after our farm and home and our Bernese mountain dog, Reggie, and our West Highland terrier, Sammy." Extracurricular activities include the Middlebury Historical Society and the First Presbyterian Church. At the time of writing, she'd been "getting ready for gardening season, reading a lot, walking the dogs, taking care of our financial bookkeeping." Joyce says she's lucky to live "across the road" from her twin grandchildren, Neil Jr. and Brianna, now just over 1 year old. Her most fond memory of Cornell is "being able to answer correctly a question (aloud) in 'Grim Don' English's Accounting class." She'd especially enjoy hearing from **Ann Brett Crowley** Capshaw.

‘I have been a “citizen scientist” for five years and love it.’

Nancy Belcher First '51

young and I guess it needs seasoning. Score discouraging, but atmosphere excellent."

Marvin Touse, St. Petersburg, FL, and Mineral City, OH: "Greed in corporations and financial institutions is our downfall. Reinstate regulations and stop sending offenders to country-club prisons, where Madoff has been sent. Living conditions are excellent in most of the US, but greed is so rampant that only a few can enjoy them. At 84, I'll avoid buying green bananas. My Lincoln suits my age group." **Dave Frees**, San Clemente, CA: "Reading, food shopping, church. Back in October 2010, I was waiting to see if improvements would come about. We would need honest Republicans in control and in office. California is the best place in the US to live comfortably, but most of the younger generation are mindless and unable to improve anything. Car is only four years old and runs fine. Will keep it until it quits. Wish I were where I was 60 years ago. Hoping to live a long life in peace. Marrying my wife, Yvonne, was life's most important event. Not to worry unless Congress cancels my Social Security. I'm beginning to be very absent-minded. Trying to leave the world a better place than I found it by helping others."

Madeleine Miller Bennett, NYC: "New York Film Festival, docent at Whitney Museum. As of October 2010, nothing done to improve US condition. New York State is good because NYC is in it! But taxes are bad. Still, there's none better. I drive a classic Jaguar—will continue until it dies. Life's highlight was granddaughter's graduation from college. Not worried at all about how to enjoy life. I'm glad I'm not young anymore—'Forevermore is shorter than before' ('Gigi')." **Dana Keller**, Ralston, NE: "Semi-retired electrical professional engineer, consultant to electrical engineers and contractors. National debt: bad . . . ridiculous. We expect our grandchildren and great-grandchildren to pay for us. No more deficit spending! Initiate a US 'Buy American' movement. Support the USA in all things. Nebraska has the best economy in the country. No state better. I have done world travel and will do more. I drive a Buick—best made and in very good condition. No big problems here. Cornell studies made my electrical engineering successful."

Tom Trafzer, Carmichael, CA: "I do what pleases me. Next stop for US is Communism. California can boast about governor's clown election. Tomorrow I'm doing more of nothing until I get it done. Traveling *ist verboten*. Car works fine. Will

easy to maintain, so I'll keep it as long as possible. Wish I were playing golf. Getting health in good shape is work. Greatest event was having our children. Have recently learned how to really hit a golf ball. I try to keep learning all the time. Live life with love!" **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 Our lively class was well represented this year at the Van Cleef Memorial Dinner, held each reunion weekend in Ithaca for graduates past their 50th Reunion year whose class is not reuniting. In attendance at the event were our class president and vice president, **Jack and Inger Molmen Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY); **Mary Olsen Baurle** (Dryden, NY); **Bernard "Bud" Stanton** (Ithaca); **Virginia Hallett Hardesty** (Ithaca); **Mary Sheptak** Van Buren (Ithaca); **Carman Hill** (Ithaca); **Robert Nafis** (Ithaca); and **Dr. Bob and Marilyn Mintz Wasserman** (Ithaca).

Lee and Jan Steele Regulski (Clearwater, FL) are retired and "playing." They write that they attended their grandson's college graduation in Tempe, AZ, and took a helicopter ride into the Grand Canyon. Their fondest memories of Cornell are "the excitement of meeting new people—making new friends from all over the world." **Lois Bergen Abbott** (Boulder, CO; labbott@colorado.edu) has served as president and on the board of trustees of a 750-member Unitarian church in Golden, CO. This year she was in charge of the pledge campaign. She also traveled to Peru: "Deserts in the north, Machu Picchu in the rain in the southeast—a steep, high climb." Lois told us that she'd rather be "visiting far-flung children and grandchildren." This summer she attended a family reunion in Asheville, NC, and she was headed to Madagascar in September. The gorges are her favorite memories of her time on the Hill.

Bill Feinberg (Ocean, NJ; joanfeinberg@verizon.net), married to Joan, is an attorney with Feinberg, Dee & Feinberg, in Bayonne, NJ. He says that his current "after-hours" activities are fishing and acting as trustee of two environmental organizations and one that is involved with the development of disabled persons. Bill is also an "outdoor writer." Recently, he's been "working for the Yankee dollar," but would rather be "collecting shells on the beach of Tahiti." He would enjoy hearing

We extend our condolences to **William C. Taylor Jr.** (Flossmoor, IL) on the death of his wife of 61 years. **William Wade** (Sebastian, FL; biwade@bellsouth.net) would appreciate getting in touch with him. **Wadsworth Stone** (Natick, MA; waddystone@verizon.net) is a project engineer with Combustion Installations of New England, working on industrial applications. Waddy lists his after-hours activities as golf, travel, opera, and symphony. He visited China and Tibet last year. **Robert Von Dohlen**, MRP '54 (West Hartford, CT; rvondohlen@comcast.net), married to **Beth (Robinson) '51**, writes, "I'm still living in the house I designed in 1966 and now wonder whether Beth and I should be thinking about retiring to a senior housing facility—BUT NOT YET!" He writes that he has traveled many times with CAU, latterly "to Chile and Patagonia (before the earthquake)." Last fall he and Beth sailed on the Baltic Sea with the Smithsonian Institution. They visited the Baltic capitals and met Lech Walesa and Mikhail Gorbachev.

Dorothea "Dot" Dashevsky Fast (Livingston, NJ; fastdotrmom@aol.com), widowed from **Sheldon, JD '50**, is "enjoying lots of three-generation family activities. Sorry to have missed official reunion, but happily meeting when possible with those friends near NYC for lunch, news, and reminiscing." Dot says, "When spring blossoms in New Jersey, I always think of the beautiful cascade of forsythia over the stone wall along the Stewart Ave. hill—still there?" **Sylvia Hirschhaut Frank** (Kensington, MD; sfrjf@msn.com), married to **Robert**, says that she takes courses, reads, plays bridge, and socializes, and that Bob does pro bono work for AARP, helping elderly people in Washington, DC, with landlord and housing problems. Sylvia has been visiting distant children and grandchildren and attending their graduations and family events. Granddaughter **Jenny '10**, daughter of Jeff Frank, graduated from the Hotel school. Grandson Andy Frank, son of **Jim Frank '73** (Alexandria, VA), was married on Labor Day weekend. Looking forward to next year, Jim's daughter **Shannon '12** will graduate from Arts and Sciences. Sylvia fondly remembers friendships formed, participating in plays, and the beautiful scenery from her days at Cornell. She would enjoy hearing from **Ruth Simon** Feinberg '50.

Jean MacCollom Morris (Ormond Beach, FL; zencabler@gmail.com), a psychotherapist, is working, which, she tells us, is what she would rather be doing. Her after-hours activities consist of doing research online. Jean's fondest Cornell memory is of walking over the Fall Creek suspension bridge every morning for an eight o'clock class. **Mary Lou Seeley Reeves**, MS '59, spends

May through October in DeWitt, NY, and from November through April in Clearwater, FL. She's married to **Stanley '48**, MEd '55, and is retired. "Household duties" compose her "day job," she tells us, while her after-hours work engages her in "church/choir, park activities, cards, theatre." Mary Lou remembers fondly "our association with Alpha Zeta fraternity and 'Home Ec' cafeteria work." **William C. Smith**, MS '51, writes that he is married to Barbara Verne and living in Wilmington, NC. **Edward Collum** lives in Fayetteville, NY, but spends more than half the year in Naples, FL. He is married to Mary Louise and is retired, spending his after-hours fishing. Asked what he'd been doing recently, he replied, "Sleeping."

We are saddened by the news that the Rev. **Frank Cism**, MS '50, of Harpursville has passed away. Mourning the death of his wife, **Gilberta (Stevens) '45**, he had written to us that his fondest memory of Cornell was his wife's acceptance of his proposal in 8–10 inches of snow above Beebe Lake Inlet.

Please accept my apology for having inadvertently characterized **Jack Rupert**, JD '51 (Lakewood, OH; Rup18129@aol.com), our esteemed class vice president, as class president, in the July/August issue. Looking forward to hearing from each of you, classmates! **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer** Solow, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Once again, the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) is meeting in January in Washington, DC, and the Class of 1950 is again having a dinner along with the CALC gathering. CALC brings together, for a three-day conference, class officers and volunteers from local Cornell clubs and other alumni associations; last year's conference drew nearly 800 people. Our Class of 1950 dinner is on Friday, January 27, at the elegant Metropolitan Club, 1700 H Street NW. To make a reservation, send \$85 per person to **Stan Rodwin**, Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. We are also planning our usual class dinner in May at the Cornell Club in New York.

A current exhibit at the Jewish Museum of Florida in Miami Beach includes information about lawyer **Sonia Pressman Fuentes** (Sarasota, FL; spfuentes@comcast.net) and her family. Entitled "Wooden Synagogues of Poland & the Florida Connection," the exhibit has items about Florida residents whose families originally came from Polish shtetls. Both of Sonia's parents were born in Poland, and on display are her mother's birth record from Pilica, Poland, in 1892; early 20th-century photographs of her parents and grandparents in Poland and in Germany; and even the Docking Card her family received when they arrived in this country in 1934.

Ralph "Cooly" Williams, MD '54 (Santa Fe, NM; coolypatch22@cybermesa.com) continues to pursue two longtime, non-medical interests. Cooly has been painting since high school and at Cornell studied with Prof. **Kenneth Washburn '26**, MFA '29. Cooly sells his watercolors, oils, and pastels through the Johnsons Gallery in Madrid, NM. Also "since housestaff training," Cooly writes, "I have composed poems about what I see and deal with in my medical work. Right now I am thinking about getting a small volume together." Cooly talks frequently with **Jack Rose**, MD '54, **Jack Peterson**, MD '54, and **Henry Erle**, MD '54.

Family therapist **Lori Heyman** Gordon (Falls Church, VA, and Fort Lauderdale, FL; LoriHGordon@aol.com) has written a chapter, "The PAIRS Program:

Engaging Men Through a Unique Psychoeducational Approach," for the book *Engaging Men in Couples Therapy*, published by Routledge this past July. PAIRS—Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills—is, you may recall, a series of classes that Lori developed for helping people with family and marital problems. Lori continues with administrative work, counseling, and psychotherapy, in addition to her writing.

John and Florence Maragakes Roukis have moved from Syosset, NY, to Bethesda, MD, "to be closer to a daughter in Bethesda and a son in Northern Virginia." Florence was a food-service administrator, the head of three kitchens and a staff of 200. Architect **William Morris**, BArch '53, has gone from Shaker Heights to Bedford, OH. **George**, MS '59, and **Pat Casler** (gcasler@twcny.rr.com) live at Kendal at Ithaca. George earned his PhD from Purdue and was a professor of Agricultural Economics at Cornell for 30 years. "I still have the privilege of office space in Warren Hall."

A long profile of **Dick Silver**, MD '53 (rtsilve@med.cornell.edu) ran in a recent issue of *Milestones*, a publication of Weill Cornell Medical College. The "Alumni Spotlight" article calls Dick "one of Weill Cornell's most esteemed faculty members" and "a pioneer in clinical cancer research." His most recent groundbreaking work, the article continues, includes the introduction of Interferon to treat myeloproliferative diseases and the use of Imatinib, a drug that promotes long-term remission of chronic myeloid leukemia. Dick is professor of medicine and director of the leukemia and myeloproliferative center at Weill Cornell.

During WWII, **Dick Strangeway**, MAT '67 (Grahamsville, NY; rlstrangeway@hotmail.com) served in the Army Air Force as an airplane mechanic and crew chief in China and in Nebraska, where he recalls working long hours to ready 24 B-24s for flights to England the next day. Dick taught high school agriculture for 29 years. **Don Read**, MBA '53, was president of FSC Furniture Systems Corp. in Milwaukee, WI. He and Virginia live on Marco Island, FL. **Rodger Gibson** (Prospect, KY; Rodggb@insightbb.com) is vice president of the Executives Club of Louisville and active in the Rotary Club of Prospect/Goshen, KY, the Salvation Army, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrews of the Episcopal Church. Among Rodger's proudest accomplishments: "At Westinghouse, as head of the room air conditioning division, I took the company from number ten in the industry to number one in two years."

A sad note: **Jim Hazzard** died in August in Ithaca. Jim was a mainstay of the Class of 1950, serving as class president, Annual Fund representative, and major gifts campaign chair, as well as a longtime member of the class council. From 1985 to 1995, Jim served Cornell as Director of Alumni Affairs, and after only a few years' retirement, returned to work in what was then called the Office of Planned Giving. Jim was tireless in his devotion to Cornell and Cornell alumni, and his wit and counsel will be greatly missed.

John Marcham and I (Marion) have collected some wonderful material for our Class of 1950 Archives Book. Among the many goodies so far: the formal group photographs from both men's and women's freshman camps in October 1946 (you can't believe how young we were!) and a gray freshman beanie saved and sent to us by **Richard Hudes** (Flushing, NY; HeyRichard@aol.com). So the rest of you, if you haven't submitted your memorabilia yet, let us know what you have. We are still missing the formal group photographs of

the 1955 and 1960 men's reunions. Now is the time to send stuff to us; we'll soon be setting a cut-off date for contributions. **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819; tel. (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 At Reunion, **Bob Siegfried** (Cincinnati, OH) gave me a DVD put together by the Regional Engineers & Scientists of Cincinnati promoting small nuclear energy sources. This predates the March 11, 2011 Fukushima power plant disaster in Japan, and proposes technology that would have prevented the tsunami-caused loss of power to operate valves and pumps that caused the meltdown. **Joan Vorwerk** Howie (Lebanon, NJ) is retired, but busy with church, water aerobics, Women's Club, and Red Hats, and enjoying visits to Broadway and local theatre. "We are very proud of our family. Our two grandsons are serving the nation, one in the Marines and the other in the Army. Our daughter has retired and is able to visit regularly, and our son-in-law continues his career in project controls." Joan continues to hear from two favorite Cornellians, **Joan Koelsch** Ehni and **Anne Forde** Lamb. "Crossing the suspension bridge" is her biggest memory from Cornell.

Richard '52 and **Doris "Dot" Stilwell Rowe** (Orono, ME) report "quiet after son David and wife Jenny returned to Africa, where they are missionaries. They were in the US to get their sons started in college." Richard and Dot say they haven't traveled much themselves lately. They remember making friends at Cornell, and the beauty of the campus. **William** and **Jane Crosson** (Marlborough, MA) report a visit from **James MacKellar '52** during a business trip in March. "We had a great time reminiscing about Cornell and Cayuga Lodge." **Kent** and **Shirley Fulton Roberts**, SP A '50-51, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in the Williamsburg (VA) Landing retirement community a year ago, where Kent is president of the Landing Men's Club. Several Cornellians are there, but no classmates. **Dolores Hartnett** Pope (Adams, NY, and Englewood, FL) is a retired teacher and dairy farmer, mother of seven, and grandmother of 11 who has been on six Road Scholar trips.

David, PhD '57, and **Anita Van Hassel Blauvelt** (Ridgewood, NJ) write, "Two of our three children graduated from Cornell, and we have six grandchildren. The oldest is 23 and at Harvard Medical School; the youngest is 3. Our daughter lives in England, so we spend time visiting her. One son lives in California—another visiting spot—and the third lives in Massachusetts, practically a neighbor for us. Many fond Cornell memories, "and they get sweeter as the years go by." **Nancy Belcher** First (Northampton, MA) had her first art exhibit of pastels and oils in October 2010 and has three more coming up this year and in 2013. Her fondest memory is the newest: "the wonderful Ornithology lab at Sapsucker Woods. I have been a 'citizen scientist' for five years and love it."

Richard and **Ann Clark** checked in with no news from Manlius, NY. **Donald** and **Corinne Watkins Stork** (Penn Yan, NY) won the 2010 Yates County Chamber of Commerce Spirit Award last year and celebrated their first great-grandchild, Ryder, born November 29, 2010. Corry and Don celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June.

Harry and **Myra DeVoe** Linde recently moved from New Jersey to Florida. "Am very pleased with living in St. Petersburg!" **Tom** and **Jean Orbison** (Hortonville, WI) claim five kids, ten grandkids, and six great-grands. Tom writes that they are coping with diabetes, PMR, and Alzheimer's and enjoying skiing, swimming, and shoveling snow in mid-April. They are also sponsoring a robotic team going to the world championship finals in St. Louis. Tom remembers hiking and swimming in Fall Creek gorge while at Cornell.

Mary Strawson Ross (Westfield, NY) reports the death of her husband, **David '50**, on March 15, 2011, after 59 years of marriage. David was president/grower of 300 acres of varietal grapes, as well as town supervisor for 24 years. Honors included Conservation Farmer of the Year and Grape Industry Person of the Year. Mary's fond memory of Cornell was "finding spouse." They had one daughter, three sons, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. **Joan Mariani** Whiting's son Don is carrying on the family business of marketing Banfi Wines at the many La Tavernas around the US. She enjoyed **Chuck Feeney '56's** responses at President Skorton's interview during Reunion Weekend.

Bob Fuchs (Fort Myers, FL) is his wife's second geologist husband. He worked for a variety of organizations and lived in Washington State and Denver before retirement. **Jane Newman** Springer (Guilderland, NY) says, "Retired life is a hoot! Lots to do, places to go, causes to support!" **Jean Stone Wade** (Charleston, SC) writes, "**Hal '49**, MRP '55, and I are well—active and living all summer at our Island House ten miles outside Charleston on Sullivan's Island. Our three kids are happy and productive. Derek has Hal's landscape company in town

on waterfront property (means boat and water-skiing). Daughter Leslie, a producer at CNN, visits with her two sons when she can. Evelyn, a DVM retired from practice, visits with her two sons two to three times a year. Hal and I visited Celtic lands with CAU two years ago—wonderful trip. Loved seeing the Plantations during Reunion. Back as an undergrad, I loved being called by my boyfriend. We'd meet at Japes and share a root beer float." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 A surprisingly large—and enthusiastic—class council meeting was held in Ithaca in July. The major topic was our 60th Reunion, June 7–10, 2012. In the coming months there will be news here in the column, as well as in your mailbox, on your computer, and perhaps even on your phone (but no robocalls), encouraging you to return to Ithaca to see what's the same and what has changed on campus and with your classmates.

Herbert Dienstag (New York, NY) sent in a quote from a professor ("Dr. Z.") that "the purpose of life is to get through it," and continued, "Having reached 80 years of age, I am confidently approaching that goal." Now that we are mostly octogenarians, that seems to be what we are working on in a variety of ways. A note from **Robert Jeffreys**, MBA '57 (Cleveland Heights, OH; bobpatj@aol.com) reports that he and wife Pat, addicted to cruises, are taking long ones and visiting children in Seattle and New York. He attends golf school and is "playing singles matches against young, athletic women to stay young myself." At

Cornell, he would have entered as a freshman rather than transferred in as a sophomore and would have taken both semesters of Nabokov. **Elaine Rose** Ruderman (San Diego, CA; eroserud@aol.com) covered the basics with a cruise to the Baltics, community fundraising, playing bridge, and doing Tai Chi, yoga, and water aerobics.

Bill '50, **MME '54**, and **Gertrude Strong Neef**, MS '54 (Livermore, CA) spent their 58th wedding anniversary at Disneyland with their granddaughter, who works and studies there. Gertrude keeps busy with stitchery, helps out her family by babysitting and gardening, attends a Bible study, visits friends, and keeps house. **Henry Lyon** (Waikoloa, HI) has been doing a lot of traveling. He paints, draws, votes, takes German, teaches art, gains weight, and enjoys Hawaii. He claims he is also "whale watching and counting and maintaining a wildlife habitat," but I wonder. He is also missing his late wife, **Betty (Buell)**, and I believe that. **Shirley Sagen** Norton (snorton7@twcny.rr.com) is among the travelers and volunteers with church, library, AARP, and Zonta.

Rik Clark (Osterville, MA; capeclarks@aol.com) was at the Ithaca meeting in July, as were **Bob**, **MME '54**, and **Elle Hospodor Conti**, MS '54. Rik had earlier written that the two couples traveled in England and France last fall. Apart from traveling, Rik is an active cyclist, boater, golfer, boat builder, and yard man. He also volunteers with nonprofits including Cape Cod Academy, where after many years as an active trustee, he is now a life trustee. **Judy Calhoun** Schurman (New Canaan, CT; schurma1@optonline.net) was also in Ithaca in July. Judy travels, sings in the Presbyterian choir, and volunteers in the community. She is active with Staying Put in New Canaan, a nonprofit group of seniors helping seniors stay in their homes. Judy has also taken up ballroom dancing and Tai Chi.

Richard and **Suressa Holtzman Forbes** (Rochester, NY; sforbes1@rochester.rr.com) have been traveling a lot with rolling family celebrations of Dick's 80th birthday. Suressa has finished her board responsibilities for Rochester nonprofits, but remains a docent at the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery and keeps busy with the gallery council program and travel committees. **Constance Soelle** Geerhart (Montgomery Village, MD) is a volunteer and tutor at the Kingsbury School in D.C., which serves children with learning disabilities. Connie has enjoyed everything about the Washington area. **Jan Hofmann** McCulloch (Ashford, CT; mccul90419@aol.com) also was in Ithaca in July. Having toured the Plantations with her, I see why she writes, with exclamation points, that at Cornell she would have taken more horticulture courses. As is, she is a master gardener—planning, planting, and maintaining the town gardens as well as her own. She raises money as president of Friends of the Library. Jan spends time with her children and grandchildren and takes care of family members who are ill.

In December 2010, **William Hubbard** (Poughkeepsie, NY; whhubbard@juno.com) was recovering from open-heart surgery and valve replacement. He had been in rehab for three months, getting lots of exercise and was looking forward to returning to his part-time job, swimming, and house and yard work. He was also thinking about moving into a retirement community if the housing market picked up. Also considering a move was **Evelyn Hoffmann** Huffman (Kansas City, MO), who was cleaning out the house. "Lots of junk to get rid of. Decisions, decisions." She would rather have



been doing anything else. **John Crager** (Hudson, New York), who earlier reported medical issues, says he is “surviving!” in southeast Arizona and the Hudson Valley. **Henry Ver Valen** (Monkton, MD; henkay@comcast.net) had two discs in his neck replaced, which required about a month-and-a-half’s recuperation. In January, he reported he’d had a trip in the Caribbean and several antique car-related trips. “Yes,” he wrote, “I still have my four vintage Jaguars and two other antiques that I service and maintain.” **Richard Charles Smith** (Moore, SC) reports some mobility problems. Nonetheless he’s working out at the Y, working in the garden and the yard, swimming, reading, shopping for and cooking family meals, and doing paperwork. **George Vlahakis** (Nashville, TN; gsvlahakis@comcast.net) also works out at the Y—“to keep my weight manageable.” He tries to travel to Atlanta once a month to see his son.

Arthur Franz (Bolton Landing, NY; artonie@ieee.org) is a board member of the Lake George Land Conservancy and the Bolton Historical Museum. He also does freelance video production and computer graphics and spends time updating his system and skills as the technology charges ahead. In the summer he gardens and boats on Lake George. He mentions professors Grantham and Strong as having an impact at Cornell. “Also Prof. Rosson, who taught Serro mechanisms and influenced me to redirect my career into systems engineering, leading to outstanding work!” **Harold Oaklander** (Tivoli, NY; hoaklander1@frontiernet.net) is “fighting unemployment with the assistance of Cornell students who volunteer their inter-session and spring and summer breaks (www.ilr.cornell.edu/dolapuinternship).” Impact at Cornell: “The director of admissions who let me in on condition; in retrospect, I would not have been admitted today.”

Marshall Lindheimer (Chicago, IL; mlindhei@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu), though emeritus, still lectures, chairs a committee, reviews articles and grants, and does a little editing and writing. He continues to act as an external pro bono adviser to the World Health Organization. He and Jacqueline have enjoyed travel—a few trips with Cornell Alumni tours and others with his WHO work (less expensive). Marshall fondly remembers the beauty of the campus, the diversity of schools and programs, and science and philosophy lectures. He also remembers that he started college at age 16 and is glad his kids did not. **M. Carr**, LLB ’54, and **Marian Nelson Ferguson**, MA ’54, are in Lakeville, CT (mcfergs@earthlink.net). Carr is a visiting law professor at U. of San Diego and NYU, and he mediates and arbitrates corporate tax issues. For fun, he golfs and enjoys walking in the Litchfield Hills with Marian and their family. He also sings barbershop and in Baroque choruses.

I stop here for a word from the **Warrens** (rivbirch@windstream.net), our reunion chairs: Practice some railroad songs for next June. And plan to say hello to the Plantations’ Nevin Center, the Johnson Museum addition, and old friends. ☑ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

53 There was this Music 101 course that certain seniors of ’53 thought might be instructive, pleasant, and not too stressful. They did not expect to be called upon to identify selected classics come exam time. The sound of the great masters is both invigorating and restful and nobody

was asking us seniors any such embarrassing questions when we answered **Roz Zalutsky** Baron’s call to the Berkshire hills of Massachusetts for a mid-summer afternoon of Maurice Ravel at Tanglewood during the hot days of late last July. If you heard of a group gathered on a vast expanse of well-tempered grass, you might think golf. Maybe softball. But this time it was ’53 under a towering maple with edibles and fine company to hear a concerto written for a one-armed pianist and, of course, *Bolero* on the giant Tanglewood lawn. Supper followed at the Barons’ rustic retreat.

Roz and spouse Phil are accomplished portrait painters. They presented one of Phil’s from the Baron Gallery of ’53 Rogues and Roguettes to **Don Unbekant** (far above almost all Cornell baseball pitchers with a career earned run average of 2.14), and one to **Susan Hanchett ’90**, a canny observer of a puzzling world. Bravo, Roz and Phil.

Hail all hail **Dave Rossin** (University Park, FL), one of ten inducted into the Cleveland Heights, OH, High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame this spring. The local paper cited his half-century in nuclear research and business. He was honored for “effectively providing insight, reason, and wit to explain and discuss national energy policy and nuclear power issues” and was voted Electric Energy Man of the Year. Back home in C-Heights, it was an opportunity to reunite with kindergarten-through-ZBT friend **Charley Colbert**, **Gary ’52** (also ZBT) and Evie **Siegel**, and high school classmate **John** and **Patty Hungerford**.

Linda Mitchell Davis (Cimarron, NM), in Ithaca a while back for the President’s Council of Cornell Women, caught sight of what also grows on Rocky Mountain tops—14 inches of snow. The airport was closed. The snow geese were walking. It made rancher and Cowpension Hall-of-Famer Linda “wish I could bring it west, as northeastern New Mexico had received no winter moisture.” She cherishes the friendships she made at Cornell, “and the beautiful fall and spring each year, a visual treat for this Westerner from semi-arid country.” She plans a return for our 60th (June 6–9, 2013). There’s a good chance there will be a drop or two above the waves of blue that weekend. **Eugenie Gilbert** Taub, MEd ’54 (Westfield, NJ) checks in with a new knee to replace a replacement last April. She’s grown accustomed to being stopped—invariably—at airport security and “wanded, probed, and prodded.” Genie’s favorite memory, says she, is “waiting on tables in the dorms for four years. Made good friends. We were a true community.”

Jean Wright Pope (Tunkhannock, PA) had time for the Floriculture Club and Campus Charities when we were very young. Jean and husband **Daniel ’52**, PhD ’61, have grown into master gardeners. “We are planting lots of veggies,” she noted last spring, “to have a tasting event for the county fair. We are also advising local 4-Hers and Scouts to plant generously for the local soup kitchen. We raised our kids on organic food in the ’60s and ’70s and they traded good sandwiches for Twinkies. The ‘eating locally’ movement has educated kids to eat good things this time around.”

A person of many activities way back when, **Claire Nagel** (North Cape May, NJ) is still an active New York Life agent, plus on the board of Cape Human Resources, the Human Relations Commission of Cape May County (member), and Oceanside Community Women (president). She is also a mentor of students at Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) and on the advisory panel for ACCC planned giving.

Glenn Crone still lists himself as a real estate dealer, but defers to spouse Sybel to deal with business leads that he generates in and around Ashland, VA. He says she’s strong in the new technology, but “I am challenged.” So she takes care of that part of the business. And so, said he a while back, “I have nearly finished my fourth book.” He was hoping it would go to press this year. “You might check out my first three (on the Net).” Asked about his most unforgettable memory, Glenn admitted, “It would be hard to say. I’ve had an incredible life, most of it good. The most impactful memory would be the abduction of our five children back in 1972. It took us two-and-a-half years to locate them in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), go through the courts, and bring them back to the States. Four of them have bachelor’s degrees. Two have master’s and are going for PhDs.”

Attorney **Dick Long**, JD ’57 (Vestal, NY) is getting over a Christmas week fire in an adjoining building that drove him and colleagues from their offices in Binghamton’s historic Press Building—to stay—last year. It moved them to the equally historic former IBM headquarters in Endicott. Tom Watson’s former office and library have been converted to conference rooms, he notes, and wonders whether the THINK signs over the doors “make us better lawyers.” But what REALLY sticks with him is the memory of eight days, 188 miles, and 100 or more menacing rapids with son Rick and grandson **Evan ’14**, deep in the Grand Canyon in 2005. There were hair-rising side hikes along the Colorado River as they made their way downstream, with no means of communication with the outside world. On the eighth day, they accepted a helicopter lift out of the canyon. “Great bonding with son and grandson,” says Dick. ☑ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 The writing of this column was nothing but adventure from one end to the other. While sitting in Alexandria, VA, quietly summoning those muses we all need to gather words together, I felt a very familiar motion reminiscent of many years living alongside the San Andreas Fault in Marin County. However, this was not the loud sharp crack of Pacific plate subducting itself under the North American plate—it was slippage on the edge of a known fault zone. It was but a few days later that Irene blew into town with all her mayhem and chaos. All this was but prelude to her scribe-cum-theatre-set painter taking a step backward into thin air off a riser, making a perfect three-point landing of head, shoulder, and new hip. It all being in the line of duty, your scribe shook herself off, picked up her brush, and finished painting *Rabbit Hole*, which opened on time to rave reviews.

A note from our intrepid guardian of all wildlife, **Bob Morrison**, states he is sadly leaving the beaver, trout, porcupines, and striped bass of the North Country and heading south to join his family (plus the manatees, alligators, redbfish, and snook) in Florida. New Hampshire is losing a marvelous steward, but I know the Florida Panthers will welcome him with furry paws. On September 8, **Irwin Jacobs**, BEE ’56, along with Jack Keil Wolf, was awarded the prestigious Marconi Society Fellowship and Prize for 2011. To quote from the Society’s press release: “Their lives’ work dramatically boosted the speed, capacity, and accuracy of voice and data transmissions around the world, in a way that is considered technological

genius by experts, yet seems nothing short of magic to the billions of people who enjoy such benefits whenever they use a cell phone, swipe a credit card, watch a DVD, or retrieve digitized information, seemingly out of thin air." **Miloslav "Mila" Rechciql**, PhD '58, has written a personal memoir entitled *Czechmate: From Bohemian Paradise to American Haven*, his life's journey from a small hamlet in rural Bohemia to life as a research biochemist at the NIH in Washington, DC. You can find more on Facebook under Czechmate.

Lynn and Jane Gregory Wilson have always been in motion. Perhaps it comes from long years of service in the Air Force. They appear comfortable either abroad or at home in Florida. When stationary, Jane makes pillows, knits skullcaps, and collects magazines for soldiers and vets at the local hospitals, along with making holiday favors for nursing home patients. For her own enjoyment, sewing, art, and flower arranging are among her favorite things, and I bet they, too, will be shared with others. It would appear that **Charles Schulz** has hung up his shingle and retired from his law practice of 50 years in Palo Alto, CA, but not from community work and fun. Charley leads the oldest permanent floating madrigal society in the area, started by Robert Noyce 50 years ago when Charley was but a very young solicitor. Thirty years ago he started the Palo Alto Community Fund with the thought of assisting new groups looking to meet the needs of a growing city. They have given over \$300,000 to 40 civic organizations. Number one item on his bucket list: avoid kicking it.

Although retired from her 40-plus years as the *Buffalo News* food editor, **Janice Okun** Seidenberg has maintained her function as restaurant critic. She is also the author of *Buffalo Cooks with Janice Okun*. After living for 40 years in the Golden State, **Linda Stagg** Long moved east to Dublin, OH, to be closer to her daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter. That is incentive enough for anyone, and she loves it. Along with her daughter, Linda is involved with Women's Pilot Dog Association. Not being familiar with the organization, I googled it and found they do the same marvelous job as Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Last heard from, **Barbara Jones** Jenkins was jousting with Quicken and FileMaker Pro—along with making sense of W2s, 941s, 1099s, and 990s—as all are part and parcel of her role as finance director of the Cannon Valley Elder Collegium. Barbara suggests that what prepared her for her fourth quarter was what she inherited from her forebears—good genes and an indefatigably upbeat attitude. Totally agree. When tennis is no longer an option, she will attack all those books stacked and patiently waiting to be enjoyed, starting with Isak Dinesen's *Last Tales*. **Ernest '53**, MA '55, and **Elaine Harrison Cohen** are both still hard at work with the Regional Citizens Committee and with their sustainability work. **Bernice "Bunny" Rotter** Schmid's travels have taken her to all points of the compass—Nova Scotia, Alaska, Costa Rica, and Israel. She has also moved house from Brooklyn to Long Island to be closer to her daughter and grands. **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesleijreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 An Ithaca luncheon and an Albany Capitol Blue Room ceremony were part of **Fred Antil's** 2011 Senior Citizens' Day recognition by Tompkins County. Fred was selected because of the hundreds of

interviews he's conducted over the last decade for Lifelong's weekly WHCU radio show (Lifelong is Ithaca's senior center). He has enjoyed chatting on air with many interesting people, including Cornell president David Skorton, **Ezra Cornell '70** (the Founder's descendant and current trustee), *Cornell Alumni Magazine* editor/publisher **Jim Roberts '71**, legendary Cornell coaches Ted Thoren and Richie Moran, former Class of '55 president **Joan Steiner** Stone, and Conor O'Clery, author of *The Billionaire Who Wasn't*, the story of **Chuck Feeney '56**, whose foundation has given away billions, including generous gifts to Cornell and Ithaca College. Fred concludes, "Getting this 'geezer' award surely means the Nobel, Pulitzer, and Oscar can't be far behind!" Congrats to you, Fred.

Speaking of honors, up to six alumni each year are chosen to receive the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, honoring alumni who have given long-term volunteer service to Cornell—and one of the 2011 recipients is our own **Ginny Wallace Panzer!** Past '55 winners were **Stephen Adelson** in 2008, **Jay Hyman**, DVM '57, in 2006, **Robert Cowie**, MBA '57, in 2003, and **Ned Arps**, MBA '57, in 1997. Our very best wishes to all.

Ken Sanderson writes, "My wife Barbara and I have had to curtail our travels for medical reasons, but we're still here! I am now a member of the Pacemaker Club. Praise the Lord, the doctors, and Medicare!" Ken and Barb continue to volunteer usher at the Asolo Repertory Theatre in Sarasota, FL, where **David Howard '51** often appears in plays. "His performances always bring me back to Cornell, where my interest in theatre was really established," Ken explains. "They also remind me of the Gang from Kline Road and all the fun we had. Being somewhat isolated on campus, we became very inventive pranksters, and, after a year, we brought our acts to the Baker Tower area."

Paul Kalinich, LLB '57, spent four weeks in Russia and returned with his daughter and two new grandchildren! The kids are enrolled in kindergarten and preschool in Wilmette, IL. Paul and his entire family of children, grandchildren, and daughters-in-law (13 in all) visited his father's and mother's birthplaces in Slovenia and Croatia. He had lunch with **John Anderluh '56**, **Al Pyott '53**, and **Lou Conti '41** a few months ago. "John played football and baseball, Al was a football player from an earlier class, and Lou Conti was our coach. Lou played on a team that, believe it or not, was a national champion, having beaten Ohio State. He also played in the (in)famous fifth down game against Dartmouth. Cornell ended up forfeiting the game on Monday after films showed that Cornell scored the winning touchdown on a fifth down."

A nice note from **Carol "Ritt" Rittershausen** Byron brought the welcome comment that "our last reunion was the best ever—the experience of a lifetime!" Part of the fun, she added, was spending time with **Eva Konig** Ray, driving to/from Reunion and visiting in Philadelphia, seeing Valley Forge, and listening to music in Germantown. Ritt's been busy restoring old photos and slides with Photoshop, and keeps in touch with **Barb Ramsey** Adsit and **Laura Weese** Kennedy. I'm sure that many of you remember **Pat Wells** Lunneborg, but perhaps you don't know this remarkable story about Pat and her husband, Clifford, that Pat's sister shared with Ritt:

"There was a time at the U. of Washington when spouses could not be hired to teach in the same departments. And if they did, one of them could not receive tenure—ever. Someone complained about it to the Feds. When the investigators came

on campus, they interviewed everyone in every department who was affected. At that point Clifford had tenure in the Psych department, and Pat was teaching full-time there. During those years, Pat had established a program for students who wanted a BA in psychology but didn't want to go further with it (no MA or PhD in their sights). To help them succeed, Pat developed a field course to give students experience in the real world and learn how community agencies could use people with BA's in psychology. It was a pioneering effort at the time. When Pat was interviewed, she talked about her wish for tenure—and said that if their marriage was the impediment, she would get a divorce, and she and Cliff would simply live together. This was an unheard-of proposition in the early 1970s! The powers that be and the investigating agency were stunned when they realized that in order for people to follow their careers in the same field, divorce would be the only way. The UW Faculty Senate took a vote on it and the nepotism rules were abolished. Pat eventually received tenure as a full professor."

It's that time of life, unfortunately, when we lose dear friends and acquaintances. A memorial service was held for **George Riordan** in Quogue, where he and **Ann (Wiggins)** vacationed for many years. **Lee '54** and **Barbara Loreto Peltz, Jan Kahn Marcus**, and **Elliot '53** and **Karin Hartell Cattarulla** attended the service. **Gary Ozaroff** wrote that **Robert Marks '56**, who was his closest friend since their days at Choate, died in 2010. **Jack Frey** was saddened to learn of the death of his longtime friend and freshman roommate, **Clyde Riley**. **Dick Hanks** wrote to tell us that **Beverly Pabst** Bolton died last year, and we also learned of the deaths of **Bill Winters**, MD '59, **Don Scheer**, and **Guy Bedrossian**, MBA '56, who will be sorely missed. So stay well, and stay connected. Our college friendships are irreplaceable! **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 I am writing this column from Martha's Vineyard, waiting to see if Irene will touch the island. Earlier today I had lunch with **Leo Convery**, a longtime friend and resident of this beautiful place for many years. He had just come back from taking wife Alison and 13 other family members to Cornwall for a birthday celebration. The whole family had a wonderful time and Leo looks as good as ever!

I heard that Reunion was a blast. We were so sorry we could not attend and hope to be with all of you at the 60th.

Norma Redstone Shakun (Williamsville, VT) is helping organize courses for Osher in Brattleboro, VT. In addition, she is involved in many community activities. She had been to Paris and Brazil recently, and celebrated her granddaughter's bar mitzvah on May 14. **Bob Boice** (Watertown, NY) is in his second retirement in 2010 as a county legislator. His first retirement was as a county administrator. At the moment he is an energy marketing consultant and part-time farmer and forester. He winters in Summerfield, FL.

It was nice hearing from **Ellen Deck** Nesheim (Washington, DC). She just retired as a chemist with the USFDA—Division of Food, specializing in seafood. In between, Ellen was assistant registrar with the School of Advanced Int'l Studies at Johns Hopkins. She supports the Avalon Theatre in Chevy Chase. Five years ago she came to reunion after

going to a beekeepers reunion. Ellen shares that she has a son at Cornell, and I'm sorry that space does not permit the complete details of this interesting person.

Mary Van Winkle Hargan retired three years ago from the Mark Twain Library in Redding, CT. She is involved with church fundraising and mission projects. Her home is in Redding, but she spends a lot of time at her family cottage in Mystic. **Gene Sanders**, MD '60, writes from his home in Englewood, FL: "Retired in '01. Left career in medicine/science for writing about philately, antiques, and religious history. Published two books and am a board member of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Foundation. My wife, Christine, is a marine/nautical artist and writer as well." Congratulations go to **Katherine "Tis" Weigt** Huberth, who had three of her pieces (two acrylics and one watercolor collage) published in *Best of America Watermedia Artists, Vol. II*.

I am sorry to report that **Donald Butkus** passed away this past February in Jackson, MS. Artist **Sandra Albert** Wittow also passed away, in August. She lived in Englewood, CO, and was a figurative/realist oil painter. Her most recent works included portraits and still lifes.

We also send our sympathies to **Karl Fischer**, who writes, "I lost the love of my life for the past 54 years. Nancy succumbed to cancer after a very courageous battle for 30-plus years. Don't ever give up hope. She didn't, and she died peacefully last December." Karl is retired in Chatham, MA. **Dick Alweil** (Boynton Beach, FL) retired from BAE Systems last year and moved to Florida. He loves his move and enjoys playing tennis. **Bob Colby** retired from Syngenta in 1999. Now he leads hikes as a volunteer for the City of Benicia, CA, where he lives. Bob also has a condo at Lake Tahoe, where he spends a lot of time with his four children and six grandchildren.

Sometimes we get letters of such great interest and content that it is difficult to summarize. With apologies to **Mary K. Wakeman**, I will try. After Cornell, Mary kept up with her chamber music, even while working toward her PhD at Brandeis and teaching humanities at MIT, Stanford, and U. of North Carolina, Greensboro (religious studies). From 1986-89, she took a break from university life and taught secondary school in a remote village in Zimbabwe. She fell in love with the village, and one of the children whose parents had died became her daughter. This girl and her husband are now living next door to Mary, along with their 2-year-old child. This is only a small part of her story, which gets richer as you read it. We hope to tell you the Cambodian part in a future issue. Mary is one of the many heroes of the Class of '56.

Take care of yourselves and stay well. Our regards to all. **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., New York, NY 10128, e-mail, Catplan@aol.com.

57 **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, is organizing a class event on November 26—a restaurant dinner followed by the Cornell/Boston U. hockey game at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Dinner will be at NILES, 371 Seventh Ave., with everyone meeting at 5 p.m. If you just want to go to the game, Judy has promised to paint a red C on your left cheek! Contact her at judylevy@aol.com for further details about the evening.

Rochelle Krugman Kainer is working on her second novel and still a practicing psychologist

in Washington, DC. Her interest in the field started as an undergraduate with Norman Malcolm's course on Wittgenstein's philosophy. If **Sandra Mortalo Gilbert** or **Dorrie Gilbert** is reading this, Rochelle would like to hear from you at Kainer3@aol.com. **Sue Davidson** Braun splits her time between her home in San Diego and the Brauns' place in Park City, UT, from which Sue sent her

A week on each end of the trip was spent in Virginia visiting old friends (aren't they all now?) and their son and his wife and three grandsons. David summed it up with the thought that it is good to be back in Arizona . . . and the Buick is glad to take a rest after another 6,000 miles.

I have a favor to ask. Every now and then drop me an e-mail (short is fine) of what's going

‘Number one item on Charles Schulz’s bucket list: avoid kicking it.’

Les Papenfus Reed '54

news via iPad while recovering from foot surgery. Back in San Diego she's a full-time volunteer; fundraising, lobbying, and serving on boards with childcare issues is her specialty. **Mona Reidenberg** Sutnick is also busy with volunteer activities. A primary focus is Hosts for Hospitals, a group that provides free lodging in volunteer homes for people who come to the Philadelphia area for healthcare. The Sutnicks are still in the house on St. James Place that they bought in 1964 and they feel no need to move.

Barbara Ries Taylor is employed full-time in commercial real estate in the Houston, TX, area. She is on the management team of First Colony Mall, whose parent company was bought by **Adam Metz '83**. Barbara and her husband, **Robert '56**, support the Houston Symphony, Grand Opera, and the Ballet. Barbara also volunteers with Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services. Her church is an inner city one in Houston and supplies clients with referrals to organizations that provide social services to the needy. Some Cornell courses that continue to play a part in her life are her major, Spanish Linguistics, as well as the History of Architecture and Fine Arts.

Michelle Striker Boffa passed away in March at the Connecticut Hospice. She had a distinguished career as a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist and was an active participant with our class. She is survived by her husband, **Bob**, two children, and seven grandchildren.

Be sure to pay your class dues when the notice arrives (and send some news . . . puhleeze!) so you'll be up to date on all things regarding Reunion 2012. And check to see that the university has your correct e-mail address, as nowadays they send out most everything via the Internet. **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

Ed Vant sends word that he and **Adelaide (Russell)** led the ninth annual charge to Ocean City, NJ, in June. The party consisted of nine Vants. For five years, Ed has watched over the Summit Taxpayers Association. The increase in the total tax rate was cut to about 3 percent (sounds a little like "Son of Stimulus"). The school board got the bulk of the money and overall the situation was in concert with Governor Christie's target. If you are a Union County official, look out. You are on Ed's short list for next year.

David and **Betty Nye** had an interesting summer, touring Italy for two weeks with friends and former neighbors from Sweden, celebrating together their 50th wedding anniversaries. They then proceeded to Geneva for the Kiwanis Int'l Convention.

Our classmates and I would appreciate knowing about your travel, hobbies, and anything that will keep us connected as we approach our 55th Reunion next spring. If you prefer hard copy, look for the annual class mailing this fall and send in the News Form. Thanks! **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 With no News and Dues forms in hand, I'll use a few e-mail notes received over recent months. One is from **Phil Getter** (pmgetter@yahoo.com), who writes: "I noticed your comment about 'Wim' (**Dick Wimmer**). Sadly, Dick passed away. He was featured in the *New York Times* obit as 'a man who never gave up.' " Thanks for passing that on, Phil, as I'm sure many in the class will want to know. Phil continued: "I noticed **Al Podell** trying to make all the countries of the world. I haven't done that, as I like to go back to places, so I'm headed to Paris for the month of August as a birthday celebration for Elaine, my 'significant other,' after we visit my youngest son (Ian Michael, 16) at school in Asheville, NC, and meeting my oldest son (Douglas, from London, and the grandchildren) in Montpellier, France. We'll then come back to NYC for the start of the theatre season, where I'm one of the administrators of the TONY awards, and working with some folks to create the First Creative Bank—servicing the 'creative community' [Not sure what that is, Phil]. A last minute glitch in the schedule screwed up a Cape Cod fishing trip with **Dick Seegel '59**, that I hope to reschedule."

Your correspondent can report on a pleasant visit with **Ted Raab '57**, a very active alum, and his wife, Pat, at Chautauqua Institution this past August. **Connie Case Haggard** and I were having a most pleasant week there, at this gem tucked in the southwest corner of New York, learning more about Iran and Islam while sharing a Victorian cottage with good friends. That is where we caught up with the Raabs, who spend most of their summer on the Chautauqua campus before heading down to Ft. Lauderdale for the winter, visiting family and friends on their easy-going trek south. Ted and Pat entertain their neighbors every week during the eight-week summer season with cocktails and potluck dinner and we were fortunate to be among them. Thanks again, Ted and Pat.

During our week of lectures, study, music, reading, kayaking, etc., we learned that retired UCC pastor **Barry Grevatt**, recovering from a severe stroke on these very grounds two years ago, would be returning to the Chautauqua campus the following week with his wife and caregiver, Mary

Lou. We were happy to hear that good news since we learned that Barry has had a long and slow-moving recovery. We can also report that **Roger** and **Irene Rizzi Metzger** are doing well in their long-term lovely home in East Aurora; so are **Larry '57** and **Marilyn Zeltner Teel** in their garden-toured dream house in the typical quaint upstate New York town of Victor, just south of Rochester. Larry and Marilyn's home is adjacent to that of daughter and son-in-law (**Kathleen Teel Wagner '87** and husband **Dan '87**) and their three big, healthy, sports-centered grandsons, 15–19.

59 **Harry** and **Jill Petchesky** celebrated Jill's birthday in grand style this past July. Joined by **Nelson Joyner**, **Neil Janovic**, **Marty Lehman**, and their spouses, they took an evening cruise around the Stockholm Archipelago. The Petcheskys and Janovics then visited with the Joyners at their country house several hours north of Stockholm. "The American flag flies proudly on their flagpole in their international community overlooking the Bay of Bothnia," says Harry. Prior to the trip, Harry had mentioned looking forward to

summer. Hosted by Jan and **Bill Dring**, BArch '61, the week-long event was attended by **Stan Lomax**, JD '62, **Hans** and **Barbara Lawaetz**, and **Dan** and **Ann Hall**. "The gathering was a splendid combination of trekking and talking, as well as a chance to chat with the *New Yorker's* Seymour Hirsch about declining ethics standards in the U.S., a topic I emphasize in my ethics course at the U. of South Carolina," comments Stan. Writes Hans: "We enjoyed it all—visiting with each other, the hiking, the cocktail reception at the golf course club house, eating sautéed mushrooms with eggs from the back of a pickup in the mountains, attending the rodeo, and being announced as an honored guest from Cornell. Trying to rescue a half-nude—or was it half-dressed—woman who was running around the neighborhood was also interesting." ("You know us, Robin Hoods at heart!" says Stan.)

Was **Rick Dyer**, MD '63, punished for missing the Alpha Delt gathering? It sounds like it! While his brothers were busy in Colorado, Rick's activities included cutting a hedge row at his Black Rock Farm. A tree snapped unexpectedly, causing minor injuries. Shortly thereafter, Rick unwittingly roused a ground nest of yellow jackets. "I left my chain saw running and ran. I only got about twenty stings on my legs, but between that and the facial bruises I looked scary!" Rick fared better than **Gail Stanton Willis**. The Houston realtor was in San Diego for a convention when she fell and broke her arm. She had a pin and screws put in the arm and while awaiting physical therapy learned that she needed a pacemaker. "I can't wait to go through security at the airport!" she says.

Harry Chapin '64 rose to fame as a songwriter and rock-and-roll performer but what was he like during his freshman year at Cornell? **Bill Fogle Jr. '70** is researching that history and would like to contact anyone who has recollections of Chapin on the Hill. Bill can be reached at bill.fogle@cox.net or (480) 641-1137.

Our reunion attendance records, which are 428 (25th Reunion) and 383 (50th Reunion), are still intact. The Class of '86, whose goal it was to break our record, had 365 classmates at this year's reunion, and the Class of '61 had 294, so we are safe for at least another year—and another 26 years for the double record! **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 Our 50th Reunion continues to resonate with classmates, even a year-and-a-half later. **Dick Schwartz**, MD '65, writes from McLean, VA, "We had so much fun at our 50th that I went back for this year's [and] the dedication of the new Cornell Rowing Center. Oarsmen from many classes and former coaches showed up, 175 in all; we went out for a row and had a barbeque. Can't wait for our 55th." **Raoul Drapeau**, after making the trip from Vienna, VA, to Ithaca in 2010, returned in June for the 50th of his wife **Connie (Fekete) '61**. He reports, "Both were great fun and we enjoyed the various lectures and walking around to see all the new buildings." Now retired from his career as a high-tech entrepreneur, Raoul says, "I keep active with volunteering at a local unit of the National Park Service, hiking, lecturing (I published a new e-book techno-thriller, *The Fat Man's Disk*), pursuing inventions, and helping to manage our nine grandchildren."

Perhaps inspired by last year's gathering, **Carole Knoop** Buffett held a brief mini-reunion at

‘We toasted our 55 years of friendship with an afternoon at the Presby Iris Gardens.’

Patricia Hamilton '60

Our class has a poet and didn't know it! We end with this note and idyllic poem from **Harold Zeckel** (hzeckel@gmail.com), who sent the following: "I wrote this tongue-in-cheek poem in 1957 at Cornell. It is called simply 'Miss Humphreyville.' At the time there was a big student demonstration due to the fact that she was banning apartment parties. Also at that time, I was taking George Healey's English course, so I was imitating the style of an old English ballad. In whatever way the poem conveys some sentiment, that makes me happy. I found it rummaging through my old photos":

*It's a girl who's named Teresa
that my heart is longing for.
She's so sweet and pure and honest
that to some she's quite a bore.
But she's all the world to me and mine
I love her, yes I do
And to all who don't believe me
I'll swear to you it's true.*

*Our love is sweet and pure
as dear God says it should be.
And as others pass they envy us,
it's obvious to see.
For we know they cannot love as we
or feel this clean delight.
Love like ours needs the purity
that vanishes at night.*

*There's nothing more for us to want,
each has the other's heart
To hold and kiss so sweetly
in response to Cupid's dart.
All innocence our love remains
e'er joyful in our ways.
We do not feel those vulgar pains
nor need not count the days.*

Thank you, Harold. That's the year-end column, class. I trust all have received, and responded to, Pres. **Bill Standen's** e-mail blast and letters. We need your news, and I would bet that only a small fraction of the class gets it from the 'Net. So I hope to hear from you to put it here. Cheers and Happy Holidays to all. **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Ft. Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, dhaggard@voicenet.com.

teeing off for 18 holes of golf at 8 p.m. one night. But a three-mile hike through the woods to the sea "left only enough gas in my tank to play nine holes, even though it remained light enough to play another 27."

Small world tale: Harry and Jill were having dinner in Hudson, NY, one August evening with **Benigna Chilla**, a former professor of Art at Cornell. She mentioned that she was going to Bhutan, and Harry told her that the country's former crown prince, **Lhendup Dorji**, is our classmate. The man at the next table overheard the conversation and said that he had gone to Choate with Lhendup.

Naomi Johnson Dempsey, a longtime resident of Wilton, CT, has fully retired and moved eastward to Madison, CT. She remains an avid gardener and supporter of animal shelters, now volunteering at Forgotten Felines in Madison. Recent travels have included St. Maarten, Arizona, Nantucket, and the Finger Lakes region, where "of course" she showed her companion the Cornell campus. Eye surgeon **Gerald Schultz**, accompanied by his wife Joan, has traveled extensively in conjunction with his presentations on various ophthalmological procedures. They were in Vienna and Prague en route to Berlin for the 2010 World Ophthalmology Congress. Later they returned to India, by way of Istanbul, where Gerald lectured and did demonstration surgery in Mumbai. Then came a trip to Moscow, where he and colleagues presented a course on the artificial cornea.

Michael Crowley reports that **Svein Arber** has retired from teaching in San Francisco and has moved to Northampton, MA. Michael and wife Wendy live in Pasadena, CA, but each summer find their way to Dublin Pond, NH, where they reside until the end of October. "Paris entered our life when we purchased a wee nest on the Rue de Verneuil, one of the special streets in the 7th arrondissement that fortunately eluded Hausmann's 19th-century wrecking ball. While there, I devote great attention to the city's architecture; among my modest addictions is a love of the decorative arts, so each morning you're likely to find me prowling through the galleries of the Drouot auction house." The Paris apartment is available for rent, with special rates for '59ers; check it out at www.wewillalwayshaveparis.net.

The eighth mini-reunion of Alpha Delta Phi '59ers took place in Steamboat Springs, CO, this

her home in New Canaan, CT, in June with undergraduate roommates **Barbara Kiehar** Kline, now in Doylestown, PA, and **Leslie Crouse** McLean of Boyce, VA. Carole describes their get-together as “50-plus years of catch-up and re-igniting special friendships” and reports that “Leslie retired after 20 years as a CPA for Project Hope, last serving in Haiti and Africa. Her lifelong passion in dog training has won national recognition in tournaments,” and she also directs and teaches in Northern Virginia dog training programs. Barbara has four sons, one of whom, Capt. David Kiebish, recently deployed to Afghanistan after several years in Annapolis as head of the Dept. of Orthopaedics at the US Naval Academy. Carole says that her own recent activities “include program planning for various church and community groups, as well as for the Southern Fairfield Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi.”

Patricia Hamilton (Colts Neck, NJ) retired from her job as a computer systems analyst at AT&T after 38 years and says, “I am now busy with volunteer work at a local blood center and with the Telephone Pioneers, who do community projects. I also garden, travel, ski, do yoga, and often attend ballet and opera in New York City.” Noting that her own family now has four generations of Cornell graduates, from 1929 to 2010, Pat continues, “I am still in touch with my friends from our freshman-year corridor in Risley: **Ruth Richardson** Meier (Princeton Junction, NJ), **Elaine Moody** Pardoe (Columbia, MD) and **Miriam ‘Mir’ Strigle** Glistler (Severna Park, MD). This spring we toasted our 55 years of friendship by spending an afternoon at the Presby Iris Gardens in Montclair, NJ. We meet twice a year and know every museum, park, and shopping area in the Brandywine Valley area of Pennsylvania.” Pat points out that Ruth and Elaine are both registered dietitians, now retired, but still going to nutrition seminars together, and Mir was a teacher who had her own preschool for many years while also teaching English as a Second Language at a local community college. Members of the group have also parented Cornell offspring, including **Gwendolyn Glistler** John ‘98 and **Greg Meier** ‘91, who has spent several years in South America in business and then in the US Foreign Service.

Richard Coburn, DVM ‘63, of Manhattan (he says that he lives in “Hell’s Kitchen”), continues to oversee his small-animal practice in Montague, NJ, but takes a good deal of time off to travel. Now that his partner of 32 years, Paul Ramsey, has retired as senior vice president of the global division of the Educational Testing Service and turned to occasional international educational consulting, the two are able to spend time overseas. Richard says, “We have a house in Essaouira, Morocco, and a condominium in Puerto Aventuras, Mexico, which we rent to raise money for our educational project.” The project’s mission is to further opportunities for children and young adults in the community by supporting English language instruction in school, after school, and in the summer, as well as offering scholarships for post-secondary studies. Also involved in pro bono work in Latin America is **Rich Carson**, whose volunteering with Rotary Int’l has taken him to Ecuador, where a literacy project is being implemented. Says Rich, “This project is training teachers to teach literacy and will affect 60 teachers and 3,000 students.” He adds, “Our high-tech company [Richard S. Carson Associates], which manufactures and distributes Internet security products, continues to do well,” and he is “still very active in skiing and golf.” He also admits, “I have become addicted to my iPad 2.”

In May, the *Boston Globe* published the sad news of the death of **Sarah Shean** Bollinger from cancer in an obituary entitled “Journalist, innkeeper, chef extraordinaire.” In recent years, Sarah managed a bed-and-breakfast in Winchester, MA, where she often, said the article, “whipped up culinary feasts for large groups of guests” that included some of her specialties like homemade breads and ice cream. In prior years, Sarah, who had a master’s degree in journalism from Columbia, wrote for several Boston-area newspapers, worked as an editorial assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital, and was on the staff at *Horticulture Magazine*. Among her survivors are a son, Murray, of Somerville, MA, and several nieces and nephews.

David Wunsch, a longtime faculty member in the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UMass Lowell, wrote to report the recent death of his “most beloved teacher at Cornell, Justin Jesse Price, better known on the campus as J.J. Price,” who taught in the Mathematics department in the 1950s and ‘60s. David says, “Although his classes were large, J.J. held our attention with his wit, humor, and love of the subject . . . He inspired me to become a professor.” The two became lifelong friends. Send your news to: [Judy Bryant Wittenberg](mailto:JudyBryantWittenberg@cornell.edu), jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Greetings! This is **Susan Williams** Stevens and I’ll be sharing the task of reporting your news with **Doug Fuss**. I’m a retired professional librarian and have served variously in Kalamazoo, MI; Melbourne, Australia; Edinburgh, Scotland; and Sacramento, CA. At present I’m a Presbyterian pastor’s wife in Reedsport, OR (pop. 4,000)—a small town with a big heart. We are a coastal town and the gateway to the popular Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. As I write this, it’s the annual Dune Fest in neighboring Winchester Bay.

A postscript with regard to our 50th Reunion: Many of our classmates enjoyed wonderful musical presentations from the Savoyards, the Glee Club, and the Women’s Chorus. We also were treated to hearing and seeing the new baroque organ at Anabel Taylor and then lovely harp music at Sage Chapel, accompanying the special moments of the remembrance of our late classmates. Thanks to **Neil Goldberger**, there was a display of books by our classmates to peruse. Without having the titles to give you, the authors represented were **Betty Schultz** Goldberg, **Edward Robbins**, **Brenda Zeller** Rosenbaum, **Judy Rensin** Mandell, **Ron Barnes**, **Phillip Witt**, MBA ‘65, **Ken Blanchard**, PhD ‘67, and **Phil Hodges**. **Pat Laux** Richards, who was in charge of affinity group contacts, tells me that 76 classmates worked on getting in touch with more than 83 groups—colleges, sports teams, fraternities, sororities, campus organizations, and so on. As a result, here are numbers for some of them: 18 Phi Gamma Deltas, 12 Kappa Kappa Gammas, seven Psi Upsilon, 16-plus Catholic community, and ten-plus lightweight crew in a Reunion Row organized by **Tony Seaver**.

Unfortunately, many of us could not attend reunion. **Lawrence Aaron** (Evanston, IL) wrote, “Still working—but remember great times on the Hill.” **Gale Collyer** Keenan (Cary, NC) was sad to say, “I had planned on coming to reunion; however, I am now taking chemo for breast cancer. Fortunately, it was caught early so I am optimistic about the outcome. Will miss seeing everyone.” **Gerald Schneider** (Kensington, MD) reports that he was one of 40 people invited by President

Obama to a live national town hall meeting on healthcare on June 8, 2010. Following the televised meeting, Gerald appeared with four others in a follow-up discussion with commentator Melanie Alnwick that was broadcast on WTTG-Channel 5 in Washington, DC. Gerald is also a volunteer and part-time, odd-hour, paid employee of his county’s recreation department. He says he “will only re-tire when his auto needs it.” Gerald would “love to hear from any of the Fernow Hall conservation guys and gals” that remember him.

Stephan Minikes (Great Falls, VA; SMMinikes@hotmail.com) was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as the US Ambassador to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, headquartered in Vienna, Austria. “I did that after I gave up my managing partnership for the Washington office of Thelen, Reid, and Priest. My wife and I moved from Vienna to Kennebunkport, ME. We had lived in D.C. all of our professional lives and did not want to return. Nonetheless, we did—because that’s where the job opportunities were. My nonprofit job opportunities were with two D.C. think-tanks: the Int’l Republican Inst. (IRI), which has offices in about 50 countries and seeks to promote human rights and democracy, and the Hudson Inst., whose in-house scholars think about the future in bold and unconventional ways.” Stephan goes on to say he has never been to a Cornell reunion, but reads the alumni magazine “quite religiously.”

Astrid Bossi Carroll (Woodbury, MN) enjoys retired life by “traveling a lot” and spending the winters in Ft. Myers, FL, where she and husband Joe “bought a house in a golf course community.” **Dorothy Ann Meigs Ghent** lives in Abbotsford, Victoria, Australia. She has been challenged in the last couple of years with replacement surgery for both hips and knees. Her husband, **Ralph, PhD ‘61**, died in 1964. She’s considering moving, due to “increased drug dealing in the area and the lack of English language bookshops and a European delicatessen.” She is still doing paid work as a sacristan. She’d like to hear from **Isobel Black** Nicolson and **Phoebe Mason**.

May Lee Ling (Laguna Woods, CA) and husband Chung-li relocated from Massachusetts to California to be closer to their three sons. (Wouldn’t we all like to be near our kids, says me all the way across the country from mine.) They have renovated their house and are enjoying everything that was done. May serves locally on her Community Emergency Response Team. At Reunion, my husband Bill and I had a chance to chat with **Margaret Farrell** at the tent lunch. Margie was one of the speakers at the class forum. What we didn’t learn at the forum was that she volunteers with the Int’l Senior Lawyers Project working with developing countries, and that she spent four months in Liberia, West Africa. Doug and I are both dying for news from you all. We can’t write a column without it. Please write. [Susan Williams Stevens](mailto:SusanWilliamsStevens@sastevens61@gmail.com), sastevens61@gmail.com; [Doug Fuss](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net), dougout@attglobal.net.

62 It’s almost time to inaugurate your new 2012 calendar. Be sure you’ve saved the dates of June 7–10 and made your plans for our once-in-a-lifetime 50th Reunion in Ithaca! In less than seven months it will be turning beautiful in Ithaca in preparation for our 50th. Beginning June 7 we will live dorm life as they now do at Cornell, as 500 or more of us begin moving into the new

Court/Kay/Bauer freshman dorm for three days. The weekend will officially kick off at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday with the **Phil**, BArch '64, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler '65** class video/discussion, followed by the opening reception.

In rapid succession, this will be followed by after-dinner social time each evening and breakfast every morning with old and new friends, our gala dinner featuring the Backtalk Band, the highly anticipated **Jane Brody**-led seminar, and many Cornell-sponsored lectures, tours, etc. Somehow we will even fit in the traditional class picnic at the Plantations. If you haven't already done so, lock in our 50th Reunion (June 7–10, 2012) on your calendars and remind other classmates to do the same! Also, check out our website (<http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu>) for more reunion information. **Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler** (rzb3@cornell.edu) would enjoy hearing from anyone who might want to volunteer with reunion events or who has any questions.

Fred and **Betsy Hart** report a great week with grandchildren at Cornell's Adult University. "This was our first CAU experience," Fred writes. "I studied oceans, Betsy dogs, and most importantly, the grandson built rockets and robots while the granddaughter studied cultures of the world. The grandchildren had a ball, and their parents had what our granddaughter described as 'the time of their lives'—then we brought their children home." Also attending during the same week were **Bob '60**, MS '66, and **Helen Tittle McAfoos**, who have been regular participants in CAU.

Anne and **Willis Ritter** (Writter@cwr103.com) spent last summer in a moving marathon, with myriad temporary addresses. Best mailing address is to Willis's eponymous law firm on M St. NW in Washington, DC. From McLean, VA, **Allison Young Bauer**, MA '67 (TheBauers02@aol.com) checks in. She retired last year from her position at Great Falls Community Library and fills her free time with volunteer work at the library and caring for grandchildren, 5 and 8, two afternoons a week. **Doug '60**, MS '67, still works at the Dept. of Homeland Security. By the time this is printed, John and **Joan Ryan Ruh** (rucrew66@roadrunner.com) will have returned home to East Aurora from their long-planned trip to China. In addition to daily grandma activities, Joan supervises college senior student teachers from SUNY Oneonta.

Joan and **Bruce Migdalof** are retired in Middletown, DE (bmigdal@aol.com). Bruce plays trumpet with big bands, enjoys photography, and is writing a novel. Look for **Jim Bernet** (jimbernet2008@yahoo.com) on Facebook. Jim enjoys life in Santa Monica, CA, and has traveled to East Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. He is with strategic consulting in the mining industry.

David and **Martha Weiss Dobra '65**, MS '67 (MarthaAYoung@aol.com) report a recent visit to their Sugar Hill, GA, home by **Jan**, ME '67, and **Mary Henry Young '65**, MS '69, who were touring the Southeast in their mobile home. The Dobras have enjoyed travel to the Bahamas, Williamsburg, New York, and Tennessee. They gleefully report the arrival of a new baby granddaughter. "Meeting my wife," **Meri (Klorman) '65**, ranked as **Paul Schreiber's** fondest Cornell memory. Paul (pschreiber@bgpma.com) retired in June "after 40 enjoyable years as a primary care pediatrician." He planned to "sleep late for a few days, spend time with our seven grandchildren, then lead a life of active leisure." Meri and Paul are in North Easton, MA.

At Veterinary Relief Service in Westport, NY, is **Albert Haberle**, DVM '64 (ajh55@cornell.edu).

He and **Bonnie (Woodard) '66** have a 23-ft. Rob Roy yawl, which he would like to be "sailing in warm waters with eight weeks in front of the bow." Albert likes to create new hiking trails, sail long distances, and write—currently about the role of the cat in human societal evolution. Donna and **Michael Ernstoff**, MS '65 (m.ernstoff@LArents.biz) enjoy swing dancing in Los Angeles. Michael lists his present "day job" as "seeking to preserve my retirement nest egg given the wild gyrations of the financial markets." He's been acting as general contractor on the remodeling of a condo owned by his son and daughter.

"I am the secret person behind the return slot at the local (State College, PA) library," writes **Betty Lefkowitz Moore** (blmi@psu.edu). She volunteers there and at the local hospital, plays bridge, serves as Hadassah president, and has "learned to play mah-jongg and love it." Coke plant consultant **Joel Sundholm** (joelsun@msn.com) is based in Hudson, OH, but has assignments all over North America. He visited China last year and Germany this year with son Stewart. In Hudson, Joel is treasurer of the Salvation Army service unit. Fellow engineer **Richard Tilles** (rtilles@pacbell.net) traveled to Argentina and Australia from his San Francisco home. Richard volunteers at a nursing home, takes care of his and Lois's grandchildren, bikes, and plays golf and piano.

As you send holiday greetings this month, please remind your Cornell friends to plan to join you in Ithaca in June—and send a copy of your letter to me in order to update your classmates! ☒ **Jan McClayton Crites**, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 I am writing this column as I sit in Telluride, CO, looking out at the beautiful mountain scenery and watching the rain clouds coming and going. While many parts of our country are experiencing severe drought, this part of Colorado is blessed with daily rains and thunderstorms. When you receive this magazine and read this column, it will be only a year-and-a-half until our 50th Reunion. Put June 6–9 on your calendar! I had an e-mail from **John Daly**, who is encouraging his Theta Xi brothers to attend our 50th. It would be great if all of you who read this would do the same with old friends, sorority sisters or fraternity brothers, and other classmates.

Ellen Sullivan Strader, MEd '65 (estrader2@nc.rr.com); Raleigh, NC) wrote that she and her husband, Lee, are still happily retired. In April, their house and property suffered a direct hit from one of the tornadoes that passed through the area. They did not incur any bodily harm and their home is now back to normal. Ellen and Lee do a lot of traveling in the Caribbean every winter and in the US the rest of the year. They garden in their own extensive vegetable and flower garden and volunteer in a community garden. They also enjoy hiking and swimming laps. Last February, Ellen and Lee cruised with **Judy Mohney Dennis**, MEd '64, and her husband, John. **Gary Smith** (gpSmith@empacc.net) and wife Patricia had a wedding in their family this summer when daughter Rebecca married James Bowen of Buffalo, NY. Gary still works as a physician. He also coaches football for his son, 12, runs daily, and plays golf. Son Daniel is finishing his second year of law school at St. Mary's in San Antonio, TX. Rebecca graduated from Buffalo State College; and Charles finished his first year at Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA—

he is a cellist. Gary promises to tell us about the rest of his children in a later column.

Whin, ME '68, and Joan **Melville** (wdmelville@gmail.com) live in Pittsford, NY. Whin still works as design center manager for the Rochester, NY, office of Intrinsix Corp., which does custom integrated circuit design. The Melvilles now have nine grandchildren. Their youngest son, Jeff, earned his master's in English in May 2010 and now works at Mitre Corp. **Richard '62** and **Neil Ann Stuckey Levine** (naslevine@gmail.com) live a busy life in New Jersey. Their sons are Jon (Purdue '91) and Russell (Michigan '94). Both sons and their families, including five grandchildren (Emma and Caroline, 11, Trevor, 11, Lindsay, 9, and Andrew, 8), live in New Jersey. Neil Ann was resource person ("talking head") on a trip to France, Germany, and Switzerland in 2010. Dick was with her and they saw the Oberammergau Passion Play. Neil Ann has a regular publication of research essays on Amish and Mennonite history and also served as consultant on German letters sent to Thomas Jefferson—the papers of Thomas Jefferson at Princeton's Firestone Library. She is a member of the Secretary's Circle of Phi Beta Kappa.

John Rasmus (jcrasmus@gmail.com; Kansas City, MO) keeps busy in retirement with service projects through St. John's United Methodist Church and South Overland Park Rotary Club. He was also appointed to the Strategic Plan Task Force of the Appraisal Foundation in Washington, DC. The task force will assess the first 25 years of the foundation and plan for its future mission and structure. **Art Resnikoff** (art@ar-and-associates.com) lives in San Francisco. Last year, his son and daughter-in-law had identical twin boys, who joined their older sister, 7. They live in San Francisco as well. Art is running again after having a stent repaired in one coronary artery. He spent three weeks in Italy last year: Venice, then down the coast to Dubrovnik, Croatia, and then back to Venice. He also spent a few days in Sorrento, then Naples, visiting his wife's grandparents' birthplace. They also enjoyed the pizza!

Ira and **Ellen Levine** (iradlevine@cox.net; San Diego, CA) have been married 46 years and have children Sarah, 44, Andy, 42, and Lizzie, 40. There are grandchildren Meela, 5, Hudson, 2-1/2, and Marlo, 2. Ira has an active practice in general surgery with emphasis on breast cancer and thyroid and parathyroid disease. He also enjoys his family, golf, and gardening. He keeps in touch with **Marty Krasner**, **Marcia Beiley Laris**, **Ed Kreuzer**, and **Dick Lumiere**, MD '67.

Joe Brennan is compiling a Phi Gamma Delta e-mail list for the classes of 1960–66 in order to stay in touch as a group or individually. If you would like to be added to the list, e-mail Joe at joseph.a.brennan@comcast.net or jab296@cornell.edu. That's all for this issue. Please e-mail me your news! ☒ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 When it comes to news for this column, time was that the (snail) mail brought all things. Now it's more and more e-mails, although the old-fashioned way still has precedence, thanks to news being added to class dues forms. I personally have no preference for how I receive your news, only that it be submitted somehow or other.

Update for commentary. In the March column, **Henry "Hal" Logan**, ME '66, asked whether Cornell's (relative) position in the Ivy League had

changed over the past half century. No one has come forth with an answer or opinion, but **Ed Dealy**, MBA '66, asks: Relative to what? Athletics, academia, or admissions? If anyone knows, kindly come forth. Ed meantime regrets losing the Logans as summer neighbors of his in Delaware. Hal separately reports that he and wife Donna moved from Chadds Ford, PA, to their winter (now summer, too) home in Tempe, AZ. Ed does say that Hal, who has never been to a reunion, is "seriously threatening to attend our 50th."

Stephen Berzon, last in this column 21 years ago, is still a managing partner of his San Francisco law firm, Altschuler Berzon. His firm regularly litigates major cases involving labor and employment, the environment, and constitutional, political, and election issues. Stephen has amassed a number of awards for his work, including 2008 California Lawyer of the Year for his work on political and election issues, one of the Best Lawyers in America for his efforts in labor and employment law, and one of the Northern California "Super Lawyers" for his appellate practice. Stephen and wife Marsha live in Berkeley, CA, and have a grown daughter and son (with their granddaughter, 1). They took a year-long sabbatical in 2010 to visit the so-called "Stans" (Kurdistan, Uzbekistan, etc.) in Central Asia, plus Russia, the Ukraine, and Turkey, finishing with a week in Paris and two weeks in the Provence region of France. This year, they planned a walking trip in northern England followed by a visit to the Dalmatian coast.

Leonard Berman is also still working, in his case in regulatory affairs, specifically new product registration for his employer, the Pall Corp. Len and wife Charlotte live in Huntington, NY, and enjoy sailing, tennis, and travel, recently to Seattle and Vancouver. Between their daughter, **Margaret Berman** Ewell '96 (ILR), and their son, they have three grandchildren. Produce broker **Joe James** writes that he's "still working and enjoying life." Joe and wife Shirley live in Carlsbad, CA, where they enjoy Bible study, family, and following the San Diego Chargers. **Virginia Lange** Parsons (Clifton Park, NY) still works as a registered dietician. Ginny, who has a son, daughter, and two grandchildren, vacationed by bicycling through New Zealand's South Island last March.

Judie Pink Gorra retired from a 27-year career as a school psychologist, but continues working as a marriage and family therapist, having received a master's degree in the field just last year. She lives in Washington Depot, CT, where she writes that she enjoys "typical retirement activities": golf, garden, book groups, and church activities. Judie has three sons, including **Michael**, DVM '97, and **Matthew**, JD '98, and six grandchildren. Last November, Judie made her first trip ever to Hawaii ("Why vacation anywhere else?" she asks) to celebrate retirement and more flexible vacation time. She's also active in our class council, where she enjoys reading applications for our JFK Scholarship. She says she's impressed by the applicants, which makes it "very hard to decide" whom to recommend.

Biologist-administrator **Marshal Case** not only isn't retired, he's in the very thick of helping plan a more hopeful future for Afghanistan, having been appointed to a five-member advisory council, Global Partnership for Afghanistan, that promotes trees as profitable crop investments for Afghan farmers, who comprise 80 percent of the country's population. Already, he writes, some 10 million cash crop trees have been planted. The council is also focusing on efforts to upgrade the lives of Afghan women. Marshal, who still lives in

Shaftsbury, VT, also helped in the production of two documentary films in Puerto Rico: one on shade-grown coffee, the other on saving neotropical migrant birds of North and Latin America.

Following 40 years' service, **Jason Gettinger** retired last autumn from the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission New York office's enforcement group. Jason seems to be flinging himself whole-heartedly into retirement, writing that he's furthering his mind and body through a number

(Washington, DC) is taking a historic archaeology class and preparing to do freelance photography, along with getting physical therapy. Raise a glass along with **Robb Bell** (Hood River, OR; ROBB@Cathedralridgewinery.com), who is running his rapidly growing consumer direct draft winery and tasting room in Hood River, an hour from Portland. His son John lives in Dallas with wife Jackie and Robb's grandsons. Daughter Morgan has graduated from Portland State.

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Bev Johns Lamont '64

of activities including reading, lectures, concerts, squash, golf, tennis, training, travel to see family (including to L.A. to see daughter Diana, an actress/bartender), travel to see friends, travel for fun (recently to Iceland), and more cultural and sporting events. Jason's even learning to play the cello.

That's all for now. Thanks again for answering our appeal for class dues and news, the latter of which I now have enough of for only two more columns. So please keep it coming! Also be sure to visit our class website (<http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>). Send news to me at home or online at: **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 Sue Gethmann Palmer, MS '69 (Fayetteville, NY; susamma-htsl@hotmail.com) has retired after working 17 years as an information specialist at Chevron in La Habra, CA. She is now doing volunteer clerical work at the Refugee Resettlement Center in Syracuse. This past May Sue traveled down the Rhone River from Lyon to Avignon. Recently, she became a grandmother to Naomi Donovan of Aptos, CA. Recalling her time at Cornell, Sue states, "I found a broader world in the visiting guest lecturers. I remember vividly a debate between Malcolm X and James Farmer in the Moot Court room just months before Malcolm X was assassinated."

Look for **Henry Nave**, ME '67 (Golden, CO; hjnave@pillsentry.com) trying to build wind turbines on mountaintops! At the same time he's developing a website to help people improve their medication compliance. Henry and wife Michele have twin daughters who each have 3-year-old boys. **Sharon Plahy** Blase (Vineland, NJ; soblase@aol.com) has retired and now volunteers for the Vineland Lions Club and the New Jersey Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She enjoyed a Cornell alumni trip to Cortina, Italy, and extols the wonderful food and wine, history, and good times with other alums. Her granddaughter just graduated cum laude from UNC and was honored with a medal of excellence along with her BS in physical therapy. Friendships with Chi Omega sisters are among Sharon's fond Cornell memories.

Jean Chen and husband John Miyamoto live in Seattle, WA, and have enjoyed extensive travel to China, Colorado, and the Queen Charlotte Islands, as well as New York City. **Alan Palm**

Joining the retired ranks is **Kathy Moyd** (Pasadena, CA; kmoyd@earthlink.net), who worked for 37 years at the Jet Propulsion Lab on spacecraft targeted at Mars, Uranus, and Jupiter. She now enjoys time for book clubs, volunteering, and travel. On a cruise to Norway, within 540 miles of the North Pole, Kathy saw polar bears, walruses, and nesting birds. Also living in California is **Alan Harris**, MBA '67 (Novato, CA; alan.harris@comcast.net), who works part-time in Wells Fargo community banking. Golf is a passion, and you'll find Alan captaining the senior golf program at Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco. He also enjoys amateur poker tournaments. Alan serves as a delegate to the Marin County committee on school district organization. In May he announced that "Mom is still alive at 101 years." How many of us can relate to this comment: "I remember being young and foolish at Cornell . . . which is much more fun than being old and foolish!"

Three short notes from classmates **Clifford Schell** (Evans Mills, NY; delsol@wildblue.net), **R.W. Phillips** (rwphillips1@comcast.net), and **Richard Most** (RWMOSTMD@gmail.com). Clifford and wife Barbara are retired, and Richard and wife Carol live in Mt. Kisco, NY.

Still working a 40-hour week is **Marjorie Rubin** Brody (Littleton, MA) with Advocates Inc. She attended a conference in Santa Fe on Creativity and Madness, an enriching topic that also provided continuing education credits necessary for social workers. Proud of her two young grandchildren, Nathaniel and Joslen, she commented that Nathaniel was named after her father, a 1928 Cornell alum. Recently, Marjorie caught up with her sister Eleanor and family in Rhode Island.

Networking help needed: **Joe Brennan** '63 writes, "I am compiling a Phi Gam (Fig) e-mail list for the classes of 1960-66 in order to stay in touch. We have over 80 so far and welcome more. Send an email to joseph.a.brennan@comcast.net or jab296@cornell.edu." And from **Bill Fogle** '70: "Please send information on your classmate **Jennifer Gillett** Andrews '66. I am working on a study of American singer-songwriter **Harry Chapin** '64 and know that Jennifer was the inspiration for two of his songs. She is deceased and the Cornell Archives list her class year as unconfirmed 1966." Thanks from these folks to any of you who can help out!

50th high school reunions are happening this year for many folks. **Stephen Appell** and wife

Madeleine (Brooklyn, NY; BigRed1965@aol.com) enjoyed the Bryant High School reunion after his hard work as co-chairman. **Judi Fowler** Quagliaroli, MBA '66 (Needham, MA; judiq@comcast.net) organized an outstanding weekend at Ithaca High for her class. **Joe Ryan** (Buffalo, NY; jryan9778@aol.com) headed up his class reunion in Buffalo, and received class honors and a standing ovation for his dedicated work and life accomplishments. Steve Appell writes that he is still teaching on historical subjects at the Inst. for Retirees at Brooklyn College, and hopes to meet up with **Harris Shultz** when he is in New York for his 50th high school reunion.

Book news from **Rita Bond Bobzin** (Seattle, WA; rabobzin@comcast.net), who describes the publication of *Flight Around the World*, an autobiography by her husband, Capt. Lyle Bobzin. It was published under their company name, Ingenuity Int'l. The book chronicles Lyle's early life, raised during the Depression to become a 36-year veteran pilot of TransWorld Airlines' around-the-world flights. **Jeff Parker**, ME '66, MBA '70, and wife Julie are now in Gulf Stream, FL (jparker@parkerfamilylp.com). Jeff is managing director of the Parker Family Limited Partnership and a partner at GrandBanks Capital in Boston, a venture capital firm focused on Internet-based information, financial services, and mobile technology.

It is wonderful that we have lots of news from many classmates, but all classes have a limited amount of class space in the alumni magazine. Therefore, "hang in there" if you're still waiting to see the news you sent in. Of course we welcome continued submissions! ☑ **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanhpj@comcast.net; **Ron Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu.

66 Class of 1966 members are interested in nonprofit ventures. **Peter Freeman** (New York, NY) and wife Linda are busy starting their daughter Victoria "on the path to college in 2012." Peter is the CFO of Samelson-Chatelane, a mid-size private textile company. He and his wife founded the Freeman Family Foundation to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from his hometown (Watkins Glen, NY) high school. **Laura Bowman Gray**, MAT '67 (Santa Monica, CA) is "happy as ever," and spends four weeks a year back on Manhattan's Upper West Side visiting friends and family. She is on the behavioral and social sciences faculty in the Los Angeles community college district, writing a book on temperament and its implications for developmental issues. **John Cobey** lives in Wyoming,

OH, a suburb of Cincinnati, and has been with the same law firm for 43 years. He and his wife, Jan Frankel, also a lawyer, have two sons. They spend their nonworking time "doing charitable work," traveling, and visiting their summer place in northern Ohio. **Edward Richards Sr.** was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church. He lives in Panama City, FL, and works as a volunteer chaplain at two local hospitals. **Ronni Barrett** Lacroute is involved with the performing arts in the Portland, OR, area—producing theatre and chamber music events, serving on artistic councils, and even performing on stage doing headstands and splits to raise money for a theatre company. Ronni is involved with promoting the Willakenzie Estate Winery, which received the 2010 Winery of the Year award from *Wine & Spirits* magazine.

Richard Stevens and spouse Joy went on a pilgrimage to Italy, where they had an audience with Pope Benedict XVI. Richard retired from Hewlett Packard in 2000 after 28 years of service. He now assists daughter Janine with her small business. **Robert Dona** and wife Sharon Johnson remain very active in hosting foreign visitors passing through the Kansas City area. They have had a "wonderful time" with State Dept.- and USAID-sponsored visitors from Moscow, Belgrade, and Suriname who came and stayed in their home for a week or more to become acquainted with American culture. **Richard Sigel**, MD '70 (Oakland, CA) loves his job as a radiologist. He and his fiancée, Dale, an economist with Wells Fargo Bank, have five children and three grandchildren between them. They took the entire crew of 13 to Hawaii after Christmas. **Otis Curtis IV**, MS '74, and wife **Kathryn (Penrod)**, PhD '84, live in Brookings, SD. Otis plans to visit Alaska this summer rounding out his trips to all 50 states. **John Monroe**, PhD '70, and wife **Margaret (Warne)**, MS '68 (Palo Alto, CA) toured Scandinavia; in Oslo, they had dinner with **Reidar Kuvas**, PhD '70, and wife Anne on the Oslo Fjord. **Deanne Gebell** Gitner and husband Gerry went on an early spring cruise from Beijing to Bangkok.

Palliative medicine physician **Madeline Gerken** (Meredith, NH) is a staff physician at a hospice in New Hampshire, where she and husband Thomas Vohr live in the lakes area. Son Samuel is now a grad student at UC Santa Cruz studying for a PhD in biomolecular engineering and information, and son Jim is a senior at UVM. **George Stark** lives in Houston, TX, with spouse Lois. He now owns his own investment advisory firm and looks forward to growing his asset management business and his company to higher levels.

Judy Kurtz Polcer bought a condo in New Orleans, where she tries to split her time with her place in Brooklyn. Her son Ben lives in New Orleans and works as a jazz trumpet player. Husband Ed plays cornet almost daily while there. Judy "dances up a storm" and also sings. **Carol Farren** (East Durham, NY) is busily remodeling her home with its 1832 barn. Carol also has a place in downtown Manhattan. She is busy with her relocation service as well as her nonprofit animal shelter, Love 'n' Care Pet Sanctuary, online at www.petfinder.com/shelters/lcps.html. ☑ **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; **Pete Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; and **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 **Karen Kaufman** Polansky (Carmichael, CA; kkpolsky@gmail.com) writes: "I was at the leadership conference in D.C. [see our May/June 2011

column] and was attending a trustee-council administrative board meeting. Small world department: My daughter, **Jennifer Polansky** Shap '95 bumped into **Melinda Mechur** Karp '97 in the park in their Brooklyn Heights neighborhood. Melinda is the daughter of **Sally (Shoolman)** and **Bob Mechur** '65. Sally came to Brooklyn from Rochester, NY; I came from Carmichael, CA; and we met **Ronni Chernoff** and **Marsha Beirach** Eisen for dinner in June. When Jen lived in San Francisco, she was friendly with **Amy Berlin** '95, daughter of **Vic and Janice Milkman Berlin** '68. Sometimes it takes our kids to help us reunite with classmates!"

Kenneth Notturmo (Naples, FL; Kenlaw2@aol.com) is general counsel of Harp Development LLC. He and wife Michele moved there a few years back after his transition from practicing real estate law in Lancaster, PA. These days, he engages in "swimming, golf, tennis, and chasing after my granddaughter we are raising." From the Hill, Ken mostly recalls "parties at Beta Theta Pi."

Jim Johnston (Arlington, VA; james.johnston2@afncr.af.mil; peg-jim.johnston@yahoo.com) writes, "I'm approaching retirement from my second career (my first being an Air Force JAG) as chair of the Air Force Clemency and Parole Board and president of the DoD Civilian/Military Service Review Board. With regard to the parole work, at its 2010 conference, the Association of Paroling Authorities Int'l presented me with its Ben Baer Award for significant contributions to parole and community corrections. The presentation was a nice recognition of the military services' efforts to return our 'misguided guests' to society as responsible citizens. Similarly in August last year, the military corrections committee of the American Correctional Association awarded me the Austin McCormick Award for contributions to the Dept. of Defense corrections community. I guess I am outliving my competition." Jim and wife Peggy manage to vacation with a theme: in 2009 they took a trip that "refreshed many fond memories of Prof. Donald Kagan's ancient history courses, traveling by small boat from Athens along the western Adriatic Sea, disembarking in Croatia, and then overland to Slovenia." In 2011 they made it to Morocco.

By the time you read this, you'll be preparing to relax over a crisp Thanksgiving weekend or in the Cornell block at Madison Square Garden, cheering the icemen to smash BU (by the way, it's about time we won one of those encounters) instead of waiting as I am now for Hurricane Irene to move on out. In addition, planning will be well under way for our upcoming **45th Reunion**, which will be Thursday through Sunday, **June 7–10, 2012**. Interested in being in on the planning or helping in general with the 45th? Contact reunion chair **Dave Darwin**, MS '68, at dd69@cornell.edu.

Based on an entirely unscientific review of the notes you've sent in over recent years, many of us are retired now, but few of us are doing nothing. Second or third careers, volunteer work—heck, I'm working four days a week and just agreed to teach a college course for the first time in years. Many of us have not been back to Cornell since the 25th—that's 20 years ago—and many have never been back, things being what they were when we graduated, and we really did scatter to the four corners of the world. The 45th is a wonderful chance to enjoy the most beautiful campus anywhere and meet old and new friends among classmates in a relaxed atmosphere. We're likely to be lodged in one of the new West Campus houses, which are (almost) all air-conditioned.

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<http://cornellclassof67.org>

Watch for the March mailing:
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Don't wait for the 50th—those who were in Ithaca last time will tell you how much fun you'll have, along with lectures, singing groups, barbecues, the Plantations, athletics . . . **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 Congratulations to our class president, **Steven Siegel!** He was one of the six winners of the 2011 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, which honors alumni who have given long-term volunteer service to the university throughout the broad spectrum of alumni organizations. Our class is proud of his dedication and loyalty to Cornell! Steve can be contacted at swsiegel@pipeline.com.

Barry Grossman (Erie, PA) was elected county executive of Erie County and inaugurated in January 2010 for a four-year term. He is married to **Janet (Jacobi)**, who volunteers with a youth choir in her spare time. **Alan Altschuler** (alaltschuler9@yahoo.com) is continuing his "second" career as an actor and is now a member of SAG and Actors Equity. In addition, he belongs to a short story writing group, which has published a book, *Following*, of the group members' work. The book is available from Amazon. **Richard Weir III** (rw38@cornell.edu) reports that after living and raising their three children in the same house/barn for 30 years in Oyster Bay, NY, he and his wife are in the process of adding a 1,600-sq.-ft. addition to that house. The construction is expected to last six months and to present a challenging living environment during that time. Two of Richard's three children are Cornell graduates.

David Gorelick (dgorelick@comcast.net) writes that granddaughter Nesya Rosenbloom was born last November to daughter Judy and her husband, Joshua. Nesya's parents are both students at Harvard. **Katharine Riggs Van Wie** (Houston, TX; wiehome@aol.com) writes, "With my husband, William, now retired, we spend the summers on a small lake in upstate New York. We're traveling a lot—going on safari in September with family and friends—and spend time with two darling grandsons. I serve on the board of Amistad Mission, which supports an orphanage in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and a school and Level 1 medical clinic in an indigenous highland village. I also serve as a translator every year with US surgical teams to Antigua, Guatemala, as part of Faith in Practice."

Alan Stoll, MPA '70 (stollam@aol.com) and wife Nina celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last year with a cruise on the Danube. Alan reports that the Danube was not, in fact, blue, especially in the rain. The Stolls live in Paxton, MA, and Alan works for TWM & Affiliates in Worcester, MA. **Mark** (MSchmidt68@aol.com) and **Barbara Kipp Schmidt** have been moving. "We spent seven months living with daughter **Rachel '98** (and Sam) in Aspen, CO. Great living in the little apartment in their house. They were terrific hosts for an incredible ski season. A whole season in a great ski town—a longtime dream of mine. Now, on to Corona, NM—house almost finished." Corona, writes Mark, is a tiny ranching community 76 miles from a big supermarket and 100 miles from a Lowe's or Home Depot. "It is beautiful and quiet. We will be doing community volunteer work with the library, senior center, and/or FFA. This is life on the edge of the Big Empty, and we love it!" Please send me your news at: **Mary Hartman Schmidt**, mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 Courtesy of our webmaster, **John Wilkens**, ME '71, we have our own website: www.cornell69.org. Thank you, John!

Ron Gidron (principedelmar@telefonica.net) sends this update: "Just turned 65 and retired (after more than 40 years of hard work as an international executive and, later, as an entrepreneur/businessman). Now I have more time for my wonderful family (wife of 43 years, four kids, four grandchildren). I am now devoting more time to my main hobby of composing, playing, and now even singing my own songs. This started in 2003, and I published two CDs. Now I am finalizing the third, having composed more than 150 pieces in those eight years (including about 50 songs with lyrics in Spanish, English, and Hebrew). Several other musical projects are under development (music for piano pupils, for ballet classes, for relaxation, as background for reading, and so on). You can visit my music website, www.rongidron.com, and listen to the first two albums and read the lyrics and even the scores (musical staff). You can also listen to these albums and download or buy songs at online music stores. My musical style is varied (modern, pop, rock, ballads, easy listening, New Age) and generally considered pleasant to the ears . . . and the melodies are quite CATCHY."

Allen Jones (Sonoma, CA) writes, "My chemical engineering days at DuPont were short-lived, as a high draft lottery number allowed me to segue into business school at Wharton. After retiring from a Silicon Valley career in June 2000, we built a house in Sonoma, CA. Retirement has been great as I have perfected many blue collar skills with the home building, as well as lots of community involvement. I returned to Ithaca in the summer of 2009 for the first time in 40 years with Donna and two grandsons. Having never experienced summer in Ithaca, it was a great treat. We had a marvelous time! The Cornell campus has grown, but remains the most beautiful campus in the nation."

From **Steve Kussin**: "Things have come full circle. Following graduation from Cornell, I was a desk assistant at CBS Radio News. I left to get my master's in broadcasting at night while teaching high school English by day. I enjoyed education, and ended up becoming an assistant principal and then principal, a position I held for 21 years. Although that career was tremendously rewarding, I always wondered what would have happened if I had stayed at CBS. After my retirement seven years ago, I was determined to find out. This past February, I was given a wonderful opportunity: to write and report a new feature, 'CBS on Education,' at WCBS Newsradio 880 in New York. My reports air five times a week, three times a day. I had hoped to write—and now had the opportunity to be at the microphone as well. It's been one of the most thrilling experiences of my life. I'm on the website at CBSnewyork.com. Go to 'audio on demand' and scroll down to WCBS, where you'll find 'CBS on Education' and my name."

Steve continues: "One of the fringe benefits of working at the station is that I've heard from people from the past who have picked up my broadcasts. For example, I hadn't seen **Steve Price, DVM '71**, since graduation, more than 40 years ago. He heard me all the way up in northern Connecticut and we reconnected. In addition, I teach in the Dept. of Radio-Television-Film at Hofstra U., write a weekly newspaper column about education for the *Herald* chain of newspapers, and consult around the country. Personally speaking, I've been

married to Sharyn for almost 40 years. We have three sons—all Cornell graduates! **Todd '97**, a lawyer, is married to Alyssa, and they have daughters Rebecca and Kaylee. **Eric '01** is vice president (for ticket sales and service) of the New Jersey Devils. **Lonnie '07** was also in sports management with the New York Islanders and is now working on an MBA at Fordham. I would love to hear from classmates at sk3015@aol.com."

Pete Coors checks in with this info: "Not much change. No retirement in sight. Still busy peddling beer globally with Molson Coors Brewing Co. and in the US with MillerCoors. Four of the kids are in the business, including **Peter '99**, **ME '00**, and **David '04**. **Marilyn (Gross)** still teaches/writes/researches in medical ethics at the U. of Colorado, Denver medical school. Still time for six children (and four spouses) and seven grandchildren (with, hopefully, more on the way). The economy is horrible, Colorado is beautiful, and we hope our aging classmates are drinking lots of Coors and Miller products!"

Maria Keiser Bartlett is busy getting those frequent-flyer miles, having returned from attending a wedding in Naples, Italy, where she visited Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast, and Paris—plus visits to India and Florida. When she wrote, she was hosting family (including a 21-month-old grandson) for a short spring visit. She had plans to travel to Bar Harbor in August with **Suzanne Backiel** Harley and **Carolyn Ugiss** Altieri. She heard from **Peggy Johnson** Nichols, who is enjoying her two new granddaughters. **Rebecca Klein Scheckler** lives in her retirement home on Claytor Lake in Draper, VA, but has not yet retired. She is doing the educational technology for an online doctorate of nursing practice at Radford U. in Radford, VA. Four grandchildren are the light of her life; she celebrated 43 years of marriage with the love of her life, **Stephen '66**, PhD '73. "Kayaking, swimming, gardening, dog walking, and cooking keep me young," she notes. Good for you, Rebecca.

I was happy to hear from freshman roommate **Benita Fair** Langsdorf, who writes, "My son Ari married Alexis Page, both Penn State graduates, in January 2011 in Puerto Rico. Only close family and friends, but an incredible three-day love-fest. Other Cornellians at the wedding: **Melissa Langsdorf '98**, Ari's sister, and **Scott Page '69**, Alexis's father. I continue to practice law at Independence Blue Cross and am active on the national board of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and the local HIAS board as well. Still traveling—latest trips were to Kiev, Ukraine, in October 2010 on an HIAS board mission, and a pleasure trip to Amsterdam in April 2011. I keep in touch with **Deena Cohen**, and have a one-weekend-a-year get-together with **Jane Weinberger** Lapple." Please keep sending your news and don't forget to check our new website. **Tina Economaki** Riedl, treidl@optonline.net. Class website, www.cornell69.org.

70 Our "legendary" Class of 1970 has been busy behind the scenes changing and enhancing our infrastructure and communications systems, while confirming and adding class memorial gifts for the university and Cornell community. Please continue to check out our class website (<http://classof70.alumni.cornell.edu>) and very soon check out our new website address: cornell70.org! Thanks to our longtime webmaster **Jeff Haber**, ME '71, who has been adding to and adapting our class website.

There is much more to come. We also now have a Facebook page and invite all of you to visit it and join it too. And we are on Twitter as well! So go to www.facebook.com/Cornell70 and www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. These sites are new methods to keep connected with Cornell as well as our Class of '70 classmates and friends. Many thanks to classmate and technology expert **Murem Sakas Sharpe** for setting these up for us.

Last May, our team of class officers and Class Council members met via a conference call for a class meeting. We had many topics and issues to discuss and about which to make decisions. Thanks to many loyal dues-paying classmates (aka, all of you receiving this issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine!*), we have a very "healthy" class treasury. In past years, two special funds had been set up. One is the Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund, which is now fully funded at \$50,000, and annually distributing scholarship monies to a deserving Cornell undergraduate. The other is the Class of 1970 Art Fund, which has already purchased a few works of art for Cornell's Johnson Museum of Art. Classmate **Beth Heydinger Treadway** has spearheaded the art fund and worked with the museum to help choose the purchased works.

Our most recent Class of 1970 memorial gift to Cornell and the greater university community was the endowment of the Cornell Big Red Bears. The funding will go to the outfitting of and maintenance of the Bears in perpetuity. There is an active group of Cornell students who act as the Cornell Bears each and every year. The university will invest and control the endowment for our class. The Bears will wear four different style T-shirts (provided by the Dept. of Athletics) for football, ice hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. These shirts will always sport '70 so that everyone will know that the great Class of 1970 supports the Cornell Big Red Bears now and forever! Go Red!

Ed Zuckerman (ezucker199@aol.com) writes that he is still working in TV, but with a new twist. This past June he got a position with CBS running a relatively new show called "Blue Bloods," which features Tom Selleck. With two weeks' notice, he moved to NYC. He is keeping his home in California, and his wife and younger daughter are joining him in Manhattan for a year, more or less, depending on how things go with the job. **William Kaplan** is a dentist in NYC with a practice on East 60th St. (www.eisdorferdental.com). His extracurricular activities center around

music and family, which he shares with his wife, Leslie. Their daughter Rebecca graduated from Smith this past spring. William would rather be touring with Bob Dylan! His fondest memories of Cornell are of the Arts Quad and Goldwin Smith, along with professors and many friends. He would like to hear from **David Simpson**.

Retired from the Federal government, **Cindy Whiteman Waters** (cmwaters@cox.net) and her husband live in Falls Church, VA. Her volunteer activities include serving as vice president of the homeowners association (1,045 homes), having already served as president and secretary. Cindy is also continuing on the Fairfax County Public Schools Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee. She recently left as the parent rep on the Virginia Association of the Gifted. By being named a 2010 Lady Fairfax, Cindy was recognized for all the above volunteer service, plus years of PTA presidencies at her daughter's elementary, middle, and high schools. Congratulations! Her daughter Caitlin is a member of the Class of 2014 at the U. of Texas, Austin. **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

Nesting Instinct

Kenneth Green '71

A thirty-five-year career in sustainable development, including a stint in the Peace Corps in Colombia and years of studying subsistence agriculture in Latin America and South Asia, taught Kenneth Green a thing or two about environmentally conscious building. In 2004, the former zoology major challenged himself to implement those lessons: he began designing a 2,500-square-foot, three-bedroom home with as many eco-friendly aspects as possible. Dubbed Green Nest, the \$500,000 house on Maryland's Chesapeake Bay was completed in 2010 after three and a half years of construction.

Serving as Green Nest's primary architect and contractor posed a unique set of challenges. First off, he says, he had to contain the high costs of green building that deter many interested consumers. For instance, when he discovered that a solar-powered water heater would cost \$50,000 and cover just 70 percent of his needs, he opted for a more cost-effective tankless system, which runs on propane. "If you have no monetary limit, you can do anything and everything," Green says. "But if you have financial limitations, you want to focus on big-ticket items like waste management, rainwater collection, and landscaping." Some of Green Nest's sustainable features include stormwater capture, water-saving faucets and toilets, and propane fireplaces instead of wood-burning ones, to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions.

Another major challenge, he says, was wrangling with building codes and a confusing array of green standards and labels. Green—who has since founded a consulting firm that advises clients on sustainable residential construction—notes that the average consumer has no idea whether such standards exist for a given product, or which of the many green labels to trust. "The narrow concept of 'eco' or 'green' labeling is misleading," he says, "If you're building a new house, there are more than 2,000 components—nails, screws, bolts, wood, adhesives. There's no way anyone can look at all 2,000 and ask, 'Is there an eco label on this?'"

— Liz DeLong



71 Our classmates have been busy with new business ventures, as well as demanding retirement activities. **Bari Boyer** (bariboyer@yahoo.com; Worcester, MA) writes that she has started a business called Scene 2 Interiors with a friend. The business helps people arrange/install their furnishings, photographs, artwork, and collectibles. In her spare time, she serves as co-chair of the Central Massachusetts Planned Parenthood Citizen Advisory Committee and raised \$3M for a new clinic. **Jim Cunningham** (jfc35@cornell.edu) has been serving as the project manager for the painstaking restoration of Barrett's Farm in Concord, MA. The website, www.saveourheritage.com, describes the role that this property played at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, when the British marched to Concord on April 19, 1775 to seize munitions from the colonials. The house and surrounding farm, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was owned by just two families—the Barretts and the McGraths—prior to Save Our Heritage's involvement. "Norm" and the "This Old House" crew visited the project (and interviewed Jim) in late July. The website notes that a six-minute segment is scheduled to be aired in November 2011.

Classmate **Richard Warshauer**, who is senior managing director at Colliers Int'l, was the subject of a NYTimes.com "Deal Book" video report, "A Walk Down Money Lane." The video shows portions of his annual (24th year!) historic walking tour of Lower Manhattan, featuring famous (and infamous) buildings. See Richard and some of his satisfied tour customers at <http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2011/07/27/a-walk-down-money-lane>. **Melany Scherzer**

Whitney has also attracted the attention of the national media. She writes that she is the president of the Whitney Center for Permanent Cosmetics, which provides cosmetic and medical tattooing services in New York, New Jersey, and Florida (www.permanentmkup.com)! Her work has been featured on television (including "Dr. Oz," CNN, and CBS News) and in publications including the *New York Times*. **Bob Melamud**, ME '72 (bobmelamud@gmail.com; Darnestown, MD) bought a retirement home in the Annapolis, MD, area and was planning to move there in September. "Planning on retiring within the next 12 months, after 39 years at IBM and Lockheed Martin. 33 years married to a wonderful woman, daughter in the Baltimore area, son in Syracuse, NY. Planning on dividing my retirement time between charity work and fishing."

Mitch Weisberg and wife Randie have moved from Weston, MA, to Alexandria, VA, and Mitch started a new job in July as managing director, corporate performance management at Robbins-Gioia. This relocation inspired **Sally Clark** Shumaker to organize a July 20 welcoming party at Chef Geoff's Restaurant in D.C. Classmates attending included **Kathy Menton** Flaxman, **Sally, John Hamilton, Barbara Brem** Noveau, **Ernie Fascett** (and wife Polly), **Ron Freudenheim, Larry Bachorik**, and **Gary Gilbert** (with wife Trinka and son **Matt '15**). They had such a great time that Sally organized an encore networking party (same D.C. venue) for August 16. Most of the July 20 "partys" attended, and they were joined by classmates **Kevin Bromberg, Bill Bresnick, Scott Spencer** (and wife Alice), **Phyllis Norrie**, MBA '79 (who, after many years as a self-employed IT consultant/trainer, has started working for Blue Cross-Blue Shield as a senior IT specialist), **Bob Schwartz, John Henrehan**, BS '76, and **John Dubeck** (with wife **Susan Hotine, JD '73**). Kathy Flaxman has added photos of the evening to the Class of 1971 Facebook page. Lest you feel jealous of all the D.C. activity, Sally (who actually lives in Port Townsend, WA) has volunteered to organize class get-togethers in any other area of the U.S. Contact her at scshumaker@aol.com.

Upcoming event: Class president **Jan Rothman** reports that on November 26, the Class of '71 will be joining other Cornell '70s classes for a pregame "tailgate" prior to the Cornell-BU hockey game at Madison Square Garden. This will be held across the street from MSG at the Local Cafe. Contact Jan (jsr33@cornell.edu) if you're interested in receiving further details. Send your news to: **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com; **Linda Germaine-Miller** (lg95@cornell.edu).

72 Aging, maybe, but the Class of 1972 is hardly slowing down. In June I had the pleasure of sharing birthday celebrations for **Hal Belodoff**, president of Plymouth Rock Co., a group of auto and homeowner insurance companies in the Northeast. Also attending were **Jon Kaufmann**, a mediator in McLean, VA, **Jeff Kayden**, a real estate developer in Lovettesville, VA, **Alan Einhorn**, a lawyer at Foley & Lardner in Boston, **Bill Copacino**, a software executive in Boston, **Rob Fersh**, president of Convergence, a public policy consensus-building organization in Washington, **Charlie Harak**, a public-interest attorney in the Boston area, **Rich Johnston**, a lawyer at the Wilmer Hale firm in Boston, **Roger Lowenstein '76**, author of *The End of Wall Street*, and **Arnie Resnick** (Hillsdale, NJ;

ArnoldResnick@hotmail.com). Arnie and his wife/former tennis team colleague **Julia Barash '73** celebrated a lifetime dream by winning the USTA national clay court championship for spouses with a combined age of 120. Accolades also go to **Bruce Gelber**, from the US Dept. of Justice, who was awarded the American Bar Association's esteemed Environmental Lawyer of the Year award. Also guarding the air we breathe is **Philip Dixon**, JD '80, of Albany, who was named chair of the environmental law section of the NYS Bar Association, and is a partner with Whiteman, Osterman, and Hanna and past president of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York.

Barbara Posner Jungman traveled to Portugal and Spain this summer with husband **David**, JD '74, and is a math instructor at Lonestar College in Texas. Barbara recalls freshman year fraternity "tea" parties (where it didn't take a math whiz to figure out the punch was 90 percent alcohol and 10 percent food coloring). **Kathleen Parrott**, MA '79 (homes@vt.edu) lives in Blacksburg, VA, with husband David Wechtaluk. Kathleen is a professor of housing at Virginia Tech, and enjoys the piano, fiber art, and travel. **Glenn Ford** (glennford43@yahoo.com) is a physician at a medical clinic serving indigent Latinos in Huntington Park, CA. Glenn's daughter interned at the Dept. of Commerce last summer and attends graduate school at Brandeis. Also in medicine is **Gail Povar** (gpovar@gmail.com), an internist and clinical professor and chair of the ethics committee at George Washington U.'s School of Medicine. Gail and husband **Lawrence Bachorick '71** live in Maryland. Daughter Alexandra started medical school and son Justin got married. **Rob Blye** (rblye@normandean.com) of Pottstown, PA, reports that he is hard at work as group VP of Normandean Associates, managing offices in Florida, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, but would rather would rather be out with his three children, seven grandchildren, one wife, and friends—birding, hunting, fishing, and catching up with old pals **Don Livingood** and **Bob Crowley**.

Christine Holtkamp (Christine.holtkamp@bms.com), a clinical research scientist and site manager at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Connecticut, actively volunteers for children's causes and the ALS Association. Christine previously worked for Boston Children's Hospital, U. of Texas Southwestern medical school, and Yale medical school. **Pete Robison** (peter.d.robison@gmail.com) and wife Mary Ellen live in St. Petersburg, FL, across from a golf course and five minutes from the beach. Pete retired from 30 years with Texaco and Shell, currently works as an industrial safety trainer, and enjoys the house he built on property in his family for three generations. **Debra Farrell Dolinski** (debradolinski@gmail.com) is a painter and photographer in Como, Italy, and has been working with husband Mike on a resort project in Kenya. She enjoys gardening, grandchildren, and fond memories of Cornell days with friends **Cindy Karasek**, BFA '71, and **Sara Sutro**, BFA '72.

Bill Molloy, MBA '74, visited **Jim Gordon** at Jim's vacation home in Chateau, MT. Bill reports that Jim is a volunteer tracker for the US Forest Service, patrolling the national forest on horseback, looking for poachers and illegal fur traps. Jim and his wife, Ann, will visit Bill in December in Phoenix, where Jim will serve with the county sheriff's posse, patrolling large mall parking lots by horseback to deter thieves. Also in Phoenix, AZ (and Los Angeles, CA) is **Frank Burke**, a partner at the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson. Frank's son **Thomas** is at

Cornell (Hotel '13). **Thomas Giordano**, ME '73, and **Gail (Fitini) '73** live in Scarsdale, NY. Their son Christian was married in 2010 to Alli Haapasalo in Helsinki, Finland. Tom is a business appraiser with the accounting firm Anchin Block & Anchin in New York City, and Gail is a kindergarten teacher in the Bronx. **Michael Halbert** (Valley Stream, NY) is enjoying retirement, touring racetracks throughout the country and raising racing horses; he has fond memories of the picturesque Cornell campus and the gorge.

Kudos go to **Neil Comins** (neil_comins@umit.maine.edu), a professor at the U. of Maine and author of 15 books, including *What if the Moon Didn't Exist*, which was the theme of the Mitsubishi pavilion at the 2005 World Expo in Nagoya, Japan (<http://gouldon.com/ardsley69/Neil/NeilExpo/index.htm>) and may be developed into a TV series. Neil may just be the only one from our class to have his research cited by Nobel Prize-winning astrophysicist S. Chandrasekhar, and also to have become a cartoon character in Japan. Living in Japan for the past 39 years is **Thomas Nevins** (tom.nevins@tmt-aba.com), who has written a moving essay about his experiences at Cornell, traveling around the world, serendipity, and the Japanese earthquake. So great to hear about everyone—let's reconnect at Reunion 2012. Until then, please send your news to: **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com; **Gary Rubin**, gl Rubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu.

73 **Dave Ross** now has his own radio show in Seattle. It's on 97.3 FM from 9 a.m. to noon. **Jessica Ettinger** Gottesman '87 co-hosted with him for a show and they enjoyed talking about Cornell on air. Fortunately for us, Dave sent out an e-mail request for news and that will help fill out the column this month!

Mark Liff's daughter, **Stephanie '11**, graduated with a double major in Art History and Anthropology; his son, **Noah '15**, began as a freshman this fall. Mark reflects that Cornell has him coming and going. As one of the university's investment bankers, Mark has developed a deep appreciation for how well the trustees and administrators run things. Mark saw **Roger Jacobs** at the UVA-Cornell lacrosse game. He's also seen **Dave Shaw, Dennis Paese**, and **David Kapelman**. Roger Jacobs has been in the news of late, in his home state of New Jersey, where he was again elected chairman of the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority. He also serves on the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority. Roger is the managing partner of Jacobs Law Offices and a recipient of the Star of Essex Award for his public service work on behalf of the citizens of New Jersey.

Paul Klug still lives in Hong Kong, where he works for Thomson Reuters. He and Kathey have been back at their home in New Hope, PA, to attend the graduation of their youngest daughter, Samantha, and to see their new granddaughter. He's back in Hong Kong now. **Margie Smigel** has joined Prudential Rubloff in the South Loop of Chicago as a realtor. She's become a "snowflake," too, spending a week or two each month in the winter in Delray Beach, FL. Her parents, who live in Miami, have been married for 70 years. When she's not flying between her homes, Margie is an avid dancer, including ballroom, swing, and Argentinean tango.

Caleb Rossiter, PhD '83, has published a new book on American foreign policy, *The Turkey and the Eagle: The Struggle for America's Global Role*

(2010, Algora Press, NYC). Caleb retired from full-time teaching at American U. and has been pursuing his long-held dream of being a high school math teacher. He just completed his first year at H. D. Woodson High School in Washington, DC. He reports, "The bureaucratic madness of public schools boggles the mind, but the students are a delight! They face tremendous barriers in a community in which graduation is the exception, yet keep climbing over them." **Herb Mendel** has completed his second year as Central New York Alumni Director for CALS. His daughter **Marisa '06** has graduated from the SUNY Upstate Medical Center and is starting her residency in psychiatry at the Harvard-Longwood program. Herb's son, Jordan, works for Booz Allen Hamilton as a consultant.

Colleen Vaeth Schiefen writes, "When I left after graduation, I never thought, hoped, or planned to live in Ithaca again. Of course, **Mike** died in Sept. 2005, and I never expected to live in Virginia, Chicago, or the New Jersey/New York area either. But here I am, "convenient to Cornell," as the real estate ads say, and convenient to my daughter, **Monica Schiefen Van Fleet '03**, son-in-law **Geoff '03**, and their little ones. The grandbabies brought me back to Ithaca. Our son Bill lives in Troy, NY, not too far and a nice drive from Ithaca. Ithaca is a wonderful place to live! Or visit—old college friends are always welcome." **Todd Dalland** is putting his architecture degree to use advancing the use of renewable energy and green building design. Todd, a fellow in the American Inst. of Architects, has started a company, FTL Solar, that puts flexible photovoltaic films onto structural fabrics and mass-produces lightweight buildings that make their own electricity. You can purchase the structures on eBay!

Janet Gayler and **Bob Fallon** continue to live and work in Maryland. Janet is a biochemist working in assay development at Siemens Health Care. Bob works in the microbially enhanced oil recovery group of DuPont. Their son Dan works as an IT consultant and lives in Maryland. Doug is a Lt. JG in the Coast Guard stationed in Miami. Now that the boys are not so time-consuming, Janet and Bob concentrate their volunteer efforts on a local nature center that provides outdoor, environmental education for schoolchildren. Janet sees **Anne Cadel** once a year in Manhattan. Janet loves the change from her small town of Elfton, MD! She also keeps up with other friends from her freshman corridor in Donlon, **Lynn Wells** Malchoff chief among them.

As this column was going to press, we learned that, sadly, **Gerry Thomas, PhD '78**, husband of classmate **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, passed away after a long illness. Donations in memory of Gerry may be made to: the Gerald Smith Thomas Memorial Fund at Weill Cornell Medical College. The fund supports the Memory Disorder/Alzheimer's Disease Program at Weill. Our hearts go out to Susan in her loss. Please send your news to: ☐ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 **Judi Friedman** Babcock still works as a play therapist with children ages 5–14. She also makes acrylic paintings, which she has been showing and selling in the Boston area (<http://mysite.verizon.net/judibabcock/paintings.html>). In addition, she is volunteer executive director of a nonprofit that establishes children's libraries in impoverished areas in the Philippines. **Susan Niner** Janes's son Daniel was on "University Challenge," a quiz

show, as a member of the Clare College, Cambridge team. Susan has developed a new range of paper craft punches for Tonic Studios called Petal Pairs. The punches interlock so one can build a variety of flower shapes. She describes her DEA training as having come in very handy.

Darlene Cox has accepted an administrative director position at Hackensack U. Medical Center. **David Moutner**, MS '77's excuse for visiting Cornell—as if he needed one—is his daughter's acceptance into a master's program in Archaeology. **Fred Teichman** and his wife got involved in Rotary in the mid-'90s through a student exchange program in which high school students spend an academic year in a foreign country with two or three host families. The Teichmans have hosted eight students, and Fred has served as district outbound chair. He describes the exchange program as "life-changing" and a true "opportunity of a lifetime." **Gail Cassidy** Pinkus has spent the last two years at the Vandiver Inn in Havre de Grace, MD; she describes it as a lovely B&B that also does weddings and events. Better still, the owner and chef is **Susan Henry Muldoon '88**. **Beverly Evans** has become executive director of Pi Delta Phi, the national French honor society. There are more than 350 chapters in US colleges and universities, as well as two representative chapters at the American universities in Paris and Aix-en-Provence, France.

Sandra Whitney Curry, MD '82 (Chappaqua, NY) has been working as an anesthesiologist at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, on the Columbia campus, since 1986. Husband **Donald '73**, ME '74, is a litigator for a New York firm. Their son Peter graduated from high school and is taking a year off to play tennis, the next leg of his plan to become a professional. He will attend U. of San Diego in 2012. Sandra reports that **Harold Levy**, JD '79, and family are well, and that she and Harold were high school classmates.

Jodi Sielschott Stechschulte and her sister **Jeri Sielschott** Whitfield '72 and spouses vacationed in Nevis, where they enjoyed water sports and learning about how the volcanic island's economy survived on sugar plantations for centuries. Jodi tells us that Jeri is a new grandmother, having welcomed Violet Anne into the family in October, and that Jeri enjoys having a baby girl in the family after raising her three boys. Jodi's children are also thriving. **Lisa '04** is finishing her master's in computer engineering at U. of Maryland; **John '06** summered in La Jolla, CA, on a work project; and **Lynn '09** lives in Katonah, NY, while working for Duracell and gets back to Cornell often. Paul (Purdue '10) spent the winter as a ski instructor in Breckenridge, CO, and had plans to start medical school at Ohio State U. in August. Lauren is a sophomore in high school and an accomplished tennis player. Amidst this whirlwind family, Jodi finds time to work as a drama director in her school district. She also works with **Lynda Roth Guenther '76**, who is the tech director at the middle school. Lynda and husband **Walt '74**, MBA '75, are also Jodi's neighbors.

José Bonilla (San Jose, Costa Rica) describes himself as dedicated to a family tourism business, an Internet and communications portal, and a Web design enterprise. He would like to hear from his classmates. **Joan Schmidt Heller** and husband **Steve**, PhD '77, have adventure in store for their retirement. They formed Heller Family Vineyards LLC, and are now grape growers in Napa Valley. They have ten acres of Cabernet and two acres of Merlot grapes located in Sonoma County, adjacent

to Diamond Mountain. She invites us to check it out at www.hellerfamilyvineyards.wordpress.com.

Bonni Schulman Dutcher reports that she and her daughter went to Israel on a trip sponsored by the Cornell Alumni Association. They saw fantastic sites and met several other Cornellians. She continues to work for Dendreon, a Seattle-based company that makes Provenge, the first autologous immunotherapy for prostate cancer. Bonni has been living in Maryland for 12 years and travels a lot on business. Natural resources grad **Mike Cavanaugh** retired a few years back after a long career with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation and keeps busy with his video production business, Cavanaugh Communications. He has earned certification as a kayaking instructor and restores antique wooden canoes. He and **Alan Mapes '73** take an annual camping and kayaking trip that they call "Geezers Go South." Artist **Wendy Goldberg-Hammond** had a solo show at the Stanford U. Faculty Club, as well as a show called "Boxed In" in a Forestville, CA, gallery. She stays in touch with **Rebecca Ryland** and **Ann Rollins**.

Mary Lotowycz Ball writes that she and husband **Jim '77** met at the Mary Donlon ice cream parlor in 1973 and have been married since 1987. They run a small dairy farm in Locke, NY (half an hour from Ithaca) and currently ship milk to Horizon Organic. They wish that Cornell would do more serious research for organic dairy treatments in the Vet college. **Elliott Wagner** notes that he went to a great Cornell alumni event in Los Angeles, where President Skorton talked with his daughter **Nicole '13**. Elliott switched from working with a group of radiologists to form his own teleradiology company and now reads films from all over the world. **Peter** (Hotel) and **Barbara Johnston Wayman** (HumEc) report that they split time between Dallas with the grandkids and L.A. on the sailboat. Peter is SVP of the Pocket Testament League, "a century-old ministry that promotes reading and sharing God's word."

A retired Wall Street executive, **Lisa Yang '75**, BS ILR '74, devotes much of her energy to disability and mental health advocacy. Her "commitment to making the corporate world much more disability-friendly" has inspired her to make a major gift to the ILR school's Employment and Disability Institute (EDI). She serves on the board of the Devereux Foundation, one of the nation's leading mental health organizations. Lisa also works with a college in the Philadelphia area to develop an associate's degree program for people interested in the mental health field who want to work directly with autistic people in the workplace, as well as in day programs and residential settings. For the full story in *EZRA* magazine, go to <http://ezramagazine.cornell.edu/update/May11/EU.Yang.EDI.html>. **Stephen Hatch** reports that he is now deputy director at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Recently he and his wife went on a tour/cruise vacation that included Singapore, Malaysia, India, Oman, and Dubai. In Dubai they were hosted by construction industry friends who gave them an inside tour of the remarkable Burj Khalifa, currently the world's tallest building.

Last but not least, and long overdue, is the recognition due to our classmates and loyal class officers **John Foote** and **Kristen Rupert** for becoming recipients of the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Service Award in 2010, bestowed by the board of directors of the Cornell Alumni Association. We can appreciate again all of the outstanding service and leadership these two have provided to our class for so many years! Keep the news

coming! ■ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Wind**, jjw@mhwlawfirm.com; and **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net

75 I'm writing this after another great summer week at Cornell's Adult University (CAU)—this time, Political Trials. A very heartfelt "thank you" is richly deserved—by professors **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, and **Faust Rossi, JD '60**—for a tremendous course and to all the incredible CAU staff for running such a first-rate program. For those of you who have never been, you are seriously missing out. Arthur Frommer—the highly-published travel expert—was at CAU this week for the first time, and he and his wife LOVED it.

Aline "Pixie" Ordman, BFA '75, is an artist living in Vermont. Last year she was accepted as a master pastelist in the Pastel Society of America. Her work has been accepted in national juried shows of the Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, and the Pastel Society. Find her at <http://alineordmanartwork.blogspot.com> and www.alineordman.com. Her son Max lives and works in NYC; daughter Sammy is finishing her last year at Rollins College in Florida. **Doug Briggs** won the 2011 Alumni Association Achievement Award on the 40th anniversary of his graduation from Thayer Academy. Since he became president of Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance in Massachusetts in 1994, the assets of the company have nearly quadrupled and its net worth has tripled. Doug and wife Claudia Sorgi live in Hingham, MA, and have children Nelson and Cecilia.

David and Joan Leibowitz Breidbart '78 write that daughter Emily is a second-year resident in pediatrics at Cohen's Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park; son Samuel is a 2011 graduate of Yale. **Roz Goldmacher** (roz-goldmacher@lfdc.org) was honored for her service as president-elect for the Nassau Society of Financial Service Providers and also celebrated the 31st anniversary of her founding of the Long Island Development Corp., a nonprofit making loans to small businesses and asset entrepreneurs. LIDC has assisted thousands of companies, resulting in tens of thousands of new jobs. Roz spent a joyful Passover seder this year with **Bonnie Siber** Weinstock and **Joan Milbauer** Husserl at Bonnie's home. Present by telephone from Chicago for the singing was Cornell trustee **Irene Blecker** Rosenfeld, PhD '80.

Kathy Levine (drmonty1@aol.com) reports that she has been a civil court judge in Kings County, NY, since 2007. Her daughter was accepted to LaGuardia High School for the Performing Arts (for viola). Also sending news with their dues: **Robin Casey** Wood (rcwood1953@aol.com), a landscape architect in Richmond, VA; **John Solecki** in Bloomfield Hills, MI; **Chuck Gruye**, MBA '77 (chuck@crgfunds.com), and wife Susan in Orinda, CA; and **William Blumenreich** (blumenreich@comcast.net) in Milton, MA. **Susan Lustick**, MS '77 (slustick@warrenhomes.com) lives in Ithaca; she is married to **Lowell Garner '76**. **Suzanne Aigen** (Suzanne@aigenfinancial.com) is also in Ithaca, with Aigen Financial Group LLC (insurance and financial services). **Bob Saltzman** (Teaneck, NJ; rsaltz8@gmail.com) has enjoyed being an institutional advancement professional for 35 years; he is currently executive director for alumni affairs at Hofstra. Both of his children have finished their undergrad degrees. Bob is in limited contact with fellow alumni from Kappa Delta Rho and the Big Red Band.

Richard Alexander (Haverhill, MA; Richard@origamido.com) writes that after 30 years doing environmental management, he has been enjoying hand papermaking and origami art. Richard's "significant impact on my life" people are his advisor, Dr. Charles Hall, and Marvin Adelman, Don Young, and **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38**, who "all made me think." In looking back, he has "tried hard to live as an understanding and compassionate human, then advocating for sensible architecture for homes, neighborhoods, and communities—only in that way can we sustain our planet." On his bucket list is swapping out the internal combustion engine on his retractable amphibious ultralight aircraft for an electric engine. Interestingly, we heard from another classmate who also cited

Ken Levin, PhD '79 (klevin57@gmail.com) and wife Miriam spend a lot of time in their apartment in Ra'anana, Israel. Two of their daughters, Carmit and Yonina, live in the US; the third, Tamar, is married to Bernard Fisher. Ken does a lot of astronomy, mainly as a hobby, and even had an asteroid named after him. Earlier in life, he started Infrared Focal Systems, a high-tech company in Silver Spring, MD. Last year, **Curt Alling** (sitruc51@aol.com) "left a perfectly good job" and started a new environmental consultancy with four other partners (Ascent Environmental Inc. in Sacramento) to get back to working closely with clients on natural resources, environmental planning, and climate change issues. Curt describes it as "great fun and the best late-career decision I

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Prof. Hall as an inspiration. **Alan Hale** (abhale@cedarcrest.edu) is a professor of biology at Cedar Crest College, a liberal arts college for women in Allentown, PA. Although his focus at Cornell was on ecology, evolution, and systematics, Alan now devotes his time and energy to teaching and lab research on pathogenic bacteria and viruses. He notes that Prof. Hall, his research adviser at Cornell, instilled in him an appreciation for the value of undergraduate research—and he has been doing the same for his students for many years. Alan has developed a minor in global diseases, hoping to help prevent millions of people from dying needlessly each year. Finally, he says that after spending eight days in India this past March, "seeing what people face on a daily basis in India really puts life into perspective."

Frank Tangredi (West Babylon, NY; franktangredi@hotmail.com) reports that his second career as a playwright is starting to take off. His play *Pastoral* is scheduled to premiere at the Pasadena Playhouse. This summer marked Frank's 30-year anniversary with Pearson/Prentice-Hall, where he is still a supervising editor in the social studies department. **Doug Block** (doug@d-word.com) is a documentary filmmaker living in NYC with wife Marjorie Silver, a law professor. Daughter Lucy has graduated from Pomona College. In April, Doug was invited back to Cornell as the Irik Sevin Fellow to give a series of lectures and show his work. This included his most recent film, *The Kids Grow Up*, which was about Lucy's last year at home before college and which premiered on HBO (www.thekidsgrowup.com). **Gail Henderson** (g_e_henderson@yahoo.com) works semi-professionally in the theatre near Toronto, owns her own studio, and serves on several community theatre boards. She directs, produces, and appears in musicals, dramas, and comedies—"a long way from my major and minor at Cornell, but a very fulfilling life." This all follows careers in education, project management, systems analysis, and authorship of textbooks and educational materials. Gail's daughters are 22 and 26. One is in upper management in a prominent retail chain, and the other is a standup comedienne and producer.

could have ever made." He is working on very important projects like California's cap-and-trade program regulations and the region-wide transportation planning program for the Lake Tahoe basin. **James Tisch**, CEO of Loews Corp., is on the board of GE and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. **Madeline Ginzburg** (msgdmd@earthlink.net) writes that daughter **Leslie Delfiner '07, MD '11**, graduated from Cornell Med this past May and will be doing her pediatric residency at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Keep the news coming! ■ **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@gmail.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

76 Greetings, classmates. Hope this finds you all well. Going right into the news from our many friends, **John Ostman** writes that after a six-and-a-half-year diversion in the banking industry with RBS Citizens and most recently TD Bank, he has resumed his previous career in engineered products by joining the Baltimore Aircoil Co. Inc. as VP of sales and marketing. Now, most weekends, he and **Andy O'Neill** both commute to their homes in Orleans, MA (Cape Cod) from their working lives in Maryland. **Ellie Friedland** is now associate professor of early childhood education at Wheelock College in Boston, where she also works with the Wheelock Family Theatre. She has co-authored a book with Toby Emert, *Come Closer: Critical Perspectives on Theatre of the Oppressed (Counterpoints: Studies in the Postmodern Theory of Education)*, published by Peter Lang Inc. (2011). This text reveals the evolution of Theatre of the Oppressed initiatives over the last 40 years. As theatre can be a catalyst for transformational dialogue, this book illuminates how the work takes shape in a variety of contexts, from higher education to public education classrooms to teacher education programs to community based settings to intercultural work.

Don Zinn writes that he has started his seventh and hopefully last company, Exigent Search Partners, and he believes he has found his calling in executive search. **Tim Kelley** and wife Angele

adopted son Kernan Davis, born June 21, 2010. They now have a daughter Laurie, 21, and a 1-year-old son. Tim is figuring Davis for the Class of 2031! **John Rodis** helped them tremendously with the neonatal issues involved. John will be leaving Stamford Hospital after ten years to take a position at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, CT, as chair of ob/gyn and women and children's service line director. He also traveled to Italy to visit his daughter, who was studying art history in Venice. **Steve Medwin** was promoted last year to director of systems and advanced engineering at the Raymond Corp., part of Toyota Industries. Steve's son was married on May 6, 2007 and had a daughter, born August 9, 2010. Steve and wife **Michele (Brand)** go to visit their granddaughter in L.A. whenever they get the chance. In March 2011, **Brian Boland** commenced his new career position as senior VP, corporate counsel at UMB Financial Corp. and UMB Bank NA at their headquarters in Kansas City, MO.

Philip Loud and wife Jennifer have decided to take the early retirement plunge, selling their house in Ann Arbor and moving permanently to

Technology Inc. That's all for now. Please stay in touch! **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 I am writing this column as we await the storm of the (21st) century, Hurricane Irene, on the East Coast. This followed a rare, 5.9 earthquake that affected much of the Northeast and Midwest (the earthquake was even felt in Ithaca, where I was moving my daughter into one of the new residential colleges on West Campus). Speaking of residential colleges, **Michael Hecht** is a professor of chemistry and also Master of Forbes College, one of six residential colleges at Princeton U. In addition to running Forbes College, he teaches courses and runs a research lab with students working at the interface of biology and chemistry.

Karen Zelkind Buglass, a fourth grade teacher at the Green Acres School, received the 2010-11 Shirley J. Lowrie "Thank You For Teaching" Award. Gerald Lowrie and his daughter, Lynn

Leslie Herzog is a food scientist who has worked at Unilever for the past 33 years, since earning an MS from Rutgers. Unilever makes everything from Hellman's Mayonnaise to Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream to Lipton Tea to Slim-Fast. Leslie was promoted to manager of Go-to-Market Savory for Unilever R&D North America, addressing issues once products go to market. He has been married to Jackie Beckley for nine years and travels extensively to places such as New Zealand (last Christmas) and the Venice Biennale every other year. He also remains very involved with Cornell and goes up to Ithaca five times a year to recruit, to participate in the Inst. of Food Science Advisory Council, and, last semester, to teach a Food Science course with one of his chefs. He lives in Denville, NJ, not far from Unilever's headquarters in Bergen County.

Gary Buerman writes that his daughter **Elizabeth '12** is a senior majoring in Food Science. As a result, Gary has traveled frequently to Cornell. He has worked at Seneca Foods for the past 16 years and before that, for 17 years at Miller Brewing Co. He has an interest in antique cars and is currently working on a 1962 IH pickup. **Mindy Schleger** is incoming president of the Cornell Club of Los Angeles. Any alums living out there should get in touch with her. **Cynthia Spencer** has lived in New York for years, but recently went to Portland, OR, for her daughter's graduation from Lewis and Clark College. **Mitch Kirsch** is in his 25th year of practice as a nephrologist (kidney specialist) on Long Island. His oldest daughter has graduated from Cornell and is now at Stony Brook Medical School. His youngest daughter just entered the Cornell School of Human Ecology. Mitch is very active in autism advocacy as a result of his son. Upcoming projects include refinishing his basement, installing electronic medical records, and getting a colonoscopy (which is a reminder of the importance of getting this procedure since we have all passed the age of 50).

After a successful career as a children's lawyer and family mediator in the 1990s, **Mitch Genser** reports that he spent much of the past ten years as an options trader and a financial education instructor and business consultant. Now he has launched a "green," socially responsible commercial real estate business (www.pvpgreen.com) specializing in multi-family properties. He has been married for 21 years, and his daughter, 18, has started at Northeastern U. as a freshman, majoring in international relations and business. His son was to start high school in the fall, hoping to play both baseball and basketball at his neighborhood school. Mitch and his wife have lived in a small town in Sonoma County, CA, for the past 20 years and love the serenity of their dead-end street and acre of land. The vineyards and apple orchards in the area often remind him of the rolling hills of gorgeous Ithaca and that always puts a smile on his face. **Patricia Boyce** Lopez has set up a wellness center in an independent living facility in Florida and enjoys the direct patient contact as an RN manager. Her daughter graduated from a veterinary college and has passed all of the boards, so Patricia now has a family that attends to both people and animals.

Lastly, I helped move my daughter, **Miriam '13** (aka "Mimi"), into Rose Hall on West Campus (where U-Halls 1 and 2 used to be). She is beginning her junior year as a History major in the College of Arts and Sciences. The new West Campus dorms are a marked improvement over the cinder block of the U-Halls (the gothic dorms such

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Northern Michigan, where they have had a home for the past 40 years. Philip volunteered this past summer on a 77-foot schoolship schooner. They take grade school kids out on the bay and teach them about water quality, fishery, seamanship, stewardship, etc. **Marlaine Brem** Darfler writes from Groton, NY. She has moved her massage practice to her home in a mode of semi-retirement allowing more time for her to garden, read, cook, and be with family and friends. She remains very involved in the Lansing Library and volunteers at hospice as a therapist and as a public speaker. Her grown-up children have been moving back to the area, and she says that they all love the activities that Cornell has to offer. **Wayne Stokes** and wife Kristi live six miles north of campus, high above Cayuga's waters with all the wonderful views. Two years ago Wayne read *The China Study* by Prof. **T. Colin Campbell, PhD '62**—on his doctor's advice—and he says he has made remarkable health turn-arounds. He says he never grows tired of continuing to play hockey at Lynah Rink.

Lynne Pollenz Weber (Emerald Hills, CA) and her husband have lots of fun attending Cornell Baja SAE competitions, because their son **Bobby Weber '13** is on the team. Last year Cornell won the 100-university meet at RIT, and they plan on attending the Alabama and Kansas meets. **Mary Rossettie** has been enjoying international travel while maintaining a law practice in Manchester, CT. She attended an Oxford Roundtable with her husband, Yehia Khalil, a Yale professor, for a second year. She met with Oxford professor Clive Holmes, formerly of the Cornell History department, while in Oxford. He is retiring after 20 years at Lady Margaret College. **Rena Natansohn** Epstein retired from the federal government and now works part-time for a consulting firm, Centra

Longley, spoke about the history of the Shirley J. Lowrie Memorial Fund, which was established to honor their late wife and mother, and presented Karen with a certificate and a \$2,500 prize. Also in attendance were representatives of Independent Education and the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, which have partnered with the fund to administer the award. In choosing Karen, the selection committee took note of the immense regard that her colleagues have for her. Their letters of recommendation highlighted her special manner of relating to children, her uncommon ability to engage all types of learners, build students' confidence, and relate to students in a deep and meaningful way. In addition, her colleagues have found her support and counsel invaluable. The committee also cited Karen's consistent efforts to go above and beyond the call of duty both inside the classroom and out of it. Congratulations, Karen.

Rob Glidden remarks on the profound influence that Cornell had on him: marrying his wife, whom he met at Sage Chapel two days before graduation, the friendships he made, and the opportunities he had. He cites one example: at our 30th Reunion, he got back in an eight-oar racing shell for the first time since graduation (it came back to him like riding a bicycle). He became so inspired that he learned how to row a single scull and now, four years later, has 20-plus medals, including first-place finishes at the 2010 Masters World Championship and 2011 Crew Classic (the latter with two other highly accomplished Cornellians in the boat, one a former Olympian). He has forged many new friendships, including one with Cornell's current History department chair, Prof. **Barry Strauss '74**, whose journey learning to row after the age of 40 was chronicled in *Rowing Against the Current*, which mirrors Rob's experience perfectly.

as Lyon, Boldt, and McFadden are still there). It was fun to be back on the Hill. My son Jonathan graduated from Washington U. in St. Louis in May 2010 with a degree in physics. He spent last year working at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Inst. in Bethesda, MD, living in Washington, DC, and just started at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. We have a tornado warning, so I have to head to the basement. That's all for now. Please forward news and views (and encourage friends to do so as well) either to Annette or me: Howie Eisen, heisen@drexelmed.edu; Annette Mulee, annette@mulee.com.

78 Holiday greetings from Seattle! This issue's column has a decidedly western tilt. Many of the news forms that hit my mailbox for this issue were from classmates living west of the Mississippi. **Robert Kelly** (RLKELLY@uwyo.edu) is professor and head of the Dept. of Anthropology at the U. of Wyoming in Laramie. He surveys ice patches in Glacier National Park for archaeological remains, along with learning the fine art of fundraising. His after-hours activities include keeping up with two teenaged sons. Robert would like to hear from others who were in the Cornell Anthropology department. **Stephen Pope** (Santa Barbara, CA; Stephen@imagine-research.com) has left academia to serve as chief technical officer of a startup company in music information retrieval. He released a music/video setting of a "mass for the new millennium," which can be previewed at HeavenEverywhere.com.

Bob Annear (Boulder, CO; bobjulieannear@msn.com) does acquisitions and divestitures for an oil and gas exploration/production company. In the spring he took the "haute route" Alps ski tour from Zermatt to Chamonix. He'd like most to hear from **Jay Henry**. Also in the European travel department, **Paula Chandler Schlesinger** (Houston, TX; pcschlesinger@me.com) went to Italy to celebrate her 30th wedding anniversary. Paula's a pediatrician with the Kelsey Seybold Clinic in Houston. **Jody Katz Gibbs** (Arlington, VA; mariwah@aol.com) returned from a month in Turkey visiting her younger son, who was spending a semester in Istanbul; she then explored Israel with the older son, who does marine biology research in the Comoros Islands.

Several news forms came in from California. **Katie Lankford Morgan** (Calabasas, CA; klmorganwork@gmail.com) is a partner in Fast Forward LLC, a sales and consulting agency in the video game middleware market. Katie said, "I never thought I would have my own company, but now is the perfect time of life for it." **Peter Cooperstein** (San Mateo, CA; peter@amicis.com) is the owner of a 12-unit pizzeria chain in the San Francisco Bay area, and is opening an outlet in Shanghai in 2011. In his free time, he's coaching his daughter's middle school tennis team. **Nancy Anderson Berman** (Orange, CA; gsdoc@earthlink.net) reports, "Life's a lot quieter with both children out of the house." Her daughter finished her first year at Penn Law School, while her son finished his second year at Chapman U. She's spending her quiet time gardening: "Love that Southern California weather!" **Tom Woofter** retired from Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey LLP in January 2011.

A few other classmates have also made the transition to retirement. **Jay Sletson** (FLXwineguy@gmail.com) moved to Ithaca from Pennsylvania and works part-time in the tasting room of King's Garden Winery on Seneca Lake. He'd like to

get back in touch with **Kurt Fraczkowski**. **Paul Evans** (Marcy, NY; spyderp45@msn.com) retired as regional landscape architect from the NYS Dept. of Transportation after 32 years. He's doing some landscaping on the side, and visited his son in Los Angeles. **Susan Fink Hillel** couldn't let her husband have all the fun, so she retired after 19 years at American Express. They spent seven weeks in Sarasota to escape the New York City winter.

Back among the working stiffs, **Gary Graziano** (Lititz, PA; garygraziano@gmail.com) is vice president for marketing of High Concrete Group LLC, which is developing new, lower carbon dioxide products. In addition, he chairs the United Disabilities Services Foundation, which provides services to 2,500 people, and just opened a 20,000-square-foot library in his township. **Bob Lerner** (Princeton, NJ) launched an investment firm. His daughter **Dana '14** transferred from the U. of Vermont to the College of Arts and Sciences. **Bonnie Greenfield Warren** (Plymouth Meeting, PA; Bonsongs@aol.com) has been traveling to Nashville for her musical career. "[I] had my closest success last summer, with a song on hold by Reba McEntyre. It didn't make the album, but she loved the song!"

Lastly, some sad news. Our class webmaster, **Paul Bonner**, died in June. Paul was a recent addition to the class officer roster, but he made his mark in a short period of time. In January 2011 he'd started work at a software company in New York City called Roundarch, which was mentioned in the May/June column.

That's all the news for this column. Updates are greatly welcomed on the class LinkedIn group. Enjoy the season, and I'll be writing at you next issue! Cindy Fuller, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; Ilene Shub Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 Our classmates are enjoying many different phases of their lives. Some still have nursery and elementary school children, while others are empty-nesters or proud parents of college students and graduates. All have meaningful lives. Many are involved in productive and interesting first or second careers and many are active volunteers.

Jeff Berg, MBA '81, and **Jeff Weiss** worked closely with senior Cornell administrators to help the university respond to New York City Mayor Bloomberg's request for a proposal to build a new graduate campus for applied sciences. Cornell's proposal, "Cornell NYTech Campus," was to have been submitted at the end of October. The Mayor and his advisors will make a selection by the end of December from proposals submitted by more than 20 competing universities.

Jeff Berg enjoyed celebrating his 30th John School Reunion in June with many classmates including **Stephen**, MBA '81, and **Shauna Ryan King**, MBA '81, **Jeri Roberts Appel**, MBA '81, and husband Mark, and **Michelle Kay Garvey**, MBA '81, and husband **Luke**, MBA '82. Stephen, Shauna, Michelle, and **Brian Dunn '77**, MBA '81, led a CXO-level executive panel discussion, "Leadership Lessons Learned," on Saturday afternoon of Reunion Weekend; video of the event is online at <http://mediasite.video.cornell.edu/mediasite/SilverlightPlayer/Default.aspx?peid=fadd1c8cf7ba4a48891db4da212455cf1d>.

Gary Guzy, JD '82, lives in Washington, DC, with wife Sfray Sprague. He works as the deputy director and general counsel of the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). CEQ serves as the President's environmental advisor and coor-

dinates federal environmental policy. Gary is delighted that his daughter, **Zoe '14**, is a sophomore in Arts and Sciences. **Jules Silberberg**, BArch '79, works for the American embassy in Moscow, Russia. This is his second posting to that embassy. He works on Russian foreign policy issues and political/military affairs. **Steven Alcott** resides in Sauquoit, NY, with wife Kate and three children. He was promoted to VP at Utica National Insurance Group in New Hartford, NY. He joined the firm in 1983 and is now manager of product development. Steven is a soccer coach and assists with set building for the New Hartford High School drama club. **Pam Rappleyea** Vredenburg lives with husband Dan in Chenago Forks, NY. She is the treatment team leader for children and youth outpatient mental health services at the Greater Binghamton Health Center. Her oldest is **Jake, JD '11**, a newly minted lawyer; her youngest son, **Zach '09** (Human Ecology) is a third-year medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical U.

Michael Tucker lives in New Hope, PA, with wife Renee and daughters Michelle and Madison. He is general counsel and chief compliance officer for the Avis Budget Group. On the other coast, **Bruce Burstein** (blimb@sbcglobal.net) enjoys living in Laguna Niguel, CA. His work assignments have allowed him to explore many parts of the country including Alaska, Minnesota, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. This year he vacationed at Bryce and Zion national parks. He continues to be a Big Red sports fan and follows Cornell football, basketball, hockey, and lacrosse. He would love to hear from **Steve Malsch '80**, **Hugh Tenhagen '80**, **Dave Reed**, **Bobbi Burstein '80**, **Caryl Handelman Abrams**, DVM '83, and **John Scelfo**, MBA '80.

This fall a number of our classmates from across the US enrolled children on the Hill. The oldest daughter of **Rich Bobro** (Westport, CT), **Rebecca '15**, just started at Cornell, joining the matriculating offspring of **Lisa Preger Sellev**, MBA '82, **Scott Smith**, MBA '80, and **Bill Sussman '80**. His oldest son is a senior at Lehigh. Rich looks forward to visiting campus with his wife, Holly (U. of Rochester), and twins, 4, and is excited to see classmates at the alumni/legacy events. **Bill Frey** (Greenwich, CT) has three children, all of whom are rowers. His oldest daughter just started at Cornell and is on the crew team. Bill has worked in the structured finance bond market for many years. He is the founder of Greenwich Financial and set up the Russian securitization markets. He has been central in the criticism of the mortgage-backed securities meltdown and published a book in August called *Way Too Big to Fail*. **Dave and Judith Ashby Gutz** (Wenham, MA) have daughter **Sarah '15** in A&S, joining older brother **Stephen '12** and cousin **Rebecca Ashby-Colon '13** on campus. Judith's parents are **Fred '56**, MBA '57, and **Beth Glintz Gutz '56**. Sarah's aunt is **Sarah Gutz '83**. **Barbara Seaman** Eaglesham said son **James '15** is following in her footsteps and concentrating in Microbiology. Barbara works as a lab instructor for the general Microbiology laboratory course at Cornell and looks forward to seeing James on campus now and then.

Tim Minton wrote that after 22 years reporting the news in New York, he joined several other ex-NBCers earlier this year to start a media company called Zazoom. They also launched a website called Buzz60.com and invite classmates to check out Buzz60's informative and entertaining 60-second takes on news from big stories to the quirky. They are also available on more than 4,000 affiliated partner sites. His daughter **Rachel '15** is a

freshman—the start of his family’s third generation studying above Cayuga’s waters. **Sue Morand Meyers** lives in the western Philadelphia suburbs with husband Fred (Brown ’78) and two sons. **Alex ’15** is in the Arts college, and her younger son is in 10th grade. She was delighted to attend the open house and picnic supper for incoming freshmen and their parents held at **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS ’87’s house and are happy for an excuse to visit Ithaca more often. Once Sue started visiting so many other campuses for Alex, she was reminded of how fabulous a place Cornell is. **Alex Plache** lives nearby in Valley Forge, PA. His daughter Alli was accepted to the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. She will enter Cornell in the fall of 2012, after a gap year, as a third-generation Cornellian. Her grandmother is **Marilyn Hall Plache ’53**, MBA ’54.

Maureen Metz Charhut’s youngest child, **Bridget ’15**, started in the Hotel school. Her other daughters attended Emory and Northwestern, so Maureen is thrilled to finally have a legacy! Maureen and husband **Ken ’80** look forward to spending more time in Central New York and seeing their good friends **Craig**, MBA ’80, and **Carol Zimmerman Buckhout**, MPS ’82, who live in Cazenovia. The Charhuts have lived in Southern California since 1996 and are enjoying the area. Ken is in the medical device business and has worked for small startup companies for the last ten years. Maureen spent a lot of time planning her oldest daughter Kelly’s wedding in October. Now that they’re empty-nesters, they look forward to more travel and to being involved in community service activities. **Veronica Alfero**, MD ’83’s youngest, **Larissa McGlade ’15**, is also in the Hotel school, and her sister **Anastasia McGlade ’13** is in Arts and Sciences. Anastasia’s twin, Alexandra, is a junior at Columbia. Matthew, the oldest, stayed closer to home and graduated from Pomona College two years ago; he works in Manhattan as a paralegal as he contemplates some type of graduate program. Veronica and her husband, Charles McGlade, plan to stay in Oregon despite the fact that all four kids are in New York State. Both of them continue to practice medicine and enjoy all that the West Coast has to offer.

Connect to our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of ’79), and send news to your class correspondents to keep this column filled. Send updates to classof79@cornell.edu, directly to your class correspondents, or via the hard copy News Form in the fall class mailing. ✉ **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; or **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net.

80 As I listen to politicians, pundits, prognosticators, and planners pontificate about our economic future, I am struck by the cavalier mention of “trillions” of anything. Our numeric reference points have certainly changed; while waiting at the West Campus laundry early one winter morning in 1977, I figured out that 1 billion fluid ounces of Utica Club beer would fill the Teagle Hall pool 11 times, with enough suds left over for an “I Survived Chem 208” party. How much more fun could a trillion be? I recently headed back to campus under the pretense of visiting my children; my actual intent was to start laying pennies edge to edge at the base of McGraw Tower until I

had a line 1 trillion pennies long. According to this experiment’s designer, fellow correspondent and math whiz kid **Dik Saalfeld**, I would be taking a lunch break in Varna and completing my task with a hero’s parade down Main Street in Dryden before the sun went down.

Since I am limited to fewer than one tenth of one percent of a million words for this article, I’ll fast forward to the inglorious end of my day: my son **Kevin Jerrard ’12** pulling up alongside me on Route 366 and shouting, “Put down the wheelbarrow and get in the car . . . you’ve been duped!” According to Kevin and his Engineering buddies, I was attempting to assemble a line of pennies that would ultimately circle the earth more than 475 times. I can only imagine Dik’s embarrassment when the news of this failure reached him in Washington, DC, the Mother Ship of Large Numbers. (The day was not a total loss, however; I paid Kevin’s spring semester tuition by dumping 2 million pennies in the parking lot at Day Hall.)

Numbers play a key role in the lives of our classmates to this day. **Bill Condaxis** wants low numbers from his students; he is a golf teacher and coach with Extraordinary Golf, a top 20 golf academy in San Jose. **John Kendrick** is executive director of planned giving at George Washington U. in D.C. John and wife Emily are planning the wedding of daughter Chelsea in Utah this winter. Snowy Salt Lake was the site of a reunion of **David Ayers** and fellow Fijis **Doug Calby ’81**, **Bill Dunbar ’81**, **Jim Kirchgessner ’81**, MS ’85, **Bill Wiberg ’81**, and **Tom Croskey**. The Rocky Report: great snow . . . great friends. **Rich**, ME ’81, and **Linnea Peterson Linderman** left their mark while students on the Hill, but their son has made Cornell history. **Matthew ’12** is the founder and president of the *Cornell Business Review*, first published in April of this year. Matt is in the Applied Economics and Management program in the Dyson School of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Linnea is a pediatrician and Rich is a senior scientist with the US Air Force Research Lab in Rome, NY. Linnea hopes to hear from **Sue Stalzer**, MD ’84, and/or **Helene Wassermann**-Bloodworth.

John Prokos, BArch ’80’s body is made up of more than 50 trillion cells, but his family and career news is even more impressive. John is managing principal at Gund Partnership, an architectural and planning firm in Cambridge, MA. Most recently, John designed a new corporate headquarters for a financial institution in New Hampshire. The oldest son of John and wife **Kim (Tracy) ’78** is a summa cum laude graduate of Connecticut College, currently on an internship in Cambodia. **Ellen Kay Faulkner** Little is director of product development and engineering for World Kitchen, a manufacturer of kitchen and household tools, cookware, and cutlery products. Although based in the Chicago area, Ellen’s job involves frequent overseas travel; thus she is an ideal candidate to help with my next attempt at the Trillion Penny Line. **Laurie Aude** works at the V.A. hospital in Iowa City, IA. She is active in the New Song Episcopal Church and sings with a community group called “The Quire.” Daughter Heidi graduated from South Hardin High this summer. Laurie is looking to reconnect with **Sonya Griffith** Biorn-Hansen or others from Cornell women’s crew (1976–80). For those of you playing word association as you read this article, give yourself a trillion bonus points for: Crew . . . Big Numbers . . . Winklevoss.

Baseball is a game of numbers, with more statistical categories than any sport except banking. **Robert Manfred Jr.** works in the office of the

Commissioner of Baseball as executive vice president of labor and human resources. He and wife Colleen live in New York. **Greg Dollarhyde**, MBA ’81, has set up a fellowship at the Johnson School to aid new business school students. Greg is chairman of two companies in the restaurant industry and is CEO of a third. He lives in Malibu, CA, and is further connected to his alma mater through the regional Cornell Club.

Red Hot Hockey is right around the corner. Find out about the game and pre- and post-game events at our Cornell Class of 1980 group on Facebook, or our class website, <http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu>. Also visit the Cornell Alumni Web page, <http://alumni.cornell.edu>. Your class correspondents wish you peace, joy, and good health for the holiday season and 2012. Keep that news coming. ✉ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio**-Bianco, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 Almost in a new year—2012. Who could believe it? Time has been flying by since Reunion (where I had a great time, by the way). My kids are now in different schools (preschool for Brayden, 3, and elementary for Ella, 5) and life is carrying on. I am still volunteering in their schools and loving it! We hope you are all safe and sound after the natural disasters of last summer, including tornadoes, an earthquake in Virginia, and Hurricane Irene! On to the news.

Bob Zeidman tells us that he recently had another book published, *The Software IP Detective’s Handbook*. It explains software patents, copyrights, and trademarks in easy-to-understand language for computer programmers, business managers, lawyers, and entrepreneurs. It also explains the new mathematics he created to measure and compare software intellectual property. **Rhonda Brauer** was recently elected to the board of directors of the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals in NYC. She has become the team administrator of her 13-year-old son’s baseball travel team—which means cheering, paying team bills, and getting everyone to games! Whew! When asked what she’d rather be doing, she replied, “Being Suzy Waldman and doing color commentary radio broadcasts for the Yankees.” Gotta love it!

Sandra Waring Holloway is the owner/president of a catering company called Tasteful Connections Inc. in Rochester, NY. She also volunteers in several outreach ministries through church and community. She has been figuring out how to survive and thrive in the “empty-nest syndrome.” **Lisa Todes-Meyer** has been a solo practitioner in dentistry in Easton, PA—for 26 years! She also finds time to ferry her youngest daughter to all of her activities. **Marty Jacobsen** is a managing director of a boutique management consulting firm focused on executing renewable energy strategies within the electric utility industry in New York. He also coaches his sons’ (8 and 10 years old) basketball and baseball teams. Also in New York is **David Pauker**. He is an executive managing director at Goldin Associates.

Daryl Georger is president of HRT, a commercial food service equipment supplier/designer, and associate professor in hospitality management at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA. **Lawrence Hall** writes from Georgia that he is the president and CEO of Par Springer-Miller Systems. When he has

free time he likes to hang glide, scuba dive, and ride his Harley! Now, to find the time! **Nancy Batteredman** is deputy general counsel for tax incentives and housing supervision, City of New York Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development. She took a big family trip to Tanzania with in-laws **Joel '55** and **Sherry Vogel Mallin, Ken '79** and **Ann Core Greenberg '80**, and Ed and **Susan Greenberg** Bralower '86.

Barbara White Apsehoff Shaffer regularly volunteers at the Cancer Resource Center and First Presbyterian Church in Ithaca, NY. She is a volunteer pianist at Oak Hill Nursing Center as well. She loves visiting her children and grandchildren! (Are we really at that stage?) **Nancy Wu** Brandon writes from Ridgefield, CT, that she is a member of the Ridgefield Public Library board and campaigned to raise funds to build a new library! **Cathy Goldrich** Shepard is an accountant for the JCC on the Palisades in New Jersey. Her daughter is attending Binghamton U., and her youngest is busy preparing for his bar mitzvah. Nothing like good events to keep you busy! From New Hampshire, **William Nesheim** is VP, Solaris Engineering at Oracle. His daughter **Amelia '14** is in the Arts college and sings with the CallbaXX. If you need a place to stay in upstate New York, try the Aurora Inn—**Sue Edinger** is the general manager! **Steven Schwartz** is living in Glencoe, IL, and is the president and CEO of TCA Holdings Inc. (parent company of the Midtown Athletic Clubs chain). He really wanted to go to Reunion, but his oldest son graduated from college the same weekend! **Lori Schiffrin**, in San Rafael, CA, is thrilled to be raising a Golden-doodle puppy! Now, that's what I call fun!

We are all in various stages of our lives, but what we have in common are our wonderful memories of Cornell! Listed on your news forms as great memories: U-Hall 3, U-Hall 5, great friends, the Hotel school, Chi Phi, the Outing Club, the Anything That Floats race on Fall Creek, waterpolo practice/games, the Cornell Concert Commission, Noyes Desk, Von Cramm Coop, Prof. **Daniel Sisler, PhD '62**, volleyball games, psychology classes, and just how beautiful Ithaca really is!

Want some ice time with your fellow '81ers—or at least to watch? The class has a block of tickets reserved for Cornell vs. BU Red Hot Hockey on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Madison Square Garden in NYC. Dinner will be at the Heartland Brewery beforehand. For details on this event, check the Class of '81 Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CUClassof1981/>.

We would relish hearing from you, so please write! And remember we have two new correspondents, Barb and JoAnn. Let's welcome them in for the next five years! **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Barb Amoscotto** Sabaitis, beachba@hotmail.com; **JoAnn Minsker** Adams, joann@budadams.net.

82 Despite our busy schedules, you continue to send your reporters a plethora of class news. Perhaps we all recognize that there is another big class

reunion on the horizon, or perhaps we just enjoy staying in touch. Whatever the reason, thank you for responding to our inquiries and providing us with updates on your families, jobs, hobbies, and interests. As you will note from our recent news, many of our classmates have been generously contributing their time to a diverse group of non-profit organizations.

Nicholas Pennings (npenningsdo@yahoo.com) writes that he has retired from his private medical practice and moved with wife Carol to North Myrtle Beach, SC, to enjoy warmer weather and to develop a new health and wellness business. He plans to teach family practice medicine at a new medical school in North Carolina. In his free time, Nicholas volunteers at Brian Ahearn Children's Fund, a local organization that helps kids and families afflicted with serious illnesses. **Beth Tremer Herrick, MD '86** (timothy.herrick@comcast.net) and husband Timothy live in Centerville, MA, where she accepted the position of medical director of radiation oncology at South Coast Hospitals. In her free time, Beth swims with a masters swim team and serves on the board of the Cape Cod chapter of the American Cancer Society. **Lloyd Roberts, BS '81**, is an academic hospitalist at SUNY Stony Brook U. Hospital. His free time is split between cross-country travel to visit family, volunteering as an attending physician for a free clinic for uninsured individuals, running, and biking.

Laura Kim (lskim19@gmail.com) works as a banker for Wilshire State Bank in Colorado. Laura purchased a daycare center earlier this year. This new venture has been a major challenge in her life—learning and trying to make a difference in the lives of preschool children. Laura also volunteers for multiple organizations related to Korean-American issues and the unification of North and South Korea. She would like to hear from **Su Yon Pak** and **Yong Ik Shin**. Business owner **Laura Weinstock** (ljweinstock@earthlink.net) has settled in Los Angeles, CA, after stints in Seattle and Olympia, WA, San Francisco, and Northampton, MA. Her company, Weinstock Scripts, provides full-service screenplay consulting and script doctoring. In her free time, Laura enjoys travel and teaching Spanish to LGBT seniors and writing and GED preparation to homeless youth. She would like to hear from **Jim Damiano** and **Donna Goldstein**. **Sharon Epstein** (sre7@cornell.edu) has started her own business, First Impressions College Consulting, based in Redding, CT. The business, which teaches students how to write college application essays and interview skills, is a perfect fit with her English degree and communications background. Sharon's volunteer work as president of the Redding Garden Club was recognized this year when the website she designed won a national award from National Garden Clubs. Check it out at www.reddinggardenclub.org.

Eric Aronson organized a demonstration in April of more than 1,000 students at Chad's UN Mission, demanding safety for women and girls from Darfur. Eric met with Chad's UN ambassador and delivered more than 2,000 letters. Eric also volunteers with Amnesty Int'l, an organization he

selected because of its work with human rights and its large, volunteer base, which involves students from all over the world. **Liz Dibs Dole, DVM '86**, and husband Tony Farone live in Syracuse, where Liz works as a small animal veterinarian. The couple plans to relocate to central Virginia next year. Liz volunteers in her community for organizations such as the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Association, and the regional veterinary association. She would like to hear from **Rob Palumbo** and **Ned Ensor**. **Earl Adams** (Adamsclan@rochester.rr.com) has been active in his church choir and enjoys gardening, baseball, and maintaining his hobby fiber farm. His volunteer activities include Crossroads Council for Lima and visiting with residents of the Clark Manor Nursing Home. Earl would like to hear from **Ed Pawkett** and **Holly Alwyn** Werner.

Everette Phillips (eap52@cornell.edu) is president of Global Manufacturing Networking LLC in Irvine, CA, and serves on the advisory board of Entrepreneurship @ Cornell. **Janine Allo** has been named president of Kelliher Samets Volk, a marketing communications firm with offices in Burlington, Boston, and New York. **Michael Gordon** (michael.gordon@klgates.com) is entering his sixth year as a member of his local school board. He writes that the experience is "exciting, worthwhile, and frustrating. We need new ways to finance public education." **Leah Edelstein** Bramson (leahbramson@optonline.net) has been busy caring for her children Eden, 9, and twin girls Zara and Talia, 7-1/2. **Nir Margalit** (NirMargalit@cox.net) has returned to private law practice as a partner with Foley & Lardner in California leading its global hotel practice. **Rebecca Hamilton** (rehamilt@googlemail.com) writes that she enjoys retirement in Dallas, TX, with husband **Allan King, PhD '72**.

Enjoy your fall and please remember our upcoming reunion, June 7-10, 2012. Thanks again for all your news. **Doug Skalka**, dsalka@npmlaw.com; **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Mark E. Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 **John Grein** (jack_grein@ml.com), wealth management advisor at Merrill Lynch (senior VP program), wrote that he and his wife, Ana, have been married for 27 years. "Our oldest, Jack, works for a law firm, daughter Allison just finished her first year at Boston U. Law School, and Eric started Amherst College this fall and will play lacrosse." **Ruben King-Shaw** (rkingshaw@mansaequity.com) has recently launched Mansa Capital Management in Boston, a private equity fund focusing on early stage growth companies in the healthcare information technology and healthcare services sectors. Ruben, who lives in Carlisle, MA, with his wife, Patricia, was also elected to the Cornell board of trustees. Their daughter **Lexi '15** has just started as a freshman in ILR! He adds, "I continue to mentor college and high school students and was recently elected to the board of the National Family Caregivers Association. I also serve on the Medicare Program Advising and Oversight Commission." Father of a Cornell graduate, **Keith Dutil** (Phoenixville, PA) writes, "My wife, Lora, and I are proud parents of **Katelin '11**, who recently graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences."

Gayle Moncrief Bicknell, MBA '84 (gbicknell@stny.rr.com) and husband **Van '82, MS '84**, live in Painted Post, NY. Their daughter Keleigh

‘Laura Kim purchased a daycare center earlier this year.’

Doug Skalka '82

recently graduated from high school and is now attending Rochester Inst. of Technology (RIT) studying industrial engineering. **Andrea Kane** (andreanedc@gmail.com; Washington, DC) is the senior director for policy at the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and feels that progress is being made on an issue that can be challenging. "I especially like finding new ways to address these issues, working with new allies and partners." She adds, "My Political Science and Government courses proved very useful. The Cornell in Washington program was my introduction to life in D.C. and made me interested in returning." Andrea also volunteers in a local elementary school and says she enjoys coordinating other volunteers, observing public education from the inside, and connecting with the students.

‘David Jaroslaw and Paul Haskel have shared Mets tickets for the past 25 years.’

Tim Henn (tjhenn@comcast.net; Atlanta, GA) and wife Heather married in 2007 and have since had two boys, John and Grant. "I have moved from New York to Boston to San Francisco to Chicago to Atlanta in 20 years! All good!" **Richard Haberek** (richardhaberek@yahoo.com) works at Remington Arms Co. in Ilion, NY. He enjoys traveling and meeting new people, but says it's a challenge to find free time. Richard has been a Navy Reservist for 20 years: "I enjoy serving and want to make a real difference." **Carol McIntosh** (cmcmd135@gmail.com), a gynecologist, recently moved to Maryland from Grenada, West Indies, via New York. She is working in Fairfax, VA—"strictly office gynecology and addiction medicine"—and has done volunteer work with the Ministry of Health and Wellness in the House of the Lord Church. She is also considering part-time teaching at the Guyana School of Medicine.

Marilyn Wilson-Lund (marilyn@wavgroup.com; Arroyo Grande, CA) has been busy raising her daughter, Alexandra, while running two businesses: WAV Group Consulting and RETechnology.com with her husband, Victor. She would love to hear from **Irene LaCota**. From **Linda Copman** (copman@gmail.com): "I recently moved back to Ithaca after 25 years on the island of Hawaii to enroll my three daughters in the excellent schools in town." **Thresa Mosely Gibian** (tg@gibiandesigndesigngroup.com) sent dues but no news. According to her business card, though, she is a NYS certified interior designer and a LEED accredited professional at Gibian Design Group, where she focuses on facilities planning, design, and procurement strategies. **Beth Bay** (bethbay@gmail.com; New York, NY), **Judith Boice** (Judith_Boice@yahoo.com; Yardley, PA), **Michael Prospero** (tprospero@frontier.com; Sycamore, IL), **Gloria Mabry** (gjmabry@gmail.com; Yonkers, NY), and **Gregory Hartz** (gjhartz@gmail.com; Ithaca, NY) also sent no news, but renewed their class membership. Thanks to everyone for your continued support! Send news to: **Lorinda Buffamante**, lb325@cornell.edu; **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com.

84 As I write, the market is fluctuating wildly. For those of you who may be queasy right now, remember the words of Henry Ward Beecher (courtesy of **Jahn Gazder**): "No matter what troubles or travails may loom ahead for you, do not let yourself be cheated out of the joy and beauty of today."

Jahn sent this news a few months ago: "After two years of study at the College for Financial Planning, I sat for and passed the CFP exam (Certified Financial Planner). I am now more than half way through my master's in financial planning. Personal news: I purchased a house on Landen Lake (north of Cincinnati), which I am gutting in anticipation of renovating it from floor to ceiling. I also adopted twin, rescue black Labs, each 120 pounds; Bull and Bear are their names." **Thérèse Filardi LaRussa** is a hospice social worker in Mass-

Joyce Zelkowitz Cornett '85

achusetts. She went back to get her MSW when she and her husband decided to have children. Both were trial attorneys in Boston at the time and there was no one to raise the kids . . . and so the career changed. The children are Nick, 15, Katie, 12, and Jack, 8. She also teaches law and psychology at a local college. Thérèse reports that she is always looking for hospice volunteers. Believe it or not the best way to contact her is Facebook—she has teenagers after all.

Anita Riddle is manager of the procurement sourcing process center of excellence with Exxon-Mobil. She and her staff in the US and Argentina compile and share best practices for procuring items ranging from convenience store confections to oil refinery maintenance. With ExxonMobil procurement offices in Europe, Asia, and the Americas, she and her team enjoy the opportunities to meet international colleagues. Anita and husband Steven Schmidt live in Fairfax, VA, and have daughters Sierra, 9, and Christine, 6. **James Beemer** married in 2009 and relocated to Bloomington, IL, which is where his wife, Dawn, and her two sons are from. It must agree with him; James published a book of poetry, *Raven Comes to Call*, through Vantage Press, and it received good reviews.

Amy Brooks-Kayal and husband **Rana Kayal** have moved to Denver. Amy is chief of pediatric neurology at the Children's Hospital and a tenured professor at U. of Colorado's School of Medicine. The move from Philadelphia after 20 years has been challenging but fun. Rana continues in his role as president of SPI Pharma in Wilmington, DE, commuting between the cities. Skype, Blackberry, and Southwest make it all possible. They thank those who contributed to the invention and buildout of the digital world and its marvels. Daughter Anjali is in her second semester at Wellesley College after a gap year in New Delhi, India, and son Zak is a sophomore at a school that has a class size of more than 850 kids. Epic snow in the Colorado mountains and the skiing that comes with it takes the edge off for all in the family.

Andrew Foster (andy@miltonandhubble.com), formerly of Dickson Hall, lives pleasantly in Pasadena, where he is president of Milton and Hubble Rare Books, a specialist book dealer, and consultant to a variety of collectors and researchers in the arts and sciences. Any pals are welcome to contact him to chat about old times. **Brent Taggart** is a partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour, and Pease LLP, where he has practiced law since 1989. His nationwide litigation and alternative dispute resolution practice includes disputes involving business, commercial, consumer, employment, employee benefits, and products liability law. He was honored with a "Center of Influence" award by the 1-137th Assault Helicopter Battalion of the Ohio National Guard. In his spare time, Brent continues to enjoy fly-fishing, hiking, riding, and trap shooting. **Linden Craig** is still employed as a veterinary pathologist by the U. of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, but was on a six-month sabbatical at Massey U. in New Zealand when she wrote. She was thoroughly enjoying the university and she and her husband have loved the friendly people and beautiful country. She highly recommends it for anyone who enjoys the outdoors.

Kudos to **Lisa Sotto**, who completed a legal treatise on privacy and information security (Aspen Publishing). Last year she was appointed managing partner of Hunton and Williams in New York. **Han Chiu** still lives in La Jolla with wife **Wendy Wong '86** and children Daniel, 18, and Kristen, 14. Daniel is applying to college and they're hoping he'll go to Cornell. Han is working on a new start-up focused on helping orphaned curative medical treatments reach the market. And (best for last) **John Boggan**, MS '91, and **Dan Speck** were married in a small civil ceremony in Washington, DC, on April 5, 2010 after an engagement of 28 years. Congratulations! Thanks for all the news! **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com; **Karla Sievers McManus**, Klorax@comcast.net. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 Here's hoping this column finds you in mid-autumn, with crisp air wafting through the orange and red leaves and football season in full swing. As I write, it's about 95 in the shade and we are all hoping that the heat will die down at some point soon—preferably before we all die of heat prostration or the shock of the A/C bill.

Our e-mail request was well answered! Thank you all for your news. **Jeff Reisner**, a partner in the Newport Beach office of Irell & Manella, has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. A managing partner called Jeff "among the top echelon of lawyers in the area of bankruptcy." Congratulations, Jeff. **Abbey Huret** has been appointed director of community management for Estée Lauder. She oversees their Facebook and Twitter communities. How cool! She enjoyed spending time at the 25th Reunion with **Leslie Greenberg** Josel, **Sheila Winik** Silberglied, **Lisa Weltz** Waldman, **Ronee Trosterman** Cowan, **Beth Falk**, MBA '90, **Dale Bornstein** Reinhardt, **John Spielberg**, **Ron Prague**, and **Rob Klugman**. Amazing **Ed Catto** is a retropreneur (I think he coined that phrase) working with **Steve Rotterdam '80**, "bringing back the classic toy" at Captain Action Enterprises in Ridgewood, NJ. Awesome!

Denis Hurlley Jr. (Delmar, NY) works as a personal injury trial lawyer with Conway & Kirby. He and wife Anne are members of the Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, planning to run a half marathon

in September. Their son **Denis III '14** is in Arts and Sciences. **Steffi Weill** Green lives in Chappaqua, NY, with husband Phil and their four children. Oldest son **Matt '11** is the newest graduate of Cornell (CALS) and a former member of the Big Red football team. They live near Phyllis and **Bobby Gusick** and see them often. **Arthur** and **Gail Fishman Pesner** (Jericho, NY) are proud of son **Eric '15** (A&S). Art is the CFO of PR Herzig (a broker dealer) and Gail is senior project manager at VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture.

We had lots of e-mails from classmates with new generations of Cornellians. **Cindy Jo Gross** wrote of her friend **Bev Schwartz Halperin '83's** twin boys, Aaron and Jessie, who got into Cornell early decision. **Rachel Kessler** Park's son **Solomon '15** will be in Engineering and joins cousins **Kyle Kessler '14** and **David Forman '13**. **Charlie** and **Karen Weiner Goss** (Chapel Hill, NC) have a daughter in the Hotel school Class of 2013.

Rose Evans Walker is now in Colorado Springs as a student services adviser in the higher education field. She has been busy with high school students interested in Cornell. **Melissa Frank** Schwarz celebrated her 25th anniversary as an actuary with MetLife. She and husband Marc have two children. They all visited with **Stacy Kaiser** Gilmour and **Marcy Roth** Rihm on the way home from their older son's college search in Boston.

Eldy Dale (Pittsford, NY) is an internist, enjoying taking her kids to their activities and staying active playing tennis. Eldy was a member of the women's volleyball team at Cornell and has fond memories of Phi Psi 500, Collegetown, and Libe Slope. **Lisa Cohen** is a dermatopathologist in a medical lab in Newton, MA. She enjoys spending time on Martha's Vineyard, reading novels, and raising her three boys. She travels back and forth to Dallas, spending time with her boyfriend and his children and dreaming of one house with hers and his all together. Lisa has great memories of dancing at the Common Ground. **David Jaroslaw**, of Brooklyn, says his legal practice takes him everywhere from New Orleans to California to the UK and Germany. He and **Paul Haskel** have shared Mets tickets for the past 25 years and will see each other during the baseball season at Citi Field.

Haddonfield, NJ, residents **Glenn George**, MBA '86, and wife **Lisa (Megargle) '89**, MS '90, keep busy with three young boys. Glenn works at Bates White Economic Consulting, based out of D.C. He would like to hear from **Kurt Mieth** and **W. Bennett Mitten III '86**. **Ruth Lindenthal** Petran works for Ecolab, a company I know well, as a food safety scientist. She is also pursuing her PhD at U. of Minnesota. CPA **Eileen Cooper** Ahvenainen has resumed a Cornell hobby of weaving (cloth, fiber, and linen items) and is recovering from foot surgery. I've been there too, Eileen. Keep the foot up and you'll be getting around before you know it. **Bill Hoppin** (Mill Valley, CA) works as VP of business development at Aerohive Networks, "delivering lower cost, one-stop wireless LAN cloud access." Not a commercial, just the truth. **Clay Hart** is down in my neck of the woods in Smyrna, GA. He is the senior technical architect for AT&T, managing a team responsible for SAP, HR, and financial systems deployment. At home, he watches his kids play soccer, football, chess, and piano and coaches Pee Wee football.

I am still at Lanier Village Estates, trying to enrich the lives of the elderly with good food and a listening ear. I love hearing the stories from their college days or military stints. I stay in touch with my roommates from Delaware Street, Ravenwood

apartments, and, of course, U-Hall 1, as well as all the Hotelies from '85. Facebook has made it easier and I love being in touch with people I did not think I would see/talk to ever again. Hope everyone's summer was happy, healthy, and terrific! Keep in touch with your class through us. Send info to: **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; or **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfahiesq@aol.com.

86 I am feeling a tremendous sense of déjà vu (all over again, as the saying goes) to be writing the column after a 15-plus-year hiatus. It is wonderful to hear the news from classmates and, particularly after our 25th Reunion this past June, to have seen so many of you in Ithaca. For those who missed reunion, we had a fabulous turnout and, for me, one of the highlights was seeing classmates in familiar settings, such as sharing pizza at the Nines with **Susan Garretson** Friedman and her husband, Charlie, and **Laurie Feinswog**. There were lots of representatives from other classes, including **Dan Blumenthal '85**, **Asya Kamsky '85**, and **Ann Kahlow** Hobbs '85, who joined the festivities. For those who really liked reunion, there is a Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) that comes back to the Hill every year in June!

West Coast classmates dominate the news this column. Bragging rights for having one of the "coolest summer vacations" goes to **Tom "Tuck" Staggs**, who took his older son Sean on a 21-state, two-week "fly about" in their plane, covering 6,598 nautical miles starting in Redmond, WA, and going where the wind took them. With the only target being the Oshkosh EAA Airventure Fly-in, they managed to see 21 states and fly over many others before returning home to wife Kay and younger son Alex. Another Washington State resident, **Julie Bick** Weed, traveled east, in a more direct manner, enjoying her summer vacation with family on Cape Cod and a trip to NYC with her mom in August.

Also traveling, but more of a "relocating back stateside," **David Lewin** is moving from Waikiki, HI, back home to San Francisco, where he will be the general manager of the Hyatt Regency. **Eve Saltman** Roncal is based in Burlingame, with husband Skip and daughter Sidney, and working as the chief legal officer for OnLive Inc., an on-demand gaming company. OnLive delivers new game titles over broadband Internet (definitely contributing to the "invertebrate sprawl" that my 15-year-old has perfected of late!). Before Online, Eve was with Siebel Systems and Autodesk, among other firms. **Adrienne Silverstein** Iglehart works for Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor and celebrated daughter Caitlin's high school graduation this summer, which unfortunately coincided with Reunion.

Moving south to check in on some "SoCal" classmates, **Beth Freishtat** works as a director of human resources and facilitates seminars for teens in Beverly Hills (www.nativeseminars.com). **Jon Meer** is also in the L.A. area, working as a partner at Seyfarth Shaw LLP. Jon writes that he is putting his ILR education to good use representing employers in large litigations, mainly class action work. Perhaps on the other side of those cases might be **Jeffrey Cowan**, based in Santa Monica with the Cowan Law Firm. An accomplished attorney by day, Jeff still dabbles in magic, although he is not performing as often lately. His biggest fans are probably his twin boys, Matthew and Jason. I had a great opportunity to catch up with Jeff as weather delays stranded him

in Philadelphia on the way to Reunion. Jeff called me and stayed that night in our guest room, joining me on the drive to Ithaca the following morning! While in Ithaca, we had a very special breakfast with Prof. Walter LaFeber, who is now fully retired but still as spellbinding in his discussions of politics and foreign policy!

East Coast classmates writing in this month include **Evan Blum**. Evan is a principal with Glass-Ratner, a restructuring advisory firm, and lives in N. Caldwell, NJ. Evan and wife Mindy celebrated son Matthew's bar mitzvah with several Cornellians in attendance, including **Ed Decker**, **Mitch Lubin '85** and wife **Jill Marans '85**, **Steve Wells** and wife **Pamela (Davis) '92**, **Elise Berger '90**, and **Renee Cowan '85**.

Greg Chamberlain (Wyoming, NY) works as a dairyman. Greg has all registered Jersey cows and he is milking nearly 700 cows while farming 1,700 acres with his wife, **Jodi (Hooper) '87**. Son **Benjamin '11** (CALS) just joined their business. Greg is a town board councilman and a 4-H leader and has energy left at the end of the day to "chase after kids involved in all manner of sports and recreation." **Lael Bellamy** (Atlanta, GA) is married to Rich Barnard. She is chief counsel and chief privacy officer for ING Americas and has sons Foster and Harrison. Lael was elected to the board of directors of the Int'l Association of Privacy Professionals.

The class news forms cannot be my sole source for these columns, so please send news anytime of year to the address below. The class mailing list offers some interesting insights into where you are all living and working, but I'd rather hear it from you! **Holly Isdale**, Isdale@mac.com.

87 Although this column reaches you at the start of winter, we hope you are thinking of this coming June and the 25th Reunion of the Class of 1987! Your reunion chairs are working hard to put together a wonderful weekend for you and your families. Check out our Facebook page, Cornell University Class of 1987, for updates about reunion and mark your calendars to be in Ithaca June 7-10, 2012. In the meantime, here are some updates from your classmates.

Dan Meyer was one of 34 federal workers nominated for the 2011 Samuel J. Hyman Service to America Medal. As reported in the *Washington Post*, "The Defense department's inspector general has long had a system for protecting service members who report wrongdoing. But until Dan Meyer and his team were hired in 2004, civilian whistleblowers who suffered from retaliation had no advocate . . . Dan Meyer created a program that protects employees who report national security and procurement fraud. These whistleblowers often lose their security clearances as punishment. Meyer once blew the whistle himself, when he was a Navy line officer who disclosed flaws in the investigation of a 1989 explosion that killed 47 American sailors."

Shawn Dorman McKenzie (Stevenson, MD) is an editor/publisher of the *Foreign Service Journal*. Recently, she finished a book, *Inside a U.S. Embassy: Diplomacy At Work*. On the personal front, she has been busy raising two teenagers and was planning a family trip to Indonesia for this past summer. She also told us that her fondest memory from Cornell was meeting her husband, **Shawn '85**, at the West Campus pub. **Scott Hines** (Mooreville, NC) is regional VP for distribution for

Lowe's. His region covers the southern part of the US, stretching from South Carolina to Stockton, CA. In his spare time, he is remodeling a house in the North Carolina mountains that had sat abandoned for four years. He also enjoys spending time with his family, including two baby granddaughters!

Ellen German lives in Kura, ID, with her three daughters and owns a small animal veterinary clinic there. In her spare time, she enjoys boating, mountain biking, and dirt biking with her girls. She writes that she has wonderful memories of "the people I lived with at Phillips House ('P' House)" and would love to hear from **Tom Hoskins '86**. **Josephine Connolly**-Schooner is an assistant clinical professor and executive director of the nutrition division at Stony Brook U. Medical Center, and lives on Long Island, NY, with husband Martin and their children. Her current extracurricular activities include "keeping up with my three kids." She has fond memories of a different extracurricular activity—"closing time on College Avenue!"

Molly Driver wrote, "In August, I shared a wonderful dinner at the still-lovely Taughannock Farms Inn with husband **Michael DeStefano '88**, son **Jackson '13**, and our newest addition to the Cornell family, daughter **Kelly '15**. Michael and I had our first dinner date at the Inn before a Chi Psi formal in the spring of 1985. Our kids (youngest son Brian is a high school sophomore) have enjoyed Cornell visits over the years and are always at our side cheering on the Cornell lacrosse team and meeting their dad's former teammates. Now they are making their own memories." **Cliff Rohde** and wife **Allison Schultz '88** "continue to be amazed that 25 years have passed since Cliff's graduation. Cliff just started his own law firm in the Albany, NY, area, focused on telecommunications and renewable energy issues and alternative dispute resolution. He is the current president of the regional Cornell Club of the Greater Capital District and, while no longer hosting morning happy hours with his housemates, Cliff (and Allison) hope to see good friends at Reunion 2012."

Lastly, **Dan Dubelman** sent in news of his latest act! He tells us, "I am playing a character named Danny Mann in a musical production called *The Rock In The Country Band*. We have been developing the act for six months and have performed at the Viper Room a half-dozen times or so. In the show, Danny Mann & The Rock In The Country Band perform the music of Kenny Chesney, as well as original music, classic rock, and country songs. Social media was instrumental (pun) in putting this project together. Cornell winners helped prepare me well for touring—I have toured all over the US, and even performed at Farm Aid with Willie Nelson and Neil Young."

Send us your news in an e-mail to either Heidi or me, through the link at our class website, <http://classof87.alumni.cornell.edu>, by an update at the Cornell University Class of 1987 Facebook page, or via a Class of '87 News Form. [✉ Brenna Frazer McGowan, bfn26@cornell.edu](mailto:bfn26@cornell.edu); or Heidi Heasley Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu.

88 Our fellow classmates in the Class of '88 are a busy, vibrant, and generous bunch and your updates reflect an ongoing commitment to volunteer work and a real giving spirit.

Kelly Smith Brown, MBA '92, still loves being a mom and a volunteer. She is very involved with the Cincinnati Ballet and was named vice chair of the board. When she can, she visits the Tri Deltas

in a city where she knows some. She connected with **Jill Fields** and **Sheryl Lindros** Dolan in January during a trip to Washington, DC. **Kim Henry** (Santa Rosa, CA) says that her two kids and six pets keep her really busy. Following in her footsteps, her son now plays the trombone, as she did at Cornell. In addition to music lessons and a very busy household, Kim also volunteers at her children's school. Six pets! Too bad **Sandra Young Klindt, DVM '93**, lives across the country in New York State. Sandra has a veterinary care practice that even makes house calls. Sandra and husband Rodger have been doing some renovations on their 1850s farmhouse. She's gone back to Cornell for the annual Vet conference and says that "walking on campus just feels like home. And it's always great to hear from **John Gustavsson**—it's like no time has passed since we were undergrads." Sandra is chair of her PTO and enjoys being part of her son's school to help the students and the teachers. She is also very active in and one of the organizers of the Central New York Academy of Continuing Education for veterinarians in the area. She would love to hear from **Nancy McLoud**.

Robyn Tice (Belmont, MA) is head of public relations for one of the oldest investment management firms in the country. She really likes what she does and also enjoys teaching a graduate course in crisis communications part-time. Robyn also volunteers in a reading program called Power Lunch Everybody Wins in Boston. Through this program she reads to a second grader, and she absolutely loves it. In thinking about Cornell, Robyn writes, "My Pi Phi friendships will last forever. My Cornell memories are eternal." **Michael Grady** is doing his part to stimulate the economy—he just built a new building and is expanding his pediatrics practice in San Marcos, TX. He finds his work rewarding yet challenging, especially during flu season. Michael also volunteers as the medical director at a school-based health center in a medically underserved area in Texas.

Pam Darer Anderson writes from Toronto, ON: "I was in New York City before the holidays last year and met up with **Christine Russo** and her three girls. We went ice skating at Rockefeller Center with my four girls. I am still in touch with **Nancy Beck**, **Tracy Sebastiano Patracuolla**, **Cathy Bendor**, and **Cindy Bishop**, all fellow '88s living in various parts of the US. My husband, **Graham, MBA '88**, and I have a great house, which we built a few years ago. Everyone is welcome to come visit us in Canada. Looking forward to planning our big 25th Reunion!"

Isn't it great when classmates marry and their work takes them in the same direction? **Harry Lin** and **Cynthia Liu** live in Southern California and have had careers involving the Internet. Since 2008, Harry has been CEO of three different startups and, in 2011, is now taking time off. Cynthia has moved her writing career online, where she blogs and does social media marketing. **Thomas Bottoni** and wife Dawn made a two-week trip to Italy. Thomas reports that they enjoyed it immensely and visited the picturesque Amalfi Coast, Rome, Venice, Florence, and more. They already miss the food and rich history of Italy.

Here are updates from two high-profile Cornellians. **Micah Fink** had a new film come out in July on HBO. It's called *Mann v. Ford*, and tells the story of a small community of Native Americans (living only 38 miles from New York City) whose homeland is used as a toxic waste dump—and their struggles for justice. **Joe Nieuwendyk**, who helped three teams win Stanley Cups, has

been selected to join the Hockey Hall of Fame. During his Cornell days, Joe twice earned All-America status. His 73 goals rank sixth all-time in Big Red hockey history, despite the fact that he skipped his senior season to start his stellar professional career. In case you haven't followed his career, Joe won the Stanley Cup with Calgary, Dallas, and New Jersey—and also helped Canada win the gold medal at the 2002 Salt Lake City games. He is now the general manager of the Dallas Stars. Congratulations, Joe!

Thanks for the great updates, everyone. I admire how so many of you are following your passions, with great success. [✉ Brad Mehl, bam62@cornell.edu](mailto:brad.mehl@cornell.edu); Sharon Nunan Stemme, sen28@cornell.edu; Steven Tomaselli, st89@cornell.edu.

89 Greetings, '89ers. Everyone must be having a busy summer because very few people responded to my plea for news! **Dave Cherry, MD '93**, and wife **Chrissy Schwinn** live in Berkeley, CA, with their daughter, 6, and son, 3. Over the past 18 months, they have been involved with five other families (including three other Cornell grads!) in starting Yu Ming Charter School (www.yuming-school.org), California's first Mandarin immersion public charter school. Located in Oakland, Yu Ming will open its doors with 100 students in kindergarten and first grade this August, and will grow to K-8. Dave and Chrissy are also building a "pre-fab" modular green home in the East Bay hills. Chrissy has changed her job to become assistant director of the Global Marine Team at the Nature Conservancy, where she has worked for almost ten years. Dave is medical director at Thunder Road, an adolescent treatment center in Oakland and has a private psychiatry practice. Other Cornell grads involved in starting the charter school are **Matthew, MBA '97**, and **Wynee Yang Sade '94**, and **Gloria Lee '92**.

Chris Pavone with wife Madeline McIntosh (and twin sons Sam and Alex, 7) have returned to New York City after a stint in Luxembourg. While living in Europe, Chris began writing *The Expats*, a novel to be published by Crown in spring 2012 and, soon after, in a dozen other countries in Latin America, Europe, and Asia. **Fil Straughan**, BArch '91, will be heading to Europe for a tour to support his just completed latest album called "FiL the SouL," which is receiving great reviews. Check out his video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59cXzIe16kM>.

Dave Scher writes that last year he was lead co-counsel on a case brought on behalf of the Dept. of Education against student loan companies. "Our firm (www.employmentlawgroup.com) helped settle for \$57 million and returned millions of dollars in improper interest payments back to the DOE to fund educational programs in the future." Dave has moved to Bethesda, MD, and looks forward to becoming active in the Cornell Club of Washington. He also practices transcendental meditation and has participated in a launch program through the David Lynch Foundation that has taught TM to 150,000 underprivileged students around the world and now is teaching TM to 10,000 veterans with PTSD. His son Noah, 14, is already thinking about Cornell and wants to come with him to our next reunion! Daughter Molly is, he says, "11 going on 25 and a light of peace to anyone she meets." Attorney **Stacy Schneider** (CALS) is working on her second book, "Undercover Parenting," which teaches parents expert

tips on how to screen people who are dangerous around kids, how to hire a trustworthy nanny, and how to protect your kids on the Internet. Stacy is a criminal defense attorney in NYC and a legal commentator for CNN and Fox News. She gave on-air commentary on the Casey Anthony case.

Mindy Schechter Tashlik shares news of a wonderful evening in late June spent in NYC with '89ers traveling to the Big Apple from far and wide. Joining Mindy were **Patti Levine** Marks, **Lynn Nachwalter** Broder, **Dina Stein** Propp, **Amy Susman-Stillman**, **Lori Roller**, and **Lori Schain Hiller '88**. They convened at Hell's Kitchen Restaurant in NYC for a summer night of friends, fun, and laughter. Mindy also reports, on the Q.T., that she is bragging about **Beth Kane** Feldman, who opened a fabulous cupcake shop in Larchmont, NY, called Sweet and Social. "All Cornellians must try out the incredible Red Velvet!" Reporting from Syracuse, NY, are Matthew and **Katherine Jackson** Saufley with news of their fifth child, Lies Barbara, born in March 2011. Also in Upstate New York, **Colleen Kimble** works as a biologist with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. She volunteers with the Clumber Spaniel Club of America and would love to hear from **Laura Judd** Mello.

Kristina Borovicka Gerig (kgerig@columbus.rr.com) remarks that at her kids' school of only 150 families in Athens, OH, seven parents are Cornellians. They call it a cluster. **Mark Miller** is in Nashville and sent a contact e-mail of mark_miller_ms@yahoo.com. In an interesting but presumably unrelated coincidence, **Eileen Rosen** Miller, who lives in Manhattan, also sent contact info: eileenmiller180@gmail.com. And for those of you drinking a cup of coffee while reading this, if you are in Connecticut, perhaps you purchased it from a Mountain Mudd Espresso drive-through. If so, say thanks to **Phillip Penn**, who is introducing the franchise to Connecticut via a partnership with his firm, PJP Enterprises. Phillip lives in Burlington, CT, with his family and has transitioned into the beverage business after a successful career as an insurance and finance executive.

Please keep the news coming via e-mail or snail mail. Check out the Class of '89 Facebook page and get involved! ■ **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu.

90 Written yet again from 35,000 feet over Texas, here is the news from our high-flying classmates. **John '88** and **Nancy Dobbins Shaw**, DVM '94 (Denville, NJ) report that earthly pursuits including hiking, gardening, and family travel are constants in their free time. Last year the Shaw crew headed west to the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone National Park, and Mount Rushmore. Nancy is a veterinarian. Her Cornell

days were spent with a few good books and enjoying great friends—including her future husband. Yet another vet contributes to this edition's mailbag: **Audrey Kelleman**, DVM '90, of Gainesville, FL, writes of her warm weather swims in the gorges near campus. She now works at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the U. of Florida. After a long day of unpacking moving boxes, she unwinds with her sister **Aileen Kelleman-Band**. She looks forward to fishing and boating in Florida. Aileen missed **Kirsten Wehmann** Berger during the last reunion. Huge congratulations to **Karen Mitchell** and **Rob Chodock '89**, who welcomed son Hudson Joseph on Feb. 6, 2011. Let's hope he carries on the Big Red family tradition.

Jennifer Bell-Dauphinais and husband Karl live happily in West Hartford, CT. She is a registered dietician-nutritionist working part-time at Hartford Hospital and expects to complete her MA in integrative medicine this year. To complete the Cornell connection from many years past, Karl was accepted to Human Ecology's Nutritional Biochemistry program; however, he chose and graduated from Colgate in 1992. Recalling her Ithaca years, Jennifer writes that she never took the beautiful environment or nature for granted. Every walk across campus offered discoveries. Now she wishes to reconnect with **Karen Peterson** Rutledge if possible. Also involved in alternative medicine, **Laura Calvert** Richardson (Princeton,

NJ) completed her doctor of neuropathy degree this January. She is an instructor of anatomy, physiology, and pathology at the Gentle Healings School in Cranbury, NJ. Congrats on the degree! If **Lynn Miller** May '89 is reading, Laura would like to reconnect with you.

Walking over the gorges bridges is **Chris Gilbert**'s fond memory. In Houston he is a partner at the Thompson and Morton law firm, which specializes in representing educational entities such as public schools, private schools, charter schools, and community colleges. His kids set the free-time agenda: Cub Scouts, a soccer league for which he is an assistant coach, and karate. His wife, Mary Beth, keeps everyone running on schedule. If **Erik Johnson**, MD '94, is out there, please drop Chris a line via the class correspondents. Also in love with sunny days in the gorges, **Jessica Lattman** and **David Rosenberg '89**, MD '93, try to keep up with their three children's vigorous pace. Jessica is a surgeon in New York City and relaxes by playing the piano. The family visited Argentina, Switzerland, and Wyoming this year. In spite of a demanding schedule, physician **Chris Michetti** writes (in quite legible script) that his favorite Cornell memory is the camaraderie of fellow classmates—after all, school is a good place to make long-lasting friends. When not directing trauma surgery teams and the ICU at Northern Virginia's Inova Fairfax Hospital, he and wife Katherine play with young son

Natural Selection

Dawn Mulhern '92 & John Skowlund '89

When Dawn Mulhern was a child, one of her favorite places was the Discovery Room of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, where she could touch rocks, fossils, bones, and other specimens. Six years ago, Mulhern wanted to give her toddler son a similar experience at home; she shopped around for a commercial "discovery box" filled with natural objects, but couldn't find one. So she and her husband, John Skowlund, decided to make their own, giving it to their son for Christmas. "It's possible that I actually had more fun putting all the stuff in it than he had opening it," says Mulhern, an anthropologist who spent seven years working at the Smithsonian and now teaches at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.



The experience prompted the couple to start a home-based business, World Discovery Box; Mulhern and Skowlund say they now sell thousands of the boxes each year, largely via their website, www.worlddiscoverybox.com. Mulhern handles the conceptual and scientific aspects, while Skowlund, who has a marketing background, handles the business side.

Made of birch wood, the boxes—filled with rocks, fossils, shells, and other natural objects—are aimed at getting kids ages five to ten excited about science. They come in three sizes: a large set of drawers for \$289, a medium set for \$169, and a small slide-top box for \$75. Each comes with a "starter set" of objects, but kids are encouraged to add their own. The boxes are also intended for use in schools; 50 percent are purchased for classrooms, where teachers can

link their curricula to the objects. "The magic that happens with the discovery box is in the minds of the kids," says Skowlund. "It's not so much the box. It's the curiosity, the surprise."

— Jamie Leonard '09

Dashiell. He would prefer to travel for family vacations rather than for medical conferences.

From New York City, **Michael Karangelen** maintains all his strong school connections through years of service to the University Council, the Arts and Sciences Board, the Class of 1990 Fundraising Board, the Student Agencies Board (as chairman), the E@C Board, numerous panel speaking engagements, and “lots of other small stuff.” Michael and I lived in the same STA building just south of the Collegetown bridge and above the bagel shop. As a result, we spent some time studying Spanish together, and I recognized his handwriting on the news form. A fun and funny memory for me! Not surprisingly, his favorite times were spent in the Student Agencies office and relaxing (huh?) on the Quad. Michael still fills his days at TowerBrook Capital Partners in Manhattan.

Debra Helfand tells us that husband **Jonah Klein** often runs among the trees growing in Brooklyn. His competition schedule demands that he dash between New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut—a true tri-state triathlete. In September, he was planning to participate in Syracuse’s half-Ironman. Jonah’s day job (let’s hope there is a desk involved sometimes) is as a human resources manager at Calvin Klein. Debra is managing editor at Farrar, Straus and Giroux publishing. I’m sure that many of our undergraduate days were spent with a Farrar volume in hand. Keeping the family traditions, their bookish, athletic, and stylish son Sebastian finishes first grade this year and enjoys Tae Kwon Do, swimming, and Legos.

Yet again, another leg of our collective flight path lands successfully. Please file your next flight plan with us and we’ll record the journey. **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugam**, nt28@cornell.edu.

91 As we near the holidays, thoughts of old friends and good times keep me anticipating the holiday cards. It never gets old to see my friends in their kids’ faces. **Wendy Milks** Coburn here, writing from lovely Kennebunk, ME. Since graduating from Cornell in 1991, I’ve lived mostly in Boston and Maine. My husband, Rob, and my son, 3 (a future Cornellian), daily celebrate our year-round status in this vacation town. Of course reality does set in five days a week—I work at TD Bank as VP of direct marketing.

And now for you all . . . It seems **Karyn Ginsberg** and her husband, John McCormack, have been bitten by the renovation bug. They bought

a 1930s apartment that they are thoughtfully renovating around her schedule as a pediatrician at Park Avenue Pediatrics. Somehow, they found time to get married in April 2010! **Greg Stoller** wrote to let us know that he and wife Arlene are grateful for their three kids’ health and well-being; their oldest is 10 and they have twins, 8. Greg owns a real estate company, consults in Asia, and studies foreign languages as a hobby. He’s studied Japanese and most recently, Mandarin. Greg is part of an immersion learning program at the Carroll School, where students learn international business by solving real client problems.

Especially proud of her work in 2010 in Haiti with *USA Today* and in the Dominican Republic with Operation Smile, **Jessica Lifland**, BFA ’92, is a freelance photographer and part-time photojournalism instructor at City College of San Francisco. She and husband Darragh Caffrey are in contact with many Cornellians through Facebook and in other ways. **Nate Bailey** wrote to let us know he works at GE Healthcare as a human resources manager. He enjoys family time with wife Camille, and seems to be keeping up with son Jack, 7, on outings to NYC and San Diego. **Wendy Elizabeth Gale** is a candidate for missionary at Wycliffe Bible Translators. She earned her MDiv in June 2010, while working as a computer programmer at SunGard HE.

Balancing work, play, and family life seems to be a theme with the Class of 1991. **David Kleidermacher** is writing a book and some iPhone apps and blogging. He also likes to play with his kids, poker, and golf. **Charles Andola III** is a surgical physician assistant; he and wife Israel enjoy sitting on the beach with their kids, dinners out, and going to shows and symphonies. **Alarik Myrin** raises grass-fed beef on a ranch in Utah with wife Staci. When not busy feeding and calving the cows, Alarik likes to consult and help other businesses in his field. He’d rather be hunting in Botswana right now, though, and would love to hear from **Steve Hall**. **Chris Reynolds**, a high-yield bond broker, is happy to report that he’s busy at work, but is also raising four kids with wife Ginette. Chris coaches lacrosse for his kids’ teams and fondly remembers Cornell’s view high above Cayuga’s waters.

Joelle Vlahakis Angsten is proud to be raising three busy children: Olivia, 14, Harrison, 11, and John, 7, while working as associate medical director for Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota, FL. She and husband Brian are active in their kids’ hobbies, especially baseball. **Rebecca Darien** Yodzio and husband Wayne are busy with their boys Tyler, 6, and Dylan, 4. Rebecca still finds time for consulting, kickboxing, and aerobics. **Susan Halebsky** Dimock and husband Michael enjoy playing with their son. Susan also enjoys gardening. **Samantha Waterston** Peele and husband Michael are in Virginia; they are happy fans of the Nationals and proud parents. **Jean Signorelli** Spiegel manages a Kohl’s department store, volunteers for her daughter’s school and Girl Scouts, travels with husband Bruce, and spends as much of her summers as possible at their place on Cayuga Lake.

Agna Varinia Guzman is an associate at Tressler LLP, where she specializes in corporate immigration law and business transactions. She loves to travel, especially abroad, and can claim recent trips to Barcelona and other parts of Spain, as well as northern Germany. **Robert Emerich Jr.** is the associate athletic director at Stony Brook U., and also moonlights as a college baseball umpire. He is nostalgic about Hot Truck

(who isn’t?) and Chi Phi. **Michael Maltenfort** lives in Chicago with his partner, John Glover. Michael is a professor of math at Truman College and a square dance caller in his free time. He fondly remembers Glee Club.

Don’t forget to visit our class website at <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu> to stay up to date on news of our class. Have a great holiday season! **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; and **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu.

92 YOU are invited! In a few short months, please join us for our 20th Reunion: June 7–10, 2012. Our class has a Facebook page: Cornell Class of 1992. Please check it out and “like” us! Feel free to “share” the page to other members of the class as well. Our class website is updated, too. Visit: <http://classof92.alumni.cornell.edu>.

As you may know, my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, and I are reunion co-chairs, along with veteran chair **Ian Kutner**. This past June, Todd and I attended the Class of 1991’s 20th Reunion to get some ideas and scout caterers, locations, etc. It’s amazing to see what’s new on campus and what (thankfully) hasn’t changed at all. Others at the 1991 reunion included: **Allison Bergstrom**, **Lisa Everts**, **Stephen Goldstein**, **Oscar Hernandez**, **Michael Isip**, **Catherine Kim** Kumaradas, **Kimberly Sanders** Lehrman, **Corinne McKamey**, **Francoise Nieto-Fong**, **Mimi Lee** Patterson, **Beth Riordan**, and **Sambav “Sam” Sankar**. In September, Todd, Ian, and I were joined by class president **Karen McCalley** to attend Reunion Kick-off weekend on campus. We are planning a great time for you and yours and we really hope you make plans to join us in June!

Corinne McKamey has started her second year as a professor of science education at Rhode Island College. Her husband, **Max Chang**, works with **Doug Hurley** at Synapse Energy Economics in Cambridge, MA. She writes, “You get a three-for-one e-mailing me!” Corinne says she’s having a great time at RIC. “After time off with the kids and a research postdoctoral year at Wellesley Centers for Women, I had forgotten how much I really like teaching.” Sam Sankar writes, “I’m surprised to realize that I’ve now lived in Washington, DC, for as long as I lived in Northern California—ten years and counting. Along the way I’ve picked up a wife, Amanda Leiter, a stepson, Zachary, 8, and a daughter, Kirthi, 2. I spent the better part of the last year helping to lead a presidential investigation into the causes of the BP oil spill, but now I’m back working as an environmental lawyer at the Dept. of Justice.”

A thank you to all who sent in your news forms. **Aileen Smith** Amirault lives in Oviedo, FL, with husband Stephen; she’s a director of program management. **Christine Bui** Lankevich lives in Durham, NC, with her new husband, Sy. She is a research epidemiologist at RTI-Health Solutions. All the way in Singapore, **Richard** and **Larissa Selepouchin** Stockton ’95 love life there. Larissa enjoys swimming and golf and remembers her Cornell friends fondly. **Joshua Meyer** is a communications consultant at the Segal Co. in New York City. He and wife Lori keep busy with son Benjamin, 4, and daughter Sophie, 17 months. Also in the Big Apple is **Cynthia Caruso**. She is head of human resources and internal communications at ING Investment Management. She is also on the board of trustees of Cristo Rey



New York High School and does volunteer work at St. Ignatius Loyola, where she co-teaches a class on Catholicism and volunteers at a homeless shelter. Last spring, she went to Italy, where she attended the beatification mass for Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's. She writes that it was "amazing to be one of the 3 million pilgrims there to celebrate!"

Jack Schaedel works in Pasadena, CA, where he's a partner at Hernandez Schaedel and Associates, a small law firm emphasizing employment law and litigation. He is the immediate past president of La Canada Flintridge Educational Foundation. He enjoys raising his three kids with wife Jackie and speaking to groups about employment law. He remembers taking road trips with his fraternity brothers and wishes he could travel more now. **Ann Rojas** is "enjoying and witnessing the fascinating world" of her son Alejandro, 1, with husband Jeff Jacobs. She writes that she could use more sleep and more energy, but there's nothing else she'd rather be doing right now. After her son goes to bed, she tries to fit in public health consulting work. She shares that she was recently bragging to friends about how great Sunday brunch was at Willard Straight Hall (shrimp cocktail!).

We received an e-mail from **Heather O'Hara Jaquay**. She lives in Hamilton, NY, with husband Kevin and daughters Lauren, 15, and Kallie, 12. She has been working with Cargill Animal Nutrition as an equine nutrition consultant for Nutrena for 19 years. Heather and her daughters show their horses on the Appaloosa circuit in English, jumping, Western, and gymkhana events. They also have a small hobby farm where they raise their own beef, chicken, and eggs.

Please don't forget our big reunion—June 7-10, 2012—and our class Facebook page! And send us your news. You can do it electronically at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>, or by writing to any of us at the addresses below. Take care and thanks so much! ☑ **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee Torrance**, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com; **Lois Duffy Castellano**, LKD2@cornell.edu.

93 I love Ithaca, but November in New England is just about my favorite place to be. The leaves have all turned and are long blown into our woods. No more "leaf Olympics" for my kids, and the soccer season is long over. Fall seems to want to hang on just a little longer. The daytime sun is still bright and warming, but the morning frosts last nearly to noon, and the breezes coming up our mountain are brisk and sharp. Plans are already made for Thanksgiving, with Christmas right around the corner.

This is a big year for our class, as many of our classmates have turned or are turning 40. **Holly Zax** Shuter had a mini-reunion 40th birthday celebration in June with **Diana Matcovsky Nero**, **Alexandra Migoya** Freedman, **Tara Blitzer Benson**, **Carolyn Duarte** Pierson, and **Julie Rosenberg** Summers in Sun Valley, ID. Holly lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two sons, Tyler and Zach, and recently started a family and lifestyle photography business. To see some of Holly's work, check out her website at www.straightshuter.com. **Ana Gomez** Chapman also recently celebrated her 40th, with a weekend birthday bash in NYC that included **Lisa Ginsburg Berg**, **Gabi Ritchie** Richter, **Christa Fossee** Johnson, **Debbie Roach** Dies, and **Hilary Judis** Crall

'92. **Kimberly Melchionda** McCormack, **Beth Kallet-Neuman**, **Char Kanstrup** Carrier, and **Monica Stamm** recreated spring break to celebrate their milestone birthdays at a spa in Cabo. As Kimberly wrote, "Lots of oceanfront inner peace and guacamole with dear friends!" Sounds like some great ways to ring in the fabulous 40s!

Scott Fink wrote from his home in New York, where he is an assistant professor of medicine at the Center for Liver Disease and Transplantation at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia U. Medical Center. Scott and wife Amy have children Ryan, 2, and Ilana, 4. **Kristin Spoungle** Kopp wrote that she recently had a mini-reunion at a relaxing Arizona spa with **Lisa Moskin** Tonon, **Beth Purcell**, **Debora Cappucci** Buljat, **Janet Bumpas '92**, **Mary Wallace '92**, **Suzanne Wallace** Hadley '92, and **Samantha Williams** Rist '92.

Nancy Snell Weislogel is the director of executive education operations and international academic collaborations for the Hotel school at Cornell. She and her husband, **Andy, PhD '00**, live in Ithaca with their twin daughters Clare and Genevieve. **Miranda Ruhland** Taylor shares news "more akin to finding peace." Miranda has a beautifully flowering native plant garden around her private clinic, Gesundheit Acupuncture and Herbs, in Seattle. **Chris Miller** and his wife, Lindsay, had son Oliver Samuel last spring. Oliver joins big brother Charlie in their new home in Golden, CO. Chris runs an educational company and enjoys his work and life, in spite of the "frequent use of the snowblower." **Deanna Stanley** Peugeot is at law school at Georgetown, and writes, "That's about as exciting as it gets." I think it's pretty exciting! Good luck on your exams, Deanna.

Sung-Hwan Choi lives in Seoul with his wife and children (Madeline, 9, and Jeremy, 6). He writes, "I have been keeping in touch with good friend **Roger Lam**, and have been trying to get hold of another Class of '93 buddy for the past few years, **Jung-Hwan Lee**." Also living abroad is **Prabhash Subasinghe**, who recently finished building his dream house in Sri Lanka, where he runs a seafood and tire export business. Prabhash writes, "My two kids are now 8 and 10 and are enjoying traveling all over the world with me."

My husband and I both celebrated milestone birthdays this year, so I surprised him with a weekend in London to see Eric Clapton in concert—our first trip without the kids. While there, we had a terrific time catching up with **Andy Williams '90** and his wife, Ann, who live near Cambridge with their three kids. It's the first time I've seen Andy since our days on the Hill. I'm glad Greg and I were able to get away for a brief respite and celebrate together. Not long after, we lost my dear father-in-law, Mario, in July. This year has been full of tender reminders of how important and special it is to spend time with our families and friends.

We're just 18 short months away from our own reunion—June 6-9, 2013—and we hope you've put the date on your calendar so we can reminisce and renew old friendships together. In the meantime, don't wait to fill out those blue News & Dues forms that we love so much. Or send us an e-mail anytime you finish an interesting project at work, spend a great day with your family, get together with a good friend, or just feel like doing something other than playing Words With Friends. Have a wonderful holiday season, and hope to see you in the New Year! ☑ **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtc_sottile@yahoo.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com.

94 Hi, everyone! I'm writing on a rainy day in August in New Jersey, but I'm sure today's weather is still better than what some of you are facing as you read this with winter approaching! Please think of sharing your news with us by returning the News Form from the recent class mailing. Your affinity with your undergrad classmates is quite valuable. I know I enjoy corresponding with folks when I send out an e-mail solicitation each year, and I'm sure you will too! On to the news . . .

Jennifer Quin Henniger sent her update via snail mail, representing herself and husband **Kurt** from Colorado. Jennifer writes that in the same month Kurt returned to grad school at the U. of Denver, she lost her job. She is now "enjoying life at home with our girls, 10 and 7, starting a planning consulting business," and growing her health and wellness business. She also volunteers at the girls' school in their classrooms and in the PTA. **Donald Nguyen** was our other lone snail mailer. He lives in Wilmington, DE, with wife Shantii and children Gavin, 5, Lauren, 2, and newborn Larissa. Donald is an R&D finance manager with DuPont and enjoys tennis, Tai Chi, Kung Fu, and playing piano.

James Caton reports that he vacationed to La Parguera, PR, with his wife and daughter, 1. For work, he leads IBM's intelligent building consulting practice in North America, and writes that it's "great to be doing work that'll change the world!" **Braxton Pope** notes that he produced a sci-fi feature film and is in pre-production on a film that was scheduled to shoot this fall in Puerto Rico. In addition, Braxton is "producing an art project featuring acclaimed novelists and recently photographed Gore Vidal."

Nik Kolatkar joined Genentech in March 2010 as medical director for cardiovascular-metabolism, where he is involved with the development of novel therapeutics for diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Nik and wife Jennifer celebrated the New Year with the birth of their first child, Vivienne Anjali, born Jan. 1, '11 in San Francisco; the family now lives in Burlingame, CA, in the Bay Area. In political news, **Ted Mertyris** wrote that he was in the process of running for Raritan Township Committee in New Jersey. **Marc Milgrom** sent a "stream-of-consciousness" message: "This e-mail finds me in Tokyo in the middle of a two-week business trip to Asia. I leave this afternoon for Hong Kong, followed by Singapore, and back to the States next Friday. I've been to Japan before, but this will be my first time to any country in 'Asia-ex Japan,' as they say."

Joseph Basralian has been working as donor relations manager with the Nature Conservancy in New Jersey for more than two years now, and writes, "Great organization, doing extremely important work." **Frank Ableson** notes, "Things are going well here. Continuing to grow my IT business, including some custom work in the energy industry in NYC, as well as some new mobile applications for the legal industry. I will speak at the ILTA conference in Nashville later this month, as well as releasing a new edition of an Android programming book. I have also been fairly busy this past year in the formation of the United Way of Northern New Jersey, which is the result of merging five distinct UW offices."

Julie Fixman, DVM '98, is busy "enjoying practicing veterinary medicine in Mahopac, NY." She and her husband have a son, 2. **Ethan** and **Arielle Hecht Schiffman** live in North Caldwell, NJ, with kids Lucas, 10, and Samara, 7. Ethan

works at Morgan Stanley. Arielle is busy as secretary of the PTO, captain of a women's tennis team, and leader of Samara's Brownie troop. Congratulations are in order for **Jeffrey Feldman**, named to the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list as one of the top attorneys in Pennsylvania for 2011 in the category of business litigation.

Danielle Garsin has been in Houston, TX, since 2004. "I am faculty in the microbiology and molecular genetics department at the U. of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. As of September 1, I will be promoted to associate professor with tenure. I very much enjoy running my own research laboratory, where we investigate the molecular basis of host response to infectious disease. I married Mike Lorenz, another faculty member, in 2005 and we are blessed with children Matt, 4, and Katie, 2. I have been thinking fondly of Cornell and the beautiful upstate New York summers, as we are suffering from record-breaking drought and heat here in Texas."

Lastly, **Jennifer Salm** writes, "My husband, Eric Radler, and I welcomed our new daughter Josie Amelia in March. After ten years as a pediatrician I am trying to practice what I preach, although sleep and silence often trumps the 'right' thing to do! She is changing so fast and we love being parents. I had a mini-reunion with **Carrine Burns**, **Elena Jeffries** Nadgauda, **Tracey Chabot** Flammer, and **Neysa Reiss** Etienne in January. We had a weekend-long slumber party in Boston similar to our old days at 'the Oreo', our house on East Seneca St. We hope to make it an annual event." Best wishes for a safe winter and a Happy New Year! ☐ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu, **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 I'd like to start this column with a giant thank you to everyone who responded to my e-mail plea for news. The responses were overwhelming (more than will fit in just one column) and filled with great stuff. Let's get down to business.

Christine Chui Lee and husband Wayne are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Ilsa Yan-Ling Lee**, on March 1. Christine writes, "Ilsa is a serious baby. She looks at people and has a furrowed brow if she doesn't know you well. Maybe that means she's very studious?" On April 7, **Alejandra Marie** was born to **Carla Bravo** and **Tim Kaness**. Carla adds, "We live in Dallas and love it here! Since getting my MBA from Darden in 2002, I have been working for United Technologies in the aviation industry." **Joe** and **Laura DiTalia** expanded their family to include its newest member on May 25. They are now the proud parents of baby **Brayden Christopher** and his big brother, **JR**.

Jeff Marcus and **Joanne Seiff** (and their dogs **Harry** and **Sally**) were thrilled with the arrival of their twin sons, **Leo Frederick** and **Samuel Max**, on June 1. Jeff writes, "We look forward to sleeping again sometime soon. The dogs are very curious about the twins. Sally keeps a sharp eye on the boys, and Harry makes sure the babies receive dog kisses on a routine basis." In Washington, DC, on June 14, **Ron** and **Jaclyn Goldstein** Spitz welcomed **Riley Eva** into the world. **Shareef Bata-ta** and wife **Reham** had a baby girl named **Rayana** on August 6 in post-revolution Egypt. Shareef has started a new position as associate director at **Silatech Qatar**, which addresses the growing issue of unemployment of Arab youths.

Denys Lau was promoted to associate professor in the College of Pharmacy at the U. of Illinois, Chicago. Denys's research focuses on proper and safe medication use in vulnerable older adult populations. In his free time, he is learning to row on the Chicago River. Denys adds, "I love it so much, I don't understand why I never did rowing at Cornell." In New York City, **Jonathon White** was promoted to associate dean of Student Affairs at **Eugene Lang College/The New School**. Additionally, he has served on the mosaic committee in alumni affairs for Cornell for the past year. **Todd Edebohls**, a former Amazon.com executive, founded and launched the website **Inside Jobs** (www.insidejobs.com); it helps people choose a career and introduces them to schools offering relevant training.

Holly Decker Mazzotta sent in a lively update:

"I'm closing in on two fantastic years at Communespace in Boston, where I facilitate private online communities and serve as my clients' market research house. I just celebrated my second wedding anniversary and we added to our family through the adoption of a Vizsla pup named **Misha**. I completed a two-year term on the board of directors for our local American Marketing Association chapter." **Atena Rosak** is a general surgeon in private practice at **St. Joseph Medical Center** in **Towson, MD**, and bought a condo in downtown **Baltimore** with a view of the **Inner Harbor**. **Atena** is active with the local **Kappa Alpha Theta** alumnae chapter and **Baltimore Alumnae** Panhell.

Isela Hernandez has been a very busy entrepreneur, launching **HERNÁN** (www.hernanllc.com), a company based along the US-Mexico border that markets Mexican kitchenwares and a line of 100 percent natural Mexican hot chocolate from **Chiapas**. All of the products are made in Mexico in a partnership with local artisans. **Isela** adds, "Our products can be found in gourmet and specialty stores around the US. I'm looking to the day our Mexican hot chocolate is served in Cornell dining halls! It will make for more bearable winters!" Speaking of Cornell, in August, **Sarah Lefton** brought her husband, **Bill Selig**, and their toddler **Levi** to **Ithaca** for their first visit ever. They wine and dined, swam in waterfalls, and spent time on **Seneca Lake** with **Melanie Lefkowitz** and her family. They made the trip from **San Francisco** courtesy of **Sarah's** speaking engagement about her work with **G-dcast.com**, her website that is animating the Bible in funny and accessible cartoons.

Our final bit of news comes from **Rebecca Kauffman**. "After moving to **Malmö, Sweden**, at the beginning of 2009, I have finally gone local this year and have a new job at **Sweco** working with environmental certifications for buildings. There's really nothing like diving into the deep end of a new job to learn the culture and language! Thankfully, my husband has been a huge help with navigating and making light of my cultural and language fumbles. I am enjoying the challenge, learning a ton, and happy to be able to walk or bike to work in this environmentally friendly city—and I love the Swedish work/life balance."

If you sent in news and didn't see it in this column, have no fear. Your updates will be shared in the near future. Thanks again for sending in

your info! Happy holidays, everyone, and best of luck in 2012! ☐ **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrooksigler@gmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 We hope many of you were able to partake in the annual **Zinck's** happy-hour tradition with your local Cornell alumni chapter. As the holidays and family gatherings approach, it is also a time to ponder what goals you achieved in 2011. Whether you made resolutions or attained achievements this year that you didn't even set out to accomplish, it is always a productive exercise to reflect a little on the hectic year that you likely faced in your career every day. What are you looking forward to most in 2012? Is it **Leap Day** so you can get in an extra day of work (or take a "floating flex" day off, perhaps)? Maybe it's the **London Summer Olympics** or the anticipated **Mayan** calendar date of **Dec. 21**? Whatever the **New Year** brings for you and your family, happy holidays from all of the **Class of '96** class officers.

‘I love the Swedish work/life balance.’

Rebecca Kauffman '95

Just as immigration made the **Irish diaspora** so influential worldwide, **Cornellians** from the **Class of '96** have made their contributions known at home and abroad. Classmates checking in from overseas include **John Reardon** (**Jack.Reardon7@yahoo.com**), a **US Navy** helicopter pilot at the **US Africa Command** in **Stuttgart, Germany**. **John** and his wife have a son **Jack, 2**. **John** also enjoys skiing and traveling. Heading further east, **Sidharta Oetama** is managing director, **Southeast Asia**, at **Formica Ltd.** in **Bangkok, Thailand**. He says he is picking up golf while he and his wife stay busy with their son and daughter. He enjoyed a family vacation to **California** and **Florida** in **August**.

Back home in the States, many **East Coasters** dropped their news forms in the mail (the **Pony Express** may have been held up at the **Mississippi**, as all was quiet on the **West Coast** front for class news). **Jennifer Tishman** Willey is an industry practice head of consumer products group and health at **AOL**. She lives in **Matawan, NJ**, with her husband and they have two young boys. Also reporting from the **Garden State** is **Devin Gallagher** (**devinggallagher@gmail.com**), who lives in **Ho-Ho-Kus** and is the director of **Asian equity** sales at **Bank of America Merrill Lynch**. He and his wife have three sons, and **Devin** travels a lot to **Asia** for his job.

Jeanne Rudski is president of **Locon Sensor Systems Inc.** and lives in **Perrysburg, OH**, where she also serves as docent at the **Toledo Museum of Art**. **Matthew Allen** (**mattyg11@hotmail.com**) is an **AP European** and world history teacher at **Byram Hills High School** and coaches varsity boys soccer. He lives in **Danbury, CT**, with his wife and their daughter, **1**. **Steve Vieux** (**stevevieux@yahoo.com**), a staff attorney at the **Federal Trade Commission** specializing in **healthcare** and **antitrust** law, was appointed to the board of directors for the **Washington, DC, Bar Association**. He lives in **Silver Spring, MD**, and plays in a **rugby league**. **Mark Pizov**, **ME '97** (**mpizov@yahoo.com**) is the director of **inventory** and **warehousing** at **Westinghouse Electric Co.** He and his wife live in **Wexford**,

PA, where he coaches youth soccer and is a member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh.

Closer to campus, **Robert Cruikshank** (rwc1@cornell.edu) is a family physician in Canton, NY, where he lives with his wife Lauren and two young sons. When time allows, he enjoys whitewater kayaking and playing squash and basketball. Down in the Big Apple, some '96ers have started new jobs, including **Joshua Babbitt**, MS '97 (jdb3@cornell.edu), who now serves as VP and general counsel for acquisitions at the Sydell Group, an owner, developer, and manager of lifestyle hotels, including the Ace Hotel in NYC. **Christopher Dimaiio** (dimaiio33@gmail.com) started a new position in July as the director of therapeutic endoscopy at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. **Rajen Shah** (rajenashah@yahoo.com) is an equity research analyst with CastleRock Management and recently welcomed a new daughter. He and his wife also have twin boys, 3. Rajen loves playing basketball.

Keep us posted on any exciting news in your life, and don't wait until 2016 to send us a note! The 2006 and 2011 Class of 1996 reunion group photos have been posted on the Class of 1996 Facebook page (Cornell Class of 1996), and if anyone has a digital shot of the 2001 reunion class photo, please e-mail it to one of us at the addresses below, so we can complete the set of reunion photos to date! As I finish writing this column as a new class correspondent, I have traveled from Phoenix to see the amazing beaches of Nantucket, MA, and visit my sister, **Siobhan O'Mahony** Moore '92, MPA '93. We hope to CU at MSG in NYC for the BU hockey game Thanksgiving Weekend! Happy Holidays from your class officers! ☐ **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 Holiday season and the end of another year are fast approaching. Let's look back and see what our classmates have been doing in 2011!

Kristin Boekhoff gives back to the Cornell community by hosting interns at her resort. This past summer saw Architecture students **Bradley Kinsey '13** and **Jennifer Grosso '13**, along with Emilie Tennant from the U. of Edinburgh, join Kristin developing new mud and bamboo construction techniques. These techniques will be used to build a prototype building for Kristin's socially and environmentally sustainable resort, Panigram (www.panigram.com), located in southern Bangladesh. Kristin hopes the resort will be fully operational by fall 2012 and is very involved in giving back to the community in which she is located. Check out her website—the place looks amazing! Also enjoying success in the career world is **Dan Turinsky**, who was promoted to partner at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres, and Friedman LLP. Dan earned his JD from George Washington U. Law School and specializes in employment practices and litigation in the NYC office. Congrats to you on your accomplishment, Dan!

Following the need for elder services with the rapidly aging Baby Boomer population, **Rebecca Cantor Amster** has reopened her law practice in Florida with a focus on elder law mediation, although she will continue to represent children in divorce cases, as well as conduct parent coordination with the Miami-Dade County Family Court. Rebecca shared that she was running the entire

Disney Endurance series in 2011—78.6 miles of racing! Lots of training miles (and sneakers) will be involved. If that doesn't keep her busy enough, she is designing a bachelor's-level course in criminal procedure for an online university. She was back on the Hill this fall as her husband, **Matt '95**, ran the Triennial Finger Lakes Trail Relay for the fifth time. Good luck, Rebecca, in all of your endeavors! **Sunny Kim** stays busy in Cedar Rapids, IA, with his wife, two kids, and two Yorkies, as well as his private medical practice, Progressive Rehabilitation Medicine PLC (www.prmpractice.com). **Roger Hom** writes that he works as a freelance visual development and CG artist in the entertainment and broadcast industry. He shares, "Although the things I design exist mainly in the realm of the virtual and not the physical, all the lessons I learned at Cornell Architecture have come into play every time I design an environment, a creature, a spaceship, or a pitch for the latest and greatest baby diapers." See? That Cornell degree really is useful!

A number of additions have joined the greater Class of '97 family. Baby Maxwell joined parents Matt and **Sarah Musher** Brenner in May 2011. Max joins big siblings Tali and Henry, who were excited to welcome him home. Sarah continues to work as a leadership development consultant in Orange County, CA. Making a dramatic entrance into the world was Broderick "Brody" Perrin, who joined parents **Jim** and **Karla Gebel Perrin** only 12 minutes after they arrived at the hospital! Big brother Whittaker was excited for his new brother. The family packed up and moved west only three months later—leaving Columbus, OH, for Seattle. Karla started a job as regional criminal enforcement counsel at the US EPA, Region 10. She loves it and the Pacific Northwest. Jim is finishing his PhD from Ohio State U. in early American military history while working as a major in the Washington National Guard. Welcome to Max and Brody!

We want to know what's going on with our classmates! Look for the class dues mailing and send your news in the envelope provided! ☐ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 Writing this column never ceases to amaze me. The things our classmates do—from bringing children into the world to writing books, following dreams to starting businesses, running farms to running around the world—it's all really neat to read about and it's a privilege to share with others. Enjoy!

Michael Levy writes that he has returned from China after Peace Corps service and now lives in DUMBO, Brooklyn. His first book—*Kosher Chinese: Living, Teaching, and Eating with China's Other Billion*—hit the shelves in the summer, after a three-year journey. Congrats, Michael! **Susan Barbara Master** reports that she has been installed as the recording secretary on the executive board of her synagogue, Temple Shalom of Flatbush, the conservative synagogue in Mill Basin, Brooklyn. She writes a column called "Schmoozin' with Susan" in their newsletter.

Christian DiPaola completed a spine surgery fellowship in Vancouver, BC, in 2008 and 2009, where he treated lots of spinal cord injuries, tumors, and scoliosis. Since then he has been at U. of Massachusetts in the orthopaedics department, focusing solely on spine surgery. He has also started a nonprofit organization called the Spinal

Injury Research and Education Foundation and has been awarded a grant to found the New England Spinal Injury Consortium. It's a regional study group composed of spine surgeons in Massachusetts who study spine trauma. Christian and wife Cara had their first child, James, two months ago. He said, "I built his crib out of walnut and maple. I'm convinced that he sleeps through the night due to its fine craftsmanship. Actually, it's because he has a wonderful mother who takes great care of him. He's really a blessing." Amen!

Emily Lobel Kameros writes that she and husband Dean were thrilled to welcome their second child, Joshua Ethan, on July 19. Joshua's big brother is Gabriel, 2-1/2. They live in South Orange, NJ, and Emily is enjoying about five months of maternity leave before returning to Ernst & Young, where she has worked since early 1999. Emily is an associate director with their national diversity and inclusiveness team. She enjoys being in touch with lots of classmates, and loves that there are some just around the corner, including **Risa Levine** Salins, **Daphna Abrams** Waxman, and **Gregg Brochin**. **David Luedecke-Kobiki** works full-time as a management consultant while trying to start his own businesses in anti-corrosion products and real estate investing. He is also studying to be a CPA in the US, learning Mandarin, and raising a toddler. He adds that a Christian fellowship group, football, basketball, and the Tokyo alumni network continue to play a big part in his life.

Travis Betters has expanded and moved his company to Rochester, NY, and bought a new home in nearby Victor. Also in upstate New York, **Allyson Byrne** lives in Saratoga Springs, where she is a dentist and new mom to a son, born Sept. 17, 2010. Allyson writes that she would love to hear from her freshman teacher Sidney Orlov, who taught the class "Living on the Edge." **Elizabeth Gelfand** Miller has a new job as an assistant professor in marketing at UMass, Amherst. **Al Yu** is also in the midst of change, as he is starting a China-focused MBA program at the U. of Hawaii this fall. He will study in Honolulu for one year and then in Guangzhou, China, for another year. Also on the move are **Alyse Dibenedetto** Davidow, who plans to move to New Jersey, and **Kevin Scott** Kirchofer, DVM '07, who moved to Scotland so his wife, **Amanda Panisidi '01**, BS Ag '09, can pursue veterinary medicine.

Filip Galiza lives in Boston with wife **Carolyn '96**, BA '97, and two daughters (ages 4 and 8 months). He is now in his tenth year of running his own Web design business, WebPageCreation.org. His last four years were filled with trips to Peru, Japan, China, Hawaii, Spain, the Netherlands, and Greece. He sees **Michael Chabot**, ME '99, **Mahesh Netravali**, and **Yoni Fridman** quite frequently. **Dora Chen** and **Jon Nathan** have lived in Washington, DC, since 2002. Their son Max Jonah Chen-Nathan was born last year. "He has a full head of hair and is tons of fun," reports Dora. Jon has been working as an anti-trust lawyer and is now an attorney-advisor to Commissioner Edith Ramirez on the Federal Trade Commission. Dora works as an in-house lawyer at the Service Employees Int'l Union, focusing on organizing healthcare workers into the union.

Did you read about yourself in this column? If not, please send us your news. We'd love to hear from you! ☐ **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mollybracken@socal.rr.com; **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, karenkipnes@gmail.com.

99 WOW! That is all I am going to say regarding the outpouring of responses from the Class of 1999. I speak for all of our class correspondents when I say THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to fill us in on what was new in their respective lives. So, in order not to waste any more character space this month, let's get right to it!

Randi Rotjan is settled into a permanent research scientist position at the New England Aquarium, which houses an academically styled research program. She is one of the core scientists working on the Phoenix Islands Protected Area, the largest and deepest marine world heritage site on the planet (see recent stories in *National Geographic* and on NPR). She has also been traveling to various oceans working on fish-coral interactions and on expedition in Panama, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and Belize. Randi was lucky enough to attend the wedding of Dr. **Mukund Thattai** in Bangalore, India, along with many other Cornellians. Immediately after all of this travel, Randi and husband Jeff Chabot (PhD, MIT) celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary.

Jake Dehne lives in Wauwatosa, WI, a suburb of Milwaukee. Jake is married with daughters Kendra, 3, and Sydnie, 6. He owns two nightclubs: Buckhead Saloon and Suite in downtown Milwaukee. He works with **Tate Winckler '97** and always welcomes Cornell alumni and friends to visit. In summer 2010 Jake had a small weekend reunion in Milwaukee with **Eric Boden**, **Assad Waathiq**, **Doug Gault '97**, **Matt Sargent '96**, **Josh Grapski '96**, and a few others when the Phillies played the Brewers.

Adam Price, wife Ariel, and daughter Sari welcomed the newest addition to their family with the birth of Eli on April 22, 2011. The Prices reside in Southbury, CT, where Adam is an in-house employment attorney for a pharmaceutical company. **Kristen Hartnett** is a forensic anthropologist for the office of the chief medical examiner in New York City. Kristen LOVES her job doing forensic casework (like on the TV show "Bones," but not really . . .) and also works at the World Trade Center doing archaeology there for ongoing forensic investigations. Kirsten is married and has an amazing son named Owen, who turned 1 on July 12. Owen was born at 29 weeks, spent two months in neonatal intensive care, and truly is a miracle baby—he's completely healthy! (As a side note, Kristen was fortunate enough to share the fourth floor, Class of '28 dorm with yours truly.)

Meow Seen Yong wishes to connect with any classmates, especially those who lived in Mary Donlon Hall. Currently residing in Singapore with his family of six, including his parents, Meow Seen would love to host anyone coming by Singapore for a visit. (It is always good to have a place to crash, people!) **Brady Russell** has sold his house in deep North Philadelphia and now lives in South Philadelphia. He is thrilled to be a renter again (and you are probably not alone on that one, Brady). Brady works for Clean Water Action Pennsylvania as the eastern Pennsylvania director, doing work to fight hydrofracking. He was the first organizer to go to Dimock, PA, ground zero for some of the worst fracking accidents. He was also the first Clean Water Action staffer ever to be quoted on Radio Free Europe. To Brady though, his biggest news was the launch of his Web comic last February (<http://EatTheBabies.com/>), which updates twice a week and features Woody Guthrie, John Maynard Keynes, and a walking, talking TV. Check it out.

Shalyn Clute Campellone and husband Ken welcomed Kara Lynn, their first child, in May 2010. Shalyn still works for Bristol-Myers Squibb, but is transferring from California to Connecticut, as her husband was offered a faculty position at UConn. Shalyn and Ken are excited to move back to the East Coast and just purchased their first home in Glastonbury, CT. Best of luck, Shalyn!

In October 2010, **Jean Dodds** moved back to Long Island after being in Connecticut and working for the Care of Trees, a national tree care company, for the last 11 years as operations coordinator. She now works for Ray Smith & Associates (another, smaller, tree and landscape company) as controller and HR director alongside her twin brother, who is vice president. Also in April, Jean became president of the Long Island Arboricultural Association and in June, secretary of Friends of the Long Pond Greenbelt (sounds like a busy spring!).

After working ten years at the Breakers in Palm Beach, **Rodolfo Saccoman** resigned in 2010. In addition to being director of online marketing, Rodolfo was part of the investment committee. Meanwhile, he launched a company called MyTherapyJournal.com with his brother. Together Rodolfo and his brother won an investment on "Shark Tank," ABC's entrepreneur show! Rodolfo then went to work for Morgan Stanley in Miami. Recently, he has resigned from banking to start his next entrepreneurship venture, AdMobilize. Rodolfo hangs out with many Cornellians in Miami—a tight group. He wishes everyone much success and spiritual wealth and looks forward to hearing from any classmates. That's all we can fit this month, folks. Don't worry, though, your responses have been received and they will be included in the next issue. Best wishes to all of our classmates! ✉ **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Melanie Grayce West**, mga6@cornell.edu.

OO One nice surprise I've found since moving back to New York has been all of the Cornellians I randomly meet. My neighbors, other moms at the playground, even the farmer who runs my local CSA—all Cornellians! It's great being back in Cornell country!

Living in New York made for an easy trip to the wedding of **Marc Greenberg '99**, DVM '03, and Laura Hoyt. Their May wedding was a beautiful affair, and the two veterinarians enjoyed a honeymoon in Paris. **Dave** and **Janna Reis Johnsen '01**, **Brian Bier**, **Navid Zarinejad**, **Andrew Montario**, and **Chris Weld** and I celebrated with the happy couple. Marc and Laura live in NYC.

I love catching up with fellow Cornell grads in person, but receiving updates is equally enjoyable. **Erica Sackett** Pyper is enjoying the ex-pat life in Switzerland. She is mom to two boys, 3 and 1, and leads a multicultural English-speaking playgroup. Erica and her boys enjoy picking apples from their orchard and feeding them to the neighborhood cows. She spends her spare time learning German and participating in a book club. Motherhood is an amazing experience, reports **Mindi Holtmark** Green, who has a new daughter, Magdelena (Maggie), and a toddler, Kristoffer, 2. The family lives in Lynnwood, WA. The kids keep Mindi busy, and she says she wouldn't change it for anything! Writing from Livingston, NJ, **Nicholas Mandala** welcomed his second child, Cooper Aiden, on Oct. 22, 2010. Nicholas writes,

"Jake, 2, has been a great helper, but who knows how long before they are wrestling for control over their toys." The sleepless nights are draining, but Nicholas would love to be a stay-at-home dad. Another two-time dad, **Brian Murray**, shared news of the birth of Mackenzie Quinn, born on March 8. Brian and wife Meg are also parents to Brian John, 2. **Elizabeth Stavis** Reed was named the assistant vice president for alumni relations at Barry U. in January 2011. She is hard at work reinventing the school's alumni relations division and truly enjoying it. Elizabeth and her husband, Jerry, live in Fort Lauderdale, FL, with their two rescued Boston terriers. In the summer of 2011, they celebrated their two-year wedding anniversary with their first trip to Europe, on a cruise with port calls in Spain, France, and Italy. Class Council alumna **Andrea Wasserman**, class president **Rebekah Gordon**, and class VP (and fabulous co-class correspondent) **Andrea Chan** have been elected to four-year terms on the Cornell Council. They join our former class president **Emanuel Tsourounis II**, JD '03, who was elected to the council last year. Congratulations, and thanks for serving our university and representing our class so capably!

I recently spotted two classmates on television. **Mickey Rapkin** was featured on "CBS Sunday Morning" discussing his book, *Theater Geek: The Real Life Drama of a Summer at Stagedoor Manor, the Famous Performing Arts Camp*. Mickey is a senior editor at *GQ* and this is his second book, after *Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory*. **Jeff Ng** was featured playing poker with Anthony Bourdain on the Travel Channel's "No Reservations Macau" episode. Jeff, who lives in Macau, reported, "I first met Tony in Macau for dim sum and I asked him what kind of tea he would like to drink. He responded, 'How about gin and tonics?' It was 10 a.m. on a Tuesday. I knew I would like him. Tony is a witty, sarcastic, funny, and overall good guy who just loves his life. He knows he's a lucky guy and is quite modest about it. I had a great time shooting the episode with Tony and his crew. What a fun week!"

An earlier column shared the sad news of the passing of **Jonathan Page** and his wife, Yulin Wang. Jonathan developed a passion for science while attending high school at Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in New Jersey and studied physics at Cornell. He established a strong background in engineering research and worked in the communication power industry in Palo Alto, CA, developing anti-missile systems, thus saving many lives. Since his untimely death in a car accident in September 2010, Jonathan's friends and family have created a foundation to fund an annual memorial scholarship for a Bishop Eustace graduate planning to pursue a science major in college. This year's recipient of the first Jonathan Page Memorial Scholarship was Frank De Vone, who received the award on Friday, June 3. Fundraising events will be planned to perpetuate funding of this scholarship.

Please keep sending us your updates. We love hearing from you and sharing your news, big or small! ✉ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

O1 Happy fall, Class of 2001! It's been an active year on many fronts and we hope the end of the year is going well for all of you. In class news . . . Congratulations to **Alex '02** and **Lori Luckow Gitomer** on the birth of daughter Zoe Myla, born on May 14,

2011. Looking forward to Zoe being a part of the Class of 2033! In other baby news, **Kellen Heckscher** Vengels and husband David welcomed their first child, a son named Kyle, on Nov. 30, 2010. He continues to flourish! In funny news, **Connor Galvin** was on the “Cash Cab” episode that originally aired July 2, 2011; he won \$3,200! Nice!

Sharon Ellis Palmer has lots of news to share. She had the best time at Reunion in June and gives high accolades to the organizers. For her, it was great to see old friends and introduce everyone to her husband, Brent, who also attended Reunion. Sharon and Brent married on March 5, 2011. They are co-managing directors of Howard Ecker + Co., a commercial tenant representation firm based out of Chicago with offices in New York City, Detroit, Denver, Charleston, and Miami. They head the Miami office and represent corporate tenants in office and retail lease negotiations for new space, renewals, renegotiations, and relocations. They opened the office in November 2009 and have had incredible success. Sharon won an award with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce for having made the biggest impact during her first year with Howard Ecker + Co., for exceeding her job duties, and for the recognition she has gained in the industry. Congrats to Sharon!

Melanie Woodrow wrote to tell us she had a fantastic time connecting with old and new friends at the 10th Reunion. She lives in Virginia, where she anchors the news for a local TV station, teaches yoga, and is earning her certification as a personal health coach through the Inst. of Integrative Nutrition. Congratulations to **Leah Hurtgen** Ziemba, who joined the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich as an associate in its Madison, WI, office. She joined the firm’s energy and sustainability industry team, focusing her practice on the siting and permitting of new development projects, including agricultural and energy projects, and counseling clients on environmental matters. Prior to joining the firm in May, Leah was an associate at Nixon Peabody in New York. She started her career as a legal clerk for the US Attorney’s Office of the Northern District of New York and worked as a public policy specialist, regulatory coordinator, and lobbyist for the New York Farm Bureau in Glenmont, NY.

Laurel Braitman was written up in the March 14, 2011 issue of the *New Yorker* for her studies of trichotillomania (or compulsive hair-plucking). She has been working on studies of the phenomena of mental illness in nonhuman animals. Her theories have led to the belief that the shared experiences of certain mental disorders and emotional states, from the diagnosis of trichotillomania in gorillas to separation anxiety in dogs to depression in cetaceans, leads to a new understanding of species relatedness. Her historical and anthropological research investigates the socio-historical circumstances that have made identifying mental disorders in humans and other animals possible. Laurel has worked as a biologist and environmental conservation professional and her interests include not only the shifting relationships between humans and other creatures, but also how understandings of evolutionary relationships and species distinctions change our ideas of ourselves. Learn more about Laurel’s research on her website, <http://animalmadness.com/>.

We’d like to welcome our new class officers and look forward to them leading our class to the next reunion! **Praveen Anumolu**, ME ’03 (president); **Gregory Robinson** (VP/membership chair); **Adam Halston Dunst** (secretary/treasurer); **Sarah**

Binder and **Lora Epstein** (Annual Fund representatives); **Trina Lee** (publicity chair); **Lauren Wallach** Hammer (class correspondent); **Claire Ackerman**, **Nathan Connell**, **Michael Hanson**, MPA ’02, **Lauren Bontecou** Reichart, **Andrea Sweeney**, and **Diana Tyler** (Class Council); and **Kyle McKenna** (Class Council/webmaster). Please keep forwarding the good news! We’re short on news of all that’s going on with you, so please send some our way! E-mail at classof2001@cornell.edu. Also, be sure to check us out on Facebook and Twitter! Wishing everyone a fabulous end of 2011! ☑ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 The musical tribute to **Gillian Boudreau**’s marriage began with a human pyramid, a horse’s derriere, and a lot of singing. Gill’s old housemates from Cornell, affectionately known as the House of Love, endeavored to reenact an abridged version of Gill’s life to the tune of *The Little Mermaid*’s “Part of Your World.” The audience was a bit puzzled, and quite intrigued at first, as Gill and Dave looked nervously to their grandparents, praying their friends wouldn’t do something inappropriate like a keg stand or a “Care Bear Stare.” But by the end, after the power chord and fireworks, everyone was up and cheering and passing out sparklers. The bride had this to say: “I was just completely gobsmeared by the whole thing and I was literally beaming with my fists held up to my face like a cartoon person by the end of it.” The whole ceremony was sincere, relaxed, and jovial. It allowed time not only to rekindle old memories, but also to make new ones. The festivities took place on July 30 on Gill and Dave’s property in Burlington, VT.

Contrary to recent trends, weddings no longer need to be the only chance we have to see our Cornell buddies simultaneously. It just so happens that our 10th Reunion is coming up and I’ve gotten a lot of mail from people who vow to be there. One such person is **Yaminay Nasir Chaudhri**, BArch ’03. You may remember her as an Architecture student, but she has made some changes in her life—she has embraced her artistic side. She finished an MFA in May and now makes video art and runs a gallery in Troy, NY, called Collar Works. Check her out at www.yaminay.com.

Keeping up the trend, **Tsee Lee** has also made a drastic career change. He moved from Philly to join the NYC Teaching Fellows. He was hired on as a math/special education teacher at a high school in Harlem. As a Teach For America survivor from the Bronx, I wish you all the best of luck and patience, Tsee. Just remember that while it takes all your heart and head to be effective, and the students, parents, and administrators will do all they can to destroy your self-esteem, it’s just business. It’s not personal. Pretend you’re a robot with infinite patience, unwavering goals, and endless compassion and you’ll do wonderful things.

While I’m on the topic of trying to control and direct future generations, let’s hear about some babies. Maisie Adelaide was born on June 29 to two of our own, **Julie Langelier** and **Christian Yunker**. A few months before that, February 24 to be exact, **Lynn Vitiello** Monaghan gave birth to daughter Meghan Rose. In addition to being a mom, Lynn has worked with **Krista Lance** as an event planner at MIT. On June 10, **Adam Becker** and **Katie (Cody)** welcomed their first baby, Hannah Elizabeth; it sounds like they’re basically experts on what babies like best: milk and toys. Adam works with his parents on

their 400-head dairy farm and Katie is a forecasting analyst for Fisher-Price.

I’m always surprised when I see a kelly green “Ithaca Is Gorges” T-shirt way out here in Oregon, but apparently one never needs to look very far to find a former classmate. **Atchara Mara Mahatchavaroj**, who has moved back to Bangkok, informs me that she sees Cornell friends several times a year in Bangkok, Hong Kong, and at the Cornell Club of Thailand. Atchara has completed the executive MBA program from Sasin Graduate Inst. of Business Administration of Chulalongkorn U. and works full-time at her family’s jewelry manufacturing and exporting business. Hopefully, **He-len Perakis**, who moved to Minneapolis to pursue a plastic surgery fellowship, will have similar luck finding a Cornell community. She says she’d love to reconnect with other Cornellians in her area, so don’t be shy. She hopes to do lots of cross-country skiing and other winter sports, and you can count on seeing her in Ithaca this June.

This next piece of news, from **Jason Wiener**, gives just one more reason why I should move to Boulder, CO, someday. I’ve only been there once, but I was impressed that it was such a beautiful place, full of sun and sunny dispositions. Jason, who lives there with his fiancée Meghan and his dogs Dharma and Siena, had this to say about his daily life: “I wake up every day excited by the positive challenge my role brings as general counsel of Namaste Solar.” Jason was elected to the board of directors of the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association, and he is playing a leading role in a business coalition that is helping to guide a landmark effort to municipalize Boulder’s electricity service from the incumbent investor-owned utility. Jason, I for one hope you succeed!

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Let me squeeze in one last piece of news from **David Carlucci**, of the NYS Senate. David was sworn in in January to represent the 38th District, which is all of Rockland County and parts of Orange County. As if that weren't momentous enough, David followed up a few days later with his wedding to longtime girlfriend Lauren Grossberg. Speaking of weddings, I want to offer my personal thanks for one of your summertime votes, David. Well done.

Here's one last blurb from our class officers. Congratulations to **Lori Kramer** for submitting the winning entry in our class reunion logo competition! You can check out the logo on our website, <http://classof02.alumni.cornell.edu/>; it will also be used in all of our 10th Reunion materials.

If you sent news and it didn't appear in this issue, look for it in the next one. We sometimes go through dry spells where there isn't enough news, so when it pours down on us we like to save it up and parcel it out like canned fruit or state quarters. That, however, should not stop you from sending more news. Keep it coming, and start making those reunion plans now. ☑ **Jeff Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 It was a crazy summer here in Seattle (and on the East Coast, too) and we've got plenty of news to report. Let's talk about all our Cornell entrepreneurs first! **Anand Puri** shared that he moved to New Delhi from Calcutta and opened Saket Bed and Breakfast (saketbedandbreakfast.com). It's already reached the top ten of B&Bs in Delhi. Anand invites Cornellians in Delhi to come check it out and make it a meeting spot! I just checked out the website and would like to recommend that Alumni Affairs consider hosting a retreat for class columnists . . . OK, wishful thinking.

If you're thinking, gosh, I'd love to travel, but I'd love it even more with a travel partner, perhaps you are just the person to check out **Erika Ettin's** new business, A Little Nudge (www.alittlenudge.com). Erika writes, "I genuinely want everyone to find happiness (I met my boyfriend online), which is why I started the company. It is a service to coach people through the first hurdle of finding love—creating an online dating profile and then using it to its fullest extent." So if you're in the throes (joys?) of online dating, give Erika a holler.

Michael Inwald has also started a new company. He writes, "While getting my MBA at Yale SOM in 2009, I took a leave of absence to start America's first quick-service grilled cheese franchise concept. The company is called Cheeseboy: Grilled Cheese To Go. We are based in Boston with four stores open and five more planned for development in the next six months. The organization has over 60 employees and we are growing rapidly, especially as we begin franchising in early 2012." Good luck, Michael. **Caroline Grew** co-founded CIRENAS (www.cirenas.org), a nonprofit education and research center, with husband Tucker Szymkowicz on the Nicoya Peninsula's largest coastal watershed in Costa Rica. And **Justin McManus** wrote to say, "I recently opened a sports bar and lounge with fellow Cornell alum **Jordan Harris**. We are on 14th St. between 7th and 8th Ave. in NYC (www.snapsportsbar.com)."

While some were building new businesses, others were making a business of running. **Sara Parr Syswerda** ran her first half-Ironman triathlon this summer and is training for several road races that will happen this fall. **Simon Tanksley** completed

his first triathlon this year, and this October he is going to Honduras to staff a free clinic for the poor for two weeks. **Heather Schroeder** has been on the move. She earned a master's degree in city and regional planning at UNC, Chapel Hill in May 2010. She writes, "The one-year anniversary of my move to Boston is coming up in early September, and I've lucked out by having Cornellians as some of the best tour guides in town—including my college roommates **Sara Rosenblum** and **Amy Goodman**. My sister **Kristen '00** couldn't be more thrilled for my move to Beantown—now she has an excuse to come up for the Cornell-Harvard hockey game in Cambridge every year!"

It wouldn't be a proper column without wedding and birth announcements—of which there were too many to fit into this column. So, briefly, congratulations to: **Siobhán Cully Mattison**, who wrote, "My husband, **Peter '00**, MS '05, and I have recently moved to Auckland, NZ, where I began a post in the anthropology department as a lecturer. We have also welcomed our first child, Leif, born in 2011. If any graduates are now located in Auckland, please let me know!" **Katie Carlino Reilly** and husband **Rick '02** welcomed their first child, Colin, last December. **Susan Klein** and **Daniel Jossen '02** welcomed their daughter Orly late last year as well. Now 10 months old, Orly was to be a flower girl at her (Uncle) **Matthew Jossen '04's** wedding over Labor Day weekend.

Sheerin Florio wrote, "I'm living in D.C. and last year married my husband, Vincent, whom I met while in grad school in Paris. Here in D.C. I'm in enterprise software sales for Rosetta Stone, where I'm using my Cornell-acquired languages, as well as learning Portuguese. I also volunteer as a middle school student mentor with an amazing organization called the Higher Achievement Program." **Sara Rosenblum** celebrated her wedding to **Howard Fishman**. They met a few years ago in Boston, which is where they are still living. **Jamie Porco** Guglielmo wrote, "I got married in June to **Louis Guglielmo** (a non-Cornellian, but one who appreciates Ithaca!) in Westchester, NY. We were married at the church in my hometown where I received all my sacraments. The day was wonderful, surrounded by lots of friends and family and, of course, a table of Cornell friends! We took a relaxing honeymoon to the Greek Islands and are planning to move out of NYC back to the suburbs soon." Well, that's all for now. As always, you can reach Sam or me by e-mail to share your news. ☑ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58.sudha@gmail.com; **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, swnoonan@gmail.com.

04 **Alexandra Lewin '04**, MPA '05, PhD '08, was married on July 3, 2011 in Washington, DC. The groom, **Alex Zwerdling**, is a Middlebury alumnus. The wedding ceremony and reception were held at Zaytinya restaurant. Alex currently works at the Food and Nutrition Service, US Dept. of Agriculture. Cornell alumni at the wedding included **Rachel Margolis**, **Wendy Soref**, **Melanie Eisen**, **Lara Barmish**, **Kate Davidoff '05**, **Rebecca Jannol**, **Lauren Herman '05**, **Sarah Holtz** Giroux '03, MS '06, **Andrea Shaw**, and **Adrienne Kroepsch '03**.

Nina Senesac Crowley, who received her BS in Nutritional Science, was recently awarded the American Dietetic Association Foundation (ADAF) Mary Abbott Hess Award for Recognition of an Innovative Food/Culinary Effort. Nina works in Charleston, SC, as a dietitian for the Medical U. of South Carolina's Bariatric Surgery Program. Based on patients'

lack of cooking and food preparation skills, she and her colleagues designed a hands-on intensive nutrition class (called "Bariatric Bootcamp") for their patients to learn more about eating properly. The patients have the opportunity to review food groups, weigh and measure foods, read labels, taste foods they might not have tried before, and apply what they learn about food and cooking to remain successful after surgery. **Nina** was scheduled to accept the award at the ADA's Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in San Diego in September. She is also president-elect of the South Carolina Dietetic Association, and will be pursuing a PhD in health psychology at Walden U. beginning in the fall. Her dissertation will focus on psychosocial factors and weight regain in post-gastric bypass patients. She hopes to graduate in December 2012.

Calling all NYC alums! On Saturday, November 26, please join the classes of 2004 and 2005 for a pre-game event before you head to MSG for the Cornell vs. Boston U. hockey game. We will have the upstairs party room at Slattery's (8 East 36th St.) from 5-7 p.m. Please visit this website for registration: https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/event/showEventForm.jsp?form_id=75562. Hope to see you there! Send news to: ☑ **Anne Jones-Leeson**, CU2004 Correspondent@gmail.com.

05 Greetings, fellow '05ers! I hope some of you were able to make a trip up to Ithaca to enjoy the fall foliage! Thanks to all who responded to our e-mail request for news. Unfortunately, we couldn't fit it all into one column, so if you don't see your news this time, look for it in the next issue.

We have a lot of classmates who have gone back to academic life to continue their education. **Carlos Hill** received a full scholarship to attend the McCombs School of Business at the U. of Texas, Austin for his MBA. **Afian Anwar** is doing his PhD at the Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at MIT. **Victoria Sears** is headed to Nashville, TN, this fall to start her master's degree in education policy at Vanderbilt U. **Joanne Orhue** graduated with an MD from Universidad Iberoamericana Medical School. **Diksha Basu** will move to New York City from Bombay to do her master's at Columbia U. She sold her first novel, *Opening Night*, to HarperCollins Publishers India. The novel is a story of a young woman's journey on Broadway and then in Bollywood. She is working on her second novel, "The Law of Averages."

There are also a lot of classmates who are starting families! **Eleanor Hodara** Mroz and her husband built a home in Westfield, NJ, and are celebrating son Jack's first birthday. **Jason Brown** married **Sara** on July 8, 2011 on Martha's Vineyard; **Ryan McGrath**, **Andrew Timko**, **Ryan Herman '04**, and **Noah Theran '04** were in attendance. Jason moved to New York City with Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants, where he is responsible for East Coast acquisitions and development activities. Last September, **John Gleason** married classmate **Lauren Dworkis**, who is finishing her residency in internal medicine at the U. of Rochester. John will make a trip to Red Bluff, CA, for a bobwhite quail hunt with **Charles Shuey**, **Sandeep Chawla '06**, and **Grant Meyer, PhD '08**. **Brian Ranade** had a wedding celebration in Santa Monica, CA, this past summer; **Kate Kastenbaum**, **Belinda Haerum**, and **Paul Cady** were in attendance.

Edward Pettitt served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Botswana from 2006–09, working to

build local capacity for HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support. He is now a returned Peace Corps volunteer, participating in the 2011 Smithsonian Folklife Festival at the National Mall in Washington, DC. He escorted five members of the Botswana Naro Giraffe Dance Group to perform traditional social, spiritual, and healing dances. **Danfung Dennis '04**, BS '05, won the World Cinema Jury Prize and the World Cinema Cinematography Award at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival for his first feature-length documentary *Hell and Back Again*, on the war in Afghanistan. Since graduation, Danfung has also worked as a consultant in Uganda and South Africa, and in 2006 began working as a photojournalist and filmmaker with troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. You can see his still photographs in *Newsweek*, *TIME*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Guardian*, *Rolling Stone*, *Le Figaro Magazine*, *Financial Times Magazine*, *Mother Jones*, *Der Spiegel*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Clover Whitham met up with friends at the Cornell-Harvard game. She works as an editor at Vermont's largest daily newspaper and has bought an old farmhouse, which she and her significant other are slowly renovating. It has been an adventure for them, from cooking on a wood stove when they first moved in, to building their dream kitchen. Her favorite thing, though, is not having to go to the laundromat. Clover also enjoys the garden, and says she does not even mind mowing the lawn! **Joel Edinberg**, ME '06 (Somerville, MA) has started the Somerville Symphony Orkestar. The instrumental gypsy-punk band just released their first album, and has played for Boston's official New Year's celebration, First Night 2011, and for Somerville's ArtBeat festival. They will head to Ithaca during their next tour, so be sure to look for them if you are back at Cornell! **Lindsey Cochran** has spent time in Kauai, Madrid, Paris, and Prague. She works for Facebook in Austin, TX, but frequents the headquarters office in Palo Alto, CA. She does advertising sales, specializing in financial services and working directly with advertisers on branding and direct response efforts.

Keep the news coming and we'll keep printing it! You can share your latest happenings with us via e-mail or on the news form in our class mailings. As inspiration, winter is right around the corner—in addition to your normal updates, tell us about your favorite memories of snowy Ithaca! **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu.

06 We've been out five years now, and our Cornell years are but distant memories. Let's keep those memories alive by taking a moment to reminisce about what we most fondly remember from Cornell and who we would most like to hear from . . .

Brittani Rettig works at IBM in Dallas, TX, as a senior consultant in business strategy focusing on organization and people processes. She travels to Europe for work, reads political books, and teaches Turbo Kick fitness classes. She remembers most fondly the fun Friday nights in Collegetown and her two- to three-hour dinners at RPC. She would most like to hear from Prof. Michael Gold! **Christopher Kakovitch**, ME '07, works as a researcher at Campell & Co. and tutors physics and math after-hours, although he would rather be bear-watching. He is married to **Jenny Ho**, MPA '10. **Jenna Chesaniuk** (Fresh Meadows, NY) works as a

merchandise analyst for PETCO. She is also training for a marathon, traveling, and trying to launch a small business. Her fondest memory is Slope Day!

Jack Schaub works as a server at McCormick and Schmicks restaurant; he is also an actor and a band member. He remembers his time in the Dept. of Theatre, Film, and Dance and the great teachers! **Ed Sabia**, ME '07, lives in Highlands Ranch, CO, with his wife, **Malia (Magers)**, ME '07. They had their first child, Francesca Grace, on Jan. 31, 2011. Congratulations! **J. Seph Demeo** works for the US Air Force Dental Corps through his residency, although he would rather be golfing. When not at work Seph skis or plays flag football, softball, dodge ball, and golf. He remembers corn nuggets at the Nines, and would like to hear from his old friend **Claire Faggioli**. **Joshua Katcher** works as an attorney at Cadwalder, Wickersham, and Taft LLP, although he would rather be "sitting on the beach, drink in one hand, book in the other, relaxing and doing nothing." He serves on the alumni board of Sigma Pi. He brought in 2011 in South America (four days in Argentina and five days in Brazil) and went to Scotland in August. The thing he remembers most fondly was the time he spent as a student-elected trustee. He would most like to hear from **Jack Steiner**, his roommate from freshman year. **Yanni Hufnagel** is an assistant coach for Harvard basketball. **Deborah Birnbaum** is a lawyer at Arnold and Porter LLP in Washington, DC. She also teaches English and most fondly remembers meeting great, new people on a regular basis.

Natasha Raye Stein Sutherland and husband Richard live in Oamaru, New Zealand, and are the proud owners of Suthern Pasture Limited, a dairy farm where Natasha manages 600 cows daily and shares milking 470 dairy cows with her husband. She is also part of the Young Farmer's Club-North Otago Branch. When queried what she would rather be doing, she stated, "Exactly what I'm doing—outside all day and loving it!" She remembers Animal Science and Meat Science with Denny Shaw and would most like to hear from **Michele Segalini**. **Arzoo Bhusri** is an associate at iStar Financial in the capital markets group. **EJ Track** lives in Mableton, GA, and works as an operations supervisor. He is also a soccer referee, and as a CAAAN volunteer does candidate interviews and high school college fairs. He also mentors a sophomore engineer through his four years at Cornell. EJ enjoyed seeing Nelly at Slope Day with his actual brother and fraternity brothers.

Amit Caspi (amitcaspi@gmail.com), a Hotel grad, is in the sweltering hot city of Tel Aviv, enjoying the beach life and corner cafes. He is figuring out his next steps after living internationally for the past four years: Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, and now Israel. Amit never would have imagined he would be in Tel Aviv five years post-Cornell, but being open to new experiences and adventures has led him all over the world. He misses the carefree college days, during which we dreamed of the exciting future ahead of us. "Fellow Hotelies, I look forward to hearing from you," he writes. "If any are in Israel, let me know." **Jon Borer** is getting his MBA at NYU's Stern School, Class of 2012. This past summer he completed an internship with **Andrew Dailey**, **Sean Urquhart**, and **Marissa Fang**. He is engaged to **Rachelle Dennis** (Colgate '06). Congrats, Jon! **Keelah Rose Calloway** lives and works in South Korea and just returned from a week in Vietnam. She still misses Cornell lemonade every summer and wishes the rest of '06 the best in everything they pursue!

Lastly, I would like to shout out to all of my TC4 people, and remember all the good times we had! Keep those precious memories alive! Send news to: **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Tory Lauterbach**, Tory.Lauterbach@gmail.com; or **Kate DeCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu.

07 As we approach our fifth year out of college, I am pleased to find that so many of us are inching ever closer to finding our place in this world. After spending two months in Austin, TX, falling in love with my new niece, I (**Marianna Gomez**) ventured to Ethiopia to add some more field work to earning an MPH in global health at George Washington U. Following North America and Asia, Africa was the third continent in which I have rung in the New Year; I hope to be writing you from yet another continent in 2012. If you'd like to join me in making this world a little smaller, please visit my blog, www.theolivesparrow.blogspot.com.

In June, **Ben Crovella** resigned his active duty commission in the US Marine Corps. He then moved to New York City to work in sales and trading for Citi. **Victoria Rehkugler** missed Cornell Homecoming for the first time last fall to marry **Matthew Tittler '05**. The two were wed on Sept. 25, 2010 in Skaneateles, NY. Victoria recounts that "it was its own kind of homecoming," because 23 other Cornellians were in attendance, including her father **Gerald Rehkugler '57**, MS '58, and maid of honor **Diana Maxwell**. Last January, Victoria and Matthew traveled to St. Lucia for their honeymoon and made it to the top of Gros Piton Mountain, which, she says, "put Libe Slope to shame." To close out the year, they bought a house on Long Island and took a few more steps in starting their new family by adopting two kittens.

Jennifer Okun (Hotel) married **Daniel Brous** (HumEc) at Trump National Briarcliff on August 20. Daniel proposed to Jennifer at the top of the Slope, where it all began, while visiting a friend still at Cornell on July 15, 2010. Cornell graduates in the bridal party included **Andrew Hong**, **Joshua Raff**, **Jared Coren**, DVM '11, **Michael Greenberg**, **Alissa Stock**, **Dru Kleinfeld**, **Lauren Friedman**, **Emily Gordon**, and **Michelle Bernstein**. Jennifer works for Environ Skin Care, a medical grade skin care line, while Daniel is an associate at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Melanie Tu is manager of executive compensation at the *Washington Post* in Washington, DC. She also volunteers regularly at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, teaching free computer skills classes. Melanie explains why she is so committed to volunteering at MLK Jr. Memorial: "Public libraries helped to shape my education and thirst for learning when I was growing up. I enjoy helping others gain essential skills in today's technological society." She feels satisfaction in knowing that her students are able to successfully apply these skills in the real world. **Rachel Schell-Lambert** is one of the few working directly in the field she studied: plant sciences. She is a beginning farming coordinator at Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, where she coordinates training and support efforts for new organic farmers in New York. She has become settled into Rochester after moving there for her job in November 2010 by working in her community garden and participating in a Spanish language group. Still, she says she's "challenged by missing living abroad, and also by the task of finding friends with similar interests."

Sarah Ray moved from Cleveland, OH, to New York City to begin her first year at Columbia U.'s Teachers College to earn a master's in arts administration. Also residing in New York City, **Andrea Arce** is in her first year of a dual degree program at NYU on her way to earning an MBA at the Stern School and an MPA at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She had been working as the director of development and marketing at Mt. Carmel Holy Rosary School. She says the Cornell Public Service Center continues to play a role in her life—connecting the center with people, organizations, and opportunities in New York, and through volunteering at and attending PSC events. Thank you for sending in your updates for our class column and please keep 'em coming! Just shoot an e-mail anytime to your class correspondent, ☐ **Marianna Gomez**. MariannaAGomez@gmail.com.

08 Although I'm sitting here writing this article in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, by the time you see it, the winter holidays will be fast approaching! Hope all of you Class of 2008ers have a lovely holiday season! Now for the news.

Matt Richwine, ME '09, writes that he works as an electrical engineer for generator and electrical systems at GE Energy. He spends his time sailing, playing volleyball, and playing the guitar. Recently, he's been restoring a "'65 'stang." He'd love to get in touch with **Matthew Rozek**, ME '09. **Scott Silverstein** (Boston, MA) is a structural engineer at Ammann & Whitney. He's been "working on several new bridges and bridge replacements throughout Massachusetts, including a pedestrian bridge that will serve as the focal point of a new park on the north bank of the Charles River, connecting Charlestown and Cambridge over commuter rail tracks." He's also become a skiing champion—he was the overall points winner in the men's telemark division at the conclusion of a series of competitions known as the Triple Crown at Mad River Glen in Vermont. Congrats, Scott!

Daniel Jaouen (Rochester, NY) has been expanding his business, Aleph Null Designs, a Web development and design studio. He'd love to hear from his Cornell friends. **Brigid Farrell** lives on the Upper East Side and works at New York Life Insurance Co. as an agent and financial services professional. She's also heavily involved in the community. She serves as a junior committee board member for the New York Center for Children, is a PowerBar ambassador, and plays Cornell alumni softball. She somehow finds time to run, play soccer, and read as well. **Jonathan Leiman** graduated from the U. of Montana with an MS in environmental studies. He was enjoying his time off fishing and hiking and planned to start looking for a job. Best of luck with the search, Jonathan!

Some of us are still in Ithaca (kinda jealous . . .). **Alexis Heinz**, BS '07, has stayed at Cornell and is the lab manager for a Natural Resources lab. It seems like she's enjoying Ithaca, doing some bicycling, yoga, walking with friends, going to music concerts, and being creative by cross-stitching and making candles and sugar scrubs! **Ajemo Haltom** is also around, working as a computer analyst in the Dept. of Information Technology. He also serves as an assistant pastor. He went to Ghana and South Africa this past summer. Hope you had a great trip!

Charlotte Schmidlapp teaches English at the Abriendo Mentes School in Playa Potrero, Costa Rica. Before that, she was working 80-hour weeks in Boston for America's Growth Capital as head

analyst in investment banking. In her free time, she enjoys playing on a women's soccer team; she's also taking a course to be licensed to teach English worldwide. **Marina Gershkovich**, BA '07, moved to Philadelphia and is pursuing her PhD in clinical psychology. She's having fun exploring the city. **Mike Chua** left Morgan Stanley Private Equity and now works as a talent buyer for the Venetian Macao. Among other things, he is focused on routing major Western music acts through China. He has begun his MBA studies at UCLA Anderson.

Cheryl Sorace Agaskar writes, "Ameya '07, ME '08, and I were married in Baltimore this past June—with many Cornellians in attendance—five years after we met as undergrads in Applied and Engineering Physics. We are settling back into life in Cambridge, MA, where we are both engineering grad students." Congrats and best wishes! **Sam Kit-tayapong**, BA '07, has been busy: "During the past year, I have co-founded the tech firm Whowish Ltd. (Whowish.com) and am the company CEO. Whowish is located in Bangkok and has launched five Facebook applications in the past two months. These include two e-commerce platforms (SwapSquare and ColledgeSwap), an online meeting organizer called 2Meet4, a fun love/hate app and website at Squeks.com, and FriendMage (that allows users to print posters and calendars with photos of their Facebook friends). I have also expanded production of my patented notebook case, Komshell, which I developed while a student at Cornell. Check out Komshell.com." That's all the updates we have for now—be sure to keep us posted! ☐ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; and **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

09 **Jessica Longoria** (longoria.jessica@gmail.com) finished her two-year Teach For America commitment last summer—"both the hardest and best thing I've done thus far." Now she's in Cary, NC, having just moved from Texas, and is actually excited for a "real" winter. Jessica is still connected with Chi Alpha on campus and has visited since graduation. **Robert Napolitano** (Brooklyn, NY; rkn5@cornell.edu) recently did volunteer work at a boys home in Venezuela, the Fundación Refugio Pana in Valencia. "There I learned about not-for-profit organizations and studied and observed the culture, conduct, and tendencies of at-risk youth. Giving is an incredible way to boost self-esteem and generate emotional well-being. I also enjoy experiencing different social contexts." Robert is thinking of relocating to Cambridge, MA, "in order to hob-knob in an [apparently] rich intellectual community."

Matthew Stukus (Irving, TX; mhs42@cornell.edu) moved to Texas earlier this year in order to be with his wife, Yuanye, and they have been enjoying museums and movies. "It's been a challenge finding a full-time job, but I finally did." Other free-time activities include chess, which Matthew got back into, thanks to the Cornell Chess Club. "I even taught chess to elementary school students last spring." **Benjamin Williams** (benbo109@hotmail.com) lives in Borger, TX, and is planning a move to a home in the countryside. Ben is at SNC Lavalin Engineers & Constructors Inc. and writes that he's "working on a Rytan™ (PPS plastic for Chevron Phillips) plant, and doing chemical plant construction engineering." **Steven Sachs** (Little Neck, NY; steven.b.sachs@gmail.com) is a senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers doing advisory strategy.

Wedding news! **Ashley Cagle** and **Alex Contryman** got married on July 9, 2001, and live in the San Francisco Bay Area, where Alex is a graduate student at Stanford, and Ashley is employed in Oakland. (They met in the drumline in the Big Red Marching Band!) Congratulations!

Lastly, two classmates sent news while working toward advanced degrees: **Ben Pen Jui Hung**, ME '10 (Roanoke, TX; bhung42@gmail.com) is a PhD student at Johns Hopkins U., and **Sam Schueler** (Camillus, NY; slamminsammy2121@gmail.com) is a third-year medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical U. He also works with disadvantaged youth in Syracuse. Send news any time of year to: ☐ **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu.

10 Class of 2010, in this time of giving thanks, let us not forget to thank our mothers for giving us life and helping us through it. We also cannot forget our other mother, whose Latin name, *alma mater*, actually means "nourishing mother." The rest of the world knows her as Cornell University. Here are some of our classmates who have made their momma proud.

Molly Clauhs joined her uncle to bring a new business venture, the Silver Spork Food Truck, to local farmers' markets in Rockford, MI. Molly aims to show people that healthy foods can be created in their kitchens at home—and be simple and still taste good. She plans to enter her main dish, the whitefish "Mitten Bagel" sandwich, in the Grand Rapids "Grandwich" competition. If you are ever in the area, be sure to look for the truck's location on Facebook. Meanwhile, **Tony Craddock Jr.** recorded a Christmas album, called "Christmas in the Air," on the saxophone. It should be released around November. While some tunes will sound familiar, Tony exercised his creativity and added some novelty to the listening experience with influences from classic jazz, smooth jazz, R&B, and gospel.

Rockwell Shah started PoeticPictures.com, which originated from a book of his own poetry. The website's concept is to pair every poem with a picture to give readers a richer experience when enjoying art. Ever the optimist, Rockwell is a believer in the "1+1=3 philosophy," adding, "Together we can create and contribute so much more than we can individually." The goal is to have a website that brings together poetry and pictures from artists around the world and Rockwell hopes this will "let their art open our eyes in unique and interesting ways." He has gotten tremendous positive feedback and there has even been an instance where the site fostered an international artistic collaboration resulting in an exhibition in Bulgaria. **Elie Bilmes** is in his second year of teaching world history and coaching girls' and boys' tennis as part of Teach For America in St. Louis. He lives with **Liz Curran**, who also committed herself to TFA and is teaching high school math. **Sahar Raofi** works in the operations division at Goldman Sachs, but took some time off to visit Harry Potter in Disney World.

Now for some holy matrimony: **Rebecca Daley** tied the knot with **Greg Fuoco '09** this summer in the San Francisco Bay Area. The tables had Cornell-themed names, and a number of 2009-10 men's lightweight crew team members traveled all the way to California for the celebration. The wedding of **Nicole Boxer** to **Jack Jacob '09** was on July 16, 2011. The bride is in a prestigious graduate program for genetic counseling, and the

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bridegroom is starting his studies in osteopathic medicine this fall. Many of her friends from the Class of 2010 representing five of the seven undergraduate colleges were in attendance. **Rong Ma** wed **Priscilla Cunha** in Qatar and had a celebration stateside in Boston. **Andrew Daines** married Jane Harper. We send all of our newlywed classmates the warmest blessings.

After working on a dissertation project on labor policies affecting migrant domestic workers in Dubai, **Froilan Malit Jr.** started his MSc in migration studies at Oxford in October and has graciously invited me for dinner. He firmly believes that Cornell has given him a great educational foundation for his future postgraduate studies.

Christine Baptiste-Perez works in the marketing and sales department of a startup company called Schoolit, which is the first online coupon site dedicated to fundraising for schools. Christine developed the company's slogan, "Save Our Schools" (S.O.S), and is ramping up the number of business partners for Schoolit in the New York City area. She's also studying for the LSAT and applying to law schools; we wish her the best of luck.

Stephanie Wong is a research assistant in a cardiovascular imaging lab at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. To keep her own cardio in tip-top shape, she also began running regularly, and did her first 5K run in May. **Christina Blacken** joined the business development team of the nonprofit DoSomething.org, where she creates nationwide volunteer campaigns in partnership with major corporations and foundations to help teens "rock the causes they care about." You also may have watched their annual DoSomething Awards that premiered on VH1 this August; they gave \$100,000 to a major social changemaker under the age of 25. Christina is also a part of the Black Ivy Alumni League (BIAL), which planned a networking event in the Hamptons. Finally, she's been singing in a cover band called Mixolydian. Feel free to check out their soul/funk music show at mixolydian.net.

Bryan Kim experienced several life changes since graduating Cornell. For one, he has become more engaged in his faith as a Christian, and as a result, he's now a youth leader and a leader for the young adult ministry. He has also been volunteering as an EMT to prepare himself for a career as a physician assistant. Whatever life throws at you, just count your blessings instead of sheep and you'll be fine. To send us your blessings, please contact either Mike or me at:

✉ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu.

11 Hello, Class of 2011! We will resume with your regularly scheduled class column in the upcoming issues, but in the meantime it's time to send in your updates for the *Cornell Alumni Magazine* Class Notes. Please e-mail one of your hardworking correspondents at the addresses below and let us know about anything interesting going on in your lives. Did you land a great job . . . or is the search ongoing? Are you back in school? Doing volunteer work? Have you traveled, seen Cornell friends, taken up a new sport or hobby?

All news is welcome. Please take a moment to tell us what you're doing, and we'll include you in one of the upcoming class columns. Happy holidays from your correspondent team! ✉ **Michael Stratford**, mjs465@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu; **Lauren Rosenblum**, LCR46@cornell.edu.

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'31 DVM—**Lawrence T. Waitz**, Cutchogue, NY, February 27, 2011

'32—**Isabel Korherr** Parker, Bonita Springs, FL, February 24, 2011

'33 BA—**John B. Mowry**, Mexico, NY, February 19, 2011

'34 BS HE—**Janice Berryman** Johndrew, Gainesville, FL, February 11, 2011

'34 BS Ag, MEd '39—**William N. Kaskela**, Whitesboro, NY, March 12, 2011

'34 BEE—**Abraham Piltch**, Palm Harbor, FL, February 11, 2011

'34 BA—**Ada "Betty" Buck** Reynolds, Kankakee, IL, January 6, 2011

'34—**Seward G. Smith**, Pflugerville, TX, February 26, 2011

'35 BEE—**Reeve W. Dean**, East Aurora, NY, February 13, 2011

'35 BA—**Richard L. Jones**, Stone Mountain, GA, February 18, 2011

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'36 BA, BS Chem E '37—**Michael Golben**, St. Paul, MN, January 8, 2011

'36 BA—**John M. Longyear**, Kennebunk, ME, March 27, 2011

'36 BS Ag—**Merton W. Miller**, St. Petersburg, FL, February 19, 2011

'36 BS Ag—**Robert G. Smith**, Hagerstown, MD, February 22, 2011

'37 BA—**Elizabeth Godwin** Daniel, Claremont, CA, February 7, 2010

'37 BEE—**Charles E. Greif**, Brunswick, ME, February 19, 2011

'38-40 SP Ag—**William S. Elkins**, Sandy Spring, MD, February 24, 2011

'38 DVM—**Harry J. Fallon**, Huntington, WV, March 11, 2011

'38 BS Ag—**Philip G. Wolff**, Saranac Lake, NY, February 3, 2011

'39 BA—**Everett L. Arthur**, Rome, NY, February 23, 2011

'39 BS Hotel—**Philip H. Fitzhugh**, Naples, FL, March 19, 2011

'39 BS Hotel—**John B. Goff**, Rochester, NY, February 20, 2011

'39 DVM—**John D. Murray**, Keuka Park, NY, February 25, 2011

'39 DVM—**Daniel Skelton**, San Jose, CA, February 5, 2011

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'40 BA—**David M. Chambers**, Overland Park, KS, February 4, 2011

'40, BME '41—**Robert Knowlton**, Little Compton, RI, March 28, 2011

'40 MS—**Ruth Sperber** Marx, Kings Point, NY, April 2, 2011

'40 BS Ag—**Benjamin Suchoff**, Palm Beach, FL, March 6, 2011

'40, BArch '41—**Edward T. Wassell**, Oxnard, CA, February 28, 2011

'40, BCE '41—**William A. White Jr.**, Dennis, MA, March 12, 2011

'40 BA, MD '43—**I. Robert Wood**, Clifton Springs, NY, April 1, 2011

'41—**Dorothy Wells** Black, Hilton Head Island, SC, February 2, 2011

'41 BCE—**Warner Howe**, Memphis, TN, February 8, 2011

'41 BA—**Irving R. Merrill**, Walnut Creek, CA, February 22, 2011

'41 BA—**Gloria Brown** Mithers, Oceanside, CA, April 2, 2011

'41 BA—**Charlotte S. Pratt**, Geneva, NY, April 5, 2011

'41 BA, B Chem E '42—**Sol Ruden**, Lincolnwood, IL, August 6, 2010

'41 BA—**Jean Way** Schoonover, New York City, April 3, 2011

'41, BA '46—**William E. Van Atta**, Binghamton, NY, March 31, 2011

'42 BA—**Helen Zinn** Arenson, Denver, CO, January 26, 2011

'42, BS Chem E—**John L. Beecher**, Winter Springs, FL, February 12, 2011

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'42 BA, MD '44—**Edwin D. Kilbourne**, Madison, CT, February 21, 2011

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'43 BCE—Stanley J. Segal, West Palm Beach, FL, December 26, 2010
'43 BS Ag—Herman R. Shepherd, New Canaan, CT, March 28, 2011
'43 BA—Marion Rossman Tozier, Belfast, ME, August 3, 2010
'43 BS Ag—Matthew M. Vittucci, Englewood, NJ, March 31, 2011
- '44, BME '45—John E. Campbell, Slate Run, PA, March 6, 2011
'44 BA—Nancy Chien Chang, Palo Alto, CA, February 2, 2011
'44 BS Chem E—Burl A. Kimple, Manlius, NY, February 8, 2011
'44 MS HE—Ann Moore Klosterman, Wooster, OH, March 30, 2011
'44 B Chem E—David MacLean, Rockaway Township, NJ, March 15, 2011
- '45 BCE—Ralph M. Atkinson, Falmouth, ME, February 12, 2011
'45, BCE '44—Robert M. Brown, Vermillion, OH, March 5, 2011
'45—David F. Friedman, Anniston, AL, February 14, 2011
'45, BA '47, PhD '55—Joseph Kazlauskas, Denver, CO, March 3, 2011
'45, BArch '48—Robert L. Norman, Savannah, GA, February 27, 2011
'45 BME—Bernard Pomerantz, Glenview, IL, November 4, 2010
'45, BS Ag '49—Richard W. Saville, Fredonia, NY, March 22, 2011
'45, DVM '51—John S. Sickles, North Dartmouth, MA, July 20, 2010
'45 BEE—Gordon S. Smith, Winter Park, FL, March 2, 2011
'45—Carolyn Worcester Van Decar, Waterville, OH, March 1, 2011
- '46 BS HE—Marcia Noyes Archibald, Cresskill, NJ, April 13, 2011
'46 BME—Alexander Brede III, East Lansing, MI, March 23, 2011
'46 BS Nurs—Alice Monroe Daniels, Madison, WI, January 9, 2011
'46, BCE '45—Seth W. Heartfield Jr., Naples, FL, February 28, 2011
'46, BCE '47, PhD '49—Warren Houck Jr., McKinleyville, CA, July 24, 2010
'46, BA '45—Martha M. MacGuffie, New City, NY, March 7, 2011
'46, BME '47, MS '49—Carl Mortensen, Beacon, NY, February 13, 2011
'46 BS Hotel—Mary Ann O'Connell Willis, Plymouth Mtg, PA, April 11, 2011
- '47 BS Hotel—Joseph W. Barclay, North Fort Myers, FL, April 20, 2011
'47 BS Ag—Donald H. Bishop, Pullman, WA, March 25, 2011
'47 BA—John L. Brankamp, Plymouth, IL, October 5, 2010
'47, BA '46—Edward C. Bressler, Los Angeles, CA, December 27, 2010
'47, BME '49—Robert E. Claar, Exeter, NH, April 13, 2011
'47 BA—Elizabeth Miller Francis, Colorado Springs, CO, April 9, 2011
'47 BS Nurs—Ellen Earle Humphrey, Ithaca, NY, February 19, 2011
'47, BME '45, BA '47—Alexander Hyde, W. Columbia, SC, March 15, 2011
'47 BA, MFS '49—Allen A. Kraft, Iowa City, IA, February 15, 2011
'47 BS ORIE—Paul H. Malenchini Jr., Willoughby, OH, March 13, 2011
'47—Robert J. McBride Jr., Bethesda, MD, February 1, 2011
'47—Bernard N. Nathanson, New York City, February 21, 2011
'47 DVM—Alan D. Stevens, Crestview Hills, KY, February 26, 2011
'47 BS Ag—Maurice F. Switzer, Whitesboro, NY, February 7, 2011
'47—Herbert S. Sylvester, Mountain Lakes, NJ, January 13, 2010
- '48 BS ORIE, MS ILR '52—Dale S. Beach, Latham, NY, April 23, 2011
'48 BA, LLB '51—Stanley B. Frenze, Philadelphia, PA, March 28, 2011
'48 BME—Frederick L. Heisley, Cottonwood, AZ, March 21, 2011
'48 PhD—Robert D. Miller, Ithaca, NY, April 11, 2011
'48—Miriam Lindquist Misiewicz, Asheville, NC, April 3, 2011
- '48 BS Ag—John Sterling, Indian Harbour Beach, FL, February 18, 2011
'48 PhD—Marlowe D. Thorne, Savoy, IL, February 17, 2011
'48-52 GR—Jay R. Whetstone, Bethel Park, PA, March 4, 2011
'48 BS Nurs—Irene Sieminski Williams, Sullivan, ME, March 18, 2011
'48 Med—Barbeur Grimes Wise, Palos Verdes Estates, CA, March 11, 2011
'48 BME—Robert O. Woodward, Desert Hot Springs, CA, March 31, 2011
- '49 BME—Otto E. Adams Jr., Athens, OH, April 15, 2011
'49 PhD—Edward W. Anacker, Bozeman, MT, April 3, 2011
'49 BS ORIE—Stanley M. Birnbaum, Kettering, OH, February 28, 2011
'49 BS Hotel—Minor C. Bond, Williamsburg, VA, March 29, 2011
'49 BA—Angie Hoskins Gillcrist, Manasquan, NJ, February 20, 2011
'49 BME—Richard L. Hunt, Cincinnati, OH, February 25, 2011
'49, BS Ag '50, PhD '56—John Kupka, Houston, TX, November 2, 2009
'49 BCE—Christus J. Larios, Hurley, NY, February 26, 2011
'49 BS Ag—George I. Middaugh, Trinity, TX, March 7, 2011
'49—Daniel J. Rosetty, Jensen Beach, FL, February 11, 2011
'49 BA—Priscilla Gage Specht, Rochester, NY, March 20, 2011
'49—James W. Strasburg, Youngstown, OH, February 23, 2011
'49 BS ORIE—Bertram B. Warner, Rochester, NY, February 28, 2011
'49 PhD—E. Travis York Jr., Gainesville, FL, April 15, 2011
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- '50 BCE—Keith M. Abbott, Cleveland, OH, February 25, 2011
'50 MNS—Joan Ellison Cain, Springfield, MO, April 1, 2011
'50 BME—Charles J. Fiden, Cincinnati, OH, January 8, 2011
'50 BS Ag—Edward W. Jedrzejek, Little Valley, NY, April 15, 2011
'50 MBA—Richard A. Johnston, Wilmington, NC, February 25, 2011
'50—Sarah Knowles Kauffman, Clifton Park, NY, March 26, 2011
'50 BS HE—Eleanor Bailey McDowell, Amherst, NH, March 20, 2011
'50, BS Hotel '49—Henry Purchase, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, April 9, 2011
'50 BS Ag—David N. Ross, Westfield, NY, March 15, 2011
'50 BA, MD '54—Robert P. Singer, Glen Allen, VA, March 29, 2011
'50 BA—Audrey Raymond Smith, Charleston, WV, March 24, 2011
'50 BS Ag—Schuyler C. Stebbins, Kilmarnock, VA, March 18, 2011
'50 BA—C. Leslie Sweeney Jr., Raleigh, NC, March 9, 2011
'50 BA—Dorothy Ganshow Wagner, North Bellmore, NY, February 16, 2011
- '51—William R. Ayers II, New Johnsonville, TN, April 17, 2011
'51 BCE—Howard I. Baker, New York City, February 28, 2011
'51 BS Hotel—George M. Bantuvaniv, Ithaca, NY, March 31, 2011
'51 BA—Col. Henry M. Bussey II, San Antonio, TX, February 9, 2011
'51 BA, MBA '52—Robert H. Johnson, Old Lyme, CT, April 7, 2011
'51 BA—George P. Kubica, Presque Isle, WI, April 7, 2011
'51, BA '52—Richard E. Nellis Jr., Middleburg, PA, March 21, 2011
'51-53 GR—Mary H. Sellers, Columbia, MO, March 25, 2011
- '52, BS Ag '53—Richard Felbeck, Wernersville, PA, February 27, 2011
'52 BS HE—Sally Kernan Lathrop, Greenville, SC, April 16, 2011
'52 MA—Robert E. Merry, Gig Harbor, WA, March 9, 2011
'52 BS Ag—John S. Oakley, Albany, NY, March 7, 2011
'52 BS Ag—Jean Kenyon Pierce, Painted Post, NY, January 10, 2011
'52 MS Aero, PhD '54—Martha Graham Smithmeyer, Arcata, CA, Nov. 7, 2010
'52, BLAR '53, MRP '60—Robert Titus, Rochester, NY, February 19, 2011
'52 MS Chem E—Elzie Wolker, Midland, MI, February 13, 2011
'52 JD—Robert T. Woodruff, Bridgewater, NJ, April 8, 2011
'52 BEP—Paul Zuk, Allentown, PA, February 25, 2011
- '53 BA—John D. Isaly, Avon, OH, February 25, 2011
'53 BS Ag—Bob E. Tepke, Manchester, NJ, September 28, 2010
'53 PhD—Ralph A. Young, Grand Junction, CO, April 21, 2011
- '54 MA, PhD '58—John J. Bateman, Fort Pierce, FL, March 6, 2011

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- '54—Victor D. Borst III, Princeton, IL, April 1, 2011
 '54 BA, MEd '57—June Burnett Gurnett, Ballston Lake, NY, March 7, 2011
 '54 MD—Robert D. Quinn, Del Rey Oaks, CA, March 4, 2011
 '54 BA, LLB '58—Norman C. Schwartz, Oro Valley, AZ, March 18, 2011
 '54 PhD—Frederick J. Seubert, Eugene, OR, March 21, 2011
- '55, BArch '57—Zevi Blum, Stockton, CA, February 25, 2011
 '55 BA—Richard L. DeCato, Scottsdale, AZ, April 2, 2011
 '55 LLB—Donald P. McCarthy, Syracuse, NY, March 15, 2011
 '55 PhD—Ethel D. Nurge, Pennsville, NJ, March 9, 2011
 '55 BS Ag—Donald W. Payne, Dryden, NY, March 11, 2011
 '55—Thomas C. Riley Jr., Baytown, TX, March 1, 2011
 '55 BS Ag—Davis V. Rohl, Hobe Sound, FL, March 15, 2011
 '55 BS Ag—Burton S. Scheiner, Bowie, MD, March 15, 2011
 '55 BArch—Margaret W. Stewart, Henderson, TN, February 24, 2011
- '56 LLB—William W. Bell, Rochester, NY, March 18, 2011
 '56 BA, MBA '58, JD '59—Ronald Blau, Boca Raton, FL, March 21, 2011
 '56 MD—William C. Cooper, Englewood, NJ, March 24, 2011
 '56 BA—Elizabeth Bungay Giles, Clayton, NY, March 11, 2011
 '56 MA—Rita Bolton Iker, Penfield, NY, March 29, 2011
 '56 BA—Richard C. Jackson, Nashville, TN, March 6, 2011
 '56 BS ILR—James W. Lee, Palm Coast, FL, February 26, 2011
- '57 BA—Michelle Striker Boffa, South Salem, NY, March 15, 2011
 '57 MFA—Gabriel Laderman, New York City, March 10, 2011
 '57, BA '58—Robert F. Liddy, Binghamton, NY, March 4, 2011
 '57—Sewell L. A. McMillan, St. Louis, MO, December 17, 2010
 '57 MD—Edmund O. Rothschild, Bronx, NY, March 16, 2011
 '57 BS Ag—Williams C. Willis III, Atlanta, GA, February 19, 2011
- '58 BS Hotel, MBA '59—H. Reed Muller, Salisbury, MD, March 21, 2011
- '59 BA, MBA '60—Roger A. Bowker, Merrick, NY, January 31, 2011
 '59—David A. Hanna, Gainesville, FL, April 18, 2011
 '59 BA—Sylvia V. Pancotti, Briarcliff Manor, NY, February 7, 2011
 '59—Fritz M. Phillips Jr., Jobstown, NJ, April 10, 2011
 '59 MBA—Terrence A. Rixford, Portland, OR, January 18, 2011
- 1960s**
- '60 DVM—Stephen P. Dey II, Allentown, NJ, February 28, 2011
 '60 DVM—Abram J. Zehr, Watertown, NY, March 14, 2011
- '61 BS Ag—Charles J. Dendis Jr., Waterloo, NY, April 13, 2011
 '61—Paul N. Eiler, Hendersonville, NC, March 26, 2011
 '61—Jeffrey J. Knaebel, Fairbanks, AK, January 26, 2011
 '61, BA '62—Eleanor Long-Walther, Coronado, CA, March 28, 2011
 '61—Mary Sussman Roberts, Carmel, CA, March 1, 2010
- '62, BS Ag '63—Lawrence C. Alden, Nacogdoches, TX, March 4, 2011
 '62 BA, PhD '67—Alfred Buerger Jr., East Lansing, MI, April 1, 2011
 '62, BArch '64—Paul Laird, Litchfield, CT, February 25, 2011
- '63, BS Ag '64—Rex J. Dimond, New York City, March 22, 2011
 '63—Garo E. Mavian, Jacksonville, FL, April 16, 2011
- '64 BS Ag—H. Edwin Carley, Colorado Springs, CO, April 2, 2011
 '64, BS HE '65—Joanne A. Herron, Lake City, MN, February 19, 2011
 '64 BA—Bonnie Wallace Hoffman, Mercer Island, WA, March 3, 2011
 '64 BS HE—Margaret Jones Jensen, Rutland, VT, March 3, 2011
 '64 BS ILR—Donald A. Mowers, Grass Valley, CA, April 5, 2011
- '65 MA, PhD '68—John D. Boyd, Athens, GA, April 4, 2011
- '65 MS Ag—Ralph N. Freeman, Mattituck, NY, April 2, 2011
 '65 BS Ag—Arline Sroka Sumner, Guilderland Center, NY, March 1, 2011
- '66 BS Hotel—John J. Todia, Indian Rocks Beach, FL, March 2, 2011
- '67 PhD—Renato M. Labadan, Quezon City, Philippines, April 5, 2011
 '67, BA '68—James E. Neary III, Venice, FL, April 20, 2011
- '68 BS Nurs—Kathleen Miersma Bjork, Platteville, WI, March 20, 2011
- '69 PhD—Eberhard A. Frey, Wayland, MA, March 16, 2011
 '69 PhD—L. Edward Kamoski, Marshfield, MA, February 21, 2011
 '69 BS Ag, PhD '73—Norman Payne, Leesburg, FL, February 19, 2011
 '69, BS Ag '71—Gary J. Redmond, Trumansburg, NY, March 29, 2011
 '69 BEE—Eugene M. Spalding, Warm Springs, GA, March 11, 2011
- 1970s**
- '70 BME, MME '73—Clifford F. Cole, Centennial, CO, March 13, 2011
- '71 BS Ag—James L. Chant Jr., Baggs, WY, March 23, 2011
 '71—William E. Greeley, Laytonville, CA, March 24, 2011
 '71 MPA—Albert J. Kronman, Houston, TX, February 10, 2011
- '72 BS ORIE, MBA '73—Warren Carter, Baden, Austria, Feb. 14, 2011
 '72 BS Hotel, MS '84—Dennis Michael, Basking Ridge, NJ, Mar. 17, 2011
- '73 BEE, MEE '76—Gordon K. Francis, Louisville, CO, March 19, 2011
 '73 MS ORIE—Sudhir L. Shetye, Mumbai, India, April 10, 2011
- '74, BFA '76—Ellen Goren Sheldon, Tenafly, NJ, March 16, 2011
- '75 BS Nurs—Katheryne E. Brown, Atlanta, GA, February 13, 2011
- '76 MPS—J. Donald Caccia, Ocean City, NJ, January 26, 2011
 '76 BS Ag—Jeffrey A. Dewey, Sherrills Ford, NC, March 9, 2011
 '76 PhD—Robert L. Miller, Clayton, MO, January 15, 2011
- '77 BEE—Joe Cornelio, Wethersfield, CT, April 21, 2011
- '78 MD—Richard F. Daines, New York City, February 26, 2011
- '79 BS Ag—Cathleen Pettengill Lamia, Stewartsville, NJ, Feb. 20, 2011
 '79 BA—Anne L. Updegrove, Oak Park, IL, February 16, 2011
- 1980s**
- '83 BS ILR—Jane E. Reddin, Phoenix, AZ, February 6, 2011
- '84 BEE—Eric E. Coffman, Maynard, MA, April 5, 2011
 '84—Jeffrey L. Coudriet, Washington, DC, February 5, 2011
 '84 MBA—Christopher R. Morley, New York City, April 11, 2011
- '85 MPS—Sir Simon H. Milton, London, England, April 11, 2011
- '86, BA '87—Deborah A. Stephenson, New York City, March 25, 2011
- '87—Cheryl A. Welch, Franklin Lakes, NJ, February 23, 2011
- '89 MBA—Vafa M. Mavaddat, Ridgefield, CT, April 3, 2011
- 1990s**
- '94 PhD—David B. Garrity, Fort Collins, CO, April 18, 2011
- '95 JD—Matthew D. Adler, Seattle, WA, February 18, 2011

Last Call

A look back at some of Ithaca's legendary hangouts

This summer, two popular College-town bars, Dino's and Johnny O's, shut their doors for good. Although their stretch of College Avenue has served as the epicenter of Cornell nightlife for the past decade, their empty facades remind us that no watering hole lasts forever. Many of Cornell's legendary bars and restaurants have come and gone, but these historic haunts live on in the memories of generations of Cornellians.

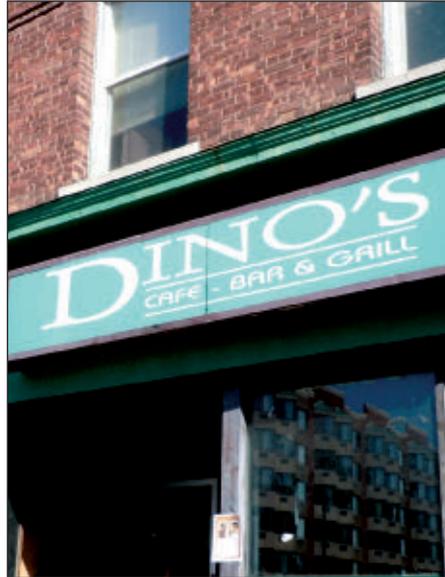
Only one bar is so central to Cornell's history that it merited a mention in the University's unofficial drinking song, "Give My Regards to Davy." Zinck's, founded by German immigrant Theodore Zinck in 1876, drew crowds of thirsty students through the end of the nineteenth century. But in 1903, the iconic bar was touched by tragedy when Zinck's only daughter died of typhoid, and her grief-stricken father drowned himself in Cayuga Lake. Zinck's later re-opened under new management and, after closing during Prohibition, saw renewed popularity in the Forties. As retired CAM editor John Marcham '50 recalls: "It was a great favorite with fraternity boys."

Another much-beloved twentieth-century destination was Johnny's Big Red Grill, a bar and restaurant in business from 1919 to 1981. (It stayed open as a bar until the Nineties, and its iconic sign remained aloft on Dryden Road until 2009.) Novelist Richard Fariña '59 wrote about Johnny's, and famed folkies Harry Chapin '64 and Peter Yarrow '59 played there. Its owners, John and Ruth Petrillose, founded an Ithaca dining dynasty; their son, Bob, created the ever-popular Hot Truck. "Everybody knew the Big Red Grill," says Cornell archivist emeritus Gould Colman '51, PhD '62. "The Petrillose couple knew all the students, and we would be greeted when we came in."

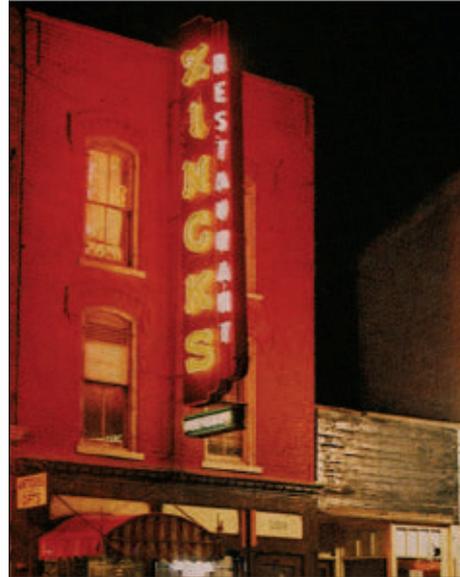
Across the street, the Royal Palm Tavern—still open, despite recent rumors to the contrary—has served a steady stream of students since the Thirties. Mid-century Cornellians also frequented Wes and Les, a late-night diner by the railroad tracks, and Old Landmark, a popular bar and grill downtown. Later generations trekked to the west side of town for cheeseburgers, fries, and a game of pinball at Bud's Diner, operated by Bud and Amelia Wimer on Old Taughannock Boulevard from 1966 to 1974, and then on Lincoln Street until 1988.

In the Eighties and Nineties, students flocked to Dos Amigos, a Mexican eatery on the Commons that served wings and beer late into the night. ABC Café, another longtime favorite on Stewart Avenue, played host to local bands and open-mike nights while serving coffee and vegetarian fare from 1980 until it closed in 2009. The Connection, a now-defunct bar on College Avenue, was

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Watering holes: Of these four Ithaca bars, only the Royal Palm Tavern is still in business.

another Eighties-era favorite. "On your birthday you could get a free drink that was equal parts tequila, 151-proof Bacardi, and Tabasco sauce," says Mark Anbinder '89. "You had to pay for the entire pitcher of beer you'd need to wash it down with, though."

While Cornell's gustatory landscape continues to change, some things stay the same. Anbinder notes that his uncle, Stephen Anbinder '59, is a longtime fan of Joe's, an Italian restaurant that has been in business on Meadow Street off and on since the Thirties. "When my uncle came up for Reunion," he recalls, "the first thing he said was, 'We have to go to Joe's, and I have to get spaghetti and meatballs.'"

— Amanda First '12

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