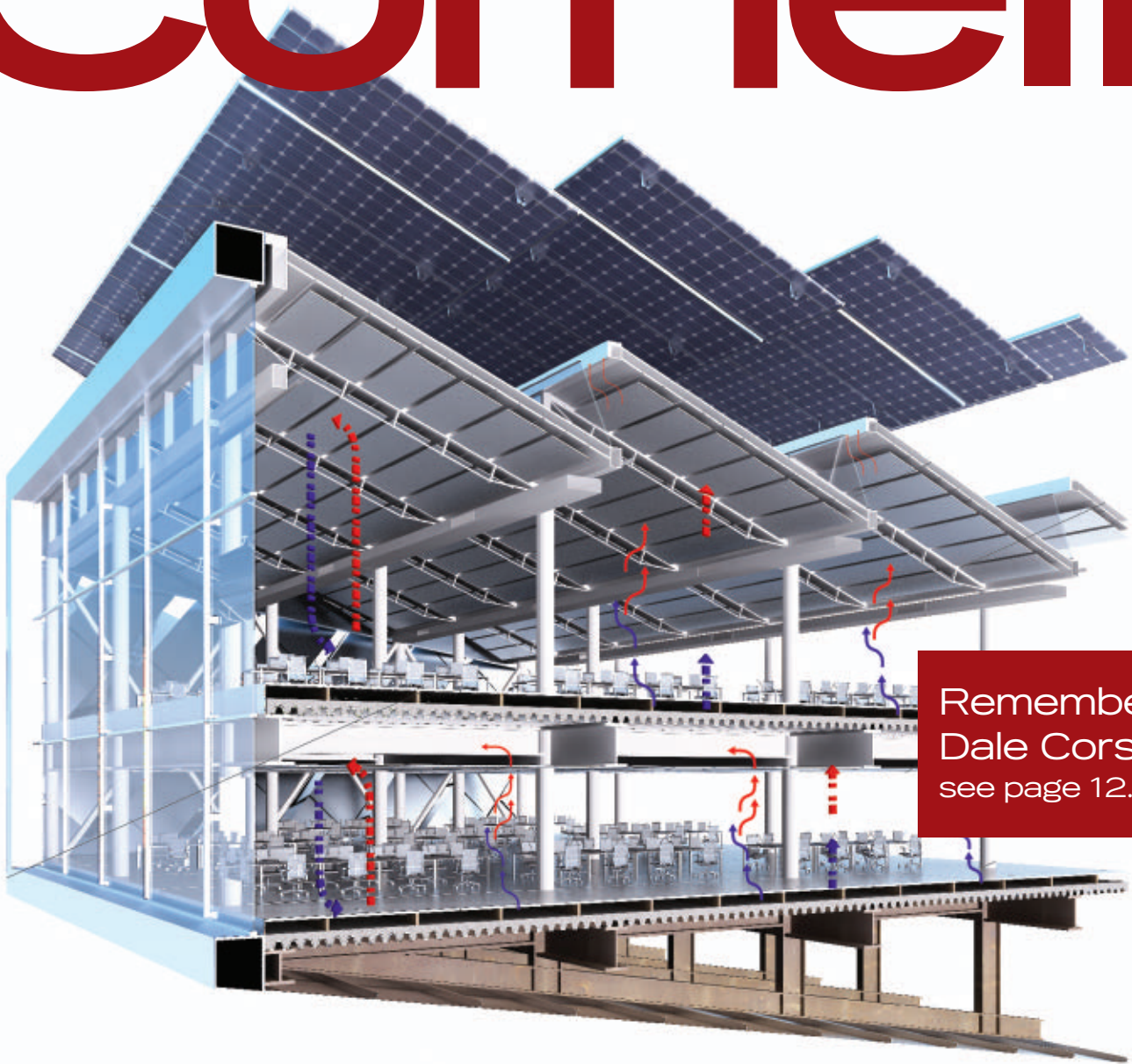


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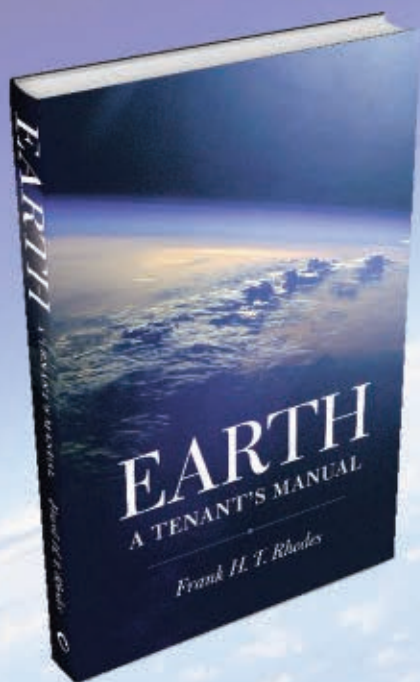
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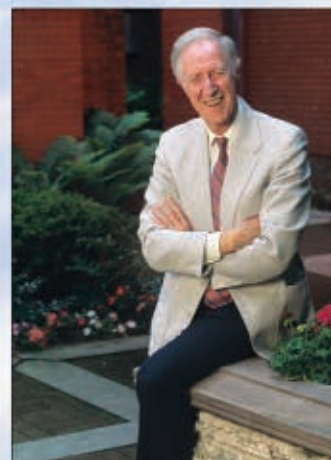
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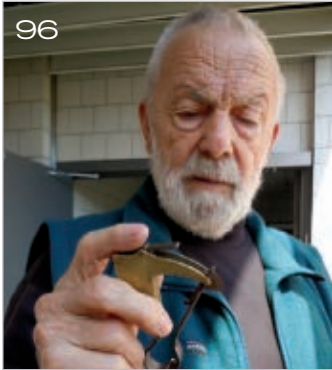
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After an intense year-long process, Cornell has won the right to create an ambitious, industry-focused, two-million-square-foot applied sciences campus in New York City. To be built on Roosevelt Island, the endeavor is unfolding both on the fast track and over the long haul: its first classes will be offered this fall (in temporary rented space), but the \$2 billion project won't be fully built out for three decades. A look at how Cornell won, how its leaders are putting their shoulders to the grindstone, what it will mean for the wider University—and why not everyone is a fan.

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BRAD HERZOG '90

John Marks '65 has a rare job description: he aims to end war forever. Marks is founder and president of Search for Common Ground, a nonprofit that promotes peace and tolerance around the globe, through everything from multi-ethnic kindergartens in Macedonia to a soccer-themed soap opera in Kenya. "We're trying to transform the way the world deals with conflict from adversarial to non-adversarial approaches," he says, "from win-lose to win-win."

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# Sustainability: One of the Defining Challenges of Our Time

**S**ustainability is a critical and timely research area, a focus of student activism, a foundational principle in new campus construction, and a key consideration for our campus operations—encompassing energy, climate, water, food, waste, buildings, people, land, purchasing, and transportation. All of us, on Cornell's campuses and in the wider Cornell community, can be very proud of our university's leadership in this area. But global problems related to sustainability are manifold, and we cannot rest on past accomplishments. Here is what Cornell is doing in this exceedingly important sphere.

Sustainability is reflected in our strategic plan, which has among its objectives effective stewardship of the natural and built environment. Earlier this year, our attention to sustainability across multiple dimensions earned Cornell a gold-level national sustainability rating on the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) self-assessment system.

Last month, in a first-of-its-kind partnership, Cornell's David R. Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future joined forces with CARE, the international relief and development organization, to tackle global poverty and the impacts of climate change. Generous gifts from David Atkinson '60 and Pat Atkinson to both Cornell and CARE have provided start-up funding for the Atkinson Center's Impact through Innovation Fund, which matches Cornell researchers with CARE development professionals in projects designed to break the cycle of poverty, particularly for women and families. Work is already under way in Ethiopia, Mozambique, and elsewhere in the developing world.

With leadership from the Atkinson Center, Cornell faculty, students, and staff, along with external partners, are working to create knowledge across broad areas of sustainability involving energy, the environment, and economic development. To date, Atkinson Center researchers have leveraged \$10 million in seed funding into more than \$90 million in external support—with projects ranging from assessing carbon sequestration in agricultural landscapes to using algae as biofuel.

The Atkinson Center has also contributed to our faculty renewal efforts with a cluster-hiring program that offers bridging and start-up funding directly to colleges, schools, and departments for faculty recruitment in cross-cutting areas of importance to sustainability research ([www.sustainablefuture.cornell.edu/about/fac-hiring.php](http://www.sustainablefuture.cornell.edu/about/fac-hiring.php)).

On the Ithaca campus, all new construction over \$5 million must attain a rating of silver or better under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. We have exceeded that requirement on several new buildings, including the Combined Heat and Power Plant, the Animal Health Diagnostic Center, the new Human Ecology Building, the Physical Sciences Building, the Brian Nevin Welcome Center at Cornell Plantations, and Weill Hall, all of which have achieved or are pursuing gold-level certification. The entire CornellNYC Tech campus on Roosevelt Island in New York City will achieve, at a minimum, a LEED silver rating. Additionally,

the first building—the academic building—is aiming to be net-zero. It will harvest as much energy from its site, from solar and geothermal sources, as it consumes—making it one of the premier green buildings in the nation.

More than thirty student organizations have taken the lead in helping the University address sustainability challenges. Among other activities, student organizations run Dilmun Hill organic farm and a farmers' market on Ho Plaza—and students manage the Big Red Bikes bike-share program; Lights Off Cornell, which uses volunteers to turn off lights in campus buildings after hours; and Take Back the Tap, which encourages the use of filtered tap water, rather than bottled water, for drinking.

The Cornell Climate Action Plan has set the Ithaca campus on a path to carbon neutrality by 2050. In the first two years of



President Skorton with David Atkinson '60 at a ceremony celebrating the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future

JASON KOSKI / UP

the plan, we reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent, thanks to the high performance of the Combined Heat and Power Plant and a decision to eliminate all coal combustion at the University. With Ithaca College, Tompkins Cortland Community College, local organizations, businesses, and municipalities, we are also part of the Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative, which aims to mobilize local resources to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy.

The thirteen-member President's Sustainable Campus Committee, which we created in 2010, developed a campus sustainability plan and continues to oversee all aspects of sustainability in campus operations and facilities, including our progress on the Climate Action Plan and the STARS self-assessment.

I invite you to keep abreast of our efforts by checking out the websites for the Atkinson Center ([www.acsf.cornell.edu](http://www.acsf.cornell.edu)) and Cornell Sustainable Campus ([www.sustainablecampus.cornell.edu](http://www.sustainablecampus.cornell.edu)) and to suggest opportunities to leverage our efforts to create a more sustainable campus and world.

— President David Skorton  
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## The Big Picture



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Dead center: A rare blooming “corpse plant” drew crowds to a campus greenhouse in mid-March, with many visitors waiting more than an hour to sample its stinky scent. One of just 140 to bloom in recorded history, Cornell’s *Amorphophallus titanum* was dubbed Wee Stinky (after the campus stream known as Wee Stinky Glen) in a CALS poll. In the wild, the plant—which shifts from female to male during its two-day blooming cycle—uses its noxious odor to attract carrion insects to serve as pollinators. Asked why it had caused such a stir, plant biology grad student Gwynne Lim summed it up this way: “It’s big, it’s beautiful—and it’s weird.”









# A Titanic Adventure

100 years later, the ill-fated voyage still resonates

I enjoyed “Unsinkable” by Brad Herzog ’90 (March/April 2012)—his story about the four Cornellians on the *Titanic* was moving. Whether on sports, travels around the nation, or sharing his brief TV celebrity on “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,” Brad is always a good read. He mentioned the 1997 *Titanic* film in the article, but many of us prefer the 1953 movie version. I was an undergraduate when it came out, and I’ll never forget the scene of young people singing college songs around the piano in the ship’s lounge. First an Amherst song, and then a beautiful rendition of “Far Above Cayuga’s Waters” (both verses) just before the ship hit the iceberg. We didn’t realize that Hollywood inadvertently was paying its highest tribute to the two Cornellians lost some forty-one years earlier.

*Fred Antil ’55  
Ithaca, New York*

In March, I went to a *Titanic* exhibit at the Natural History Museum in San Diego. Upon entering, each person was given a replica of a boarding pass with the history of one of the passengers. Imagine my surprise when the person listed on my pass was Edgar Meyer 1905.

*Leon Bush ’51  
Tarzana, California*

## A Dissenting Voice

I regret being unable to share President Skorton’s excitement about the partnership between Cornell and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (From David Skorton, March/April 2012). In fact, given the well-documented close ties between Technion and the Israeli military and weapons corporations that contribute to Israel’s policies and practices that function to

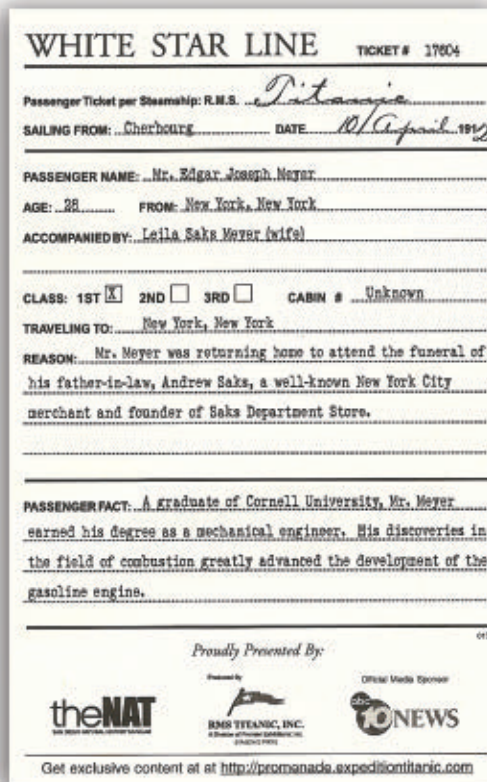


deny justice and freedom for all Palestinians, the newly formed alliance between these universities is cause for dismay, not celebration.

Arms technology research developed at Technion collaboratively with Israeli weapons corporations and the military has been employed by Israel to sustain its occupation, directly and indirectly. For example, faculty and students at Technion worked with Rafael, one of Israel’s largest weapons manufacturers, to develop rockets, aircraft, and tanks, some of which were involved in the widely condemned Israeli invasion of Gaza in 2009. No less troubling are reports that Technion’s practices of discrimination seriously affect the ability of Palestinian students to have equal access to higher education.

Many faculty and students at other North American universities, including McGill and Concordia in Montreal where I have appointments, have asked our institutions to not collaborate with Technion because its practices seem to violate basic academic principles and human rights. I ask the same of my alma mater. Through its partnership, Cornell serves to “normalize” what happens at Technion. What is happening there is of grave concern.

*Abby Lippman ’60  
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## Beyond Prison Walls

I was glad to see the article by Edward Hower '63 on the Cornell Prison Program ("Writing Dangerously," March/April 2012). I have been a volunteer in maximum security prisons through the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), and I am currently volunteering in Auburn Correctional Facility. We meet weekly with our inside workshop facilitators, and it has been a source of pride as a Cornellian to see Cornell students giving their time and energy to teach the men incarcerated there.

I attended the Cornell Prison Project conference on campus last year and was pleased to see that one of the formerly incarcerated speakers was a man who had participated in an AVP workshop with me. When he spoke, he was asked why he had dropped out of school. He said that he had always expected that he would go to prison, and so, at the age of twelve, he had practiced holding razor blades in his mouth and spitting them out, in expectation of the violence he would face. Someone asked him what needed to be changed in education for those expectations to change. He had no answer—but I do.

When my husband and I graduated from Cornell, we had completed majors in English, but we had also completed a program for provisional certificates in secondary education. This program apparently no longer exists. Cornell, unfortunately, does not provide training for students to go into teaching in the public schools, which so desperately need them.

I know that Cornell students are finding in their prison classes men who can compete intellectually with any students on campus. I know they must share with me the sadness that these same men were deprived, as children, of teachers who might have inspired and energized them to have expectations other than a life in prison. The hard reality is that some of the men who graduate from the Cornell Prison Project will never be able to use that education outside prison walls—and never see their children outside prison walls. And the other hard reality is that many of them have sons and daughters who are incarcerated in other prisons.

I think the Cornell Prison Project is wonderful. However, I hope that it will grow to develop a vision of what must be done in order to change the expectations of young people growing up on the streets, and to develop a program to train "the best and the brightest" to teach in our public schools.

Cynthia Loring MacBain '60  
 Skaneateles, New York

## War—What Is It Good For?

While I was reading Beth Saulnier's article about Danfung Dennis '04, BS Ag '05 ("Home Front," March/April 2012), I pulled up *Hell and Back Again* on Netflix. It's very well done and, in the end, quite disturbing. I am an Air Force brat, so I hardly dislike our military. But the film confirmed a couple of huge concerns I have with our current armed forces and how we are using them. First, these wars are doing more harm than good—you could see it and hear it from those village elders who want nothing more than peace for their families. Second, the all-volunteer army attracts people who enjoy killing, especially when soldiers are constantly deployed. I heard this from an early retiree who described the changes he had seen in the past ten years. More and more, he told me, fewer military volunteers are people willing to defend their country but not fond of war and many more are people who *prefer* war.

My dad, a career Air Force officer and World War II veteran, was sickened by the waste of life, especially in the Iraq war, which had no justification. Future generations of Americans will, I am afraid, be stuck with the ugly consequences of these lengthy wars of occupation.

Diana Christopulos '70  
 Salem, Virginia

## Conversation Starter

With all of the current kerfuffle about higher education—escalating costs and the student loan burden, intense competition to attract top students to elite colleges like the Ivies, and the power of rankings by national surveys to influence perceptions of quality and value—I write in hope of sparking a robust conversation among fellow CAM readers about such issues.

To kick this off, I am reminded of a remark in the *Daily Sun*, circa 1958, following a survey by outside experts about the value of a Cornell education, to the effect that: "While an excellent education can be acquired at Cornell, holding a diploma from Cornell does not guarantee that one has had an excellent education." Is this still true?

Bill Hazzard '58, MD '62  
 Seattle, Washington

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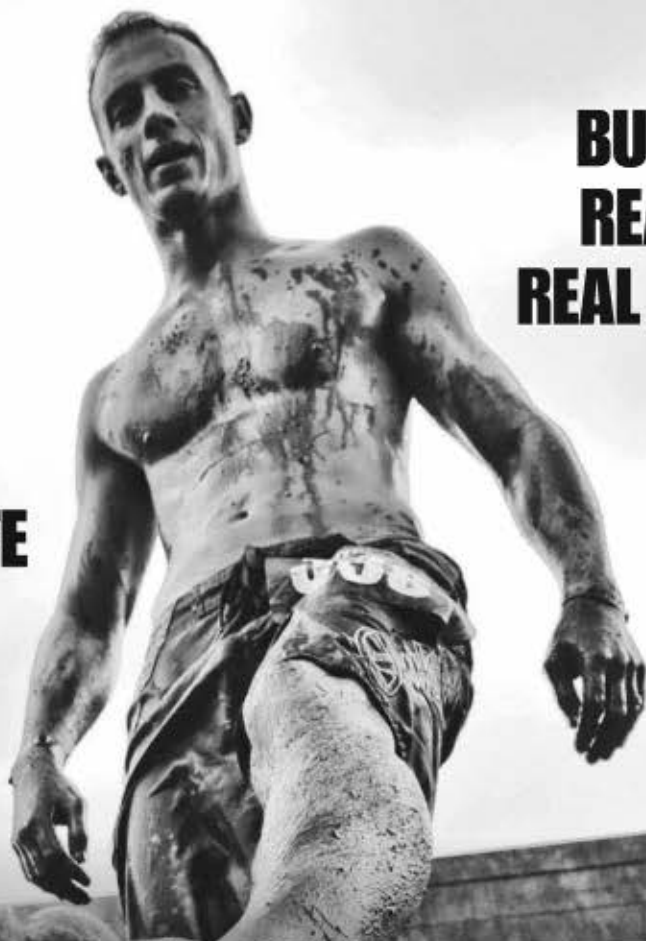
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# Hail and Farewell

## Dale Corson 1914–2012

When he became Cornell's eighth president in the summer of 1969, a few months after the takeover of Willard Straight Hall by black militants, Dale Corson had already served the University as professor, dean, and provost for twenty-three years. Born on a farm outside Pittsburg, Kansas, Corson received his BA from the College of Emporia (1934), his MA from the University of Kansas (1935), and his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley (1938).

A distinguished particle physicist, Corson was the co-discoverer of the element astatine and the co-author of an influential textbook on electromagnetism. During World War II, he worked at MIT's fabled Radiation Laboratory and served as a technical adviser at the headquarters of the U.S. Army Air Forces in Washington, D.C. While working at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory at the end of the war, he directed the establishment of the Sandia National Laboratory. Recruited by Cornell in 1946, he became chair of the physics department in 1956. Three years later, President Deane Waldo Malott appointed his fellow Kansan as dean of the College of Engineering, brushing aside his protestations that he was not sufficiently gregarious, urbane, or polished as a public speaker to do the job well. In 1963, President James Perkins made Corson his provost.

An honest, honorable, plain-spoken, candid, and courageous man, Dale Corson restored calm to a troubled campus during one of the most volatile periods in Cornell's history. Soon after he became president, he began meeting with faculty from every college—and divisiveness and resentment subsided substantially. "The one thing which made it possible for me to survive and command the help of the faculty," he wrote, "was my long association with them." Alumni support for Cornell rebounded as well.

During his tenure as president (1969–77), Cornell endured four building seizures or sit-ins, the most consequential of which was an occupation of Carpenter Hall on the Engineering Quad by anti-Vietnam War protestors in April 1972. Corson met each of these challenges with a near-perfect mixture of firmness, principle, patience, tact, and common sense. He reaffirmed Cornell's commitment to recruiting and retaining black students while insisting on civility and obedience to law. He condemned the war in Vietnam "as a citizen and an educator, rather than as president." And, thanks to his careful financial stewardship and the recommendations of faculty-led planning commissions, the institution weathered an inflationary spiral that caused budget cuts, tuition hikes, and deferred maintenance to the physical plant.

Despite financial constraints, Corson managed to support substantial, even fundamental, innovations in research and teaching at Cornell. Before the term multidisciplinary became fashionable, he encouraged the formation of programs in Science, Technology, and Society; Materials Science; Medieval Studies; and Women's Studies. He had a hand in the expansion of the Division of Biological Sciences, the Department of Geology, and the Wilson Synchrotron Laboratory. And he oversaw the completion of the I. M. Pei-designed Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art.

Corson also presided over a major restructuring of governance at Cornell, with the establishment of a faculty-student-employee University Senate, the addition of student and employee representatives to the Board of Trustees, and a campus code of conduct and judicial system.



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Less revolutionary but nonetheless important and permanent changes occurred during his presidency as well. Beginning in the fall of 1972, classes began for the first time before Labor Day—and examinations ended before Christmas. And, for the first time in decades, Commencement was held in an outdoor ceremony at Schoellkopf Stadium.

Citing the toll the presidency had taken on him and Nellie, his wife, Corson stepped down in 1977 and was named chancellor. Three years later, he retired. Nonetheless, Corson remained busy and productive. He was an adviser and mentor to his successors—Frank Rhodes, Hunter Rawlings, Jeffrey Lehman '77, and David Skorton—and to more than half a dozen provosts. He honed his (already estimable) skills as a photographer. Having played a key role in the birth of the space program in the United States, he was an articulate and effective proponent of government support for scientific initiatives—and in 1987 the National Academy of Sciences awarded him its coveted Public Welfare Medal. Thinking globally but acting locally, Corson helped found Kendal at Ithaca, a retirement community, moving there with Nellie when it opened.

Dale Corson was respected by virtually everyone who knew him. They—and we—recognize his wisdom, sound judgment, and rock-ribbed integrity. We celebrate him as an exemplary Cornellian, whose greatness originated in his goodness.

— Glenn Altschuler & Isaac Kramnick

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# From the Hill



PHOTOS BY LISA BANLAKI FRANK

Every dragon has its day: A hundred-foot-long beast invaded the Arts Quad for the annual Dragon Day celebration in March. This year, the event happened to coincide with the Year of the Black Water Dragon on the Chinese calendar, inspiring the design. "It's a marriage between a Western dragon and a Chinese dragon," explains Cameron Neuhoff '15, one of the architecture students who led the project, "with the long, serpentine aspect for most of it and the frontward bulkiness of the Western dragon." Below right: Engineering students created the phoenix, the dragon's traditional nemesis.

## Burns Elected Dean of the Faculty

Astronomer Joseph Burns, PhD '66, has been elected the new dean of the faculty. The Church Professor of Engineering and the former chair of the theoretical and applied mechanics department, Burns served as vice provost for engineering and physical sciences from 2003 to 2007. He defeated labor and employment law professor Risa Lieberwitz in the race to succeed outgoing faculty dean William Fry, PhD '70, a professor of plant pathology who has held the post since 2008. "As the faculty's representative and spokesperson at meetings with central administrators, I will be a constructive and independent voice," Burns said in a statement prior to the vote. "I will seek to enhance faculty responsibilities for governance. I will listen to my colleagues and be a visible and vocal advocate for them."



## U.S. News Lauds Engineering Grad Programs

*U.S. News and World Report's* 2013 rankings of America's best graduate schools lists seven Cornell engineering specialties among the top ten in their respective fields. They include biological/agricultural (third), civil (eighth), electrical (ninth), and mechanical (ninth). Cornell's MFA program rose fourteen spots to number thirty-six, while the Law School dropped one notch to fourteenth. Both the Johnson School and the Medical College were ranked sixteenth.

## Bloomberg to Speak at Convocation

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg will give the Senior Convocation address at Cornell's 144th Commencement in late May. The tech entrepreneur and philanthropist has held the office since 2002; in December, he named Cornell the winner of a competition to build an applied sciences campus on Roosevelt Island.

(See story, page 38.) His speech will be held in Schoellkopf Stadium at noon on the Saturday of Commencement weekend; no tickets are required unless rain moves the event into Barton Hall.



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Michael Bloomberg



Rendering of Gates Hall

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## Gates Hall Breaks Ground

Construction on Gates Hall, the future home of the Faculty of Computing and Information Science, began in March. The \$60 million project is aimed for partial completion in time for the information science department to move into the building in January 2014, and to be finished by that spring. The building, which will be located on the site of the Hoy Field parking lot, was funded in part by a \$25 million gift from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Its lead architect is Thom Mayne, the 2005 Pritzker Prize winner.

## Give My Regards To... These Cornellians in the News

**Cornell University**, named with distinction to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition of a school's commitment to service learning and civic engagement.

Biology major **Brittany Chao '12**, one of forty American winners of Gates Cambridge Scholarships for post-baccalaureate study at the University of Cambridge.

Professors **Christopher Batten**, **Tanzeem Choudhury**, **Susan Daniel**, **Olivier Elemento**, **Craig Fennie**, **Richard Hennig**, **Liam McAllister**, **Alyosha Molnar**, **Richard Robinson**, and **Noah Snavely**, winners of Faculty Early Career Development Awards from the National Science Foundation.

Professors **David Easley** (social science) and **Jon Kleinberg '93** (computer science), winners of the Lanchester Prize from the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences for their book, *Networks, Crowds, and Markets*.

Computer science professor **Joseph Halpern**, named a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

**Gannett Health Services**, accredited for the fifth time with the highest marks from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. It also received the highest level of certification as a patient-centered medical home from the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

**The Statler Hotel**, which for the second consecutive year received a AAA Four Diamond Award, given to less than four percent of AAA-rated restaurants and lodgings.

Vice president for student and academic services **Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94**, winner of Cornell Hillel's Tanner Prize in recognition of her efforts to enhance Jewish life on campus.

Physics major **Benjamin Nachman '12**, winner of a Churchill Scholarship to the University of Cambridge, one of just fourteen of the awards given nationwide.

Professors **William Dichtel** (chemistry and chemical biology), **Nate Foster** (computer science), and **Noah Snavely** (computer science), winners of Sloan Research Fellowships for promising early-career scientists.

**Soolean Choy '12**, **Phillip Ham '12**, **Gina Hong '13**, **Colleen Malley '13**, and **Claudia Pazlopez '12**, winners of the Nielsen Case Competition, in which teams vie to solve real-world challenges faced by the global marketing firm.

President **David Skorton**, honored with the Exemplary President in Governmental Relations Award from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities.

Tufts physics professor **Peggy Cebe, PhD '84**, honored by the Obama Administration with a Presidential Award for Excellence in mentoring in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines.

Chemistry professor **Bruce Ganem**, winner of the Esselen Award for Chemistry from the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society.



## Engineering Grad Student Dies

Twenty-seven-year-old engineering graduate student Dong Quan Hao died in late February. Hao, who was studying materials science and electrical and computer engineering, served as president of the Engineering Graduate Student Association in 2009–10. The cause of death has not been publicly disclosed. In an e-mail to the college, Engineering dean Lance Collins noted that several students have praised Hao as the best TA they had at Cornell, and said that he “will be remembered for his joyful smile and his willingness to always lend a helping hand.”

## Record High for Admissions Applications

In March, Lee Melvin, the associate vice provost for admissions, reported that 37,812 students had applied for admission to the Class of 2016, an increase of 4 percent over the previous year. Just over 16 percent were admitted: 6,123. Of these, 1,180 were admitted by early decision in December and 4,943 were admitted by regular admission; another 3,120 were placed on the wait list. “We’re fortunate that so many outstanding students want to receive their education here,” Melvin told the *Cornell Chronicle*. “Of course, that’s through a lot of hard work having gone into creating Cornell’s superb academic quality, attracting the very best faculty, and maintaining value for students and their families.”



## Funds Earmarked for Gorge Safety

Cornell has committed to spend more than \$1.5 million on gorge safety, with an additional \$800,000 pending approval, the University announced in late March. The funding will allow such work as the continuing rehabilitation of the Cascadilla Gorge Trail, which was closed for safety reasons in 2009; its lower section was reopened in 2010, and the rest is expected to follow suit this fall. Planned work in Fall Creek Gorge includes the installation of new railings, fences, gates, and signs. Additionally, scenic overlooks will be built in both gorges. “We plan to put amenities there so that folks can have a place to enjoy and experience these magnificent natural landscapes,” says Todd Bittner, Cornell Plantations’ director of natural areas.

President David Skorton appointed the Gorge Safety Steering Group following three accidental deaths in August 2011. This summer, the University will launch a “gorge stewards” program in which students will be trained to educate peers about the hazards of swimming in the gorges, the regulations against it, and the legal alternatives for recreation. The safety projects are separate from the efforts to prevent suicides on gorge bridges through the installation of nets and fencing.

# R&D

More information on campus research is available at [www.news.cornell.edu](http://www.news.cornell.edu)

The 2009 Cash for Clunkers trade-in program was truly a clunker, says economist Shanjun Li. Designed to offer vehicle owners rebates on fuel-efficient cars, it did little to bolster the economy or make an environmental impact.

Entomologists have found *Gonatocerus ovicenatus*—a wasp not spotted in North America in a century—at the Geneva Ag Station. They also discovered another wasp, *Gonatocerus ater*, never before recorded in the Western Hemisphere.

A new Cornell-developed strawberry offers high yields, vigor, and disease resistance, says plant breeder Courtney Weber. Dubbed Harriot, it has a heart shape and a slight pineapple overtone.

When looking after an aged or sick loved one, personality traits like extroversion can lower a caregiver’s risk of suffering mental or physical health problems—but others, like neuroticism, raise the risk. Human development professor Corinna Loeckenhoff published a study on the subject in *Psychology and Aging*.

A team led by food science professor Kathryn Boor ’80 and her former student Elizabeth Palmer, PhD ’10, has identified a compound that can control *Listeria* in animals by disrupting the mechanism that controls genes expressed when the food-borne pathogen encounters rapid environmental changes.

A “virtual pet” can inspire kids to eat breakfast. In the *Journal of Children and Media*, communication professor Sahara Byrne and colleagues report that seventh and eighth graders who got e-mails from a “pet” via iPhone reminding them to eat breakfast were more likely to do so.

In a unusual example of bacteria-to-animal gene transfer, a bacterial gene from the gut of the coffee berry borer beetle, a coffee pest, has become part of the insect’s genome. It appears to give the beetle an evolutionary advantage in digesting the carbohydrates in coffee beans.

A robotic gripper developed in the lab of mechanical and aerospace engineering professor Hod Lipson can throw objects without arm motion. The gripper, a latex balloon filled with coffee grounds, uses air pressure to propel items forward.

Physicists are using computer simulation and modeling to predict the failure of structures like bridges, airplanes, and buildings. Professor James Sethna and grad student Ashvini Shekhawat published their theoretical insights in *Physical Review Letters*.

Personality disorders can be better diagnosed by detecting and targeting the disrupted neurobiological systems where they begin, says neuroscientist Richard Depue. In a special issue of the *International Review of Psychiatry*, he argues that, contrary to current medical practice, classifying mental illness based on patterns of thought and behavior is misguided.

# Triple Threat



Kyle Dake

At this year's NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, three Big Red wrestlers captured national titles: Kyle Dake '13 (157 lbs.), Steve Bosak '12 (184 lbs.), and Cam Simaz '12 (197 lbs.). For Dake, it was his third straight national title—all in different weight classes, a feat that had never been accomplished before. (He competed at 141 pounds as a freshman and 147 pounds as a sophomore.) In the championship final, Dake defeated Derek St. John of Iowa 3-1—the only point he surrendered in the entire competition. Five Cornell wrestlers were named All-Americans; earning that distinction along with Dake, Bosak, and Simaz were Frank Perelli '11 (fourth at 125 lbs.) and Mike Nevinger '13 (seventh at 141 lbs.). The overall team title was won by Penn State, with Cornell placing fourth.

**LAX LEGEND** Former lacrosse star **Eamon McEneaney '77** was named the second recipient of the Tewaaraton Legend Award, which is presented annually to a former college lacrosse player who finished his career before the Tewaaraton Award was established in 2001. McEneaney was a three-time All-American and helped lead Cornell to two national titles and back-to-back undefeated seasons in 1976 and 1977. His wife, **Bonnie McEneaney, MPS '78**, will accept the award on May 31. McEneaney was killed in the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

**GRAND FINALE** The women's ice hockey team made its third straight appearance in the Frozen Four before losing to Minnesota 3-1 in the national semifinal. The Big Red will say goodbye to six seniors who helped turn around a program that hadn't had a winning season since 1997-98. Led by first-team All-American **Rebecca Johnston '12**, the seniors won a school-record 94 games. Johnston, who missed the 2009-10 season while playing for the Canadian national team that won an Olympic gold medal, finished her career with a school-record 97 goals. **Laura Fortino '13** earned first-team All-American honors for the third straight season after leading the Cornell blue-liners with eight goals and 29 assists.

**STRONG START** The Big Red baseball team opened the season with six straight wins. After a four-game sweep of Maryland-Eastern Shore by a total score of 42-9, they took a doubleheader from George Washington University before losing the first game of a twin bill the next day. **Connor Kaufmann '14** provided another highlight when he tossed a no-hitter against Dartmouth in a seven-inning 2-0 win on April 1. It was the Big Red's first solo no-hitter since 1979.

**CALLED UP** When **Jeff Foote '10** took the floor for the New Orleans Hornets against the Denver Nuggets on March 9, he became the fourth Cornell basketball player to play in the NBA—and the first since **Ed Peterson '48** in 1950. Foote scored four points and collected four rebounds in 23 minutes during the Hornets' 110-97 loss. The seven-footer played only 16 minutes in three subsequent games before returning to the Springfield Armor in the NBA Development League, where he was averaging 14.8 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

**IVY HONORS** Forward **Shonn Miller '15**

## Sports Shorts

**NAIL BITERS** Lynah Rink has seen a lot of hockey in its 55-year history, but nothing like what transpired on the weekend of March 9-10. On Friday, **Sean Whitney '12** scored with 2:30 left in the second overtime to lift the men's team to a 4-3 win over Dartmouth in Game 1 of an ECAC quarterfinal series. It was the longest game in Lynah history at 97:40—but the record would stand for less than 24 hours. The next day, the women's team needed almost three full overtime periods to beat Boston University 8-7 in an NCAA opening-round game. **Lauriane Rougeau '13** scored with just 10 seconds left in the third OT, ending a contest that saw each team surrender a three-goal lead. At 119:50, the game not



Lauriane Rougeau

only set a Lynah record, it was the longest in program history and the fourth longest in NCAA history.



was named the Ivy League men's basketball Rookie of the Year for 2012, marking the fourth time a Big Red player has won the award in the past seven seasons. Miller averaged 8.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game while setting Cornell freshman records for rebounds (170) and blocked shots (70). **Chris Wroblewski '12**, who was Rookie of the Year in 2009, closed his career by being named first-team All-Ivy. Wroblewski finished as Cornell's all-time leader in assists with 482.



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**UP AND DOWN** A roller-coaster season for the men's hockey team finished that way, as Cornell upset second-ranked Michigan 3-2 in overtime during the first round of the NCAA playoffs before losing to Ferris State 2-1 the next night. A 19th appearance in the NCAA playoffs appeared to be in jeopardy after Cornell fell to Harvard 6-1 in the ECAC semifinals, but the squad bounced back to beat Colgate the next night 3-0 and earn its third NCAA playoff bid in the past four seasons. The Big Red won its 19th Ivy League title with a 7-1-2 league mark while finishing second in the ECAC regular-season standings. **Brian Ferlin '15** was named the ECAC and Ivy League Rookie of the Year after scoring eight goals and 13 assists in 26 games.

## Winter Teams

### Final Records

Men's Basketball	12-16; 7-7 Ivy (5th)
Women's Basketball	12-16; 6-8 Ivy (T-5th)
Fencing	13-10; 0-6 Ivy (7th)
Gymnastics	7-13
Men's Hockey	19-9-7; 12-4-6 ECAC (2nd)
Women's Hockey	30-5; 20-2 ECAC (1st)
Men's Polo	10-7
Women's Polo	12-5
Men's Squash	13-7; 4-3 Ivy (4th)
Women's Squash	12-8; 3-4 Ivy (5th)
Men's Swimming	1-7; 0-7 Ivy (8th)
Women's Swimming	2-6; 1-6 Ivy (T-7th)
Wrestling	11-1; 5-0 Ivy (1st)

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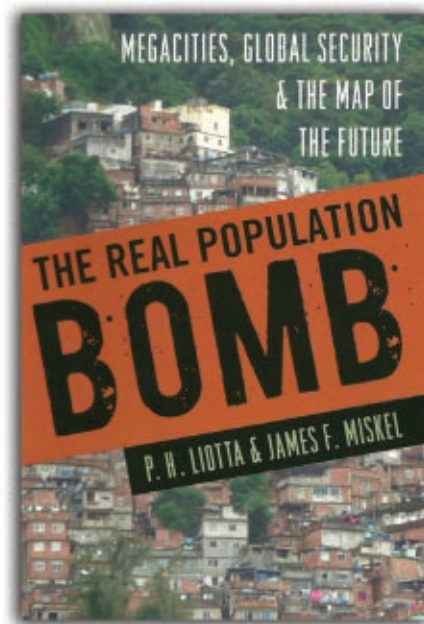
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# The Gathering Storm

**The Real Population Bomb** by P. H. Liotta, MFA '87, and James F. Miskel (Potomac)

**B**y 2025, there will be twenty-seven megacities—those with populations greater than 10 million. Liotta, a visiting scholar at West Point, and his co-author, a defense consultant, write, “In the dense, overgrown neighborhoods and shantytowns of Lagos, Kinshasa, Cairo, Karachi, Lahore, or Dhaka, government authorities have failed to provide infrastructure and public service.” If steps are not taken to mitigate negative conditions, they argue, some megacities will become havens for terrorists and criminal networks, and sources of major environmental destruction. “We need urgent, collective, and innovative actions to help critical megacities weather the gathering storm.”



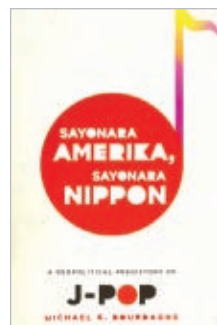
**The Upside-Down Constitution** by Michael S. Greve, PhD '87 (Harvard). “Federalism can be a promise or a pathology, a blessing or a curse,” contends Greve, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Research Policy. He argues that federalism has stood the Constitution on its head. “Our Federalism’ (as the Supreme Court likes to call it) embodies just the opposite principles and premises. It serves the interests of politicians, not citizens. Whether we are still capable of rediscovering our more noble and magnificent traditions, and the constitutional conditions of a more prosperous and respectable politics, remains to be seen.”



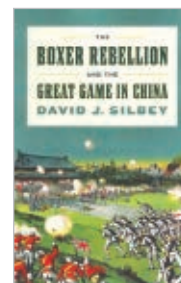
**End Times?** By Daniel R. Schwarz (Excelsior). “The *New York Times* is facing a financial crisis that threatens its existence,” writes Schwarz, the Whiton Professor of English. As the Internet and cable television challenge its relevance as a major news source, the *Times* is searching for an identity. “In its desperate effort to find new readers and prosper economically in an environment where circulation and advertising revenue are not keeping pace with costs,” Schwarz contends, “the *Times* has somewhat compromised its standards and is delivering a diluted product that is less an authoritative newspaper than a potpourri of information.”



**Sayonara Amerika, Sayonara Nippon** by Michael K. Bourdaghs, PhD '96 (Columbia). The aftermath of surrender in 1945 unleashed a powerful sense of liberation in Japan, replacing wartime sacrifice with the desire for material consumption. “The resurgence in pop music provided the sound track for a series of important social developments,” writes Bourdaghs, a professor of modern Japanese literature at the University of Chicago. “With the end of the Cold War and the bursting of the economic bubble, the bipolar Japan versus America geopolitical map that had framed Japanese popular music since 1945 began yielding to a new mapping that increasingly situated Japan within Asia.”



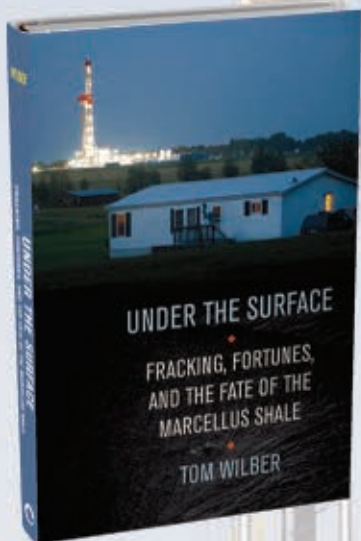
**The Boxer Rebellion and the Great Game in China** by David J. Silbey '90 (Hill and Wang). China spent most of the nineteenth century losing its ability to resist the imperial powers. In the spring of 1900, the Boxer movement, fed by growing resentment over foreign intrusion, exploded across northern China. Silbey, the associate director of the Cornell in Washington program, shows how close the Boxers came to repulsing the combined forces of Britain, France, Russia, Japan, Germany, and the United States. “If they failed,” writes Silbey, “they did nonetheless serve as both an example and an inspiration to a generation of revolutionaries.”





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## Fiction

*In the Shadow of the Banyan* by Vaddey Ratner '95 (Simon & Schuster). Ratner's debut novel is based on her family's experience in Cambodia between 1975 and 1979 when the leaders of the Khmer Rouge, in an attempt to realize their vision of a utopian society, instead transformed the country into killing fields. Her young protagonist, Raami, suffers starvation, forced labor, and the deaths of family members, but clings to her humanity through the memory of her father's storytelling.

*The Sounding* by Carrie Salo '02 (23 House). In Salo's supernatural thriller, Father Chris Mognahan belongs to a secret society within the Catholic Church that studies biblical omens. When the society asks him to investigate a gruesome murder, he finds himself fighting against evil forces that want to bring about Armageddon.

## Non-Fiction

*What Every Environmentalist Needs to Know About Capitalism* by Fred Magdoff, PhD '69, and John Bellamy Foster (Monthly Review). The director of the Monthly Review Foundation and a sociology professor at the University of Oregon argue that environmentalists cannot solve the global ecological crisis without confronting the ecologically destructive nature of capitalism.

*Alpha Phi Alpha* edited by Gregory S. Parks, JD '08, and Stefan M. Bradley (Kentucky). Seven black men established Alpha Phi Alpha, the sole intercollegiate black fraternity to be founded at an Ivy League university, in 1906 at Cornell. In this collection of essays, contributors discuss the importance of the fraternity and its role in shaping the lives of future leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Paul Robeson, and Cornel West.

*Serling* by Gordon F. Sander '72 (Cornell). Rod Serling's early teleplays—"Patterns," "The Comedian," and "Requiem for a Heavyweight"—are touchstones of television's golden age, but he will be remembered most for the 152 episodes of *The Twilight Zone*, which opened viewers to the strange and wonderful side of the universe, but always in human terms. Sander's biography traces the rise and twilight of television's "last angry man."

*The Emancipation of Europe's Muslims* by Jonathan Laurence '98 (Princeton). A professor of political science at Boston College examines the response of Western European governments to the rising population of Muslim immigrants and dispels the idea that Europe's Muslims constitute a threat to democracy.

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# Go Gators

Adam Hall '09 is a rare breed:  
an Ivy League-educated alligator wrestler

It's the off-season in Orlando—the early February lull between Christmas vacation and winter break—and the crowds at Gatorland are sparse but enthusiastic. Clad in a safari-style shirt and blue jeans, Adam Hall '09 takes the sand-filled stage of a small amphitheater and asks a boy in the audience to pick a gator. Then he grabs the chosen animal by the tail, drags it center stage, and climbs on its back like a kid on a pony. “Doesn't that look easy?” Hall asks, flexing a muscle body-builder style. “Ladies, get your pictures.”

Hall starts with a primer on gator anatomy, showing how the animal's eyes recede into its head at the touch of his fingers and pointing out the location of its ears. Then: “You want to see some crazy stuff? You want to see some action, right?” He polls the crowd as to the most dangerous part of a gator; the vote is roughly split between jaws and tail. “Take a look at the tail, and take a look at me,” says Hall, pointedly holding the gator's mouth shut. “You just failed an open book test.” The crowd laughs appreciatively. “The tail can bruise you,” he goes on, “but if the mouth gets you, it's going to take something and not give it back.”

It's just another day at the office for that rarest of species, the Ivy League-educated alligator wrestler. Since September 2010, Hall has been an entertainer at Gatorland, a venerable, family-owned theme park and animal preserve in America's tourist mecca. In addition to caring for the creatures and their habitats, Hall stars in three shows—the wrestling demonstration, the “Upclose Encounters” show in which he handles snakes and spiders, and “Jumparoo,” a crowd pleaser that casts him as an overalls-clad yokel who tempts gators to leap out of the water to snatch chicken carcasses. “It's not so much that you fear the animal, it's more about respecting what it could do and handling it in a way that makes the alligator feel comfortable so it doesn't have a reason to try to hurt you,” says Hall, who worked at a zoo in Utica, New York, before moving to Florida. “Yes, it's called gator ‘wrestling’ but it's not about overpowering the animal, like in high school wrestling where you're trying to pin the other guy. It's about teaching people about the animal in a safe way. You want to show them how cool the alligator is.”

Considered a “half-day” attraction—as opposed to the behemoths of Disney, Universal Studios, and Sea World—Gatorland is an Orlando institution; it was founded in 1949, and the giant concrete gator's mouth at its front entrance is a beloved local landmark. Its 110 acres include some 1,500 gators and the odd crocodile, plus one of the largest bird rookeries in central Florida, snack bars that sell local delicacies from gator nuggets to boiled peanuts, the six-story-high “Screamin' Gator Zipline,” and a vast, jolly, reptile-themed gift shop that's a destination unto itself.

Hall moved to Orlando with an eye toward someday training Shamu at Sea World, a childhood dream he still nurtures. “I've always been gung-ho for working with animals, whether it be cute, cuddly ones or sharp, scaly ones,” says Hall, who earned

an associate's degree from Mohawk Valley Community College before matriculating at Cornell, where he majored in animal science and worked in the department's raptor conservation program. At his Gatorland audition—amazingly enough, it was his wife who pointed out the gator-wrestling job and suggested he apply—he performed the Jumparoo script, which dramatizes a gator-feeding competition between a pair of dimwits named Bubba and Cooter. Even though he didn't have any acting experience, he nailed it. “They wanted to see that I was willing to take a risk,” he says, “to try something new and not be afraid to look stupid.” Then came training and apprenticeship with veteran animal handlers. “You have to pass the gator-wrestling test, which is wrestling twelve alligators in two and a half hours,” he says. “Fifteen minutes later, you wrestle the first show of the day. I was a little tired, but I was on an adrenaline high.”

Hall's job requires him to be part teacher, part comedian, part daredevil. Back in the wrestling ring, he's giving a lesson on how a gator's jaws work. “If he doesn't want his mouth open,” he tells the crowd, “there's nothing that I or my gigantic muscles can do about it.” Still straddling the gator, he strokes its throat and succeeds in prying its jaws open, earning a chorus of oohs and ahs. The animal starts to squirm and wander, but Hall manages to get control and turn it around so the opposite rows of bleachers can get a good look. He describes the flap that seals off the throat when the gator goes underwater and explains that the animal's massive jaw pressure is designed for closing, not opening—which is why he can keep its mouth shut with just one hand. “Watch this,” he says, then adds: “Famous last words for a redneck, right?” Hall leans forward and tucks his chin over the gator's snout to keep its mouth closed, stretching his arms behind his back as if to say, “Look, mom, no hands!” The crowd erupts in applause, and he raises the stakes. “Watch the alligator's bottom jaw,” he says. “If it goes wrong, watch *my* bottom jaw.” He makes an adjustment, and this time holds just the top jaw with his chin; the bottom one swings open to reveal rows of pearly whites. The crowd goes wild.

With the show winding down, Hall offers a lesson in escaping a hungry gator. Since the animals can run only ten to twelve miles an hour but can turn on a dime, he says, the old wives' tale about moving in a zigzag pattern is dead wrong. “Just run in a straight line,” he says, “or trip the person you're with, and *then* walk.” For his final act, Hall shows that the old saw about putting a gator to sleep by turning it onto its back actually has some merit; he upends the animal with a deft flip and it lies immobile. The show's announcer closes with a lullaby:

*Rock-a-bye gator,  
asleep in the pit.  
The show would be better  
if Adam got bit.*

— Beth Saulnier





Open wide: Adam Hall '09 with a reptilian costar at Gatorland

# A Drop to Drink

'Pro bono capitalist' Kevin McGovern '70 aims to bring potable water to the developing world



Thirsty work: Kevin McGovern '70 (far right) during a Water Initiative trip to the Mexican state of Durango

**W**orldwide, one in eight people lacks access to safe drinking water. In developing countries, waterborne illnesses such as diarrhea, guinea worm, trachoma, and schistosomiasis fill 50 percent of all hospital beds and lead to 3.5 million deaths annually—

including those of 4,000 children every day. Naturally occurring contaminants including arsenic, fluoride, radon, and selenium—as well as scores of industrial chemicals—cause myriad chronic conditions, from bone malformation to diabetes and cancer. Even in the U.S., where indoor plumbing and chlorination are the norm, health-care costs associated

with Legionnaire's disease, cryptosporidiosis, and giardiasis—all transmitted in tainted water—total more than \$500 million every year.

These are the facts that consumed Cornell trustee Kevin McGovern '70 as he recuperated from hip surgery during the summer of 2006 and pondered his next career move. A co-founder of the nutraceutical beverage brand SoBe (now owned by PepsiCo), he had just overseen the sale of KX Industries—the world's largest manufacturer of carbon purification filters for such brands as PUR, Brita, and Electrolux Frigidaire—a company he had co-owned for a decade. In the process, he'd learned a thing or two about H<sub>2</sub>O. "I decided I wanted to do something that would truly impact the world," says McGovern, a longtime intellectual property lawyer and serial entrepreneur. "The number one health issue in the world is the water we drink."

Throughout the U.S. and Europe—and those parts of the developing world with indoor plumbing—water treatment plants filter contaminants from lakes, rivers, and reservoirs, then pipe the clean results into our homes. Such facilities cost billions. Yet less than 2 percent of what's treated is actually used for cooking or drinking; most of it leaks from faulty pipes or flows through household appliances, toilets, and bathtub drains. Even worse, the pipes—some laid during Abraham Lincoln's presidency—from plant to tap are often so compromised that the flow is re-contaminated before it touches our lips.

McGovern, whom the *Economist* has called "a self-described *pro bono* capitalist," determined to skip over the treatment plants and blighted infrastructure to focus on what flows from the tap—assembling a team of scientists to develop an affordable, home-scale coun-



tertop filtration unit. “Just as the cell phone allowed billions of people to leapfrog telecommunications equipment,” says McGovern, Cornell’s 2007 Entrepreneur of the Year and a longtime adviser to the University’s Center for Sustainable Global Enterprise, “point-of-drinking devices will allow people around the world to leapfrog water treatment plants and bottled water.”

By the end of 2006, McGovern had formed The Water Initiative (TWI) with a roster of investors and advisers including Indian industrialist Ratan Tata ’59, BArch ’62, Middle East financier Lubna Olayan ’77, MIT professor Robert Langer ’70, and financial services executive Jeffrey Parker ’65, MEng ’66, PhD ’70. “When you invest in early-stage companies, you’re investing primarily in the individual,” says Parker, Cornell’s 2001 Entrepreneur of the Year. “Kevin has an incredible ability to get in the door and have one-on-one meetings with people who are globally significant. If you’re doing something as big as providing clean water for billions of people, that’s a critical skill.”

The company’s business model lifts a page from the book of TWI adviser Stu-

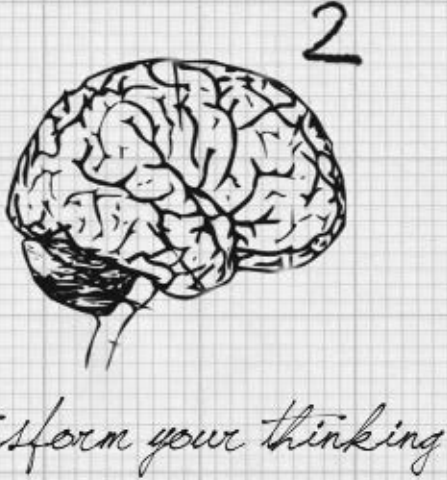
art Hart, the Samuel C. Johnson Chair in Sustainable Global Enterprise and author of *Capitalism at the Crossroads: The Unlimited Business Opportunities in Solving the World’s Most Difficult Problems*. Instead of selling a few high-priced items to the world’s wealthiest people, TWI takes a “bottom of the pyramid” approach to turning a profit by marketing to the billions who live in developing countries. Their per capita earnings—and expenditures—are barely a sliver of those boasted by their counterparts in the U.S. and Europe, but collectively they comprise a vast market with powerful economies of scale.

With the blessing of Mexico’s first lady and the country’s water authority, TWI’s scientists started in the central state of Durango, where toxic arsenic levels drive those who can afford it to buy bottled water, while the community’s most impoverished citizens endure disability and disease. McGovern charged the team with designing an affordable unit that requires neither batteries nor electricity and can be safely discarded—despite the toxic metals it filters—at the end of its useful life. To test their design, the team

chose the town with the highest arsenic concentration; their first-generation filter lasted less than two weeks. Today, the unit, which costs less than \$20 annually to operate, can filter 50,000 liters—five years’ worth of drinking and cooking water for the average Durango family.

By the end of 2012, TWI will have delivered nearly 100,000 units to the Durango government, which determined it would be cheaper to contract with the company than to build a central water treatment facility. This spring, McGovern traveled to four additional states in Mexico, as well as Chile, Argentina, and Peru to promote TWI’s products. His scientists are developing units for a large housing development in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and in February McGovern charged his team with launching a unit intended for households in the U.S. Like all of the company’s products, it will be customized to local water conditions. “Unlike any other company in the world, we do not walk in with a solution and force it like a silver bullet on the situation,” he says. “We diagnose the situation, then develop an appropriate solution.”

— Sharon Tregaskis ’95





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# Mind's Eye

Jay Walker's  
library of human  
imagination  
comes to  
campus

Onward and upward: The Walker Library, whose staircases were inspired by M. C. Escher images, features glass panels depicting major discoveries.



WALKER LIBRARY OF HUMAN IMAGINATION

**T**he subject of the collection that entrepreneur Jay Walker '77 has built at his Connecticut home is, quite literally, limitless. Dubbed the Walker Library of the History of Human Imagination, the 3,600-square-foot facility houses thousands of items, from rare manuscripts to modern-day objects, that trace the heady process of scientific and artistic discovery over the course of millennia.

An original 1957 backup of the Soviet *Sputnik* satellite. An anastatic facsimile of the Declaration of Independence. A 1699 atlas containing the first maps to depict the sun as the center of the known universe. The complete skeleton of a juvenile raptor and a clutch of fossilized dinosaur eggs. A 1768 first edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. A Civil War field surgeon's kit. A flag that flew to the moon on *Apollo 11*. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. (Speaking of which: there's also a vintage photo of the *Endurance*, the ship that was frozen and crushed during the failed Shackleton expedition to the South Pole.)

The collection, Walker explains, aims to explore the evolution of human understanding about a wide variety of subjects—

and to delve into the nature of imagination itself. "You can understand the history of human imagination through various vectors or lines that extend back through history," says Walker, founder of Priceline.com and chairman of Walker Digital, a privately held R&D lab. "So, one such vector might be anatomical illustration—an attempt by man to illustrate the internal parts of the human body as best he can. By looking at the history of anatomical illustration, you can see the development of how we think about the body, about the world, about color, about form, about beauty. Suddenly, a picture emerges of how we imagine the inner workings of the body—from Galen in Rome all the way through the modern MRI."

This summer and fall, visitors to campus will get a taste of Walker's collection; starting Reunion weekend, Kroch Library will host an exhibit of dozens of its items, including the backup *Sputnik*, a World War II-era Enigma code machine, a cuneiform cone from 2000 BC, a leaf from a Gutenberg Bible, the original crystal ball from *The Wizard of Oz*, an IBM punch card, and first editions of works by Edgar Allen Poe, H. G. Wells, and James Joyce. "It's a unique collection that's grounded in such a passionately





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Fossil fuel: The library includes a dinosaur bone and a clutch of fossilized eggs.

held idea,” says Kroch exhibition project manager Jillian Piccirilli ’08. “Mr. Walker is so excited about the notion of imagination and its role through history—but also its contemporary relevance, especially to students.”

In addition to the Kroch exhibit—which kicks off with a talk Walker will give in Milstein Hall auditorium on Thursday, June 7, during his 35th Reunion—several satellite shows will be mounted on campus and beyond. Mann Library will show an early color-illustrated guide to marine life; the Johnson Museum will display a medieval illuminated manuscript known as a Book of Hours. Outside President Skorton’s office in Day Hall, items from the Walker Library will be paired with those from the University’s holdings—for example, a Rorschach ink blot next to a specimen from the Cornell Brain Collection. And the Declaration of Independence facsimile—one of just two made through a method that creates highly accurate copies but damages the original—will be on display at the Tompkins County Public Library downtown.

Will Walker—whose home office is in the library—miss the items he’s loaning for half a year? “They aren’t like pets or children,” he says. “Yes, I’ll miss them at some level. But there are wonderful things that will fill their place for the time being, and when they return, the collection will be redone yet another way. The room is never static; it’s always changing. I’m always taking things out and putting things away.”

— Beth Saulnier

## Maize Craze

### Building a better microwave popcorn

When Coulter Lewis ’03 and his wife, Kristy, decided to sell organic gourmet microwave popcorn, they had no idea if the concept would fly. As a “sanity check,” they made a video appeal for funding on Kickstarter, a website often used by artists and musicians to raise money for projects. Their goal was \$10,000; they garnered nearly three times that much, from hundreds of backers. “That was an awesome boost,” recalls Lewis, “and an indication that maybe we were on to something.”



QUINN POPCORN

When Quinn Popcorn—named for the couple’s newborn son—offered its product on Amazon in fall 2010, it sold out almost immediately. Ditto for the two dozen Whole Foods stores on the East Coast that carried the popcorn—and saw it fly off the shelves. Priced at about \$15 for a six-pack of three all-natural flavors—parmesan and rosemary, lemon and sea salt, and Vermont maple and sea salt—the snack requires more work than the average microwave popcorn. Once it’s popped, consumers add a packet containing a mixture of canola and grapeseed oils and shake the bag; then they add the seasoning and shake again to coat the kernels. “Unlike potato chips—that are fried, higher in fat, and not as good for you—popcorn is a whole grain,” says Lewis, who majored in mechanical engineering and works at a design firm. “From a health perspective, there are a lot of reasons why it’s a good thing.”

*New York Times* food columnist Florence Fabricant has praised the popcorn for maintaining taste and quality despite ditching the chemicals and preservatives. “And if a few kernels may be duds,” she wrote in October 2011, “what pops is delicious.” The company, which is based in Arlington, Massachusetts, has also been featured on the cover of *Edible Boston* magazine.

Plans are in the works to introduce more flavors, step up production, and expand to other retailers. But even with the company’s initial success, Lewis admits that any start-up venture is risky. “To be a successful entrepreneur,” he says, “the first and most difficult thing is to maintain an unrealistic level of optimism at all times.” And as for the future popcorn fan for whom the brand is named? “We joke that he’ll either be really excited that his college is paid for,” Lewis says with a laugh, “or he’ll be really mad that we don’t have a house.”

— Timothy Weisberg ’12



# Om...Fore!

## Psychologist teaches Zen of golf to the likes of Vijay Singh

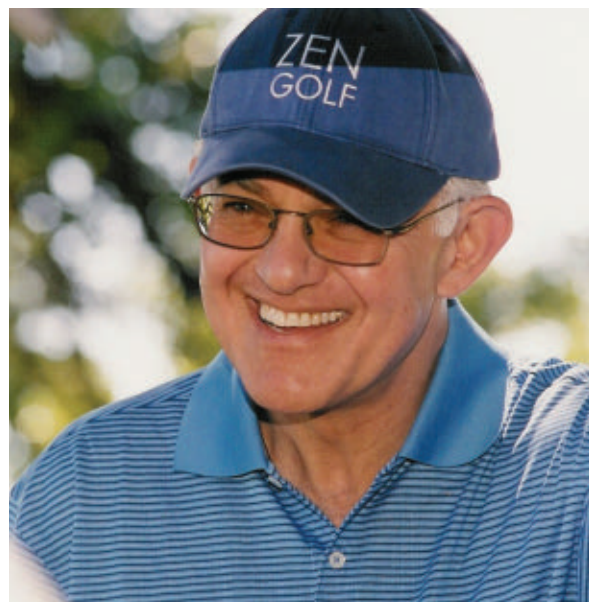
**J**oe Parent '72 is a golf coach—but he doesn't correct swings. Instead, he focuses on the mind. "I translate technical instruction into mental and psycho-physical feel," he explains. "This frees you up so you're not thinking about how you're doing it." Parent preaches an approach to the game in which you trust your swing—and practice your smile. "People think if only they would play better they would enjoy it more," he says. "It actually works the other way around."

It's all very Zen—and Parent has made a career out of it. The author of the bestselling *Zen Golf: Mastering the Mental Game*, Parent offers lessons that blend modern psychology and ancient wisdom. The combination has evolved into a cottage industry that includes two more books (*Zen Putting* and a collection of tips entitled *Golf: The Art of the Mental Game*), a four-DVD collection of instructional videos, and even a Zen Golf card deck, which condenses his key principles into fifty mental exercises. Parent also offers personal instruction, primarily at two Southern California golf courses—the Los Angeles Country Club and the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa Resort.

The organizing principle of Parent's coaching program is the "PAR" approach, which stands for preparation, action, and response to result. Before each shot, he advocates visualizing both the target and the path the ball will take to get there. While swinging, think about what you intend to do, rather than how you intend to do it. As for the results, he says: "With the perspective of unconditional confidence, one bad shot won't lead us to doubt ourselves."

Parent's teachings have taken him beyond the golf course. He gives keynote speeches about being "at the top of your game" in business and life and has led corporate seminars at companies like Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch. "Basically, it's all performance psychology—how to be as effective as you can be," he says. "Golf is a great revealer, as well as a trainer." He has also worked with actors, including George Lopez, Ray Romano, and Michael O'Keefe—who, as it happens, played the lead in *Caddyshack*. As Chevy Chase memorably advised in that film: "Be the ball"—which sounds as if it could have been a chapter title in *Zen Golf*. "Basically, he's saying go with the flow," says Parent. "Get out of your head. And identify with the experience."

Parent was a four-sport high school athlete while growing up in New Jersey, but he was only a recreational golfer. "I like to say that I learned from my father, who shot in the low 120s," laughs Parent, who now shoots in the high seventies and low eighties. At Cornell, he enrolled in the College of Engineering, but a sophomore year epiphany led him to switch his major. When asked on a form why he wanted to major in psychology, he responded: "To find out



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Joe Parent '72

why I want to major in psychology."

Following graduation, Parent moved to Colorado, where he explored the workings of the mind both from a Western perspective (earning a PhD in social psychology from the University of Colorado) and an Eastern one (training in the Buddhist and Shambhala traditions at a meditation center in Boulder). One of his meditation teachers frequently used golf to impart lessons in awareness and insight. But, Parent wondered, could the reverse be true? Could Buddhist practices—practical techniques for essentially getting out of your own way—improve sports performance? "It works particularly well in golf, because there is time for thoughts to interfere," says Parent. "There's no time limit, and the ball is just sitting there." Only parts of other sports pose a similar challenge—shooting a free throw, for instance, or pitching a baseball. But every aspect of golf is a mind game. "And the closer you get to the hole," says Parent, "the more mental it is."

By the Nineties, Parent began offering his hybrid of East-West sports psychology to golfers of all abilities. Pros told other pros, and Parent began to advise players at the highest levels, including elite golfers like World Golf Hall of Famer Julie Inkster and major-winner David Toms. Vijay Singh began working with Parent and eventually replaced Tiger Woods as the top-ranked pro—after which *Golf Digest* named Parent to its list of the top ten mental game experts.

In *Zen Golf*, Parent extrapolates sports wisdom from traditional stories, suggesting ways for golfers to boost confidence and free themselves from doubt and fear. He offers exercises like maintaining a self-assured posture regardless of how the round is playing out, and reacting to poor shots not with a storm of emotion but with an attempt at intellectual detachment. "Hmmm," he thinks we should say after a nasty slice, "that's interesting."

— Brad Herzog '90

# Out of This World

Professors **Mason Peck** and **Steve Squyres '78, PhD '81**, are helping to pilot NASA's technology policy into the final frontier

Mason Peck



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*Mechanical and aerospace engineering professor Mason Peck is on loan to NASA for two years as the agency's chief technologist. Steve Squyres '78, PhD '81, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Astronomy, is serving a two-year term as chairman of the NASA Advisory Council. Both are veteran space researchers; Peck's ongoing projects include two Cornell-built satellite programs, and Squyres is principal scientific investigator for the Mars Exploration Rover mission. Peck is currently based at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C.; during one of his occasional visits to campus, he and Squyres sat down with CAM to discuss the space agency, their hopes for a ticket to Mars—and how downright cool their jobs are.*

**Cornell Alumni Magazine:** What does it mean to be NASA's chief technologist?

**Mason Peck:** I have a number of roles. One is as the chief advocate or spokesperson for technology at NASA, both inside and outside the agency. I advise the NASA administrator on technology matters and provide that kind of information to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, the President's office, and other folks in Washington. Also, the Office of the Chief Technologist has a space technology program that started up last year. There's a lot of giving congressional testimony; it's often *pro forma* stuff, explaining the specifics and motivation behind aspects of NASA's budget.

**CAM:** Steve, what does the chairman of the NASA Advisory Council do?

**Steve Squyres:** Like many government agencies, NASA looks



Steven Squyres

outside for advice; it has a complex, multi-tiered advisory structure and at the top is the Advisory Council, which has about a dozen members. I run that process and am the chief external adviser to the NASA administrator. Before I became chairman, I led the Planetary Decadal Survey for the National Research Council; it's a big effort to devise a ten-year strategic plan for planetary exploration. One of the things we stressed was the importance of investing in technology.

**CAM:** Why is technology investment so important?

**SS:** Technology is the seed corn, the stuff that prepares you for future missions. But if you have a current mission that overruns its budget, it's tempting to raid the technology money to pay for today's problem. So one of the things we recommended in Planetary Decadal was to establish, just for planetary exploration, a well-funded technology line that is fenced off so nobody can steal from it to solve other problems.



**MP:** The great news is that the President and Congress both support the way that we're investing in technology at NASA. There's bipartisan support, so—maybe for the first time in a long time—this is not seen as discretionary spending. The technology investments we're making are required for some of the next-generation stuff we're doing. One of the challenges the President has set for NASA is to get humans to an asteroid and then to Mars. We can't do that with today's technology. We have to invest in crew systems, including radiation protection, and in ways to store cryogenic propellant.

**SS:** That's a big one.

**CAM:** What's cryogenic propellant?

**MP:** You think rocket fuel is just gasoline that you light on fire and off you go, but the fact is that the most efficient propellants tend to be cryogenics, which are very cold gases that have been turned to liquid.

**SS:** There are also applications in science. For example, there are telescopes in space that operate at infrared wavelengths, and parts of them need to be very cold. And the way to do that is by storing cryogenic fluids in space.

**CAM:** To what extent do you want to be the people who don't just plan the missions, but go on them? Do you want to go to space?

**SS:** In a heartbeat. Absolutely.

**MP:** There are people who would say yes without even thinking. I'm one of them.

**CAM:** Was it disheartening to have the shuttle program end—to stop sending astronauts into space on American ships?

**SS:** We still have an active human space flight program, we're just sending them a different way. NASA has been launching humans into space in various ways for half a century; at some point, the business of getting stuff and people to low Earth orbit should be routine enough that you can hand that role off to industry. That frees up NASA's resources to take on more challenging tasks like deep space—to asteroids, Mars, and beyond.

**CAM:** How has NASA been affected by governmental cost-cutting?

**MP:** Congress authorized more than \$1 billion for technology at NASA; the budget for 2012 is \$575 million, so it is significantly below what was authorized and what we requested. We've done the best we can to create a viable program out of that. The fact is that everything at NASA—technology, earth science, planetary science, avionics, aeronautics—is influenced by financial realities.

**CAM:** In a recession, how do you justify spending on NASA?

**MP:** Technology can be the solution for doing things more efficiently. But there's more to it than that, because a lot of NASA's investments spin off and create jobs. We're not only doing the science and human exploration—as compelling as those are—but also driving part of the innovation economy in this country.

**SS:** When we spend money in space, we don't take big bails of \$100 bills and shoot them off in a rocket. We spend the money on Earth, and it pays for salaries for highly educated, capable technical people—and that goes straight into the economy. We're not entitled to this funding; we have to earn it. But it pays off.

**CAM:** How would you gauge the mood about investing in future missions, both among the American people and inside the Beltway?

**SS:** The situation inside the Beltway is tough. Money is very tight—and NASA, like other agencies, is under enormous pressure. But public support for space is broad; I get hundreds of e-mails about the Rover mission. One little girl wrote saying she wants to work for NASA someday because she's excited about the Rover. I don't know if she's going to work for NASA, but she's going to be motivated to acquire the education she needs to go into some kind of scientific, technical, engineering, or math field.

**CAM:** Were you that kid when you were little?

**SS:** I grew up watching Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo on TV and dreaming of sending spaceships to Mars someday—and now I do. I remember turning the family room into a moonscape; I'd make little rovers out of Tinkertoys and drive them around.

**MP:** Like Steve, I grew up on a diet of NASA's accomplishments. I was only about three years old, but I remember going with my dad to buy our first TV to watch one of the Apollo moon landings.

**CAM:** In an era where budgets are getting cut and the shuttle program has been discontinued, how confident are you that young people who want to work for NASA will be able to find a job after grad school?

**MP:** Sometimes a student will come to me and say, "I'm interested in studying spacecraft. Is that weird? Are people even astronauts anymore?" It's sad that you'd feel sheepish about that—like you're a nut if you want to be in space. Not everyone thinks that way, but enough of the best

and brightest I come across at Cornell have the perspective of, "I might have to come out to my parents as an astronaut."

**SS:** Not everybody who dreams of building spaceships and sending them into the cosmos is going to get to do that. But if you're motivated by dreams of working for NASA, you can use your training even if you end up doing something else.

**MP:** Far more people work on NASA projects than work at NASA. You can work for a contractor, or work for the military on a NASA-related project.

**SS:** Another thing that people don't realize is that there are many opportunities to work in the space program that don't involve technology. At the peak of the Mars Rovers we were spending \$1 million a day. We needed lawyers and accountants like you can't believe.

**CAM:** Given that you grew up on the space race, how cool is it that you get to do this for a living?

**MP:** Not much else could have dislodged me from a rewarding position at Cornell.

**SS:** If you can't have fun operating rovers on Mars, just give it up.

— Beth Saulnier

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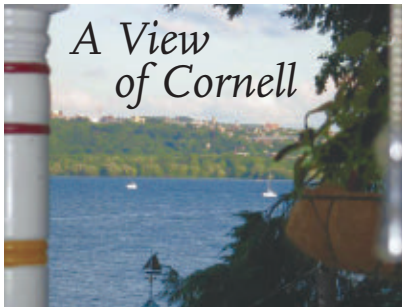


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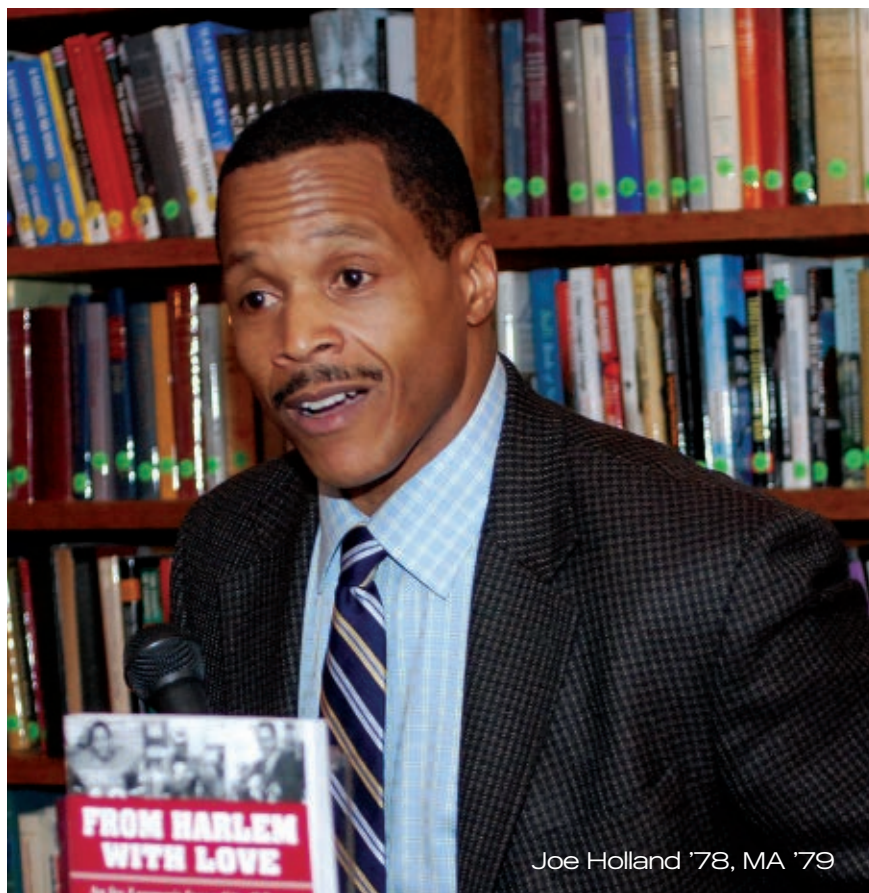
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# Uptown Dreams

Activist entrepreneur Joe Holland '78, MA '79, reflects on his eclectic career—and his august father, Brud Holland '39, MS '41—in *From Harlem with Love*

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Joe Holland '78, MA '79

In his recently released memoir, Joe Holland '78, MA '79, notes that as an English and history double major on the Hill he was introduced to the poetry of the Harlem Renaissance. The opening line of his favorite poem (“Harlem”) by his favorite poet (Langston Hughes) consisted of six words that haunted him: “What happens to a dream deferred?”

Holland’s great-great-great-grandmother had been a slave in Georgia. During Reconstruction, his great-great-grandmother had worked as a chambermaid in an Atlanta hotel, where she was raped by a guest. His great-grandmother was one of the early graduates of Spelman College. And his father, Jerome “Brud” Holland '39, MS '41, had been a pioneer. The only one of thirteen children in his family to attend college, he worked his way through Cornell (shoveling coal into a fraternity house furnace) and earned two-time All-American status on the gridiron. Although the color of his skin precluded offers from pro teams and interviews with corporate recruiters, he



eventually became president of two universities, U.S. ambassador to Sweden, chairman of the American Red Cross, and the first African American on the board of the New York Stock Exchange.

Joe Holland followed in his father's footsteps as an All-American. He also excelled academically, writing a senior thesis entitled *The Procrustean Bed of the New South: The Higher Miseducation of the American Negro*. So when he opted for Harvard Law School over a possible free agent stint with the Dallas Cowboys, his parents found it sensible. But they were less sanguine when, a few years later, he told them he was going to take his law degree to Harlem. The once-thriving neighborhood had been dealt a severe blow by the Depression and the decades that followed. An exodus of middle-class blacks had left it as an embodiment of urban blight—as Holland writes in *From Harlem with Love: An Ivy Leaguer's Inner City Odyssey*, “a miasma of intractable poverty with only distant memories of inspired poetry.”

Believing that he was squandering opportunities that his ancestors never had, Holland's parents feared that the dream deferred would be their son's. “For a silver-spoon member of the black elite like me,” writes Holland, “the choice could not have been starker: a smooth transition to New York's downtown white upper class versus a defiant detour to its uptown black underclass.” But he was drawn to what he viewed as Harlem's unrealized potential, describing it as “a Third World colony on the most prosperous island in the world.”

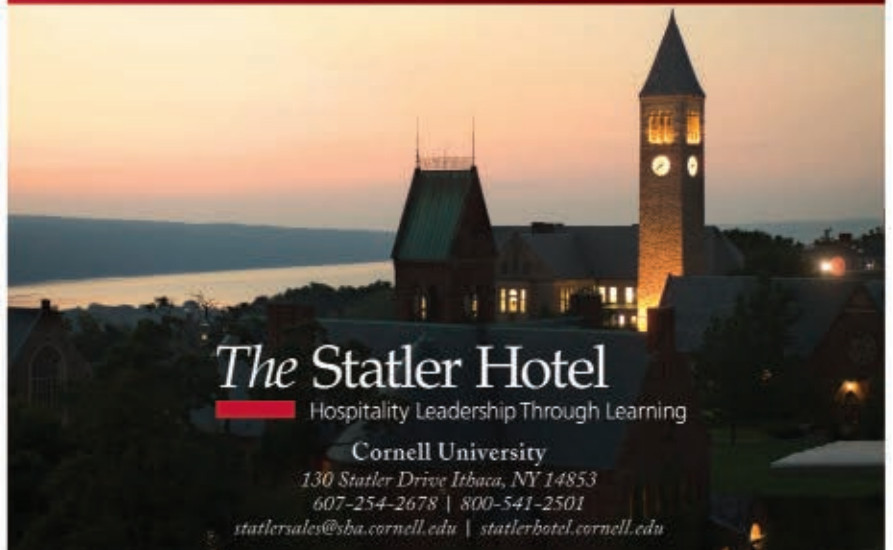
Throughout *From Harlem with Love*, Holland weaves a cultural history of the neighborhood—movers and shakers, artists and architecture, peaks and valleys, causes and effects. “I wanted to tell two stories—my story and Harlem's story,” says Holland, a member of the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame who served on the Board of Trustees for twelve years. He arrived in Harlem envisioning revitalization based on bolstering “community-based institutions through which the human and financial resources can flow toward individual achievement.”

Holland's career as an activist entrepreneur began with a solo law practice, his first clients being the daughters of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. He became legal counsel to Christ Community Church of Harlem and was ordained an assistant pastor. In 1986, he founded Harlem's Ark of Freedom (nicknamed Hark), a nonprofit that operated Hark-homes, a fifteen-bed homeless shelter that



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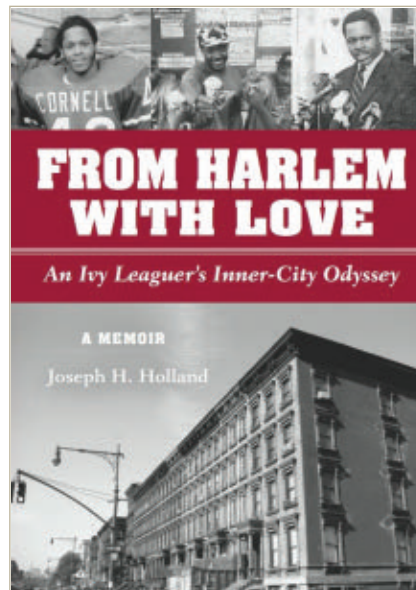
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began in a church basement. His philosophy was one of “holistic housing,” which included teaching life skills as a first step toward restoring the whole person. He also co-founded Beth-Hark Crisis Center for addicts and ex-offenders. Then, in part to find employment for many of the shelter residents, he launched a series of small businesses—a restaurant, the Harlem Travel Bureau, even a Ben and Jerry’s ice cream shop on 125th Street. For the latter, Holland invented his own taste-of-Harlem flavor, Bluesberry. “Music has been a big part of Harlem’s character,” he says. “I was thinking poetically and practically.”

Holland also wrote plays; *Cast Me Down*, about Booker T. Washington’s time at the Tuskegee Institute, had a brief run off-Broadway, and *Homegrown*, based on his experiences with Hark, was staged at the National Black Theatre. His business enterprises had longer runs—but he admits that in the end they were more charitable than profitable, in an environment where the profit potential was low and the risks were high. “I knew from my studies that there were problems in Harlem,” he says, “but I had no idea how profound and intractable they were until I arrived.”



In the Nineties, while still living in Harlem, Holland broadened his professional horizons. He served two years as New York State Housing Commissioner under Governor George Pataki, joined a White Plains law firm specializing in insurance defense, and traveled the country as a spokesperson for the GTE Academic All-America program. When his third child was born in 2000, he moved his family to suburban Yonkers, but his professional ventures returned to uptown Manhattan. He renewed his Harlem law practice and made waves as a real estate developer, assisting in the creation of two luxury condo buildings in the neighborhood.

But Holland believes his most lasting legacy may be the collection of life lessons he developed over the years while trying to help his neighbors help themselves. He has compiled them into a DVD series called “Holistic Hardware,” which taps the aspects of his varied career—biblical parables, dramatic sketches, inspirational testimonies from Harlem residents—as tools for personal transformation. His workshops and seminars based on the concept have taken him as far as Liberia, where the Joseph Holland Christian Institute serves as a residence and school for the orphans of the country’s civil war.

Yet Holland’s heart remains in Harlem, which was enjoying another Renaissance until the recent recession. Although the neighborhood may be down, he says, it will never be out. “Harlem,” he writes, “proves that as long as one holds on to it through the trials and travails, it evolves into the sustaining hope that, some day, the dream will no longer be deferred.”

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In June, the Warrens are co-chairing their class's 60th Reunion—whose theme, appropriately enough, is train travel. With "All Aboard!" as its slogan, the class will give out train-themed mementos and reminisce about their days riding the rails; the



On the rails: A train pulls into Ithaca.

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Big Red Bear will even come dressed for the occasion in overalls and a railroad cap. "There's something romantic about trains," says the Johnson Museum's Nancy Green, who's curating the exhibit "When Ithaca Went by Train" to coincide with the '52 gathering. "I think we all have a little nostalgia for train travel simply because it was a way of getting around without having to get in your car and rush."

Helen Santilli '52 is arguably the class's most avid train buff; she has taken more than eighty rail vacations over the past two decades. "When I was in college, I took the Lehigh Valley about four times a year," says the former sociology major. "It was a long and tiring trip, and when I graduated I thought I'd never travel by train again." But now, she says, "I find it a mesmerizing, meditative, and relaxing way to travel." She and her companion, Lyn Barber, PhD '69, have traveled by train on every continent except Antarctica. "Anything with a superlative attached to it—longest, fastest, most luxurious—I've got to experience," Santilli says.

The 60th Reunion will culminate with a Sunday gathering at Ithaca's former train station; though it's now a bank, the class has secured permission to hold its farewell brunch there. Sadly, though, the classmates won't be able to travel to Reunion via rail. The last passenger train left Ithaca in 1961.

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# Getting Technical

After an intense year-long competition, Cornell won the right to build an applied sciences campus in New York City. So what happens now?

By Beth Saulnier

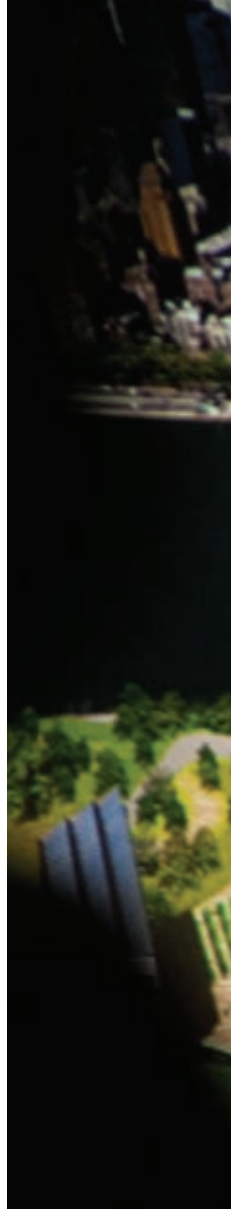
**D**an Huttenlocher can be forgiven for being a tad hyperbolic in describing the communications firestorm that erupted when he landed at LAX on the afternoon of Friday, December 16. “When I turned my phone back on, it literally melted with texts, e-mails, and messages,” Huttenlocher says, sitting in his Rhodes Hall office exactly one month later. “I had been in the air for hours, and it was like, ‘Where are you? Why can’t I reach you?’”

As Huttenlocher—then Cornell’s dean of computing and information science—soon learned, while he’d been en route from New York to L.A., the University’s odds of winning the hard-fought competition to build a graduate technical campus in New York City had improved enormously. Out of the blue, its chief rival—Stanford—had dropped out. That was spectacular news for Cornell—though it put the kibosh on Huttenlocher’s planned long weekend with family on the West Coast. “Basically,” he says, “I got on a plane and flew back to New York.”

By Monday, it was official: after an intense year-long process, Cornell had won the right to build an ambitious, industry-focused, two-million-square-foot applied sciences campus on Roosevelt Island. At a press conference at the Medical college announcing the decision, Mayor Michael Bloomberg—who initiated the competition and had final say over the winner—called the campus “game-changing.” And its ambi-

tions are undeniably lofty: to transform how engineering is taught and practiced at Cornell; to raise the University’s profile at home and abroad; to create a campus unlike any in the world; to foster a New York City tech economy to rival that of Silicon Valley. “By adding a new state-of-the-art institution to our landscape, we will educate tomorrow’s entrepreneurs and create the jobs of the future,” Bloomberg said. “This partnership has so much promise because we share the same goal: to make New York City home to the world’s most talented workforce.”

The University’s bid for the project, formally dubbed CornellNYC Tech, was made in collaboration with the Technion, Israel’s premier technical institute. But it’s not a 50-50 split; the University is by far the major player. “The city has a contract 100 percent with Cornell,” says Engineering dean Lance Collins. “We own the project and all of the risks associated







Island time: President David Skorton describes the winning bid at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in January.

with it.” As Provost Kent Fuchs explains: “The physical campus is fully Cornell. Cornell will own the land and the facilities. We are putting in the funding to develop the site and the buildings, and therefore the campus is our responsibility.” The Technion partnership lies on the academic side: while some students will earn graduate degrees from Cornell University, others will pursue a master’s in applied science—in such fields as computer science, information science, and electrical and computer engineering—from the Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute, conferred by both institutions.

In addition to the rainmaking imprimatur of the Technion—whose alumni, Huttenlocher points out, have founded some sixty companies listed on the NASDAQ—Cornell had another ace in the hole: a \$350 million gift to support the campus from Charles Feeney ’56. A Hotelier, Feeney made a fortune with his Duty Free Shoppers stores and has gone

on to give away most of it, inspiring wealthy people like Bill and Melinda Gates to do the same. Over the years, his Atlantic Philanthropies foundation has donated more than \$600 million to Cornell; the \$350 million gift brings that total close to an even billion. In a statement from the foundation, Feeney called the tech campus “a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create economic and educational opportunity on a transformational scale.”

NYC Tech will unfold on a generational timeline: it won’t be fully built until 2037, at a total cost of more than \$2 billion. But it’s also designed to have a fleet-of-foot, start-up mentality—and in that spirit, classes will begin this fall, a mere eight months after the deal was signed. Temporary space will be rented—in Manhattan, not on Roosevelt Island—and the two dozen or so students will be drawn from those already enrolled in graduate programs, with classes taught by Ithaca-

based faculty. “You can think of it like the Cornell in Washington program,” says Huttenlocher, who has been tapped as the campus’s inaugural dean, “except that instead of being in Washington and focused on politics, it’s in New York and focused on tech.”

The essential role of NYC Tech is as an applied sciences campus: it’s all about facilitating the relationship between academia and industry. According to Huttenlocher, that reflects fundamental shifts in how higher education approaches computer science and engineering. “Twenty years ago, there were the people who did stuff in the real world and there were the academics in those fields, and the ties weren’t all that strong,” he says. “Some people went back and forth, but that wasn’t the norm; in fact, in some ways time spent out of academia damaged your career. Now it’s the converse, especially in computer science. Getting your research ideas out into industry is a huge plus for your academic



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Academic leader: Former computing and information science dean Dan Huttenlocher is now dean of CornellNYC Tech.

career.” But Cornell’s isolated Upstate location has inherent limitations for partnering with industry. “Cornell produces technology at a rate commensurate with its stature and abilities,” Collins says. “Tompkins County is a very small sponge to absorb that amount of activity, so what happens is that it goes flying all over the place. It isn’t that we’re not doing it—but when we do it we’re feeding the Silicon Valley area; the Route 128 corridor in the Boston area; Austin, Texas; the North Carolina Triangle; and other hotbeds of technology, because they have that capacity.”

So when Bloomberg announced the tech campus competition in December 2010—offering a sizeable plot of city land plus up to \$100 million in infrastructure improvements—the University jumped at it. “The opportunity was perfectly aligned with what we wanted to do as an institu-

tion, so it didn’t take long—like minutes—before we realized that we needed to go after this,” Collins says. “There was a defensive side to it as well, particularly as Stanford came in very strongly wanting to land in New York City. There was the sense that if we didn’t stand up to that, at some level we were conceding a huge amount to a competitor; in essence we were strengthening their hand and weakening ours at the same time.”

In formulating the University’s proposal—which had the enthusiastic backing of President David Skorton and the Board of Trustees, plus thousands of students and alumni—the major players were Fuchs, Collins, Huttenlocher, and Engineering associate dean Cathy Dove, MBA ’84. In a process that Dove calls “incredibly intense, fast-moving, exhilarating, and challenging,” they and their

staff logged thousands of miles on the Campus-to-Campus bus and conducted innumerable meetings and fact-finding sessions; the University aimed to miss no opportunity to promote its plan. “At every step—and there were many steps—we tried to be the strongest,” Fuchs says. “There was an expression of interest that was due in March; we did a lot of work on it and it was just like a full proposal. Then there was a presentation in July about our expression of interest, and we spent weeks working on that and rehearsing it. So we were really over-prepared—the whole team, everybody. There were big media events in the city. There were breakfasts. We wanted to have a Cornell presence; anytime there was anything about this campus, we were there. We would send representatives to shake the mayor’s hand, to make sure Cornell was always visible.”

Huttenlocher alone met with some 200 members of the city’s technology industry, asking what factors impede their business and how a university could help. “First and foremost was talent, just over and over again,” he says. “They had the sense that the very best people in technical fields tended to move to the West Coast when they graduated.” It’s a chicken-and-egg problem: it’s hard to draw talent to an emerging tech sector for the simple reason that it’s not an *established* tech sector. “One of the defining characteristics of those places is that there is a lot of cross-company interaction among people,” Huttenlocher says. “And that’s critical, because in the technology sector, start-up companies play a huge role—but ninety-nine out of 100 start-ups go belly-up. So if you’re thinking about a career, an individual start-up is the worst choice, because it’s almost certain you’ll be out of a job in a few years. But if there’s a strong ecosystem with lots of start-ups, then it’s a secure place to go, because somebody’s always going to be hungry for your skills.”

NYC Tech, which will feature office space for nascent businesses, is aimed to foster that sort of environment in New York City. As such, organizers say, it will have a different focus and feel from the Ithaca campus. The hope is that together, the two sites will offer the best of both worlds, to both students and professors. “We designed it so that it complements and doesn’t duplicate the Ithaca campus,” Collins says. “We think there are certain core strengths of being in Ithaca and there will be core strengths of being in New York, and faculty will want to be at one or the other—though some will go back and forth because of the nature of what



they do. The New York campus is going to be focused on commercialization; it's a place to be an entrepreneur. Not every faculty member has that aspiration. For those who do, it will be like heaven because it will have a tight coupling with the venture capital world, lots of industry on campus, and students who have this interest as well; it's going to be a powerful engine. On the other hand, we do lots of fantastic research in Ithaca that doesn't fit that commercialization mindset. Longer-term research—activities that will be commercial thirty to fifty years from now—won't belong in New York either."

**W**hile many Cornellians support NYC Tech—more than 20,000 alumni signed a petition in favor of it, and both the undergrad and grad student assemblies passed resolutions endorsing it—the project has its detractors. Most vocally, critics of Israel's actions in Palestine have decried the Technion's role in the nation's military-industrial complex; in a statement, one group of concerned Cornellians claimed that "more than any other university in Israel, the Technion, which is involved in the research and development of military and arms technology, is directly implicated in war crimes" and demanded that the University sever its ties with the institute. In a letter provided to CAM, H. William Fogle Jr. '70 wrote, "My greatest concern about the Cornell-Technion partnership is that it expresses the University's tacit approval of Israel and the security policies of the Jewish state—policies that most nations find criminal, in defiance of international law, and morally repugnant."

Skorton counters that higher education offers the opportunity to transcend national boundaries and conflicts, calling it a way for people to "interact with each other despite what their governments are doing—despite whether their governments are even talking to each other." Cornell, he says, "is in a very unusual, if not unique, position to bridge some of these gaps." He notes that the Medical college is the only American institution to grant an MD degree overseas—in the Persian Gulf emirate of Qatar—and that Cornell has close ties to Saudi Arabia's King

Meet the press: Engineering dean Lance Collins (left) and NYC Tech vice president Cathy Dove, MBA '84, are interviewed about the project.

Abdullah University of Science and Technology. "And now we have a partnership with one of the greatest entrepreneurial higher education organizations in the world, the Technion," Skorton says. "So I am even stronger in my belief that we will benefit from working with colleagues who have the same goal: to improve life by discovery and innovation." And, he adds, "we don't use the actions of governments as criteria for whether we will interact with the people of those countries."

But the Technion partnership hasn't been the only cause for criticism. In the *Daily Sun*, ILR student Jake Walter-Warner '12 argued that Cornell is going through a midlife crisis as it approaches its 150th birthday. "The NYC Tech campus," he wrote, "is our billion-dollar bright red

sports car." In April, Moody's Investors Service—while upgrading the University's overall outlook from negative to stable—cited NYC Tech as a potential future liability. "Although the university has received a \$350 million gift from a private foundation and a \$100 million grant from New York City to support capital and operations of Phase I of the project," it noted, "funding sources and full scope of future phases are uncertain."

Some faculty have expressed concern about the project, criticizing the administration for not involving professors more fully in the proposal and worrying how it might take attention—and funding—away from both the humanities in particular and the home campus in general. "The Ithaca campus has to be, in effect, the anchor,"

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Tomorrowland: Preliminary renderings (above and opposite) offer a vision of what the Roosevelt Island campus could look like.

linguistics professor Abby Cohn '78 said at a faculty forum on the subject, as reported in the *Daily Sun*. “And if we become too out of balance, it’s going to hurt all of us.”

Skorton acknowledges that the project’s potential effect on Ithaca is a reasonable concern. Even during the celebratory press conference announcing the win, he fielded a question on the subject, prompting Bloomberg to quip that “the Ithaca campus is not closing.” As Skorton put it in an interview with CAM in late February: “This has hit the media like a storm—somewhere over 2,000 hits in the first couple weeks—so you could imagine that people would wonder if heads are going to be turned too much Downstate.” He stresses, though, that “everyone should remember that when fully built out, the campus will have about 300 faculty—but we have over 1,600 faculty in Ithaca. When fully built out, the campus will have 2,000 to 2,500 students—but we have 22,000 students in Ithaca. Ithaca is going to remain the home of the University, and the heart and soul of the University.”

The president points out that the budget for the tech campus will be kept separate—and that just as Cornell has pledged not to borrow money for Ithaca-based construction, it will do the same for the initial phase of NYC Tech. He and other project leaders have frequently cited the adage of a rising tide lifting all boats—

that the tech campus will benefit Cornell University, the City of New York, and the wider world. “This wild amount of visibility that we’re getting, I believe, will increase attention to Cornell in ways that are positive,” Skorton says. “Alumni who have contacted me—and I mean many, many alumni, all over the world—feel even more proud, if that’s possible, to be a Cornellian than they did before. But it’s not a matter of triumphalism; it’s not a matter of pounding our breast and saying how great we are. The point is that we can really do something to change the world.”

Another benefit, supporters say, is that NYC Tech will give Cornell a more palpable urban presence, beyond the Medical college and the host of programs the University already offers in the city. In fields other than the medical sciences, they note, Cornell has long had a tough time luring faculty and students who crave city living. “It’s going to attract the kind of faculty member and student that just hasn’t come to Ithaca,” Huttenlocher says. “That will broaden the University’s ability to attract the best and the brightest people. It could be a huge advantage for Cornell over time. You can imagine people who balance their career and home life in ways that they spend a portion of their career in New York and a portion in Ithaca. You can imagine younger faculty members living in New York City, then having kids and moving up here; the kids graduate from high

school and they move back down to New York. If it’s one university, you could have a career that’s partly urban and partly rural and never have to switch schools.”

Then there’s the promise of addressing Cornell’s ever-thorny “two-body problem”: how to offer meaningful employment to the spouse or partner of a prospective hire. “It will be a relief valve in dual-career circumstances that have been a stubborn problem for us in the Tompkins County area,” Collins says. “We just don’t have enough job opportunities for spouses who don’t want a faculty or campus occupation. So this will provide us with more flexibility along those lines.”

In contrast to the traditional, Ithaca-based academic departments—where NYC Tech professors will have faculty appointments—the eleven-acre Roosevelt Island campus

will be organized around interdisciplinary “hubs.” The initial three will be “connective media,” “healthier life,” and “built environment,” but they’re expected to evolve with changes in technology and industry needs. “The idea is that the hubs will have much shorter lifetimes than academic departments, and they will be tied to industry sectors in New York City,” Huttenlocher says. “The organizing principle is that the timescales of academic departments and of industry are radically different. Academic departments exist on centuries of time; corporate needs, on years or maybe decades.” The hubs, he notes, are designed to offer easier, more practical interactions with tech firms. “The problem in companies is that people don’t even know who to go talk to,” he says. They may not know the difference between an electrical engineer and a computer scientist, but they can say, “I need the media hub.”

The buildings themselves will be designed along similarly non-traditional principles, with an emphasis on open sight lines and communal spaces—the hope is to spark “creative collisions” across disciplines—rather than conventional academic offices and lecture halls. In late February the University announced a list of six architecture firms vying to design the campus; they include Rem Koolhaas’s Office for Metropolitan Architecture, which created Milstein Hall. “We want it to have a





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quite different ambiance than any building on the Ithaca campus,” says Fuchs. “First off, for the research and education around these hubs to be successful, people have to work together in a different way. Typically faculty and graduate students work in offices, and there are meetings in conference rooms and classes in classrooms. We want to break that down and maybe not have any offices—maybe have open areas where people can work, but in an environment that is much more open, more integrated, and not isolated.”

The campus will be built, in part, on the site of a hospital that has long been slated for closure. Cornell—which made an initial payment to the city of \$10 million in January—will take possession of the property in December 2013 and will be responsible for demolishing the existing structures. Throughout the development process, the University faces stiff penalties if it fails to meet agreed-upon deadlines. Cornell’s willingness to play by the Bloomberg administration’s rules was widely seen as an advantage over Stanford during the competition; thanks to the numerous Medical college facilities that

have risen on Manhattan’s Upper East Side—including the \$650 million Belfer Research Building now under construction—the University has decades of experience in working with the city on major projects. “Now we’re at the point where, oh my gosh, we’ve won it,” says Dove, who’ll serve as NYC Tech’s vice president (its chief administrative officer). “All good, but we are now heads down, shifting gears from putting together the best proposal we can to making it happen. It sounds like, ‘You’re not opening the campus until 2017, you have all the time in the world.’ Not true at all. There are extraordinarily tight timelines. We’ve got an organization to build.”

The first 300,000 square feet of space, including housing for students and faculty, is slated to be completed in 2017; it will grow to 1.3 million square feet over the next decade and top 2 million in 2037. The project is estimated to create up to 20,000 construction jobs, and its campus operations could generate up to 8,000 permanent positions—plus 30,000 jobs created from spin-offs, licenses, and corporate growth. “We want it to be a magnet and

a focal point for technology in New York City,” Huttenlocher says. “It should be a place that early stage investors, people in start-up companies, and students—and I mean starting in middle school, not just graduate students—all come.”

But will they come to Roosevelt Island? The two-mile-long strip of land has long been primarily residential; even many New Yorkers are less familiar with the island itself than with the sight of its eponymous tram, which crosses high above the East River near the Medical college. On the upside, the tech campus will be within walking distance of both the tram and the subway, making it relatively accessible—and the East Side of Manhattan will have sweeping views of its structures, offering 24/7 publicity. “The negative of Roosevelt Island is that almost nobody in New York has actually been there; I’d never been there until this proposal came out,” Huttenlocher admits. “It’s a little off the beaten path. But every year, we get billions of dollars—and tens of thousands of people—to come to Ithaca. If any university can make a place that’s off the beaten path work, it’s Cornell.” ■





# The Peacemaker





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## Search for Common Ground founder John Marks '65 has devoted his life to resolving conflicts around the globe

By Brad Herzog

**E**salen Institute, the spa and spiritual center overlooking a breathtaking collision of land and sea along central California's Big Sur region, was the birthplace of the Human Potential Movement. Founded by a couple of Stanford graduates a half-century ago, Esalen has long drawn visitors seeking personal and social transformation via workshops and seminars led by some of the world's most creative thinkers—from Abraham Maslow to Aldous Huxley to Ansel Adams. On this cloudless Wednesday, one of those thinkers can be found after a stroll past the art barn, the organic garden, and the cliff-side hot springs tubs. The unassuming white-haired fellow is sitting at a table in the lodge and reading a book. It is a working vacation, and John Marks '65 looks quite at peace.

Justice for all: Girls at a Muslim school in Indonesia with copies of Search for Common Ground's pro-tolerance comic books. Right: John Marks '65.



Given the scope of his life's pursuit—as founder and president of Search for Common Ground (SFCG), the world's largest nongovernmental organization devoted to global conflict resolution—one expects Marks to be studying a hefty tome. Maybe Robert Jervis's *Perception and Misperception in International Politics* or Kenneth Waltz's *Man, the State, and War*. But no, he's reading *Moneyball*, the story of Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane's unique approach to assembling a baseball team. Of course, maybe that fits; it's the story of an iconoclast who recognizes the failures of traditional strategies and opts for an outside-the-box approach. "Being a visionary is very useful if you're going to start a religion or write a philosophy book," says Marks,

squinting as the sun begins its descent over the Pacific. “But if you want to change the world, you need to be an applied visionary.”

Such is the mandate for Search for Common Ground, and the possibilities for its application are nearly endless: The Women’s Peace Center in Burundi. The Palestinian Center for Democracy and Conflict Resolution in Gaza. The multi-ethnic, bilingual kindergartens in Macedonia. The 120 Ukrainian schools offering dispute mediation and conflict resolution classes. The thirty-six civilian protection committees established in the Democratic Republic of Congo’s most troubled provinces. The Congressional Conversations on Race, aiming to promote racial healing in the U.S. in partnership with the Faith and Politics Institute. The four-part TV documentary, *Shape of the Future*, written and produced by Marks and

broadcast in Hebrew and Arabic in the Holy Land, which explores what an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement might look like. “We believe conflict always does get resolved,” says Marks’s professional partner and wife of eighteen years, Susan Collins Marks. “It’s just a matter of when.”

Search for Common Ground, which began in 1982 with two employees, now boasts more than 400 staffers around the world (its headquarters are in Washington, D.C., and Brussels) and offices in twenty-seven countries from Angola to Zimbabwe. The organization’s motto is “Understanding differences, acting on commonalities.” Among its core principles is the notion that conflict (as opposed to violence) naturally results from political, ethnic, or religious differences, but it can be reframed so that people attack shared problems rather than each other. The organiza-

# Pop Culture for Peace

## Mass media as a method for healing

**B**elieving that popular culture is among the most useful tools for modeling conflict resolution, Search for Common Ground (SFCG) creates education disguised as entertainment. It began with a radio soap opera in Burundi in the late Nineties called “Our Neighbors, Ourselves.” The program depicted two families—one Hutu, the other Tutsi—who peacefully resolved disputes over the course of 616 episodes; on ABC’s “Nightline,” Ted Koppel called it “the voice of hope.” In the years since, Common Ground Productions has made TV series (both dramas and documentaries), talk shows, radio programming, music videos, and public service announcements, including one by Jamaican reggae star Ziggy Marley promoting peace in Burundi. “Every culture has a storytelling tradition,” says SFCG founder and president John Marks ’65. “We try to take advantage of that to change values and attitudes.”

For instance, in the Democratic Republic of Congo—where more than 200,000 women and girls have been raped over the past decade, primarily by the Congolese Army and armed militias—SFCG distributed 200,000 comic books portraying model behavior by soldiers. In Albania, Kosovo, and Macedonia, children can watch “Nashe Maalo” (“Our Neighborhood”), co-produced by Common Ground Productions in association with the Children’s Television Workshop and set in an ethnically mixed apartment building. The children there know a secret: the building is alive, communicating through a TV set in the basement and acting as a sort of Delphic Oracle to steer them toward the right path. “The Station,” a drama set in a fictional newsroom, addresses issues affecting Nigerians, from corruption to AIDS. The principal characters were cast through a reality TV program; thousands of would-be actors auditioned, creating buzz for both shows.

The organization’s flagship program—now produced and developed in seventeen countries—uses sports to transform social behavior. “The Team” was spawned when an intern walked into Marks’s office in 2006 and asked what SFCG was planning for the globe’s top sporting event, the World Cup. “Nothing,” Marks answered, “but that’s a great idea.” The conversation led to a serialized tale about a soccer team (in Pakistan, it’s a cricket squad) rife with enriching messages. “The only way to win is to cooperate and play together as a team; it’s a metaphor for the countries,” says Marks. “It’s soap opera for change.”

The first series, produced in Kenya after widespread tribal fighting followed a disputed election, focuses on promoting nonviolence and national pride. Penned by writers from various tribes, it follows the adven-



tion may adhere to high-minded philosophies, but it is rooted in practicality—the pursuit of effective action. SFCG aims for long-term commitments and solutions based on cultural immersion and relationships developed over time. Change, Marks says, must be incremental and sustainable. “We’re trying to transform the way the world deals with conflict from adversarial to non-adversarial approaches—from win-lose to win-win,” he explains. “The way you achieve that, in my view, is to do it piece by piece and step by step. It would be wonderful if I could snap my fingers and make it happen, but it doesn’t work that way.”

On the air: Boys with an SFCG vehicle in Angola

STEVE UTTERWULGHE, SFCG



tures—on and off the field—of a co-ed, multiethnic squad aiming for a national championship. The show became one of Kenya’s ten most popular programs, and its success spurred new funding and nation-specific versions across Africa and parts of the Middle East. The societal challenges are unique to each location, and the storylines reflect that. In Côte d’Ivoire, the team must confront divisions arising between the Christian south and the Muslim north; in Congo, an all-female team deals with gender issues and sexual violence; the Moroccan version explores the gulf between rich and poor. Each program provides a platform for Search for Common Ground to tailor its message. Mobile cinemas draw large audiences for communal viewings, often followed by meetings that bring together dozens of tribal leaders. As the coach reminds his players in the Kenyan pilot episode: “This is a team, not a battleground.”



Radio hour: An interview for an SFCG program in Rwanda

f Marks's father had had his way, his only son would have taken over his insurance business. Perhaps he would have commuted into New York City, as David Marks did for years from their home in South Orange, New Jersey. But his son's road toward bridge-building began with an act of family rebellion: at twenty-two, he made use of his government major and joined the Foreign Service. The State Department originally planned to send him to London, but four days before he was scheduled to depart he was reclassified 1A for the draft. He was told that if he didn't change his assignment to Southeast Asia, he'd probably be called up for military service. Says Marks: "I'm one of the few people of my generation to have gone to Vietnam to avoid the draft."

At first, Marks—who watched the Tet Offensive unfold around him from the rooftop of his Saigon apartment building—believed that the cause was worthy but the strategy inefficient. But then he returned stateside, where he was assigned as an analyst and staff assistant to the director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, whose goal was to harness intelligence from various sources to serve U.S. diplomacy. "They used to say that if you could see what the President is seeing, then you would really support the war in Vietnam," he says. "Well, I was seeing virtually everything that the President was seeing—and the more I saw, the less I was supportive."

'I didn't want to throw monkey wrenches into the old system my whole life,' Marks says. 'I wanted to build a new system.'

So Marks essentially switched sides. He quit the State Department and took a job as executive assistant for foreign policy to U.S. Senator Clifford Case, an anti-war Republican from New Jersey. For three years, he served as Case's principal staffer responsible for what would become the Case-Church Amendment. Approved by Congress in 1973, it ended direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War. "It was heady stuff," recalls Marks, who still lives in the nation's capital.

What do you do after you craft legislation that ends a war? Pick another battle. In 1974, Marks co-authored (along with Victor Marchetti, a former assistant to the deputy director of the CIA) a controversial exposé entitled *The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence*, which claimed to show the inner workings of the organization's clandestine operations and how it had strayed from its original purpose. Before it was published, the U.S. government took the unprecedented step of going to court to censor the book. Seeing it as a straightforward First Amendment issue, the authors figured they would

either have to go to jail or flee the country. But after the manuscript was completed, Marchetti (a father of three) had a change of heart and submitted the book to the CIA for clearance.

The CIA demanded that the authors remove 399 passages—some revelatory, some embarrassing, some seemingly innocuous. But the authors pushed back, and eventually 168 passages were censored. Per Marks's suggestion, publisher Alfred A. Knopf released the book with gaps to show the censored passages and with boldface type for material the CIA tried but failed to remove. It proved to be marketing genius, and the book became a bestseller, thanks in large part to the Watergate scandal. "We went from being kind-of outlaws to something close to culture heroes, because what we were saying was consistent with the secret abuse of power people were seeing," says Marks. "The message of the book was that the CIA as an organization was both inept and repressive, and that was what happened to the book. The medium became the message."

In the years that followed, his curiosity piqued by reading about the puzzling suicide of a U.S. Army biological warfare specialist in 1953, Marks combed through 15,000 pages of CIA documents obtained under the newly passed Freedom of Information Act. The result, published in 1979, was *The Search for the Manchurian Candidate*, a book detailing the CIA's secret drug experiments involving chemical interrogation and mind control. In the process, however, Marks discovered that he was more interested in exploring the human mind than the CIA's abuses of it. He began with a self-evaluation and realized that much of his work over the past decade had been adversarial—defined by what he was against rather than what he was for. "I didn't want to throw monkey wrenches into the old system my whole life," he says. "I wanted to build a new system."

In 1980, Marks made his first trip to Esalen, which was then focusing on a Soviet-American exchange program, promoting private-sector initiatives that supplemented formal diplomatic channels and came to be known as "track-two diplomacy." The notion of ordinary citizens making a difference in the international realm fascinated Marks. "I came to understand that there was a way to combine the more political work I had been doing on the East Coast with the work in California, which was more spiritual and people-centered," he says. The nonprofit started out as the Nuclear Network—riding the "No Nukes" wave—but was soon rechristened Search for Common Ground, the first word being as significant as the last two. "We didn't want people to think we had all the answers," Marks says. "We wanted to be about the process."

It is no coincidence that SFCG started growing rapidly (about 20 percent annually) once Marks and his South African wife cemented



their partnership in 1994. A well-known peacemaker herself, Collins Marks was on the front lines of her country's transition from apartheid to democracy, even taking a stray rubber bullet to the leg while trying to keep the peace between South African security forces and thousands of township residents. The couple met when Marks traveled to Capetown to film an SFCG-produced television series, and his Afrikaner co-producer asked if he was married. As Marks tells it, the conversation went like this:

"No, I'm divorced, but I'm looking."

"What are you looking for?"

"A tall, beautiful mediator."

"I know her."

They were introduced the next day and married nine months later. "We share a vision," says Marks, "and we have complementary skills." They also share the prestigious Skoll Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship, awarded in 2006, as well as an honorary doctorate from an institution of higher learning in Costa Rica. It's called the University of Peace.

It's usually a request—from the United Nations, a government agency, or a local group—that prompts SFCG to launch a new program. But sometimes it is an organic process in which one outreach effort reveals another need. For instance, Sierra Leone refugees who were working in SFCG's radio studio in Liberia convinced the organization that a similar program was needed in their native country. Marks likes to quote Napoleon Bonaparte: *On s'engage, et puis on voit*. You engage, and then you see. Conflicts evolve and areas of need emerge, so flexibility is paramount. For instance, SFCG first went into Burundi nearly two decades ago in an attempt to prevent the kind of genocide that shattered neighboring Rwanda. But for the past several years, its Burundi programs have focused on conflicts over land reform. "We don't rush into things; we think them through," says Marks, who estimates that he spends about one-third of his time traveling the globe. "But the best ideas come out of the work we're already doing and not the original plans."

Starting a new program involves determining if the organization can meet the needs outlined in an assessment mission and securing funding to sustain operations. About 25 percent of SFCG's support comes from foundations, corporations, and individuals. The organization's largest donor is the European Union, followed by the governments of the U.S., Britain, and Norway. (Marks describes the latter as "the most imaginative, most willing to take chances.")

Search for Common Ground uses an integrated approach to promote societal healing—from both the top down (shuttle diplomacy, mediation, back-channel negotiations) and the bottom

up (peace festivals, mobile cinemas, town hall meetings). The organization also focuses on news coverage of conflict, as Marks believes that inflammatory reporting subverts the transformational process. Toward that end, SFCG holds workshops to train journalists in avoiding stereotypes and weaning themselves off the if-it-bleeds-it-leads mentality. "How you frame the issue is important," he says. "Most journalists never ask, 'Where do you agree with the other side?' It's always, 'Where do you disagree?'" The organization has even formed the Common Ground News Service, which commissions and distributes "constructive" articles about Muslim-Western issues (in six languages) that have been reprinted more than 30,000 times in some 3,000 outlets.

Although SFCG encourages moderate voices, the organization can't always avoid the dangers inherent in seeking out conflict-torn territory. Last year in Côte d'Ivoire, post-election violence touched many local staff members. They had close relatives killed, houses burned, cars stolen; the Abidjan office was sacked twice. SFCG had been working for seven years to reduce violence in the country, and setbacks and frustration are an inevitable part of the process. As the organization has often done in the Middle East, it regrouped in Côte d'Ivoire, re-equipping its office and expanding production of its country-wide radio programs. "The metaphor I like is the toy truck that bounces off furniture," says Marks. "You just keep going."

So Search for Common Ground continues on—reintegrating ex-militants in Nigeria, training prison officials in Indonesia, establishing Radio Partnership for Peace in Pakistan, producing a TV series about the justice system in Kosovo, creating nationwide dispute resolution programs in Lebanon. Marks calls it the Woody Allen approach to conflict transformation; 80 percent of success is showing up. Recent evidence of this: the release last September of two American hikers who'd been imprisoned in Iran for more than two years. SFCG, which has been involved in conflict resolution with Iran since the mid-Nineties, had facilitated a series of high-level dialogues between unofficial representatives of the two nations. They culminated in a trip to the Middle East by two high-ranking clergymen from Washington, D.C., who met with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, leading to the hikers' release. "The reason we were able to do what we did to get the hikers freed," says Marks, "is because we had been showing up for fifteen years." ■



Shared goals: Marks and his wife, Susan

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## Behind the Scenes

### *The view from a first-time Reunion chair*

By Shane Dunn '07

Ask any Cornellian who attends Reunion and you will learn that the main reason for traveling back to Ithaca is to reconnect with classmates and with the University. Hundreds of alumni events—formal and informal—are held around the world each year, but nothing can compare with the experience of returning to East Hill.

At least that's what I have been told—and I am ready to experience it. In June, I will celebrate my first Reunion. And because attending was not enough for me, I decided to help shape my classmates' experience by volunteering as a Reunion co-chair. I am one of more than thirty chairs across the classes, from the 5th through the 65th, who will be in Ithaca June 7–10. We are the people who do our best to make coming back worth the time, effort, and expense—and pretty much give up our free time in the months leading up to Reunion.

You see, one thing I did not understand before signing on the dotted line as a Reunion chair was the amount of time, effort, and work it takes to pull it all off. In fact, many alumni who walk into their class headquarters at Reunion don't realize that the chairs have been planning for this for an entire year.

#### From June to June

The planning process begins the previous June, when next year's leaders attend Reunion, going to events and sampling catering options. The chairs begin to develop their plans over the summer, but the work officially starts in September at Reunion Kick-off (RKO), when the chairs and other class leaders come to the Statler Hotel for an intensive weekend of workshops, information sessions, meetings, and food tastings. Everything from child care to

risk management issues to liquor licensing rules are covered. For first-timers, it's Reunion boot camp.

After RKO, the real work begins. Although the Alumni Affairs staff is incredibly resourceful, professional, and helpful, class volunteers are responsible for making their Reunion unique and memorable: budgeting, choosing caterers, working with Cornell Housing, ordering souvenirs, and planning special events, to name just a few of the myriad tasks. Then, in late January, at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), chairs meet again to get updates, share best practices, and finalize plans. "It's a wonderful way to get to know other classmates and feel like you have provided an experience that just cannot be matched," says Ruth Zimmerman Bleyler '62 who is co-chairing her class's 50th Reunion.

Following CALC, Reunion planning for class volunteers kicks into high gear; registration information is checked, special events are confirmed, and contracts are signed. The spring is all about finding ways to encourage classmates to return, answering loads of e-mails, and making sure everyone will have a great time.

#### Meeting expectations

The work of a Reunion chair is part mind-reader, part wedding planner. Pre- and post-Reunion surveying has become key to learning about classmates' preferences. For example, in November 2011, my co-chairs and I sent out a survey to help guide our planning; more than 600 classmates responded. The data informed much of the decision-making about what food to serve, which souvenirs to purchase, even what music to play.

For the Class of '87, a survey helped planners understand their classmates' *(continued on page 52)*



Time to remember: Traditional Reunion fun includes (from top) tent parties, visits with the Big Red Bear, and concerts by the Big Red Band.

# Alumni Leaders Converge on D.C.

Nearly 1,000 Cornell alumni leaders, staff, and students came together in Washington, D.C., in late January for the third annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Through three days of meetings and events, alumni leaders received updates from the University, learned best practices, and networked with Cornellians from all over the world.

This year's conference again offered a broad range of tracks designed for specific volunteer areas: class leaders, regional club leaders, CAAAN chairs, Greek alumni, and diversity leaders. Other sessions focused on how to take advantage of social media, develop a Cornell volunteer career, and create effective events. Reunion chairs had a daylong training session, and class councils held their annual meetings.

Friday's activities were capped by a panel discussion entitled "The Value of Leadership in the Twenty-First Century," moderated by Kate Snow '91 of NBC's "Rock Center." The four panelists—political pundit S. E. Cupp '00, *Washingtonian Magazine* publisher Catherine Merrill Williams '91, former Time, Inc., executive editor Sheryl Hilliard Tucker



News flash: Television journalist Kate Snow '91, who moderated a CALC panel, chats with attendees.

'78, and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sheryl WuDunn '81—discussed a variety of topics, sometimes heatedly; they ranged from the failure of leadership among our political leaders to the lack of women in corporate boardrooms. One thing the panelists agreed on is that Cornell gave them the foundation to explore their career options. Snow joined WVBR

to be a D.J., but found her calling as a journalist by covering Ithaca politics; Cupp was a *Daily Sun* editor; Tucker edited independent publications that often challenged the University.

Highlights from Saturday included a packed afternoon session featuring Risa Mish '85, JD '88, on "resilient leadership." Mish, a senior lecturer and director of the Leadership Skills Program at the Johnson School, spoke about the characteristics that can make us stronger leaders.

As always, one of the weekend's most popular events was Saturday's lunch featuring President David Skorton. Addressing a large alumni body for the first time since Cornell was awarded the NYC Tech campus, Skorton was welcomed with a standing ovation. He spoke about the new campus and the impact it will have not only on Cornell, but on the city as well.

Both the Friday evening panel discussion and Skorton's speech were streamed live via the CAA Facebook page and can be viewed online via CornellCast at [www.cornell.edu/video](http://www.cornell.edu/video).

Next year's CALC will take place January 18–20 in a new location: Boston.

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expectations for their 25th. Over the summer, the chairs distributed a survey to classmates who come back to Reunion often. "It's easy to know what I expect from Reunion, but this is not a reunion for my friends; it's for my entire class," says co-chair Melissa Hodes '87. "So we needed to know whether they wanted more adult-only events or were expecting family-oriented activities, whether they like to go to the tent parties—they do—or wanted something at headquarters after-hours instead." According to Hodes, what their classmates told them is that while many of them would be leaving their families at home, others—especially those who are beginning to think about their children's college plans—wanted to show off Cornell to their kids. So '87 is planning several adult activities (such as a wine tasting), while making sure there are family events (a karaoke night, participating in Fun in the Sun); the class is also sponsoring an admissions session, not only about getting into Cornell, but the process in general.

## Kudos to class programs

While volunteers spend hundreds of hours on vision and logistics, Reunion planning and execution couldn't happen without the Alumni Affairs class programs team, led by Margaret Gallo '81, Lynne Conway, and Cathy Forster

Hogan '70. "A Reunion chair could not do it all without their amazing help," says Terry Kilmer Oosterom '82. "They keep us on track with what needs to be planned, when schedules need to be updated, and too many other things to list. Their role is critical."

In my own experience, the staff is vital in being the conscience of Reunion planning, especially for first-timers—encouraging them to have realistic expectations and helping us develop a program that is memorable and representative of Cornell. "They guide us and offer structure and advice," says Jean Kintisch '92. "They do a ton of work all year and are always seeking to improve." To drive home the importance of the class programs team throughout Reunion, Hodes adds that, "even though Reunion chairs put in so many hours—especially during the spring, when it takes over your life—the staff is working just as hard to support and comfort you during this time." I speak for my '07 co-chairs when I say that we are incredibly grateful for the wisdom, guidance, support, and patience the class programs team provides.

## You can't please everyone

There are inherent challenges in planning a weekend-long celebration for hundreds of intelligent, independent, strong-minded, passionate people.

Reunion planners are innately people pleasers who aim to engineer a memorable experience for everyone who attends. But, in speaking with the more experienced chairs, I've been advised that something will always go wrong and it is inevitable that some attendees will be upset. "It's a good thing the positive outweighs the negative with Reunion planning," says Oosterom. "After doing this three times, I've learned to let things roll off my back."

## At last, Reunion is here

Come the second week of June, Reunion chairs arrive early, going through one final workshop, meeting with their undergraduate clerks, running around Ithaca making last-minute purchases, and going over final plans with housing and caterers. After all of the research, e-mailing, letter writing, and phone calls, it all comes down to the big weekend in June. Cornell Reunion is poised to be a memorable experience.

Reunion cannot come soon enough for me. What am I looking forward to the most? Being on campus with 6,000 friends who are as excited as I am to relive their days on the Hill—and, of course, getting a PMP from the Hot Truck.

*Shane Dunn '07 is a Reunion co-chair and a director from the region on the board of the Cornell Alumni Association. He lives in Boston.*



# In Memoriam: Steve Siegel '68

By Scott Pesner '87

I have to admit that when I first met Steve Siegel '68, I found him a little abrupt—and, to be honest, argumentative. At the time, I was beginning my alumni volunteer career and Steve had long proven himself one of Cornell's key leaders. I soon discovered that what I took for orneriness on Steve's part was actually a thoroughness and attention to detail; what may have gotten off to a rocky start developed into a friendship and mentorship. When Steve passed away in January, Cornell lost a leader who made a difference.

Steve's career as an alumni leader began as a CAAAN volunteer—first in New Jersey, where he grew up, then in New York, where he eventually became the general CAAAN chair (a position I now hold). But Steve's real calling began in the late Seventies with the creation of the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA), one of the first gay and lesbian college alumni associations in the country. To understand what Steve and his fellow alumni were up against: the University initially told CUGALA that the words "Cornell alumni" and "gay" could not appear in the title of a recognized organization. But Steve persevered, overseeing CUGALA for more than thirty years, keeping his own contact lists of alumni—as many were not publicly out—and supporting not only alumni activities but also on-campus events with students.

But if you defined Steve's involvement just by CUGALA, you'd miss a good portion of his contributions. He was a board member of Cornell Hillel. He was active in alumni activities in New York, serving on the planning board of NYC Cornellians. He was a member of the University Council. He served on the Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations. Three years ago, he was elected president of the Class of 1968. And last year, he became a CAA vice president, having served on the board for fifteen years.

In spring 2011, Steve learned that he would receive Cornell's highest alumni honor, the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. It was more important to him than many realized. During the winter, Steve had shared with a few of us that he had been diagnosed with cancer and that the prognosis wasn't good. He hoped he'd be well enough to attend the ceremony in September—but I knew he would, because I saw from my very first encounter with him that he was a fighter. And sure enough, there he was—full of pride and never looking better. I believe that receiving that award kept him alive. It was also the last time I would see him in person.

Steve continued his work for Cornell. He never missed our monthly CAA executive committee conference calls, although you could tell from his voice he was growing weak. On our CAA call in

January, Steve announced he would step down from his board position to take care of his health.

Two years ago, some gay Cornell students asked me if I thought they would be accepted by other alumni after they graduated. That question reminded me of the 2008 funeral of Steve's partner of twenty-nine years. Not only were their families and friends there, but so was Cornell—alumni leaders from all parts of the University had come to support Steve.

In January, I sat in that same chapel, this time mourning my friend and colleague. If it's true that the respect you've garnered over your lifetime is reflected by the number of people who show up for your funeral, it demonstrated the difference that Steve made. As I looked around a standing-room-only chapel, I saw Steve's Cornell life around me, from his college roommates to alumni leaders to Alumni Affairs staff members. I truly believe that Cornell helps us create a special family that lasts a lifetime. Steve was part of our family, and we will miss him.

Scott Pesner '87 is a CAA vice president.



## Rolling Out the (Big) Red Carpet

Cornell in Hollywood honored two Academy Award nominees at the Cornell Club of Los Angeles' Oscar party in February: Thelma Schoonmaker '61 (nominated for best editing for *Hugo*) and Danfung Dennis '04, BS Ag '05 (nominated for best documentary for *Hell and Back Again*).

This was CCLA's second annual gathering. In 2011, the three Cornellians nominated also attended, and all won Oscars: David Seidler '59 (best original screenplay, *The King's Speech*), Ryan Silbert '02 (best live action short, *God of Love*), and Chris Allen '94 (technical achievement). Unfortunately, neither of this year's nominees went home with the award.

Seven-time nominee Schoonmaker, a former English major, described how she began editing director Martin Scorsese's films in the Sixties when she took a film class with him in New York City. She has edited all of his films for the last thirty years, winning Academy Awards

for *Raging Bull*, *The Aviator*, and *The Departed*. She described her process of working with Scorsese as "providing a sounding board." She spoke about the difficulties and rewards of moving from film to digital images; with *Hugo*, she met the challenge of editing a 3-D movie.

First-time filmmaker Dennis, who majored in economics, said his career path was set when he picked up a book of war photographs as a student. He went to the Middle East war zones and began selling his images of combat to major publications worldwide. He devised a process for using a small, still camera to shoot twenty-four frames a second—essentially a movie. Embedded with a Marine rifle company in Afghanistan, he covered the fighting there and one injured man's return home.



Awards season: (From left) David Greenman '00, Thelma Schoonmaker '61, Nancy Mills '64, and Danfung Dennis '04, BS Ag '05

More than 100 alumni attended the party, which was organized by Cornell in Hollywood co-chairs David Greenman '00 and Nancy Mills '64. The event took place in the law offices of David Halberstadter '79, a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and a member of the Cornell in Hollywood board of directors.

**32** If you have the desire to come back to Cornell to join us for our 80th Reunion, please put June 7-10 on your calendars today! All of our meals and accommodations at the Statler Hotel will be completely subsidized by the university. Please call Erin Kennedy at the Office of Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-2254. She will help you with your arrangements and answer all of your questions. Join us! **Class of 1932**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**37** Can you believe our 75th Reunion is taking place this June? We really want you to come back to Cornell on June 7-10—and because of that, all of our meals and accommodations at the Statler Hotel will be completely covered by the Class of 1937's treasury. Please call Erin Kennedy at the Office of Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-2254 with any questions or concerns.

Registration materials were mailed to you in late March, so please make your reservations for a room at the Statler Hotel by calling (607) 257-2500. As of early March, five of our classmates had already made plans to attend. We hope you will join them and come back to our beloved Cornell.

Here's news and a reunion message from **Harvey Slatin**, who wrote in late February. First, the news: "Since the last reunion, I have written a novel. The protagonist in 'The Dream Spinner' has been diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, and as he prepares to join his wife in the afterlife, he has these weird and extremely realistic dreams, not always as he remembers the circumstances. I am in need of an editor and publisher. I have started a second novel dealing with a teenage pregnancy."

And Harvey's reunion message: "I was pleased to see that the Class of 1937 was included in the Jan/Feb '12 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. It was only fitting, since this is the 75th anniversary of our class graduation. It is remarkable how swiftly time flies. I recall with pleasure my first winter at Cornell, ice skating on Beebe Lake and the Winter Carnival with Dartmouth College. I have attended every reunion since the 50th and look forward to our 75th. I urge those planning to attend to make early reservations at the Statler Hotel [the 'Statler-Hilton,' he called it. -Ed.]. I'm also looking forward to visiting with Ed, Joe, Selma, Frank Rhodes and his wife, and many, many others." Join us, June 7-10! **Class of 1937**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**38** Several '38ers sent in news over the winter. **Archibald Petty**, 98 years old ("Is any class member this old?" he asks), lives in Sun City Center, FL. He writes that he volunteers with the Security Patrol. **Alvin** and **Ruth Meyrowitz** are enjoying the sunshine in their home in Palm Desert, CA. Alvin celebrated his 94th birthday in January with the family. "We enjoy visits from our two

grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, from Napa, CA, and Washington, DC. Would love to hear from Cornellians—especially anyone I played lacrosse with." **Eileen Mandl Goodwin** is in Laguna Woods, CA ([emgoodwin1918@gmail.com](mailto:emgoodwin1918@gmail.com)). She sent the wonderful news that she is still playing chamber music with a cellist and a violinist.

**Helen Brew Rich** lost her beloved husband of 72 years. **Tom** died on November 14, 2011. We send our sincere condolences. We also received a note from John Sharp, son of classmate **Jane Stiles Sharp-MacRae** (Chapel Hill, NC). Jane will be celebrating her 95th birthday this month. He writes, "My mother had a stroke in 2007 and has been living in the Health Center at Carolina Meadows. If any alums are in the area of Chapel Hill, she may enjoy a visit." Thank you all for writing. Send news anytime 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](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**39** **Elvira Falco** Bass, MS '40, has moved to a cottage in a retirement community in Blue Hill, ME, near her former home. She doesn't travel much anymore, but still drives. She also works at the library, sells donated books on AbeBooks, and plays a lot of duplicate bridge. Elvira's favorite memories of Cornell include doing research at the Dairy Building and working on staging with Prof. Drummond. Here is a story she once sent to former correspondent **Ruth Gold** Goodman:

"I guess it was my junior year. I was in staging—crew for Prof. Drummond's plays at the Straight. They were getting ready to put on *She Stoops to Conquer*. They needed a bust of a man, center stage, for the actors to use as a prop—to talk at? to circle around? Can't remember exactly. I was picked to make this thing. It was to be quite a large bust, placed on a wooden pedestal. I fashioned the outlines of the bust out of chicken wire, and then I had to cover it with something to make it look like marble—paper towels soaked in a paste made with flour and water. (Being a bacteriology major, I should have known better.) The bust was wonderful looking. However, the moisture dried slowly. Too slowly. One day before the play, it began to fester. Too late to change to something else. If one paid careful attention to the actors, you could see that they approached this stinking thing with a certain amount of caution. Great fun!" Thank you, Elvira. We welcome news at: **Class of 1939**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, [adr4@cornell.edu](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**40** News from three of our classmates. If you write, we'll report it here. **Mary Durfey** Hewitt, BS Ag '41, is retired and living in Hanover, NH. **Dorthea Stangle** Thurston Cole, BArch '40 (Spencer, NY), who was married while at Cornell and is now 96 years old, says she does whatever she enjoys these days. "Still going!" she writes. **John Weiner**, BA '41 (White Plains, NY) is retired and writing his WWII experiences. He reads, walks,

writes, and continues to help his wife, Lynne, promote her documentary and book on Sigmund Freud, reported previously in these pages. They also see **Mimi Civic** Kerpen, BA '39, regularly. John shares these stories:

"I was recently interviewed and taped by a Library of Congress project about my WWII experiences and how I went from buck private draftee in May 1941 to captain and adjutant of a signal battalion at the end of the war with a Bronze Star and three battle stars in the European Theatre. The interviewer wanted to know the worst experience and the best experience. I said the worst was walking into a slave labor barracks with the men still in their bunks, nine to a regular three-decker bunk. They were too sick to walk, but they were smiling at their American saviors. The stink is still with me.

"The best experience was disobeying some direct orders. In Holland I requisitioned 40 extra food rations instead of handing over our garbage, which was what had first been requested by the priest from the hospital with 40 starving tubercular patients. That Jesuit priest and I remained friends for more than 50 years. After the war in Europe, orders came that all displaced civilians from Soviet-controlled areas must be returned to their homes. Three Hungarian women said they would not go back. They hated the Nazis and Communists equally. I classified them as Dutch DP's." Send your 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](mailto:adr4@cornell.edu).

**42** Everyone received the beautiful postcard from Cornell re: the 70th Reunion in June. How lovely the campus is! I hope many of you plan to attend.

Great news! Check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: [www.cornellalumni.org/magazine-digital.com](http://www.cornellalumni.org/magazine-digital.com). Tell all of your friends also. Not only is it a beautiful representation of the whole magazine, but there are other benefits too. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes, even if you are not paying class dues. Also, all of you can send news and see your names in digital print. The hard copy *Cornell Alumni Magazine* is not going away (class dues now supports both the print and digital editions), but if you wish, you can read it on your iPad and smartphone (if you have them—I don't).

**Joe Kandiko** (Chanhassen, MN) really enjoys all of the advantages of assisted living and goes to dinner with son Joe every week. He goes to Big Band concerts, plays card games, and enjoys Lake Minnetonka boat rides and his five great-grands. His goal this year: "Serenity, courage, and wisdom." Happy 90th! A nice note from **Bob Wright** (Whitewater, WI; [wright80plus@charter.net](mailto:wright80plus@charter.net)). He claims 80 as his golf score, and he plays in men's leagues all year. Summers he's at the Whitewater Country Club, and in winter he's in Naples, FL, where he stays with his stepdaughter. He does the cooking, she the cleaning, and they share a dog, Katie. He reads a lot and still paints, although there is no more wall room for his watercolors. He remembers **Lynn Timmerman** (Boynton Beach, FL)



handling the desk at Willard Straight. His challenge: "To keep smiling at 92 years old!"

**Paula Collins** Preller moved from her Vancouver, WA, home after her husband, Arno, passed away; she now resides in a retirement home near her son in Eugene, OR. She enjoys the nearness to family without the responsibilities of maintaining a house. She also continues her church membership and activities. "I'd love to hear from anyone who remembers me!" she writes. **Dorothy Dewey** Gooding (Webster, TX) would love to hear from her Theta friends. Write me for contact information.

**Faith Riggs** Nix (Niskayuna, NY; HFNIX2@juno.com) enjoys her cozy apartment and keeps busy reading and joining friends for delicious dinners. She's a member of the Panhellenic Council and recalls Delta Gamma memories. She has worked as a "Pink Lady" for 25 years helping others and making new friends. She'd love to hear from **Fay Brandis**. **Flora** "Mousey" **Mullin** Briggs (Liverpool, NY) enjoys piecing quilts and making wall hangings. "The Cardiff Giant" has been getting lots of publicity lately and she is surprised that most of the people she talks to have never heard of Will Rogers!

**Harry Hoose** (Anchorage, AK) has lived with his stepdaughter and her family since his wife passed away. With memory challenges, his caregivers provide him with all the necessities. The fondest memories he speaks of are of his time at Cornell. **Herman Jones** (Leesburg, FL; HLJones@embarqmail.com) enjoys many activities, including presentations by local theatre groups. In fact, he says he hasn't time for all the many things available to him, including water exercise, swimming, and volleyball. Residents in his community number 460; they have a pontoon boat on Lake Harris for scenic trips to lakeside restaurants for luncheons. He enjoys most evening meals with good friends **John '41** and **Lucille Heise Borst** and hopes to make the reunion. Sadly, we send our sympathies to the family of **Richard Hanson** (Corvallis OR), who passed away in November.

I always cheer when I read that one of our teams has won. Today, as I write the column, we beat the Dartmouth basketball team, 68-59. Ever since we gave up that football game in 1940, I have enjoyed beating them most of all. Thanks to those who continue to support our class and for sending information about their lives. This column exists because we want to hear about our "old" friends. My address, e-mail, and phone follow, so do keep in touch with me throughout the year. I'm usually home and love to hear from you. Hope you are all doing well. ☐ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; e-mail, carolynfinn@comcast.net; tel., (253) 326-4608.

**43** **Larry Lowenstein** (NYC), as previously mentioned, let us know that his favorite freshman reading was *The Autobiography of Andrew Dickson White*. (Who read it to you? "My grandmother.") Old Cornell friend he'd like most to hear from: Proctor Manning. **Charles L. Swezey** (Palo Alto, CA), another Andy White buff, still writes for a monthly legal journal and attends athletic and theatrical events featuring his grandchildren. **Ruth Ohringer** Frank employs a 44-cent stamp bearing her infectious 1940s smile and lit cigarette held Katharine Hepburn-style. We checked stamps.com and you'll be pleased to learn that each of us can grace 45-cent US postage. But quick—before e-mail puts it out of business.

"Now that I'm 90, I retired—for the 15th time," writes **Andrew Ritter**, DVM '45 (Hudson, NY). "To keep limber I do a lot of chair exercises and dancing (line dances, polka, waltz, Zumba) 15-20 hours a week. I served in the Army aboard the USS *Republic* hospital ship in Manila and have traveled in my life to 26 countries." **Ted Morse** (White Plains, NY): "Looking forward to our 70th. Can't guarantee being there. Had a flying lesson for my birthday. We drive to visit children in Boston and suburban Philadelphia. Play bridge; golf occasionally. Every Tuesday, dine with the Old Guard of White Plains." **Larry Peterson '42** (Glendale, WI), husband of classmate **Evelyn (Hollister)**, writes, "Evelyn suffered a severe stroke in 2010 and is living at Seven Oaks Nursing Home. Our last cruise was to Cozumel, Mexico, in December 2009."

**Barbara Andrews** Cage (Scottsdale, AZ) died on August 3, 2011. Salutatorian of her high school class, a New York Regents scholarship enabled her to earn her Cornell degree in Mathematics in 1943. During the war she worked for Remington Arms as assistant engineer. In 1947 she visited Phoenix, AZ, on a vacation that never ended. She was accepted as one of the first women in the Valley National Bank officer training program and served as treasurer of the Valbanquera Club. She married Dean Cage, O.D., in 1952 and raised their two children before returning to her banking career, retiring in 1971. Her obit says she will be remembered for her sweet smile, generous heart, and love of gardening, cats, and anything purple.

"On the cusp of retirement," writes **Gerald Aronson** (Los Angeles, CA), "after 65 years of psychiatric practice. Still learning and beginning to get the hang of it." We asked who read the freshman required reading assignments to him. "I squinted, read, reread, tore out favorite pages, and generally left a trail of reader's mayhem." **Firth Perryman** took an honor flight (for military service) to Washington, DC, last year, accompanied as guardian by daughter **Christine Perryman** Schaller '72, BS HE '71, MS '73. **John Holden**, BCE '43 (Southampton, NY) reports his recent activities as, "Staying close to home, short walks, lots of naps. Health okay despite a panoply of pills. No complaints, actually." **Edy Newman** Weinberger continues to shuttle between Longboat Key, FL (winter), and Larchmont, NY (summer). She still plays tennis and (I shouldn't reveal this because you'll all want to get on the list) bribes us with a carton of citrus every December.

Which brings us to: We really thought, when we accepted the role of class president, that we'd at least get a corporate jet. Had to settle for this rent-controlled corner office with a view of four bird feeders and a daily aerial circus. Plus the welcome feedback, thank you all, from youse many hardy readers. ☐ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris1@comcast.net.

**44** **Ted Smith** (Menlo Park, CA) and wife Betty Bob live next door to their son **Bradley '80**. Ted wrote last summer that he and Betty Bob had survived numerous medical conditions but were now "healthy, happy, and still walking." He offered this "one-minute bio": "After Notre Dame Midshipmen's School, I became chief engineer of a destroyer in WWII and helped scrap several Japanese suicide planes in the battle of Okinawa. I became national sales and marketing manager of Airtherm Manufacturing Co., then formed T. L. Smith Co.,

manufacturer's representatives. My final stab in the business world was as chairman of Lang & Smith, a business-to-business advertising agency and marketing consulting company operating in St. Louis, MO. In retirement, Betty Bob and I have served for many years as counselors to disadvantaged children in Savannah, GA, mainly with the Salvation Army. Betty Bob is an audiologist and helps with children's hearing problems, and I have helped kids with public speaking, creative writing, math, and marketing. We have four wonderful children (two Cornellians) and seven grandchildren, two of whom are now off to college. Hail to the Class of 1944!"

For many, 2011 was a moving year. **Robert Rochford** reports, "Ellen and I moved from South Carolina in March 2011 to be near our son Patrick and his family in Akron, OH." **Morton Siegler**, BCE '47, writes, "**Carol (Shapiro) '47** and I sold our New Jersey residence and are full-time Floridians on Longboat Key." Fellow Floridian **Norma Hirschon** Schatz anticipated a busy winter, in keeping with the rest of her year. "After a summer of catching up with four children, nine grandchildren, and 'up East' friends, as well as a two-week Russian riverboat trip, I'm looking forward to leaving Connecticut and heading back to Sarasota." **Pitta Young** Waltz went to Maine last June. She continues to paint and had a picture in a show when she wrote. Five of her eight grandchildren have graduated from college and entered the workforce. Three have their master's degrees. "With the help of WD-40 (ha ha), I get going each day." She misses seeing **Ann Lynch** Pape '45 and reports that Ann, formerly of Garden City, has moved to California, where she resides in an assisted living facility near two of her daughters.

**Ruth "Rudy" Caplan** Brunton (r2brunton@juno.com) reports that she and Bob, her husband of 65 years, have been having a fine time at Friendship Village in Tempe, AZ, during the past eight years. Last June, their three daughters and son, along with spouses and children and many best friends, helped them celebrate their wedding anniversary with a gala weekend and celebration. They welcome visitors and encourage friends to get in touch. Rudy writes that after raising their children, she earned a PhD at Colorado State U., and taught nutrition and parenting in the various cities they called home, while Bob worked as a city manager. Over the years they have lived in North Dakota, Oregon, Illinois, Colorado, and Arizona. **Elaine Smith** Feiden writes, "I believe I am, now, fully retired. I closed my bookshop—my second career—which specialized in rare books. This means they are now shelved in my den!" Elaine's grandson received a graduate degree in urban planning from Cornell.

**Ginny MacArthur** Clagett reports on her progeny as well. Her oldest grandson has been inducted into an honors society and mentors young students; the middle grand visited D.C. for a student NATO program; and the youngest enjoys all sports. "Me: I'm enjoying yard flowers when hot weather permits." **Barbara Van Slyke** Anderson (Glendale, AZ; dba86505@gmail.com) sent stories of her time at Cornell, which were, unfortunately, too long for the Class Notes. She recalled registration day, during her first week on campus. "I was excited when I set out that morning," she writes. "I never did get over my wonder and good luck to be in such a school. I became an English teacher and writer and with my husband raised three children. Therefore, I was also a housewife, and I think I fulfilled all these roles reasonably well. We lived in the ultimate sightseeing Southwest in an

area of few accommodations, so we had a lot of guests. I never baked 100 potatoes [as did some students in Home Economics], but I sometimes felt as if I were feeding and sheltering the 5,000."

The annual class mailings should have arrived in April and May. Send your latest news, and we'll put it in the column! 📧 **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** By now you have heard of our officers' plans for a class mini-reunion, Oct. 22-25, 2012. This will give us an opportunity to attend the Plantation Lecture, which is one of the class's donations to the university. It will otherwise be a time to visit together and see one's favorite haunts at a leisurely pace, versus the "multitasking" that is on the big June reunion schedule. Twenty-five rooms at the Statler are reserved, and many of us will share rooms. If you need an excuse to come, it can be "THE LAST CHANCE BEFORE TURNING 90" for 96 percent of us.

Michael Achey, son of **Mary Jane Dilts Achey** (A&S) (Norton, MA) informed us of her death in May 2011. He writes, "We have a photo album of a Cornell reunion, which she labeled 'This is to go to **Maxine Katz** Morse.'" Maxine contributes: "MJ wrote the 1945 letter that went into the time capsule. She was a regular attendee at all of our reunions, as long as she was able to attend, and led us in song with her beautiful voice. She personifies a devoted and true alumna whose influence and devotion to Cornell and our class were ever an inspiration."

**William Packard** (Boca Raton, FL) still plays bridge and tennis, for which I congratulate him. Some of us still regard striking an immobile ball as glorified croquet (to which the golfers reply, "The nearest activity to glory on earth"). He especially enjoys his move to Florida, away from the high New Jersey taxes. **Joe McDonald** (Mashpee, MA) is married to Mardell and is chairman of his Homeowners Transition Board. Otherwise he stays active reading, painting, shooting pool, cooking, and seeing doctors. He would rather be walking and playing golf and remembers the beauty of the gorges. **Victor Parsonnet**, MD (Whitehouse Station, NJ) still works full-time as director of the Pacemaker and Defibrillator Center, director of Surgical Research, and chair of the Institutional Review Board at the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. He is emeritus chairman of the New Jersey Symphony and completes his schedule with wife Jane in writing, tennis, music, and, best of all, family. He remembers the frantic wartime activity at Cornell and stays in close touch with his roommate, one of our other achieving MD classmates, **Marvin Moser**.

**Donald "Gene" Rutherford**, BA '48, lives with wife Marilyn in Madison, WI. He says his present day job is learning to be a reliable family patriarch. Three generations have attended Cornell. His father, **James Hollis Rutherford 1910**, rowed crew, then switched to baseball and played for the Cleveland Indians for one year. His name is in the *Baseball Encyclopedia* right after Babe Ruth, and he has a far better batting average—500 (two at-bats)! Other Cornell relatives are a brother, uncle, cousin, son (two degrees), and daughter (PhD). In 1975-76 all four of Gene's children rowed college crew: **Jim Rutherford '76**, ME '77, for Cornell, Tom for Yale, Suzanne for U.

of Wisconsin, and Daralyn for Stanford. Don did extensive traveling during the past year visiting family and friends on both coasts. Fond memories are walking to class in the early morning, football weekends, and Spring Day.

**James Junkin**, BArch '48 (Coral Gables, FL) laments that all his fraternity and college friends have passed and would like to hear from any and all classmates. He lives with wife Ann and has retired from the profession of architecture. He would like to be traveling "anywhere." **Jeanne Treman** Shempp has moved to Orchard Park, NY, and still travels with husband William. She continues busy volunteer duties with the Women's Club, the Twentieth Century Club, and as a docent at the great art gallery, all in Buffalo. A fond Cornell memory was the talk by an Engineering professor on "Time and Motion."

**Roy Hughes**, BME '44 (Woodlands, TX) has a day job forecasting the direction, range, and timing of selected NYSE indexes and securities, and approximate dates of short-term moves. With wife Joyce, he went to Michigan to celebrate the 90th birthday of a sister. Other activities include exercise, phoning relatives and friends, and watching TV—mostly sports and political events. He says he would rather be talking with old girlfriends, but he follows that statement with a wish to visit the campus with his wife: "We have good times there." (Roy, read my first paragraph and we will meet you in Ithaca.) Fond memories are the first traveling sail team trip to the Annapolis regatta (we won) and to Boston (also won), and the team banquet in Skaneateles (I seem to recall the name "The Willows"). Roy adds, "Most of my friends are gone, but I still maintain phone calls to **Bill Hoffmann**."

Please keep sending reports of your life, past, and present . . . or better still, tell us in person at the mini-reunion. 📧 **Bob Frankenfeld**, 6291 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbofb@aol.com; **Julie Kamerer** Snell, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.snell@verizon.net.

**46** My mailbox is always full in December, January, and February because of YOU, with Christmas cards and News Forms, so I have plenty of news for the next several issues. KEEP ON WRITING!

**Charlotte Cooper** Gill was sorry she hadn't asked one of her children to bring her to our 65th Reunion. She usually came with **Fran Goheen** Hofer before Fran died. "I miss her." **Jan Bassette** Summerville (Sackets Harbor) wrote, "I thought we had a grand Reunion. I'm visiting daughter Jessica and family for Christmas. No snow so far." Lois and **Paul Levine** (San Carlos, CA) always send greetings. Paul has faithfully written the '46 Men's column for the past 15-plus years.

I also heard from AOPi sisters. **Mary Lou Rutan** Snowden (Madison, WI) uses her walker in her retirement community and writes poems about the other residents, which they seem to enjoy. "I try to keep up with the activities of my five grandchildren. My oldest moved to NYC and is trying to find a job in dress designing." **Ann McGloin**

Stevens (Wyndmoor, PA) thanked me for my class notes in the alumni magazine. She lives near her daughter and has a grandson at Cornell. I heard from some '47 sisters too: **Luciana Silvani '47** (NYC) wrote, "I can hardly believe that in June 2012 I'll have graduated from Cornell 65 years ago—WOW." **Walter** and **Elaine Tompkins**

**Merkel**, both '47 (Columbus, IN), wrote that they always enjoy my column. Merk is also using a walker, so they didn't get home to Hiawassee, GA, last summer. "We live near our son and his wife who have been a godsend to us."

Got a card from **Bill Donaldson '44** (West Columbia, SC). He and my husband were fraternity brothers at Newark College of Engineering and arrived at Cornell with the V-12 in

July 1943. He was an usher in our 1947 wedding. "Jane and I are leaving for Florida for the holidays," he writes. "Our daughter has been preparing the apartment for our arrival. We have been busy the past few years doing maintenance, as shortly we'll have to make arrangements to sell it." 📧 **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

**Arthur Tobias** retired from the travel and travail of his engineering practice nearly 25 years ago. He continued to live in Naugatuck, CT, until late 2011, when Emma, his wife of 65 years, died. Arthur and his daughter Kristin have since relocated to Lansing, NY, not far from the Cornell campus. He is grateful to the V-12 program for sending him to Cornell to study Engineering and putting him near Emma, who was Ithaca College '46. **Stuart Snyder** (Schenectady, NY) has macular degeneration, restricting his reading to large-print books. He is legally blind, but doesn't allow it to interfere with his lifestyle. Stu often plays piano for residents of his retirement center, as well as at nearby nursing homes. He also enjoys participatory bowling on TV. Stu would love hearing from **Doris Coffey** Karpuk '44, an old Cornell friend.

**Chester Knowles** (Cushing, ME; cknow@roadrunner.com) "strives to stay healthy!" Chet has cut down on his information service and concentrates on gardening and home repairs/upkeep. **Herbert Hawley** (Geneseo, NY) was pleased and flattered when asked to write the foreword to a book about one of his favorite artists. *Lemuel Maynard Wiles: A Record of His Works, 1864-1904* was written by Geoffrey K. Fleming, director of Southold Historical Society. Herb was a valuable resource to the author in putting together this book on the leading Hudson River School artist.

**Lewis Beatty Jr.** and wife Peggy (Media, PA; cindy@beattylincke.com) are still active in Valley Voices, an SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) singing group. Lew has served, often as chair, on the regional hospital board, and its predecessors, continuously since 1977. He served for ten years as president of the board of Sunnycrest Farm for Boys, was Pro Bono Man of the Year for Delaware County Legal Assistance, and was trustee, elder, and deacon of his church. Sage Chapel Choir and Navy V-12 Octet are groups at Cornell that continue to play an important part in his life.

‘With the help of WD-40, I get going each day.’

Pitta Young Waltz '44



**Arthur and Doris Ticknor Van Vleet** (Richmond, IN; hoosierad@aol.com) and their children, grands, and greats gather each Sunday for games, food, and interesting stories at nearby Lake Lakengren. They volunteer with "3rd Grade Academy," a privately funded program to assist third grade students in meeting state requirements—because, says Art, "the program works!" Art would love to hear from members of the 1945 lacrosse and hockey teams.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-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>.

**47** This will be the last column before our 65th Reunion on campus, June 7-10. It isn't too late to decide to come and enjoy the company of your former classmates—and maybe make a new friend or two. Because of our ages, our class headquarters and housing will be at the very deluxe Statler Hotel, right in the middle of campus. In addition, our own bus will take us to all functions, so if walking is a problem—problem solved. Your reunion committee has a great schedule of events planned, and everyone is guaranteed a wonderful few days back where it all began. Now for news from your classmates.

**Joan Dall Patton**, BArch '47 (jpatton215@gmail.com) now lives in Chico, CA, where her son is a professor at the university. Her granddaughter Nicole is 8 years old. Joan stays busy playing golf and bridge and taking watercolor classes. In August 2010 she came East and visited the Cornell campus with her daughter Gail. She enjoyed the visit, but the many changes saddened her. **Earle Hamilton** passed away at the age of 90 on July 8, 2011, according to a note we received from his daughter Melanie. **Jay Cipes** writes that he and wife Arianne sold their home of 38 years and moved to Encino, CA. **Joe Coleman** lives in Clifton, NJ, is widowed, and retired from Coleman Equipment Inc., which he owned.

Our next contributor, **Carolyn Shaver** Eisenmenger, lives in Natick, MA. She retired from the travel agency business ten years ago. Her husband is a retiree from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. They have three daughters, one a newspaper publisher, another a psychiatrist, and a third who is a sports writer covering soccer. **Caroline Wood Cranston** lives in Fredonia, NY. **Marjorie Knapp Barron** lives in an assisted living facility in Punta Gorda, FL, and would love to hear from you. **Norma Isacson** Remes lives in Israel and would love to hear from her friends. Her two sons live in Israel and she has a daughter in New Jersey. In Israel she also has six grandsons, two granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren.

For 52 years **Ralph Geiger** lived and worked in Oswego County, NY, and then he and wife Johanna moved to Cornwall, PA. **Yetta Haber** Farber lives in Ridgewood, NJ, but spends the winter in Delray Beach, FL. She writes that her great-granddaughter Charlotte is age 3 going on 22. A very short note from **Elaine Baker** Temkin with one word: "RETIRED."

Please write or call, or send in the News Form from our class mailing. We would love to hear from you. Hope to see you all at reunion. Check the class website for updated information (<http://www.cornellclass47.org>). **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain,

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**48** **Margaret Smith Brown** (jaars8@yahoo.com), Lincoln, NE: "Trying to keep up the old homestead.

Let the younger generation take care of the country's problems. Nebraska is good because it has less traffic, but it's been taken over by the Republicans. I like my car because it works well in snow. I miss traveling to exotic places. Highlight event to date is our 60th." **Carol Luther** Mackay, Malta, NY: "Quilting, reading, singing in choir. Wish I were reading by the fire now instead of paying bills. Getting older has little to do with the 'golden years.' I'm blessed with the support of my four children and their families. Not to worry about tomorrow!" **Anne Ryan Swartzman**, Norwalk, CT: "Husband **Joe '49** died in July 2009 after 57 years of marriage. I remarried in July 2010 to Ted Ross, a Yale attorney and IBM corporate counsel. We maintain a condo in Jupiter, FL, in addition to the one in Norwalk. We're members of Shore and Country Club of Norwalk and enjoy cruising, theatre, friends, and fun. We're Florida residents, 'summer pelicans,' where we have many Connecticut friends who maintain the two-home style."

**Jo Anne Norton** Mayer, Marblehead, MA: "Numerous volunteer boards, plus sailing, skiing, and swimming. There's too much polarization in the US. Too few representatives and senators understand democracy. Massachusetts offers everything I need. I like my present car—until it starts to cost money! Overcoming inertia is today's most pressing problem." **Neil Munch**, Gaithersburg, MD: "Active professionally as a founding (1992) director of the National Philosophy Alliance ([www.worldnpa.org](http://www.worldnpa.org)). Country is shifting too far into liberalism and monumental national debt. When my wife, **Eleanor (Flemings) '49**, and I were at Cornell in the 1940s and '50s, there was a good balance between liberals and conservative philosophies. Now Cornell is way over on the liberal side. Tomorrow I'm working on several different scientific and home tasks. Growing up in the Depression, I was very lucky to be sent to Cornell by the US Navy in WWII and to finish my education later under the GI Bill. Not to worry about global warming. The temperature of the Earth is determined by the surface temperature of the sun! Be a good neighbor and Christian."

Our oldest classmate has to be **G. Stephen "Coop" Cooper** (Fremont, CA). He'll be nearly 96 by the time you read this. He writes, "Had a fire in my home on Feb. 12, 2011. Everything destroyed. A few burns on my head, right hand, and back, fighting the fire. Spent February, March, and April living at my girlfriend's house (we've been going together for ten years), and moved into a retirement home in May (unfurnished apartment). Had to buy a lot of 'stuff.'" In an update earlier last year, Coop said he broke his hip and lost his license, which led him to will his three cars to his children: "my '58 VW bus to my daughter, the '73 VW Thing to one son, and the '99 Caddy to the other son." Later in the fall, however, he says the DMV may renew his license after some more tests. "Meanwhile, I'm playing poker, walking a lot, and sipping rye whiskey and water. The best place I ever lived was in Cooperstown, NY, where I grew up as a third-generation farmer, and the best place I ever visited was Ithaca, because I could

learn so much there. Hope to move back into my house in 2012 when repairs are completed. I'm happy every day, especially if I can help someone. I guess that's the Boy Scout still in me. This nation will always have its ups and downs. Just be honest and elect honest people. The older I get the more I appreciate children, friends, classmates, and good neighbors."

We mourn the loss in November 2010 of faithful duespayer **William Purcell** (BS ORIE), Lansdowne, PA, a WWII POW in Moosburg, Germany (near Dachau) for five months. He preserved and drove in countless parades, for 60 years, a 1931 Chevy fire truck. His son learned to drive in this same truck. Condolences to Mary, his Texan wife of 60 years.

**Stan Reeve**, MEd '55, Syracuse, NY: "Bridge, easy crossword puzzles, and (in summer) driving the boat to pull grandkids on the tube. Obama will be defeated because of the economy and not enough votes. Clearwater is the nicest place I've lived in (no snow shoveling and no car rust from road salt). The best visit we had was to Alaska with special friends. We have a private home in Syracuse and a mobile home in Clearwater. Most unimportant thing in life is worrying about global warming." **Gerald Sallus**, Culver City, CA: "Still play tennis two to three days a week. Life is great here. We live in a condo development on the old MGM shooting lot. We have a pastoral existence with a lake, big trees, turtles, fishes, ducks, etc., in a big-city environment. Yosemite is just awe-inspiring. We're taking our granddaughter on a Danube River cruise for a graduation present. Being alive and well makes any vacation good."

**Tolita Erwin** Logan, Stuart, FL: "Knit and crocheted Christmas presents. Next year I hope to be a year older, because life is good. Living in West- on, CT, was the best. Beautiful, friendly town in which to bring up our three children, two of whom are Cornell grads. For visiting, all parts of England are great. Beautiful, low-key pace of life; friendly, well-mannered people. Disagreements are not important in life." **Barbara Cole Feiden**, White Plains, NY: "Kenya and Galápagos are exciting, different. Glad I went there when I was younger. We're staying put in White Plains. Had a wonderful trip to Belize with husband **Barry '49** and brother- and sister-in-law **Elliot '45** and **Elaine Smith Feiden '44.**" **Herb Lobdell**, Trumbull, CT: "Tennis, woodworking, occasional travel, CAU course during the summer. My favorite residence was Darien, CT, because of the shoreline. Yellowstone and its crazy geology was the best visit. Hope to visit some more national parks. I live in a condo development of free-standing homes; no plans to move. My favorite travel is safari trips to East Africa and national parks, photographing natural scenes and wild animals."

**Karl "Doc" Mander** (neurological surgeon), Indianapolis, IN: "Golf, dance, read, and grandkids. More economic disasters. Need to recover from political chaos in Washington. Indianapolis has great foresight in civil leadership, property tax control, and social improvements. Best place to visit is Vanuatu in the Fiji Islands. Great escape; little if any commercial development. Hope to see China in 2012. Hope to move out of our home into a condo when the market improves. I like Mexico: reasonable prices; gracious people. Our true home is in the present moment. Grasp the present—it is all the presence of life force you have." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

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Our active class has so much to report that our column space cannot accommodate it at one go! **Bob Nafis** (Ithaca, NY; rnafis@twcny.rr.com), married to June, is retired and spends his after-hours following Cornell soccer, lacrosse, softball, basketball, and hockey. Recently however, he told us, he had been attending funerals and memorials and would rather have been visiting, traveling, and spending time with his family. Bob's fondest memory of Cornell is of the bells at sunset. He'd very much enjoy hearing from **Bill Brockway '50**, **Edward Collum**, BCE '52 (Naples, FL), married to Mary Louise, is retired and wrote that he had not been doing much, but would rather be golfing and fishing. His favorite Cornell memories are those with his fraternity brothers, and he'd enjoy hearing from **Wally Ainsworth**. **Max Kraus** (Middlebury, VT; mhk10@cornell.edu) wrote that he'd just finished a great year of downhill and cross-country skiing, taking pictures for the local Town Hall Theatre, and driving for Meals on Wheels. Married to Lois, Max adds, "Love our life in Vermont—we've been here almost eight years."

**Arno Nash** (Munich, Germany; arnonash1@gmail.com) is chairman of the advisory board of David Diebold & Assocs. (H.K.) Ltd. He's married to Doris. He wrote that he'd been doing "very little" and would rather be doing "a bit more." **Howard Loomis**, MBA '50 (Pratt, KS) chairs the Peoples Bank, Pratt, with offices across central Kansas, and is chairman of Krey Co. Ltd, a financial holding company. He and wife Florence spend five months of the year at a cottage on Lake Michigan, near Ludington, MI, "enjoying sunsets nightly on the lake." Harold added that he'd been walking and swimming daily, "getting rid of the accumulation of 47 years of living in one house, and watching nine grandchildren take on the challenges of the 21st century. We are very content, as life continues to be good." Swimming in Fall Creek Gorge while attending summer school in 1948 is the thing that he remembers most fondly from his years on the Hill. **Donald Davies** (Cuyahoga Falls, OH) is retired, spends after-hours reading and walking, and notes that he has been attending church regularly. He'd rather be playing golf. Getting married is his fondest memory of his time at Cornell.

**Charles Hunt Jr.**, BS AG '59, MS '63 (Freeville, NY) wrote that he is reading and cooking and recently had been shoveling snow as well. Meeting people from different countries, different cultures, and different professions are Charles's fondest Cornell memories. **Bob Russell** (South Hadley, MA) is retired, "fixing stuff around the house and doing outside yard work." He writes that he and wife Ginny have moved into a retirement community. "Our villa required about 50 percent reduction of possessions and a different lifestyle. Getting used to it." Bob would rather be "skiing on this wonderful New England snow we've had all winter. Alas, legs are gone—just memories left." **Eleanor Flemings Munch** is retired, married to **Neil '48**, and living in a retirement community in Gaithersburg, MD. She is doing "lots of walking and exercising, ringing in a handbell choir, and keeping up with children and grandchildren." She says she is enjoying life, but would rather be hoeing the garden.

**Anne Sheary Bieter** (Sun City West, AZ) works on an employee appreciation committee. In her after-hours, she knits for battered women. She wrote that she has also been playing duplicate bridge, as well as party bridge. Anne's fondest Cornell memory is of "the fabulous campus." She'd

really like to hear from **Betsey Hurd Tallin**. **Helen Osborne Jenkins** (Copley, OH), married to **Jerry '51**, lives at Summer-on-Ridgewood, a continuing care community, where she is "being as busy and involved as I want to be." After-hours activities are concerts and local repertory theatre, and she notes that she is "getting better at watercolors." Good friends and "meeting my husband-to-be!" are Helen's happiest memories of her time at Cornell. **William Potts**, MBA '51 (San Diego, CA; tecoloteowl@yahoo.com) has retired as division manager of Tecolote Computer Service and has been doing stock market analysis with son Fred, who retired as senior vice president at Charles Schwab & Co. William, married to Jane, remarks that he'd rather not be getting older. His fondest memories of Cornell are of graduation. "How many are left from the class?" he asks. "There were 512 originally."

**Nancy Knipe Lemons** (Cedar Falls, IA) writes that she is "Downsizing . . . or 'deaccessioning' an accumulation of papers, mementoes, clippings, etc. Deciding what to keep and what to toss." She's trying to stay in good health, she adds, "by swimming laps three times weekly, walking daily, exercising and moving as much as possible, managing medications, etc. I'm having fun with friends, also reading, partying, and attending dinner and drinks events." Nancy, married to David, has been trying to learn to play the ukulele, "after our daughter gave me some basic lessons while visiting here from Honolulu last month." She'd like to be reading from the "stack of unread books I never seem to get through." Her most fond memory of Cornell is "walking to 8:00 classes from Tripphammer Rd. to Martha Van." In a later update, Nancy also mentions seeing son Bruce and daughter Elaine (from Honolulu) in Austin, TX, and son Mark in Cedar Falls, as well as trying out some new trekking poles. She has three grandchildren in college.

**Richard Morley** (Red Bank, NJ), married to Rose, is a retired VP of engineering. He writes, "1) Read daily paper; 2) go to McDonalds for lunch; 3) go to A&P for food pick-up. Doing recently? Same as above. Rather be doing? Love my life as is—see above. Miss going to Florida for the winter." His fondest memories of his time on the Hill are "meeting and being involved with other Navy and Marines in the same program." He would especially like to hear from any Navy or Marine who attended Cornell with him. **John Cornelius** (Galesville, MD; opacorn@aol.com), married to Elizabeth, is retired from State Farm. John's favorite memory of Cornell is the beauty of the campus.

Sadly, we learn of the passing of **Minor Bond** of Williamsburg, VA, husband of Deborah, on March 29, 2011. Thank you for all your news. Please do keep in touch! ☒ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, winspeck@yahoo.com; tel., (315) 717-6003.

**50** In conjunction with the annual meeting of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held in Washington, DC, Jan. 27-29, 13 classmates, spouses, and guests gathered for a class dinner at the elegant Metropolitan Club. Attending were class president **Pat Carry** Stewart from Florida; immediate past president **Dick Pogue** from Cleveland; reunion co-chairs **Stan Rodwin** and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg '53 from Rochester, NY; reunion co-chair **Jane Wigsten** McGonigal, PhD '84, and husband, **Carl Crispell** '60, MA '66, from Ithaca; secretary **Ruth "Midge" Downey Crone** and husband **Walt** from Colorado; **Libby Severinghaus** Warner and **Marion Steinmann**, both from

Philadelphia; and from the Washington area, **Bill Brownlee** and **Lydia Schurman**.

At the class meeting the following morning, the group discussed the class archives project, which is ongoing in its collection of archival material. **Bob Post**, **Carl Ullrich**, **Dick Elmendorf**, and **Dana Brooks '49**, MD '57, have written an eloquent, suspenseful account of the lightweight crew that almost made it to the Henley. Still needed are items such as the group photo of the men's 5th Reunion in 1955; the May '49 Octagon program for "Shoot if You Must"; Spring Weekend programs from 1949 and '50; and photos of the Big Red Band, Savage Club, Glee Club, and Spring Day float parades and of the architect students' Dragon Days. Please search for these and other suitable archival items and send them either to Marion Steinmann, address at end of column, or **John Marcham**, 414 East Buffalo St., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 273-5754.

After a BME at Cornell, **Robert Allen** (Port Hueneme, CA; aeraga@verizon.net) earned an MS at Stanford and then worked in aerospace engineering and rocketry. From 1980 until his retirement in 2010, he was an engineering consultant. **Fred Shaner** (Greenwood, SC; fshaner@mywesley.commons.org) retired after 44 years as manager of the University Club of Chicago. His two daughters have master's degrees and work for pharmaceutical companies. Fred served in the infantry in WWII. In retirement he is active in the Republican Party and the Golden Age Club of his church.

**Richard Willner** (Long Beach, CA; r.willner@yahoo.com) went from a Cornell BA to an MD in Lausanne, Switzerland, and an MPH from Loma Linda. He still teaches medical students part-time and is active in Flying Doctors of Mercy. Richard enjoys swimming and bicycling. **Stanley Pogroszewski** (Ellenton, FL) enjoys taking cruises and playing golf in Florida in the winter, and gardening and camping in New York in the summer. **Mary Saxton Crittenden** (Palo Alto, CA; marycritt@aol.com) was chief pediatric psychologist and clinical professor of pediatrics at UC San Francisco. She is grateful that her Cornell education gave emphasis to social responsibility. **Warren Wigsten** (Pleasant Valley, NY; wigsten4@gmail.com) is retired from the field of dairy cattle export. Warren served 40 years on the board of directors of the Dutchess County Fair and continues as a volunteer.

**Marilyn Manley** Smith (Lewis Center, OH) was a teacher of home economics in New Jersey for three years and in Florida for 20 years. She now volunteers as a guardian for the local circuit court. **John Baran**, MBA '52 (jfbaran@gmail.com) lives with his wife in a life-care community in Needham, MA. His latest happy news is that his grandson Kyle graduated from Harvey Mudd with a BEng and has a super job at QLogic. **Hazel Hallock** Herr (Lafayette, CA; hollyphil3@aol.com) was an accounting and office manager for a San Francisco law firm and later finance officer for a community music school in San Francisco. Currently she is treasurer of her local AAUW chapter and enjoys gardening and bridge, as well as going to the opera, ballet, and symphony with close friends.

**Don Jewett** (Grantham, NH; dlj5@cornell.edu) is Cornell Cooperative Extension Professor Emeritus. With wife Rosemary, he visited Amsterdam and cruised up the Rhine River. He stays busy attending the athletic and other activities of his 11 grandkids. About a Cornell education, he says, "My experiences at Cornell broadened my view of the world and my role in it, and taught me that learning only begins with formal education." After 55 years, **Walter Spalding** (North Olmsted, OH) still



enjoys his law practice. His wife, Rae, has been his paralegal for 30 years. He is an active Kiwanian and serves on the city housing council and city schools education foundation. He also stays physically active with golf, hiking, and swimming. His societal concern is the 5 million land mines in Cambodia, "a beautiful country with friendly citizens and an amazing history and worth more than one visit." **Bernie Herman** (Cherry Hill, NJ) is retired CEO of the Okidata Corp. and still works as a commercial arbitrator and in financial regulation for the American ARB Assoc. He is also a board member of Goodwill and of the Cherry Hill Jewish Community Center. Bernie served in the Army in WWII (1944-47) in the Philippines and Okinawa.

Between venues in Chicago and Kansas City, Des Moines was a stop on the annual spring tour of the Cornell Glee Club. After the five-star concert, we and our townhouse neighbors hosted four of the guys overnight. Back from the concert, over beer and pizza, we had a most engaging and uplifting two-hour seminar. Compelling evidence of the quality of our Cornell students. Gentlemen and scholars all. **Paul Jostin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960, e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118-3819, tel., (215) 242-8443; e-mail, cjoinder@ix.netcom.com.

**51 Sam Serata** (Bridgeton, NJ) still practices law, travels, and enjoys opera. His fondest memory of Cornell is being on the photographic staff of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and the *Cornellian*. **John and Rose Carpenter Gernon '53** (Lacey, WA) have been at Panorama Retirement Community for one year now—a very active place with 1,200 residents. "We highly recommend it to anyone who would exchange snow for rain. We're planning for a total family reunion in July for Rose's 80th and our 60th."

**William Kilian** (Cockeysville, MD) graduated granddaughter Arielle from Bard College and grandson Alexander from Friends (Quaker) School in May 2011. William's career with Merck was international, with three world trips to every continent. He now lives at Broadmead, a senior retirement home. Captain of the cross-country team his senior year, he has fond memories of track and cross-country. **Thomas and Mary Nuttle**, also of Cockeysville, report that their fourth granddaughter, **Amy Ryan '11**, graduated from the Hotel school in May.

**Bill Phillips** (Old Saybrook, CT) contributed more than \$30,000 to Cornell last year and worked hard with **Steve Rounds** for reunion, greatly helping our class record. He is employed as a senior officer of Ogilvy Advertising. Being honored in 150-pound football and lacrosse are among his fond memories, along with ILR, ROTC, Psi U, and being *Cornell Daily Sun* manager. He now enjoys skiing and tennis.

**Reg**, MBA '52, and **Alice Rice** (Menlo Park, CA) write, "We had a great time at our class reunion in June, a lot due to the hospitality of **Rip Haley**, **Bill Kay**, **Steve Rounds**, **Shelley Epstein** Akabas, **Jeff Fleischmann**, MEd '55, and the local staff. It was well worth the effort to get to Ithaca and finally find the campus. We took the long way, driving from Syracuse through Skaneateles, then down the east side of Cayuga—a beautiful drive. Our only regret was that we didn't add a couple of days after the formal activities to just wander around to hear the bells ring and explore the new facilities, i.e., the wrestling building, hockey rink, tennis facility, etc."

**Sam and Phyllis Hochberger** were to move to Savannah, GA, late last fall. Their condo at Saddle River, NJ, burned down in November 2010 and is being rebuilt. They moved into their vacation home at the Landings in Savannah and subsequently decided to sell everything and buy a new home there. Sam fondly remembers his Civil Engineering classmates and professors, "who inspired me by their ethics," and his fraternity brothers at Phi Sigma Delta.

**Al and Judi Glassenberg** (New London, CT) have five granddaughters. Al writes, "We have done a lot of traveling, but age has taken its toll; traveling a lot less." Al called attention to **Ken Jaffe's** unfortunate death, November 23, 2010. Ken served in the Air Force and started an advertising agency based originally in New York, and for the past 35 years in New Jersey. He served on numerous boards, including JESPY House, Theresa Grotta, and the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. **Jim O'Brien** (Riverton, NJ) reports that his wife, Rita, passed away on their 26th wedding anniversary, Nov. 1, 2010. My apologies for the delay in reporting this.

**Elliot Siff's** present day job is bringing back wife Marlene's gift art business from the 1970s. After-hours extracurricular activities are finding expansion capital from angel investors for Biowave Corp., founded by son **Brad Siff '83**, ME '84, MBA '85. Elliot has been researching the application of stem cell research to retina and macular damage. "Marlene and I are members of the advisory council of the Johnson Museum. She has a work of art hanging in the conference room at the new Nevin Welcome Center at Cornell Plantations, chosen by director **Don Rakow, PhD '87**; a major commemorative piece in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC, entitled 'Fallen Heroes/Afghanistan'; and a major solo show entitled 'Peace/War' coming up in 2012 at Fairfield U's Quick Center/Walsh Art Gallery, featuring 40 new works in progress that are not yet on her website, marlenesiff.com."

**Adele Mongan** Fasick (San Francisco, CA) went to Korea last year. This year she goes to England and perhaps Russia. "I am working on a book about using new technology for children's libraries. It will be published this summer. So many happy memories: long walks to the orchard on Sunday afternoons, picnics at Triphammer Falls, classes I loved with people I still remember." **Bruce Widger**, DVM '51 (Marcellus, NY) retired from 50 years of distinguished service as a university trustee and received an expression of gratitude from David Skorton and **Pete Meinig '61**. Bruce was an active voting member for the

first 20 years and an attentive emeritus member since. Mary and he had two children graduate from Cornell. "A third works in the Wilson Synchrotron Programs. Four grandchildren have appreciated the Cornell education."

**Carol Buckley** Swiss (Shrewsbury, MA) had the pleasure of attending a show of underwater photos taken by **Mary Alice Newhall Mathews '52**, MD '56. The colorful habitat was at her new residence in Weston, MA. "Both Mary Alice and the sea creatures appeared bright and cheery." Carol adds, "Every [Cornell] memory is wonderful, except for failing Chinese. I often reflect on conversations with my psychology advisor, Clifton White, a founding father of NYS Young Republicans and chairman of Barry Goldwater's primary campaign. I wonder what he would think of his party today." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net. Try <http://www.cornellalummagazine-digital.com> for a digital view of the alumni magazine.

**52** As this is the last column before our 60th Reunion, our reunion chairs, the Warrens, get the first word: "Come June 7-10 for fun, seminars, music, lectures, a train exhibit at the Johnson (with your memories, if you sent them to Nancy Green at neg4@cornell.edu), and old friends." A comforting reminder: "All dining will be inside—no rain, no mud, no wind, no cold, no heat." I get the second word: I now have 119 news forms, all interesting, almost all with good news. I cannot get it all into six columns a year. There seems to be a desire to connect. Easy answer: If you can, bring yourselves, your memories, and your news to Ithaca, June 7-10. It's our 60th.

Third words are yours. **Robert Bitz** (Plainville, NY) divides his year between Florida and Central New York, where he writes, plays golf, and enjoys life. He has published *Tales of A Turkey Farmer*, his fifth book. This and the four earlier histories are available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. In 1948, Bob came to Cornell by automobile, bringing "very little other than a reasonable education obtained at Baldwinsville Academy." **Frederick Fuess**, MEd '55 (Baldwinsville, NY; ffuess@aol.com) similarly divides his year, enjoying winter warmth and cool summers. He travels and relaxes. He drove to Ithaca in 1948 bringing a radio, an alarm clock, a 1938 Dodge, and a laundry box.

**Glen, PhD '56**, and **Nancy Guttman Slack**, MS '54, are in Scotia, NY. Nancy teaches and



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writes and co-edits books on ecology, one published December 2010 and a second in January 2011. She came to Cornell by car bringing a record player and several records. **Donald Wiegand**, PhD '57 (Basking Ridge, NJ) is "working full-time—research physics and mechanical properties of materials." He, too, came by car with clothing and books. **Harold Seidenberg**, JD '57 (Goshen, NY; syd433@earthlink.net) works "somewhat," takes care of his two dogs and house, and volunteers at a local playhouse. He came to Ithaca by train. **David Murray** (Syracuse, NY; dgmurray@twcny.rr.com) partners with his son Bruce in the Boundary Breaks vineyard on Seneca Lake. In 1948 he came from Ames, IA, to Ithaca via three railroads. His steamer trunk held "mostly clothes."

**Tom Foulkes** (Keuka Park, NY; keukalake@earthlink.net) has been playing the piano, visiting Cornell, reading, and working in a small vineyard he and Anne purchased three years ago. Sixty-four years ago, his parents drove him the 90 miles to Ithaca; after that he used Greyhound and hitchhiked. He brought a record player. **Jim Gibbs** (Oakland, CA; jgibbs@stanford.edu) reports: "We have moved to a high-rise senior community in Oakland to be near our two sons, daughter-in-law, and grandson, 4."

**Frank Forthoffer** (Middletown, NY; fmforth@yahoo.com) sends the sad news that his wife, **Mary (Rowley)**, died June 25 after a two-year struggle with cancer. Helen Merrill writes from Plymouth, MI, that her husband of 55 years, **Kenneth Merrill**, was diagnosed with ALS in 2007. He has slowly lost movement and has been in a nursing care facility since April 2011. What they would rather be doing now, she writes, is "making plans to go to our 60th Reunion." **Enriqueta Matthews**, wife of **William Matthews** (Silver Spring, MD), writes, "Because of illness Bill and I will not be able to attend the 60th Reunion. I know he feels sad about it."

**Bernard Schapiro** (Palm Beach Gardens, FL; jss2britton@aol.com) summers in New Jersey. He travels, golfs, works out, plays bridge, and gardens. The Schapiros get to Cornell to visit their grandchildren—two have graduated and a third is in the Class of '15. Bernard has signed up seven fraternity brothers for our 60th. In 1948, he came on the Lehigh Valley bringing very specific clothes and a slide rule. **C. V. Noyes**, MBA '55 (Harperswell, ME; cvnoyes@comcast.net) advises that after 80, a ski pass costs \$30. He no longer drives an ambulance or sits on his church's board of finance. However, he stays busy, arranging the 60th anniversary celebration of his marriage to **Elizabeth (Sachs) '54**. He, too, came on the Lehigh Valley bringing pre-Navy clothes, a slide rule, vets' papers, and small miscellaneous stuff. **Judith Winter Burger** (New York, NY; judyburger@verizon.net) says, "NYC is a great place for retirees." She volunteers, sees friends, and enjoys lectures, concerts, and so forth. Back then, she came to Ithaca in her parents' car, bringing "clothes, toiletries, sweaters!" She plans to attend reunion.

**Lewis Rubenstein**, BA '56 (Schodack Landing, NY; lrubinst@nycap.rr.com) continues to work in historic preservation, particularly on the old house and 22 acres bought almost 40 years ago. Lew notes that he spends time playing the stock market to afford it. He continues to play the French horn in a couple of good Capital District concert bands. By now, the Rubensteins may have taken the round-the-world trip he was planning back in October. Lew's mother drove him to Ithaca in her top-down convertible. In the trunk were two

suitcases, a reading lamp, and *Webster's Unabridged*. After that, he used his thumb. **Fred Leonard** (Merion, PA): "Even though I'm retired I go to the office every day for three hours and read the *Wall Street Journal*, etc., to see how much I lost in the market the previous day." He also gardens and cuts grass because, he writes, he needs the exercise. He came to Ithaca via "steam railroad train from Philadelphia," bringing one duffel bag.

**George**, MBA '56, and **Gayle Raymond Kennedy** (Green Valley, AZ; gmk31@cox.net) have been taking mind-stretching OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Inst.) classes. Gayle has been responsible for finding venues for the eight-week courses—25 in the fall and 45 in the spring. George traveled the New York Central from Detroit to Buffalo and then took the Lehigh Valley. Gayle arrived home from a year in England and then walked to campus. George brought a slide rule and clipboard; Gayle brought pencils and spiral notebooks. From **Jack and Carol Ballagh Boehringer '53** (Wynne-wood, PA): Jack underwent serious and extensive surgery in 2011 and writes, "Valve job and exhaust job complete, suspension still good for 2-1/2 miles per day." He has been recovering and finally semi-retiring, with new management leadership in the company doing very well. He notes, "Carol is my very healthy caregiver." Jack arrived in Ithaca with a "suitcase and laundry box full of Penna Dutch spice cake of my mom's." His first trip was by car, later by train from Philly. **Robert Ostrander** (Romulus, NY; reomag@rochester.rr.com) has been puttering around enjoying all that the Finger Lakes have to offer. He attended his family's 350th anniversary in Kingston, NY. The first Ostrander arrived from Holland in 1661. Robert came to Ithaca on the *Black Diamond*, bringing only what he could carry. **Janet Rudolph** Towart writes from Sugar Land, TX, which seems to be a new address. Jan's new address is too late for the directory, but know that if you are still deciding, you can register for your 60th Reunion through May 25. I understand that even walk-ins are welcome. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, www.cornellclassof52.org.

**53** Any number of our descendants are experiencing Mater's myriad subjects of rare interest. For instance, **Caroline Mulford** Owens's granddaughter **Anna Plattner '12** discovered a copy of the '53 *Cornellian* yearbook among the Kroch Library's Rare and Manuscript Collection's 450,000 volumes. Lo and behold, there was Grandma. "Anna took a photo," Caroline reports, "and posted it on Facebook with the comment: 'Who knew? My Grandma is in the rare book section of the Cornell Library.'" Says Caroline, "You never know what kind of good stuff you'll find there."

Like word of February night invitations to the Hoy Field bleachers "to talk." Remember Miss Name Withheld? She was a freshman '53 classmate who wrote Ithaca's only morning newspaper to charge Cornell boys with conduct unbecoming. Result: furor. She turned out to become **Sandra Bangilsdorf** Klein, for many years a Westport, CT, neighbor of **Clark** and **Claire Moran Ford**. We're told Sandy's doing fine. Rare? How about Cornell 20, Michigan 7? And the WVBR raid and takeover by distinguished upperclassmen and their broadcast of a Russian invasion they created? Also rare, and reported in that very '53 *Cornellian*.

Caroline and her reunion co-chairperson **Dick Halberstadt** will guide interested classmates to

original works from Sir Isaac Newton's quill and Gutenberg's press during our Sweet Sixtieth in Ithaca, June 6-9, 2013. That's how deep they are already into planning our best reunion reveals yet. They brought '53 leaders up to an early date during a class meeting of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in D.C. in January. A dozen classmates dined there together the night before. CALC moves to Boston next January 18-20. We hope more will come by for dinner then.

**Harlowe Hardinge**, MBA '54 (Mercer Island, WA) artfully dodged any dull moments as the twenty-teens began with his first-ever visit to Palm Springs and its foreign film festival. He made it back to the right coast for Manuscript Society meetings in Providence and Newport, RI. There was time to check out the oldest continuous library in America (but he didn't reveal its whereabouts) and to visit a synagogue that had been attended by George Washington. (George schlepped there all right, but once again Cork isn't popping for a location.) On the way home he saw two herds of elk (one male and one female) for the first time. That native Pennsylvanian says he was reminded of Quaker meetings ("men on one side, women on the other"). His daughter and her family, from Pocatello, ID, joined him for that one. To close out '11, he and his Oregonian son and family cruised to the Mexican Riviera.

In the year when most of us achieved octogenarianhood, vintage Aggie, Sunman, Sage chorister, and Komos Aeidein showman **Ray Borton** (Davis, CA) marked his 80th on 9/11/11 at an annual Ag and Life Sciences alumni picnic. A convivial group convened at the Clos du Bois winery, far from Hammondsport. Made in California, fluent in French, it's said. Earlier, Ray and spouse Verena celebrated their golden anniversary with 100 friends at the Davis Int'l House. They partook of ethnic food from the six countries where the Bortons have lived. They heard music by Latin, Celtic, and Klezmer groups. In midsummer, the family toasted son Ben's wedding to his lovely Leila at a Sonoma County winery overlooking the Russian River.

The Cornell **Fratt** line, like Banquo's issue, just keeps stretching out (it may help to revisit *Macbeth* here). Lolly Isby, daughter of **Laura Fratt '81**, joins her brother Alex Isby and cousin **Izzy '14** on the Hill this fall, so a fifth generation is firmly established. Their great-great-granddad, **George Meade Emory, LLB 1890**, was the founding father. Great grandpop **Norbert Fratt '27** ran for touchdowns for Gil Dobie, the dour Scot builder of Big Red victories that made history. Lolly's grandpa, the late **C.K. Poe Fratt**, was Most Valuable Player on an Ivy championship Big Red football team before he was a trustee of the university and a vigorous prez of '53.

Speaking of former '53 leaders, here's a view from Claire Moran Ford (Westport, CT) when this year was new: "Know that I'm alive and well, no longer driving, but still living in my original home where Clark and I raised three great kids. I have several wonderful people in my life who drive me (I still have my car) and do for me whatever I have a hard time doing . . . I'm still very involved. I have a young personal trainer who says that my social life is busier than hers. However, my 'dates' are mostly women who still drive. (One of them is Sandra Bangilsdorf Klein.) I am grateful for my health, my mobility (which is limited due to arthritis and a poorly healed ankle that I broke long ago), my exceptional family, and my dear, dear friends."



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**54** Did you realize that our next reunion is but two years hence and we are the preamble to Cornell's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2015? Come to think of it, most of us have been around for more than half that time and fondly remember its 100th. Wow! As a stroke of genius, our class president prevailed on **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** to co-chair our 60th Reunion, June 5-8, 2014. **Jack Vail** has asked the pros, as it will be the third time for the dynamic duo—who also hosted our 40th and 45th reunions. We will have long since made more than 80 passes around Ole Sol, so we should have our solar batteries fully powered and ready to boogie.

I've written often about classmates, largely from East Coast environs, who have slid down the coast to land happily in Florida. With each trip south I gain more understanding of why. I was there in February visiting **Rosemary Seelbinder Jung**; went to see the Sarasota Circus with **Don '53** and **Eloise Mix Unbekant**, and **Carol Reid Lyons**; and then went to hear Karl Pillemer, Cornell professor of Human Development and a professor of gerontology at Weill Cornell, speak at a Cornell lunch with **John '52** and **Peg Livingston Smoots '53**, **Lou Schaefer Dailey**, and **Glenn '58** and **Maddi McAdams Dallas '58**. All of us wished Dr. Pillemer had had his book, *30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans*, with him. We would have snapped up copies then and there.

In all their wisdom, Historic New England has granted a preservation easement for the home of **Polly Hospital Flansburgh**. The house was designed in 1963 by her husband, **Earl**, BArch '54 (now deceased). The decision is unique in their history, as the homes they typically protect date to the 17th or 18th century. I had heard from **Anne Wendt Nagy** last year that she was battling kidney cancer and inquired of her progress. She said she is doing well, even with having both kidneys and adrenals removed, as is the proscribed procedure for that type of cancer. As to her gardening, she has found that the ground gets further away every year. Another classmate is helping to treat cancer using a different approach: the University Hospital's Seidman Cancer Center at Case Medical Center was made possible, in large part, by the generosity of Jane and **Lee Seidman**. The Seidman name is synonymous with giving and is on three major hospital organizations in the Greater Cleveland area. At 60, with a successful career behind him, Lee did post-graduate work at Harvard Business School and then studied philanthropy at Boston College, which has led to his being recognized as one of the 50 most generous benefactors in the country.

In answer to the question about what Cornell activity has been a part of your retirement, **Pete Plamondon** answered, "Baseball," adding that he has been lifelong friends and golfing buddies with **Mike Hostage**, MBA '55 (right field) and **Lee Morton** (shortstop and captain). They are part of the Small Ball contingent that gathers on the east coast of Florida every February. Pete volunteers

his organizational skills, serving mainly on educational boards including those of Georgetown Prep, Mt. St. Mary's, and Marymount. From Germany, **Ted Valentiner**, BArch '55, checks in to report that he still plays golf and stays active; he is even more grateful that he left Venezuela for Germany in 1961. Leaving her post as a traveler's aid ambassador at DFW Airport last fall, **Ann Heagle** took to the seas on an 11-day Trans-Atlantic Repositioning Cruise. She has found that her courses in Art and Architecture Appreciation have greatly enriched her travels worldwide.

Six years ago I mentioned Jan and **Niles Davies**'s contribution of land for the Rockland Center for the Arts; this year I can write that their continued generosity has made possible a new home for the Davies Learning Center that accommodates children ages 6 weeks to pre-school and is associated with the Helen Hayes Hospital. **James Fanning**, LLB '57, and **Gil Rothrock** were succinct in their answers to what has prepared them for the fourth quarter. James's reply: practicing law and staying married; and Gil's: clean living. Hard to argue with either. **Bill Webber**, MD '60, might have triple-digit temps in Tucson during the summer, but the rest of the year he still runs/jogs two miles a couple of times a week and rides 20 miles three times a week with the Wobblers, a senior biking group. Bill enjoys doing Mobile Meals of Tucson every Thursday, as he misses the "caring for folks" aspect he had when practicing surgery. He spent a family vacation in Honolulu with **Tom Morell**, visiting all the local sights. **Nancy Rink Kelly** moved from chilly New Hampshire to Tucson, AZ (yep, it's warmer), to be closer to her youngest son. She's enjoying her independence. She has always been an avid quilter and has now combined her creative side with exercise, power walking, and weightlifting. Sounds like a winning combo. **Les Papenfus** Reed, [lesliejreed@me.com](mailto:lesliejreed@me.com). Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>. CAM digital edition: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

**55** Good to hear from **Shirley Sanford Dudley**, who moved to a senior community in Bloomfield, CT, about two years ago, and has been enjoying the "incredible amount of activity" available there. She lives next to the fitness center and pool—but when she got "a bit too exuberant," was glad to discover how important onsite rehab is! Shirley has stayed active in her Hartford church and just chaired a search committee for a team of pastors to help design a new presence in the city. **Steve Clingan** lives in Northfield, IL. "Still working," he writes, "with three sons in the business. It's lots of fun, being involved with the young people as customers, employees, and suppliers." In his non-working hours, Steve coaches Little League and takes part in an annual musical revue in Winnetka.

**Francine Goldberger** Rubenstein says she and Ken "enjoy being snowbirds at both sides of paradise"—South Florida and the Berkshires. **Ken Carlson** and wife Diana moved to an eight-acre farm in Easton, MD, with a small barn and a run-in shed. "The projects with fencing and repairs never end—but we're in good health and living the good life." **Paul Hyman** harked back to the summer of 1951 when many '55 classmates met for the first time at Freshman Orientation. To commemorate this auspicious event 60 years later, the Hymans met fraternity brother **Alan Kaye** and his

wife in Nashville for an old-fashioned country music hoedown. They listened to the music of Hank Williams, Gene Autry, Patsy Cline, and Elvis. Alan says, "It was lively and nostalgic, and reminiscent of the tunes sung by **Charley Holcomb** at the Straight." Speaking of Charley, he and Joan have moved from Lloyd Harbor to Huntington, just a couple of miles down the road. The Holcombs' granddaughter **Katie '13** is enjoying undergrad life on the Hill. She's a sportswriter and columnist for the *Sun* and president of her sorority. "Not that we needed an excuse to come back to Ithaca!" the proud grandparents explained.

**Peter '54** and **Lorraine Pietryka Plamondon**'s grandson **Brendan McNamara '11** graduated from the Hotel school last spring, and another grandson, Peter III, will matriculate this fall. "Another Hotelie in the family. Go Cornell!" say Pete and Lorrie. **Don** and **Fran Walden Jacobs '56** are moving to a continuing care retirement community; **Anne Morrissy** Merick and husband Don are settling into a new retirement place in Naples, FL, where they welcomed **Ann Overbeck** for a birthday visit. **Frank Tetz**, MBA '56, and wife Nancy have moved from Princeton to Saratoga Springs, closer to their cottage at Lake George. Although doing a lot of traveling (Costa Rica, Panama Canal) and spending time in New York City, Frank claims he'd rather be in Ithaca "being stimulated by our profs." Alfred Kahn's death brought back fond memories of his lectures, and also those of **Clinton Rossiter '39**, says Frank. **Cherie Woodcock Mitchell** is doing her learning via Kindle. On a recent Hawaiian vacation, she and Don stocked up on two "Great Courses." What a great way to attend classes on almost any subject!

**Nancy Eisenberg** Grabow volunteers for the Guild of St. Francis Hospital and has produced some record-winning "journals" (fundraisers). Courses at Nassau Community College and weekly water aerobics are also on Nancy's calendar. She attended the annual meeting of the ILR Library Board and learned that the libraries of the ILR, Hotel, and Johnson schools may be merged, with the ILR director in charge of all three. Nancy lives in Roslyn, NY, and would welcome anyone visiting the area! **Ed Krawitt**, MD '59, presently a professor of medicine at the U. of Vermont and an adjunct professor at Dartmouth College, has plans to retire after a rewarding career in academic medicine involving research, patient care, and teaching in local, regional, national, and international venues. He visited with **John Mazella**, **Denis Miller**, **Steve Price**, and **Jim Van Buren**, who were all 1955-59 MD classmates, at the time of our 51st Reunion. "Yes, 51st—that's what happens when you change the name from Cornell to **Weill**, for our most generous classmate!" Thanks for the news, Ed.

**Phil Harvey** hosted **Rex Boda** and **Orlando Turco '56** for the NCAA Division I wrestling championships in Philadelphia in 2011. "Cornell again placed second in the US, beating last year's U. of Iowa team, but losing to a powerhouse Penn State team," Phil reports. **Daniel Sachs** relates an interesting project that's been keeping him busy. His great-grandfather Louis Lewin visited the US and Canada in 1887, writing letters home to his wife in Berlin as he traveled. Dan collaborated in the translation of those letters into English and added an introduction. The letters were published as *Across the USA and Canada in 1887: A German Scientist Experiences North America*. Since Dan's retirement seven years ago, he's been serving as a docent at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum,

painting in oils, and giving lectures to senior citizen groups. Dan says, "I'm psyched up to attend our 60th, if I'm still here to do so!" I hope everyone is planning to do the same; I know we are. ☑ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** CHANGES: **Gene Sanders**, MD '60 (Englewood, FL) retired from a career in academic medicine in 2001 and has since been committed to non-medical writing, especially history, philately, and inspirational subjects. He is a recent recipient of the Irene B. Chidester New Author Award and the Ken Mackenzie Writers Award in 2010. In 2011 he was a recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Frederick (MD) High School. Gene was inspired to write by Prof. **Walter French '19**, PhD '24, when he was a student in Arts and Sciences.

From **Betty Silverman** Stark: "I am sorry to report that my husband of 50 years died in 2007. I am resettled in Greenwich, CT, near family and have made some new friends, as well as keeping old friends. I am still working as a designer, usually as a friendly supplier/supporter for people facing changes in living situations. I do not think about the past, trying to expand my traditional points of view and not get too upset about politics. I am working on a book with three other women. It's been two years, much talk, some good ideas, but short on actual progress. The book will soon be a pamphlet. The four of us have become good friends and that's an important bonus." Betty added that she hoped this would be of interest, to which I say, "Betty, you are an inspiration to all of us." **Art Hershey** (Calabasas, CA) retired as an adjunct professor at UCLA and Loyola Marymount, also in L.A., and now loves being a docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Tour, anyone?

ACTIVITIES: **Bonnie Smith** Whyte (Reston, VA) works on the following Reston projects: the Reston Museum, Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help (FISH), Reston for a Lifetime, and Reston Runners/Walkers (as a coach). As for Cornell activities, Bonnie has attended our big reunions every five years, as well as mini-reunions with '56ers and their families. **Diane Newman** Fried, MEd '58 (Stratford, CT) is treasurer of the Local League of Women Voters and volunteers in her local school district. **Martin Wohl** (Chesterfield, MO) is involved with Habitat for Humanity and the Lifelong Learning Inst. at Washington U. in St. Louis. **David Pyle** (Nokomis, FL) is chair of his church trustees—an almost full-time job, he adds.

CAREERS: **Roy Curtiss III** (Paradise Valley, AZ) reports that his research goes well. In spite of budget curtailments, his group received \$8 million in new research grant awards in 2011 from the NIH and USDA, and he thanks all the taxpayers who contributed. **Joan Hillsley** Mackenzie (Rendondo Beach, CA) loves working with people as an outpatient psychiatrist. **James Yates** (Lemoine, PA) is in his 45th year as a plastic surgeon. He is chief of plastic surgery at Holy Spirit Hospital and medical director at Grandview Surgery Center and Vista Surgery Center, all in Camp Hill, PA. **John Burns**, DVM '59 (Henrietta, NY) is now retired from the practice of veterinary medicine after 30-plus years. He is now on the road selling oil and lubricants to farmers, excavators, and anyone who has engines and bearings—he sells only the paraffin oils of Appalachia. John welcomes all Cornellians in the Rochester area who use oil to call on him. **Maria Radoslovich** Cox, BArch '56 (Ponte Vedra

Beach, FL) continues in her work in interior and landscape design.

REUNION: **Gail Gifford** Rudin (Manhasset, NY) wanted us to know she enjoyed Reunion tremendously and added that it was well planned and organized and fun to reconnect with old friends. **Ed** and **Lois Ullman Berkowitz '59** (Washington, DC) visited with **Fern Wurman** Mackour in Waikiki, HI. Fern spends a few months a year there, and Ed and Lois were vacationing. Ed and Lois went on to Kauai, where **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman and husband Paul were vacationing with some of Paul's Dartmouth classmates, but they never saw each other. Fern went on to the mainland in California and had dinner with **Judy Cohen** Lowry and husband George, who were on a West Coast trip to see book collections for possible sale at the Argosy Book Store and Swann Gallery, their respective businesses in New York City. Please keep **Stephen Kittenplan** and me informed of your news for our upcoming columns. ☑ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

**57** Got the suitcase ready? How about the vest from the 25th Reunion? Do you still have your Cornell class ring? **Sue Breslow** Dillon gave her Cornell scarf, vintage 1953, to her granddaughter Samara Petigrow, who will be a member of the Class of '16. Samara's mother, **Eleanor Dillon** Petigrow '87, will be sharing her reunion year with Sue. **Ellen Stekert** is planning to bring her guitar—does that bring back memories of Prof. Harold Thompson's course in Goldwin Smith, affectionately called "Romp and Stomp"? With the big event only a month away you may still be deciding whether to come. If the answer is yes, you can contact reunion co-chair **Betty Starr** King for the latest details (Bettyking3@verizon.net).

Many plans were finalized at the annual class meeting at the end of January in Washington, DC, as Betty hosted a class dinner at her house there with about 30 people, including some members of the Class of '07. **Jerry Neuman** Held Kovell was there comparing notes on her golf and tennis games and her ski trip to Colorado. Jerry does volunteer work with the women's committee of the National Symphony and is an opera buff as well. A longtime Washingtonian, **Ritalou Rogow** Harris, passed away suddenly last October while on a visit to Cornell. Rita had retired in 2009 as the executive director of the Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington.

For many of us, the acronym CAN has stood for *Cornell Alumni News*, but for **Beth Ames** Swartz it stands for a group she founded in Paradise Valley, AZ: Cooperation Among Neighbors, an annual potluck dinner in the neighborhood going on its 13th year. Beth had an exhibit of her art at the ACA Gallery in NYC in March. **Mildred McCormick** Malzahn, who retired from teaching and translating, has continued to cultivate her interest in French literature, which was her major. She has also been researching and writing family history, which includes three generations of Cornellians. The Malzahns live in Baileys Harbor, WI, full-time.

In Hickory Corners, MI, you can find **Jo Buckley** Emerson doing volunteer work with some local musical organizations. **Phyllis Payne** Baker doesn't have far to travel to reunion—she and James have been farming at their place, Sweyolakan Farms, in the Ithaca area for 57 years and "loving it through good times and bad." The agricultural resources provided by Cornell have been a great help. For the past seven years the Bakers helped build a new Baptist church, debt-free, near Jacksonville, NY. They spend their winters in Ft. Myers, FL.

You may want to check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>. Hope to see you in Ithaca. ☑ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Sebum Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

Plans for our 55th Reunion look to offer an enjoyable and informative few days. Kudos to **Betty Starr** King and **Charlie Parker**, BME '59, for doing the heavy lifting.

I received a wonderful note from my fellow Marylander and midfielder **Bob Shirley**, who has been active in Maryland horse circles for 60-plus years. This service has been recognized with his being honored as Maryland Horseman of the Year in 2009, having the State Fair horse ring named in his honor, and having been inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. He still does a little farming, but has retired as Carrollton Master of Foxhounds. **Bob Armstrong**, MBA '59, lives in Accra, the capital city of Ghana, where his daughter works for the US Dept. of State and her son, 10, attends school. Bob reports that the weather is hot and humid (just north of the equator). Ghana is about the size of Oregon, with 3 million of the 28 million citizens in Accra.

**Hank Goodman**, BME '59, reports that wife Flo was able to reverse his high cholesterol with diet changes to the extent that he bypassed medication. They have published a cookbook in conjunction with this effort and have confronted child obesity with a local Boston television show. **Henry Siegel**, JD '59, is a brave man: he's living in Mexico, but he teaches online for universities in San Diego and San Francisco. **David Bulman** facilitates a science class at SUNY Mohawk Valley, using the weekly science section of the *New York Times* as his text. He enjoys interacting with the lively retired professionals who keep things hopping.

Last fall **Peter Wolf**, ME '59, a senior judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, taught a six-week course entitled "The Legal Process" at Washington College in Chesterton, MD. Peter facilitated things for the students with a website on the subject. He is enjoying the good life on Maryland's Eastern Shore and this spring traveled to Patagonia. **Donald Woolfolk** stays active in retirement by teaching a class at the Williamsburg, VA, jail and working a few days a week at the local health department. **John Konwiser**, MBA '58, is keeping his hand in as property manager of an apartment complex he built and still owns in the Scottsdale area. He has been known to tour the country in 100-year-old cars that he lovingly takes care of.

“I think I was always destined to be a retiree.”

Susan Cowan Jakubiak '60



**Harvey Lyndaker** is retired from teaching, but works part-time in real estate sales in the Rochester area. He enjoys skiing and four-wheeling in the Adirondacks. **Paul Rosenbaum** has traveled to Israel to attend his granddaughters' bas mitzvahs and is active in JINSA, a group whose objectives include strengthening ties between Israel and the US. See you at the 55th! ☐ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** **Edward Monahan** says he has continued to publish and do all those things that go along with being an active emeritus professor. He was running for Town Council (don't know the outcome) and is vice chair of the Southwestern Connecticut Water Authority. He did not row crew in college, but now rows some 300 times per year. In September, he took a third place medal in the Coastweeks Regatta at Mystic Seaport, a regatta he started back in 1992. Five years ago, he built a lakeside log home where he and his wife live; he can just step outside and launch one of his rowing shells. **Bob Hendricks**, PhD '64, also a professor, is still employed full-time as associate head of the Dept. of Materials Science and Engineering at Virginia Tech. He and wife Delores travel a fair amount and manage one trip a year to Europe, recently with the horticulture department to explore the gardens of Europe. Spain and Portugal are on tap for 2012. He also has gone back to the classroom and is working on a BA in German. He takes one course a semester and is now only five courses from the end. He expects to graduate in 2014. He loves living in Blacksburg, VA, and plans to stay in their renovated home until they can no longer deal with their extensive gardens, for which they have won numerous local awards.

**Glenn and Maddi McAdams Dallas** keep busy with activities and travel. Maddi is president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma of Cornell Foundation. She has retired from the board of the Sarasota Cornell Club. Glenn is on the investment committee for the Sarasota Club. They traveled last spring and fall to Scandinavia and St. Petersburg and took a river cruise on the Danube with Bud and **Judith Welling Baker**. **Petr '57** and **Lois Tuttle Spurney** have moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE, and live near the Dallases' home in Delaware.

**Robin Bielski Kadar** lives in Jupiter, FL, and loves to go to new beaches, so she visits classmates along the Atlantic and reciprocates by inviting them to Florida in the winter. **Ann Gaffey Coyne** has been taking students to Nicaragua each year to our sister university in Leon. She has also started a school for deaf Nicaraguan children in Leon and has been involved in training the teachers. She is still a full-time professor at the U. of Nebraska, but hopes to eventually move back to Kendal of Ithaca. She also serves on the board of a school for developmentally disabled children in Omaha, working for and with disabled children.

**Irene Lazarus** Soskin set up and administers the Class of '58 blog, the purpose of which is to get classmates connected and help them stay connected. The guiding force and support for this project was our president, **Bill Standen**. The challenge was that before we started, we didn't know what a blog was! The site is <http://58at55th.wordpress.com>. Its countdown to our 55th Reunion and our blog will include reunion details and class news. We will also put information on our class website, so be sure to visit that. If you want to volunteer and/or have ideas for reunion, and

blogging is not your thing, e-mail Irene at [IreneLS@aol.com](mailto:IreneLS@aol.com).

**Keith '56**, **DVM '59**, and **Carol Ostergren Orts** had a wonderful trip last April to Tunisia, which has an incredible world history from the Phoenicians to the Romans to Islam to French colonialism. They write that the preserved Roman coliseums, temples, and baths are ubiquitous. Tunisia was once the breadbasket of the Roman empire. Spectacular scenery includes beach resorts, mountains, oasis, deserts, and modern cities. It also has 19 percent of the world's acreage of olive trees! ☐ **Jan Arps Jarvie**, e-mail, [janjarvie@gmail.com](mailto:janjarvie@gmail.com); **Dick Haggard**, [dhaggard@voicenet.com](mailto:dhaggard@voicenet.com).

**59** Last year at this time, **Dan '56** and **Pat Lasky Rathmann** spent a delightful week in Ithaca for Dan's 55th Reunion. Upon their return to northern Idaho, they became involved in the controversy over the Alberta Tar Sands oil development and the XL Keystone Pipeline. Writes Pat: "The equipment is manufactured in Korea, barged up the Columbia River, and transported right through our downtown Moscow main street on its way to Canada. These 'mega loads' resulted in large street-side demonstrations and community action. I became a founding member of a local Environmental Sustainable Action Coalition of like-minded folks to educate the public on the implications of the tar sands development for climate change and global warming. There is much information available online on these issues, including Cornell ILR research. At my age, I thought demonstrations were a thing of the past, yet here I find myself making signs again."

During the past 30 years, **Gerald Schultz**, an associate clinical professor at Loma Linda U. Medical Center and director of the Schultz Eye Clinic in Palm Springs, CA, has made almost two dozen trips to India, where he has operated in cataract camps, lectured, and performed live surgery at conferences. This August he is scheduled to receive the Exceptional Service Award, Gold Medal in Ophthalmology at the Int'l Academy for Advances in Ophthalmology being held in Mumbai, India. He'll also give a presentation on "Genetic and Stem Cell Regeneration in Eye Disorders."

In Charlottesville, VA, horses, offspring, music, and shamanic adventures keep **Jim Wray** and wife Deborah busy. Check out Jim's high-spirited keyboard style at [www.JimWrayJazz.com](http://www.JimWrayJazz.com). And if you're in central Virginia you may catch him performing solo or in small groups at various venues (see calendar on website). "I'd love to hear from any members of the Sacrilegious Six, a very amateurish singing group in our freshman year," writes **Austin Wadsworth**, BS Ag '61 ([Austinwads@gmail.com](mailto:Austinwads@gmail.com)). Austin is president and one of the founders of the 1941 Historical Aircraft Group, an airport and WWII museum in Geneseo, NY, dedicated to the restoration, preservation, display, and flight of aircraft of the WWII and Korean War eras. Each July the group stages an airshow on the turf strip at the Geneseo airport (July 13-15 this year). Austin's plane of choice is the Boeing B-17 *Flying Fortress*, a WWII bomber used primarily in Europe. Last year, Austin and **Gail Oglee** Hathaway got back in touch after 53 years. They've since visited back and forth between Geneseo and Yarmouth Port on Cape Cod, where Gail lives. Gail notes that they've also connected and had lunch with **Herb '60** and **Kit Traub Roes**, who live in Lake Peck, NY. Gail regularly sees **Ken '58** and **Nancy Stone**

at the Cornell Club of Cape Cod, and would enjoy hearing from other classmates with-in reach from Cape Cod to Geneseo ([gohway@gmail.com](mailto:gohway@gmail.com)).

**Bob Iveson** retired from Ward's Natural Science in 2009, after 50 years with the company. "Ward's is a marvelous company, doing great things for education," writes Bob. While with the firm, Bob would grow a two-months' beard each autumn and don period costume to masquerade at Halloween as Henry Augustus Ward, who founded the company in the 1860s. Bob reprised this role last year for Ward's "long overdue" induction into the Rochester Business Hall of Fame. Bob serves on the Brockport School Board and remains very interested in entomology, his major at Cornell. He has a 13,000-plus collection of Lepidoptera in ten Cornell cabinets in his basement, and is "looking for a donor upon my demise, for Cornell Entomology has no room for them."

**Marcia Mitchell** Olsen (Seaford, NY) is a reference librarian at the Levittown Public Library, where she has worked since earning a master's of library science information services from CW Post in 2000. She also has an MBA from CW Post; she earned that degree in 1990. In addition to running book clubs at the library, Marcia teaches patrons the paper-cutting art known as *scherenschnitte*. Marcia is also a quilter, and in June will attend the first annual Int'l Quilt Festival of Ireland—to look, learn, and meet famous quilters. Late last year she had a total right knee replacement, which has allowed her to look forward to enjoying cross-country skiing once again.

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**60** The Class of 1960 is now officially on Facebook! On January 28, our Class Council made the decision to set up a page, and within a few days it was up and running, thanks to **Carrie Warnow** Makover, our Web administrator. If you're already a member of Facebook, go to "Cornell Class of 1960"; if you haven't yet joined, it's simple to do so. Remember to "Like" the page, which will make you a "friend." You can also add updates or comment on existing items. **Don Milsten** has already posted a few pictures from the Cornell Leadership Conference; **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson and **Alan Garfinkel** will serve as the page's administrators.

**Paula Friedman** reports from Oregon that her novel *The Rescuer's Path* was published this January by Plain View Press. You can find out more about it, and about Paula's other writing, on her website, <http://www.paula-friedman.com/index.htm>. During the rest of the year, she plans to give readings in cities in the Northwest and California's Bay Area, and possibly on the East Coast, and hopes to see classmates during her book tour. "Meanwhile," she says, "I'm dipping my toes in Occupy, happy for our 'Sixties' vindication, and also feeling that it's like a part of the action in

my novel," which is set in 1971, during the Nixon era. Paula's older son, Chris, is an artist in San Francisco; he had a solo show in Berlin. Younger son Joseph has, she says, "received several honors for his linguistic work."

After working for some years as a CPA at LarsonAllen LLP on what he describes as "a very comfortable, reduced schedule," **Ray Skaddan** retired completely on December 31. Not long before that, Ray and Lynda downsized their residence and moved to a retirement community in Bucks County, PA. During 2011, even while working part-time, Ray managed to spend three weeks in Mexico, most of a month in Virginia, a week studying Iran at Chautauqua during the summer, and two weeks in Cape Cod in September. **Alan Fishman**, BArch '61, is also now "fully retired" from his architecture practice, and reports, "I am enjoying every minute of it." He and Libby "love living in Florida—biking, walking, swimming, and golf, of course, year-round." The Fishmans' daughter **Schuyler '89** received her master's in education and teaches high school math and science in Monte Vista, CO, a small town in the mountains.

**Ginny Seipt** sent word from New York City that she continues volunteering two days a week for the Central Park Conservancy, "doing physical labor with the Zone Gardeners to keep the grounds around the carousel and the skating rink up to snuff. Weeding, pruning, raking leaves (LOTS of those!)," and, during the winter, chopping ice and shoveling snow. Ginny still does occasional production work for NBC and ABC, and had a small-boat cruise through the Panama Canal and Costa Rica scheduled for March; she made a similar trip to Alaska in 2010 that she describes as "exceptional." When in New York, Ginny goes to the theatre regularly, takes Pilates classes, and hosts visiting friends and family.

**David Berkley**, PhD '66, is fully retired, having finished 33 years with AT&T (which he left in 2000 as vice president of speech and image processing research), followed by six years as chief scientist of a startup company. David now spends time as an amateur ham radio operator, having been inactive for about 50 years, and says he's "enjoyed resuming my interest in this amazing hobby." He's also been helpful in emergencies, "work[ing] with the local Red Cross providing communications during damage assessment after the northern New Jersey floods." In addition, he writes, "I made a foray to Cornell for a reunion of past WVBR executives; I was the oldest past general manager present and had a chance to discuss the station's status" as WVBR now confronts both financial and staffing challenges. At a "Cornell on the Road" event held in Montclair, NJ, David heard an excellent presentation by Prof. Eric Tagliacozzo of the Southeast Asia Program. "It was also a chance to connect with a number of other Cornell alumni; I highly recommend the program." Information can be found at [www.alumni.cornell.edu/ontheroad/index.cfm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/ontheroad/index.cfm).

**Gray, PhD '60**, and **Aileen Easton Merriam** are retired, Gray from Carleton U. in Ottawa and Aileen from the National Capital Commission, also in Ottawa. Aileen writes, "We live in a lovely area of Eastern Ontario beside the Salmon River and are both active in community affairs." As reported in a previous column, a few years back Gray published *Discovering Natural Processes*, and the Merriams have now completed a second book, *Special Places in Canada: Natural Riches and Ecological Treasures*, which looks at areas like the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, describing

how natural processes make each of them function. Aileen notes that it is available free on the Web at [www.specialplaces.ca](http://www.specialplaces.ca).

**Susan Cowan Jakubiak** and husband Henry remain dedicated travelers, having made two longish trips to Europe in the past year or so. One took them to various parts of France and Belgium, and another to Italy, including Sicily. "In between," says Susan, "we have become itinerant grandparents, driving first to our son and his family on Long Island, then to our daughter and her family in the Boston area," with stopovers en route to see other family members in Connecticut and New Jersey, a circuit they seem to be making at least once every two months. She adds, "At home in Potomac we are very much involved with our local neighborhood association. And I continue to greatly enjoy the monthly dinners of our Cornell ladies book club, composed primarily of Class of '60 alumnae. Life is good. I think I was always destined to be a retiree."

Note to all mid-Atlantic classmates: You are invited to a crab fest on Maryland's Eastern Shore at the farm of Phyllis and **Bill Eaton '61** on June 24 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Contact Don Milsten at [stateserve@aol.com](mailto:stateserve@aol.com) for further information. Keep your news coming! 📧 **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** **Pauline Sutta Degenfelder** writes, "My husband, **Joe '60**, and I made our third trip to China. We focused on Shanghai, where our son **Eric '86** works for DuPont. We also took a trip to the I. M. Pei Museum in Suzhou. Along with the buildings in Shanghai, it speaks to a startlingly imaginative perspective. We shifted to class activities in December, joining **Doug** and **Joanna Uhler** in Los Angeles for dinner and to plan for our 55th Reunion. In January, we met with **Peter Greenberg** in New York. We would like to increase our classmates' input to our next reunion and ask that you send ideas to Pauline at [pdegenfeld@aol.com](mailto:pdegenfeld@aol.com) and Doug at [duhler@verizon.net](mailto:duhler@verizon.net). We appreciated your survey comments and will incorporate them in our planning. Also, we attended the 2012 President's Circle Dinner, where David Skorton highlighted the recent award to Cornell and the Technion for a technology campus in New York City. Also present were **Peter** and **Nancy Schlegel Meinig '62**, **Jack**, MBA '63, and **Rilla Neafsey**, **Chuck** and **Ilda Lee**, **Richard '58** and **Lynn Rothenberg Kay**, and **Bill '59** and **Jackie Grimm Kingston**."

Following the renewal of our latest dues year, several of you sent along news forms describing current activities. **Jill Beckoff** Nagy ([nagyjill0@gmail.com](mailto:nagyjill0@gmail.com)) writes, "We're trying to adjust to retirement—mine and my husband's. I'm co-president of the local chapter of the League of Women Voters and secretary of the board for the Troy Chromatics Concerts and the Troy Community Food Co-op. I've also been reading a lot." From **Ed Robbins** (E.L.Robbins@hughes.net): "My present job is as advisor to Ernst & Young LLP, doing actuarial consulting. I'm also a board member of the Land Conservancy of McHenry County." **William Kadner** ([WJKadner@gmail.com](mailto:WJKadner@gmail.com)) has retired. "My activities include walking, reading, and attending lectures. We moved from rainy Portland, OR, to a sunny, warm, active adult community in Walnut Creek, CA."

**Frances Shapiro** Ivker ([drfbi@netzero.com](mailto:drfbi@netzero.com)) writes, "I'm an office gynecologist in New Orleans a quarter of the time and a soccer grandma in Birmingham, AL, three-quarters of the time. I also

go to contra and Cajun dances in both places. We had a great two-week trip to Costa Rica in August for our 45th anniversary. At our reunion I had fun, but felt that not enough attention was paid to it being a 'milestone.'" **Adelle Case** Picking ([adellep@earthlink.net](mailto:adellep@earthlink.net)) is also retired. "I ski at Vail, direct family counseling fundraising, and make visits to seven grandchildren and their families. We've recently been to Bremerton for Concurrent Technologies Corp. My husband **Skip '60**, MBA '62, is chairman of the board. Our daughter **Liz Picking** McLay '90, MS '97, lives in Minneapolis and works full-time at Brookfield. She had a baby boy in her early 40s and I try to help when she has to travel."

**John King** ([jmk94903@hotmail.com](mailto:jmk94903@hotmail.com)) writes from San Rafael, CA, along with wife **Susan (Boesel) '62**. "I've retired and re-retired from my part-time after-retirement job as well. I also participate in a computer club. I enjoyed our 50th Reunion, which was well done. I ran into many classmates that I had hoped to see. I'll have to do this again, perhaps in fewer than 25 years." From Ithaca, **Jacqueline Klune** Brellochs ([pandaganewfs@aol.com](mailto:pandaganewfs@aol.com)) writes, "I breed and train Newfoundland dogs and have been going to dog shows and visiting my sons. Christopher, 41, had a concert in Poughkeepsie, NY, of musical works from his CD, 'Quiet City,' featuring restructured work of Aaron Copland's, including previously unrecorded movements. Gregory, 38, has exhibits at art galleries in the Philadelphia area." Nearby in Cazenovia, **William Magee** ([friendsofBillMagee@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofBillMagee@yahoo.com)) writes, "I'm NYS Assemblyman for the 111th District and a self-employed auctioneer, so have been spending time auctioneering and working with civic clubs. As chair of the NYS Assembly Agriculture Committee, I have been working closely with farmers and agricultural advocates of all kinds in promoting the industry and improving the market."

**Jay Treadwell** ([Jaytread@comcast.net](mailto:Jaytread@comcast.net)) is the owner/partner of the Optimum Group food service consultants, as well as a photographer, runner, swimmer, and gardener. "I advised the producers of the TV series 'Pan Am' about the food service and interiors of the 1959/1960s 707 aircraft, having been director of in-flight service for PanAm. This last position was in the last two years of my 11-year employment with them." **James Moore**, LLB '64 ([JCMoore1939@gmail.com](mailto:JCMoore1939@gmail.com)) wrote, "I'm mostly retired from law practice, but sit as an arbitrator/mediator three to four times per week. Have been learning to live alone for the first time in almost 50 years. I see opera in NYC and go to Europe as often as possible, studying Italian artists, especially Caravaggio."

Finally, two abbreviated press releases as we meet our space limits: "Students from Cornell U. Sustainable Design arranged an Interdisciplinary Sustainability Student Summit (ISSS), a one-day conference themed on sustainability, entrepreneurship, innovation, and student initiative." **Carol Gittlin** Franklin ([Carol@CFAinteriors.com](mailto:Carol@CFAinteriors.com)), a space planner/interior designer whose professional portfolio has been archived by Cornell in the Kroch Library, was asked to participate as a speaker on the panel. Also: "More than 270 members of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) and their guests honored its former president, **Irene H.S. So**, at the 21st annual CAAA banquet, January 21, at Grand Harmony Palace in Manhattan's Chinatown."

As always, we need your continued support and input to make the column a success. Send us an e-mail with your news: 📧 **Doug Fuss**, [doug](mailto:doug)



out@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

**62** Our 50th Reunion kicks off at 4:30pm on Thursday afternoon, June 7, with the showing of the specially produced class video by **Phil**, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler** '65, "Remembering Our Days on the Hill." If you have registered, please note the need to sign in at Court Hall between noon and 4:00 p.m. in order to get to Call Auditorium in Kennedy to see the video, followed by the opening reception and dinner in Trillium. If you haven't registered yet, it's not too late to pull out the material that was sent to you and send it in. Consult the class website, [cornellclassof62.org](http://cornellclassof62.org), for up-to-date information.

Classmate **John L. Sullivan III**, architect with Pei, Cobb & Freed Partners Architects and lead designer of the new wing of the Johnson Museum, will attend reunion and has volunteered to lead an architectural tour of the new wing on Thursday afternoon, right before the screening of the 50th Reunion documentary. Another good reason to come to reunion on Thursday! His longtime friend and college roommate, **Phil Handler**, credits John with an incredible memory of where each person sat in the freshman drafting room in Franklin in the fall of '58. "Without John's help with my affinity work for the class, I could never have put together the list of all the names of the 64 original members in Architecture. Getting architects to reunion is like herding cats, but with a lot of detective work to uncover their locations and contacts, we will have an excellent return for this group."

In Manchester, NH, **Aline Holstein** Lotter ([paintingsbyaline@mac.com](mailto:paintingsbyaline@mac.com)) is still practicing law, but, she writes, "I am also trying to become an accomplished and successful artist before I die. I publish a blog and maintain a website, [www.paintingsbyaline.com](http://www.paintingsbyaline.com). My son, Andy, is what I believe may be termed a serial monogamist. The women of his long-term relationships have been beautiful, fun, and hard for me to part with. He works hard in an environmental engineering firm, at physical endeavors, and at making music with various stringed instruments, both electric and acoustic. Daughter Nancy produced two beautiful granddaughters for me. One of the granddaughters attends college at the New Hampshire Inst. of Art, the place that is the source of much of my own art education and inspiration. The other is still in high school, but appears to be headed for a career as a photographer."

Bud and **Gail Strand Wiley** ([cuscowilla@comcast.net](mailto:cuscowilla@comcast.net)) have relocated to Weaverville, NC, where they enjoy taking classes at UNC Asheville and being closer to four of their six grandchildren. Gail continues with her pottery and they have their summer "shack" in Wisconsin. They spent time in Germany last summer, where Gail visited the hometown of her great-grandparents. "Since retirement," writes **Hal Sieling** ([halsieling@aol.com](mailto:halsieling@aol.com)), "I've done a lot of traveling. One great trip was taking my grandson to Lake Powell and then on to Yellowstone, where his mother joined us. In addition, I have spent quite a lot of time painting and doing other things to improve my home, taking care of many things I neglected while working. Then last year we had a tragedy at SAE fraternity at Cornell. As a result I have been concentrating on helping with the various steps necessary to recolonize SAE at Cornell in 2016. I am now also quite busy establishing contacts with

old friends and relatives—much easier with the many Internet options available. I'm taking a few classes to ensure I get the most out of the various technology options. And I am looking beyond our reunion and my fraternity projects to do some things on my bucket list before I am unable to do them. I am running more and eating less to keep healthy, and so far it is working."

There are 18 smiling faces beaming from the holiday card of the **John '60** and **Helen Zesch Ward** family. It's fun to watch the younger members of the clan grow and change over the years when the parents do not! The smiling faces on the card from **Larry '60** and **Nancy Lawrence Fuller** came from Lanai, where they celebrated Christmas and their 50th anniversary with family, including the grands. The newest Hewitt arrived last June 20, grandson of **Kent Hewitt '59** and **Myra Maloney Hart** ([mmh32@cornell.edu](mailto:mmh32@cornell.edu)). They've traveled coast to coast visiting family and friends and come home to Belmont, MA. Myra and her daughters spent a week in Santa Fe in May.

The snowbird lifestyle has captured **Ginny (Hoffman) '63** and **Dave Morthland** ([morths@comcast.net](mailto:morths@comcast.net)). They spend seven months in Tucson; two-plus months living aboard *Ginny C*, cruising the inside passage of British Columbia; and the balance in Lake Oswego, OR. "Having six grandchildren—three in Lake Oswego and three here in Tucson—is terrific, and we are fortunate to have all of our family in both locations. A large part of this snowbird life is outdoors and active. I am a volunteer guest speaker in various undergrad and MBA classes in the Eller College of Management at the U. of Arizona. Last October, we enjoyed a fall trip to Eastern Europe, then to Poland in search of Ginny's roots, and on to Berlin to visit with our former exchange student now living in Frankfurt." Ginny and Dave skied for a week in Telluride with **Warren** and **Nancy Bierds Icke '63** and then were off to Israel to celebrate Ginny's 70th with stops in Paris and Dijon. **Christos Hadjithodorou**, PhD '67 ([hadjithe@upatras.gr](mailto:hadjithe@upatras.gr)) is professor emeritus of civil engineering at the U. of Patras in Greece. **Pat Carlin** White, MEd '63 ([patriciacwhite@verizon.net](mailto:patriciacwhite@verizon.net)) is now in Ewing, NJ.

Your nominating committee will offer the following slate of officers for 2012-17: class president, **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler; treasurer, **Marc Gerber**; secretary, **Sandy Wills** VanVelzer; membership/outreach, **Mike Duesing**; newsletter editor, **Mike Eisgrau**; webmaster, **Alan Flaherty**; reunion co-chairs, **Neil Schilke**, MS '64, and **Frank Quirk**, MBA '64; Annual Fund representative, **Ruthie Holzapfel** Fortkamp; and class correspondent, **Jan McClayton** Crites. See you in Ithaca next month! ☐ **Jan McClayton** Crites, [jmc50@cornell.edu](mailto:jmc50@cornell.edu).

**63** As you read this column, our 50th Reunion is not so very far away—only a year. Don't forget to save the dates of June 6-9, 2013. **Warren Icke '62** and I just returned from a week in Telluride, CO. We shared our condo with **Dave '62** and **Ginny Hoffman Morthland**. Dave is quite the skier and Ginny keeps up with him pretty well. Warren enjoyed the skiing as well, but Telluride was wishing for more snow.

John and **Sandra Kebbe** Hansen ([skhansen63@aol.com](mailto:skhansen63@aol.com)) write from Dexter, MI, that they are both "playing with being really retired though keeping engaged in their respective professions." Their most recent trip was to Scotland and England;

they hope to explore the United States as well. Their first grandchild, Alex, arrived last year and is spoiled by his four grandparents. **Richard '59**, PhD '66, and **Estelle Phillips Harris** ([dandehar@aol.com](mailto:dandehar@aol.com)) live in Jerusalem, Israel. They became citizens of Israel in September 2011—a major change. When they wrote in November, they were in the process of trying to sell their house in Teaneck, NJ. The HARRISES have one son, Avraham, who with wife Mayrav and their seven children, lives in Har Hachevron, Israel. Dick plans to do some teaching of public speaking, and Estelle would like to teach English part-time.

**Susan Silverstein** Sandler ([susanarnstein@yahoo.com](mailto:susanarnstein@yahoo.com)) lives in New York City. She is a member of the European Huntington's Disease Network's Standards of Care Committee. Last June she attended a meeting of the committee in Leiden, Holland. Her son is married, has a doctorate, and works at Amazon.com. **Cynthia Raymond** ([cynthiray@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiray@yahoo.com)) also lives in New York City. As she pointed out, most of us celebrated the same big birthday in 2011. Cynthia celebrated by sailing out of Venice on Oceania's beautiful *Nautica*, with a champagne glass in hand. She spends a lot of time in Santa Monica, CA, visiting her niece and family. While there she often visits David and **Debra Willen** Stern in Los Angeles. **Linda Reed** Seaver ([lseaver@kos.net](mailto:lseaver@kos.net)) and Richard Mansfield were married in September 2011. It was a wonderful event with family and friends and a 100-mile potluck reception. Each guest had to bring a dish from within 100 miles of their home. Linda became a Canadian citizen in March 2011 and she and Richard now live in Belleville, ON.

Walter and **Susan Moss** Daum, MD '67 ([sdaum7@verizon.net](mailto:sdaum7@verizon.net)) live in New York City, where Susan

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has practiced medicine. She has retired, but is still working on asbestos-induced cancers and asbestosis as an expert witness for victims. Susan also sings classical music and has produced a CD called "Songs of Longing and Passion: Lieder of Robert Schumann and Alban Berg." It is for sale on Amazon, iTunes, CD Baby, and Rhapsody. Susan and Walter have had trips to Germany, France, and Great Britain in 2011. They also celebrated the birth of a grand-niece in 2010 and

with me, especially for those of you who pay dues online. When you e-mail your news to me, please include at least some of the boilerplate information that's on the printed class news forms.) Lowell is still a real estate lawyer working out of Manhattan (he and wife Carol live in nearby Norwood, NJ) and, it appears, still a busy attorney. He writes, "My hobbies are law, law, and law, in that order . . ." Lowell isn't all business; he's also into jogging, photography, taking care of their

talent to help deck out our headquarters and event venues. She's looking for someone willing to keep classmates engaged and updated on social media—Facebook, LinkedIn, and their ilk—and also for affinity group members to contact others in their group. To volunteer or to get more info, e-mail Linda at: LCM12@cornell.edu.

That's all for now. If you haven't already, please respond to our annual class news and dues appeal. And as our class dues support both this print edition and the new online digital edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* (<http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>), we encourage you to read it whichever way you prefer. Speaking personally, the more readers we have and the more contributions I get, the fuller and less repetitious this column becomes. So please spread the word and share your news! Also be sure to visit our class website, <http://cornell1964.org>. Send news to me at home or online at: **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, [blamont64@comcast.net](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

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## Lowell Willinger '64

a grand-nephew in 2011. Fred and **Wendy Oldfield** Kahn ([vendychka@yahoo.com](mailto:vendychka@yahoo.com)) traveled to Tibet, China, Nepal, and Bhutan last October. Wendy said, "Tibetan Buddhists still have the spirit in them in spite of the fact that the Chinese are beating up on them. The farmers sing and dance while undergoing backbreaking work. They are beautiful people, many happier than the more wealthy Bhutanese, whose government practices Gross National Happiness." Wendy teaches ESL at Language Pacifica in Menlo Park, CA. Her leisure activities include hiking, swimming, and tutoring at Stanford U's English in Action program. Wendy has also won awards at Toastmasters Int'l.

My editor asked that I encourage you all to check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at [www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com](http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com). She writes, "Not only is it a beautiful representation of the whole magazine, but there are other benefits, too: no special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and yet they are not searchable by Google) and all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks. The print copy *Cornell Alumni Magazine* is not going away, but many alumni are letting the university know that they want to read the magazine on their iPads and smartphones." I have checked it out myself and it is amazing! Please send news by e-mail or snail mail—I need it! That's all for this month! **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, [icke63@gmail.com](mailto:icke63@gmail.com).

**64** I'm writing this in mid-February. It should be icy-snowy-cold outside, but it isn't. But the weather's been so topsy-turvy the last few years, I wouldn't be surprised if it's at least cold, if not icy-snowy where you are as you read this in early May. Whatever the weather, here's warming news from your classmates.

**Tania Zarodny** Cronin is appearing in this column for the first time. Tania teaches music and politics at Colorado College, a small liberal arts school in Colorado Springs. Her husband is also a teacher there, but she doesn't say of what. Tania is looking for her one-time roommate **Jessie Leighton** Davies, from whom we haven't heard in more than 40 years. If anyone knows Jessie's whereabouts, please contact me.

**Lowell Willinger** writes that he's a "little confused" by all the Cornell websites, each requiring a different password, so he's henceforth sending his news to me via e-mail. (That's fine

pets, a "little" Facebook (to which he was introduced by a Cornell webinar), watching old movies on TCM (ditto my husband, Jim), listening to jazz and swing-era music, ruminating about retiring to a Caribbean island, and not least of all, "wondering why we can't live at peace with each other." Lowell attended his 50th high school reunion, and plans to attend our 50th in two years.

Retirement does not seem to be imminent for **Fred Engstrom**, ME '66, either. He and wife **Linda (Cascio) '66** continue to maintain a small vineyard of pinot gris grapes on a hillside near their home in Hillsboro, OR, not far from Portland. They enjoy having their two sons and two grandchildren living nearby. Linda also runs a landscape design business and teaches the subject at a local community college. **Anita Apeseche** Heller, who lives in Yonkers, has retired from a career doing social work and now devotes her time to tennis, hiking, swimming, winters in Florida, and travel, including last autumn to Egypt and Jordan. **Michael "Tim" Graves**, a retired teacher, and wife Suzanne still live in Fairport, NY. Tim is into photography and "perfecting the answer to 'What do you do now that you've retired?'" Last fall, when visiting Washington, DC, he also got to visit the FBI Academy in nearby Quantico, VA; I imagine that was extra meaningful to him as he retired from the US Army as a lieutenant colonel.

Sad news to report. **Valerie Jesraly** Seligsohn, BFA '64, an artist and educator who lived in Philadelphia, died in February. Valerie's paintings, collages, and drawings were shown in more than 25 solo exhibits and are in several museum and corporate collections. Valerie got her master's in fine arts from U. of Pennsylvania in 1966, then for more than 30 years was a professor of art and design at Community College of Philadelphia, where she helped develop the school's art program and chaired the art department. Look for a retrospective of Valerie's work, to be exhibited at the Conservation Studio for Art Gallery, 1818 Callowhill St., Philadelphia.

Plans for our 50th Reunion are well under way. Don't forget to set aside the dates: June 5-8, 2014—just two years away! A yearbook similar to that used at our 25th Reunion will be created. **Janet Spencer** King will head this project. Watch your e-mail over the next few months for the materials to be submitted to this project. For further information, e-mail Janet at: [jsk57@cornell.edu](mailto:jsk57@cornell.edu). Reunion co-chair **Linda Cohen** Meltzer seeks volunteers, most immediately and in particular a graphic designer with up-to-date technology skills. She also needs a creative person with decorating

**65** What a wonderful thing it is to spend February and March in Venice, FL! I've enjoyed happy times with **Joe** and **Eileen Ryan** (Buffalo, NY, and Venice, FL; [jryan9778@aol.com](mailto:jryan9778@aol.com)) and also **Vince '64**, MA '66, and **Susie Belden Crockenberg '66** (Charlotte, VT; [vtcrocks@gmarvt.net](mailto:vtcrocks@gmarvt.net)). I met up with Vince at the gym while exercising—wearing my Cornell T-shirt. He came up and said, "What year?" and that started our conversation. Love the value of wearing Cornell apparel! **Sharon Hegarty** Williams spent a few days visiting with me, then went on to Naples with **Judy Kellner** Rushmore. Joe and Eileen comment, "We had our annual Florida lunch with **George Norman** and his longtime friend Bonnie Gobble in January. We have been getting together every year and catching up on families, careers, aches and pains, etc. We plan to join with our football teammates at the Princeton game in Ithaca next fall." Eileen and Joe joined the Sarasota-Manatee Cornell Club a few years ago and attend their monthly luncheons during the winter months. In January, Prof. Deborah Streeter presented. In 2000 she was named a Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow, the highest teaching honor at Cornell. She discussed how she utilizes technology to engage her students.

In February, President Skorton was the guest speaker as the club celebrated its 55th anniversary. He related news of campus, faculty initiatives, the strategic plan, and our sealing the deal to win the coveted opportunity for the NYC Tech Campus. We won over Stanford and the news has been heralded by the Cornell community. **Patti Gros Bettel** (Sarasota, FL; [pgbettle@aol.com](mailto:pgbettle@aol.com)) and husband **Chip**, ME '66, are longtime members of the club; Patti is president this year.

**George Arangio**, MD '69 ([casarangio@aol.com](mailto:casarangio@aol.com)) and members of the class leadership were in Washington, DC, in January for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). George writes, "The CALC social media meetings were exciting and Cornell is working on 'connecting' Cornell-Connect with social media. Please sign up for CornellConnect if you have not already done so." The class is circuitously connected via a Facebook presence, thanks to Joe Ryan. Follow this link to check it out: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cornell-Class-of-1965-50th-Reunion/112478055494624>. And visit our Centennial Class website: [www.cornell65.com](http://www.cornell65.com). Excellent reading!



Another technology update: The new digital version of the alumni magazine is now available: <http://www.cornellalumnmagazine-digital.com>. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and yet they are NOT searchable by Google!), and all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks!

**Tom and Wendy Ensinger Carley** (Southold, NY; [carley135@aol.com](mailto:carley135@aol.com)) are now both retired. Their children, Tim and Cristin, get together with them for holidays in Jacksonville, FL, where Tim lives. Wendy and Tom, along with **Kandy Kentzel** Neil and husband Dale, got together with me in Andover, MA, last fall for a busy weekend of activities—eating, drinking (moderately!), and enjoying Plum Island, MA. **Jane Mushabac** (New York, NY) and her husband had a visit with **Martin and Ellen Grundfest Sampson '66** last summer in Minneapolis while they were visiting son Ben Morgenroth. They toured Guthrie and heard about Ellen's work as a lawyer and Marty's work teaching Mideast studies at the U. of Minnesota. They look forward to our 50th Reunion. **Scott MacEwan** forwards some sad news: "The Palms is closed. That was about the last thing on or near campus that had remained unchanged."

Proud parents **Joel Perlman**, BFA '65, and Nancy Skluth send family news of captain Sam, 13, playing point guard on the Fieldston seventh grade basketball team. Son Jack, 15, made varsity lacrosse. They all traveled to Istanbul and Rome for vacation. Joel recalls riding his motorcycle around on a warm spring night in Ithaca. "Finding the best possible research to detect nuclear activities that could harm our citizens" is the focus of **Marco DiCapua's** work (Washington, DC; [marco.dicapua@nnsa.doe.gov](mailto:marco.dicapua@nnsa.doe.gov)). His daughter Kathleen is earning a master's of law at the U. of Edinburgh and daughter Emily (Yale '03 and Wharton '10) is with Booz Allen Hamilton in D.C. Marco had a great dinner with **Ira Kalet** recently.

**Ed Kelman** (New York, NY) and wife Eileen vacationed in Kiawah Island, SC, for golf and are happy that their sons are now out in the work force. Ed practices entertainment and media law. **Nancy Felthousen Ridenour**, MA '73 (Ithaca, NY) is a photographer and has traveled to Chile, Argentina, San Francisco, and Florida. Her daughter Sheryl is a freelance editor and art consultant in Chicago. **Ann Houston** (Pacifica, CA) is disappointed that the joys of Cornell and Ithaca that she remembers are now off limits; e.g., no jumping off Beebe bridge, no swimming by the waterfalls, no sliding down Buttermilk Falls.

Our class president, George Arangio, has reported that we have 444 duespayers and are striving to reach 500! Funds from the class treasury are used to support class events such as social gatherings, lecture series, and reunion; dues at \$65 per year per person and \$95 per year for Cornell '65 couples include your subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. An added dues benefit is the Cornell Big Red Marketplace! This benefit, which will be available to any alum who pays his or her class dues, will provide discounts to more than 200 national merchants for a wide variety of services including clothing, jewelry, travel, gifts, insurance, and vehicle purchases.

Many thanks to all who send in news. More to come in the next column. For those who haven't updated recently, please send an e-mail to Ron or to me. Remember to include where you live, your e-mail address, news of your family, job, retirement, volunteer work, or travel, and generally what you're up to these days! ☑ **Joan Hens**

Johnson, [joanhpj@comcast.net](mailto:joanhpj@comcast.net); **Ron Harris**, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu).

**66** **Judy Payne Getto** writes that husband **Ernie** has retired from his law practice at Latham and Watkins and is now a managing director at Burford Finance. They live in Santa Barbara, CA, and enjoy golfing and the weather. **Dennis Lutz**, ME '67, and spouse Carol live in South Burlington, VT, and enjoyed the 45th Reunion. Dennis, a retired brigadier general, is director and town engineer for the Town of Essex. He also volunteers and enjoys hobbies such as reading and camping. He is looking for information about **Jim Gaurre**, ME '68, and **Rusty Blix**, ME '67. **Jeff Collins** and wife Rose are in Chapel Hill, NC, where Jeff is a part-time executive-in-residence at Pappas Ventures. They vacationed in Croatia for a "fabulous" two-and-a-half weeks. At home, Jeff and Rose attend movies and plays and enjoy local restaurants. They are looking for news on **Karen Krizet** Demetriou '67.

**John**, PhD '70, and **Margaret Warne Monroe**, MS '68, are in Palo Alto, CA. John is a retired tech executive and is now an almond grower and part-time musician, playing trombone and euphonium. John is looking for news from **Frank Yao-Tsung Tang**. **Madeline Levine** Fay (Northampton, MA) works part-time as an endocrinologist in Rutland, VT. She is enjoying reading, tennis, and golf. **John Lovell** ([jlovell@johnlovell.com](mailto:jlovell@johnlovell.com)) is owner of a lobbying firm that represents clients before the California legislature and governor. He and wife Maria Ena live in Sacramento, CA. John enjoys powerlifting. **Diann Goodman Mann**, BS '65, and husband **Thomas '64** live in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Diann is retired and enjoying her six grandkids, ages 8 months to 13-1/2 years, as well as hiking, biking, book clubs, and numerous other pursuits. They spend their summers in Jackson Hole, WY, and recently toured China. Diann is looking for news from **Stephanie Cappitelli**.

**Arnie Berger**, PhD '71 (Sammamish, WA) is an associate professor at the U. of Washington, Bothell. He is into cycling and was the Community Transit "Commuter of the Year." He vacationed in New Zealand and is trying to find a way to spend more time there. **Carl Demler** (New York City) is busy restoring vintage Steinways and investing in gold and silver. He is into health and healing, as well as jogging, and is tinkering with a 1975 Porsche Targa and a 1978 BMW motorcycle R110S. His three children are all in school. **Richard and Marion Wong Chew '68** live in Vienna, VA. Richard is on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and is also a group fitness instructor at military and county recreation centers. **Marilynne Kimball** Northrop is retired and living in Westfield, NY. She is doing various remodeling projects on her 178-year-old home, traveling, gardening, and enjoying her ten grandchildren. Marilynne is recovering from a September spine surgery and getting stronger daily.

**Deanne Gebell** Gitner, class correspondent, likewise is recovering from October spine surgery and getting stronger daily. **Joel Freedman** ([joel.freedman2307@comcast.net](mailto:joel.freedman2307@comcast.net)) and wife **Rita (Siegel) '67** are looking for **Richard L. Stevens**. **David Landrey** writes that he finished his responsibilities as chairman of the executive committee of the **Christopher Reeve** ['74] Foundation in April 2004 and retired from the practice of law in December 2004. He and wife Joan have relocated

from the Philadelphia area to Sarasota, FL. They are enjoying the Florida lifestyle. Their daughters Jessica and Melissa live nearby, which facilitates frequent visits and outings to sporting events.

☑ **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, [dgg26@cornell.edu](mailto:dgg26@cornell.edu); **Pete Salinger**, [pas44@cornell.edu](mailto:pas44@cornell.edu); and **Susan Rockford Bittker**, [ladyscienc@aol.com](mailto:ladyscienc@aol.com).

**67** By the time you see this column, we hope you will have signed up for our 45th Reunion on June 7-10. If you need any information in order to make or complete your plans, contact re-union chair **Dave Darwin**, MCE '68, at [dd69@cornell.edu](mailto:dd69@cornell.edu).

**Colleen Livingston** (Ogdensburg, NY) is in private practice in adult psychiatry. **Carol Whitby** Doss (Randolph Center, VT; [cdoss01089@lycos.com](mailto:cdoss01089@lycos.com)) is retired and "remodeling an 1827 house in order to open a B&B in the fall of 2012." **Charles Sheppard** (Springfield, MO; [chucksheppard7@hotmail.com](mailto:chucksheppard7@hotmail.com)) is an emergency physician and medical director for St. John's Life Line Air Medical Service and raises miniature horses. **David and Mary Arnold Welch** (Lake Placid, NY; [dwelch@aokmedpeds.com](mailto:dwelch@aokmedpeds.com)) bicycled last summer (between Memorial Day and July 1) "from San Diego, CA, to Mt. Rainier, WA, via Victoria, BC (1,500 miles). We enjoy biking and hiking and look forward to cross-country skiing in winter." David is a physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation and "currently working with physicians and hospitals in the tri-lakes area to set up medical homes in primary care practices." He's now treasurer of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

**Michael Marion**, ME '70 (Bonita Springs, FL; [Michael.marion1944@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.marion1944@gmail.com)) "retired at the end of 2010 and moved to Florida. Forty years of mechanical engineering was enough. My time is now spent golfing, playing tennis, biking, fishing, painting, and waiting for grandchildren. Camp Florida is all that it is supposed to be. I'd love to hear (through e-mail) from my Mechanical Engineering classmates."

**C.L. Terry Gips** (S. Wellfleet, MA; [tgips@coldmeadow.com](mailto:tgips@coldmeadow.com)) is an artist and independent curator who is also involved in environmental action, sailing, and gardening; she chairs the Wellfleet Democratic Town Committee as well. **Lucia Heldt** (Palo Alto, CA; [lucia.heldt@gmail.com](mailto:lucia.heldt@gmail.com)) would like to hear from **Marsha Mann** Paller and sends "congratulations to **Katrina Trientje** Clark's Fair Haven Community Health Center on the anniversary of its founding. Some people can and do make a difference!" **Jeffrey Chesky** (Champaign, IL; [chesky.jeffrey@uis.edu](mailto:chesky.jeffrey@uis.edu)) writes: "Although emeritus, still somewhat involved. I present lectures on aging to various health professionals and gave the keynote address at a Midwest Conference on Mental Health and Aging. And I'm enjoying life—it's far too short and you only have one life to live."

"It's hard to believe that we have been retired for five years," reports **Senetta Hill** Koch (Manhasset, NY; [senetta.koch@yahoo.com](mailto:senetta.koch@yahoo.com)). "We have traveled as much as possible and have also been able to spend more time with friends and family. I had lunch with **Reva Noskowitz** Potter after not seeing her for about 35 years. I also continue to meet with Cornell applicants through CAAAN."

Your class officers met at the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, in January—conveniently located two blocks from my house—mostly to plan the

upcoming glorious 45th. On hand were class prez **Margie Greenberg** Smith, reunion chair Dave Darwin, VPs **Judy Silverman** Kaufman and **Leslie Glick**, JD '70, and council members **Sherry Carr**, MILR '70, **Penny Bamberger** Fishman, **Karen Kaufman** Polansky, **Don Rosenbaum**, and **Ralph Wilhelm**. We all look forward to seeing you in June at Carl Becker House, located on the new West Campus above the unlamented ghosts of U-Halls. ☐ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** I am saddened to report that **Steven Siegel**, our class president, died on January 21 after a long battle with cancer. **Jane Frommer** Gertler, class VP, provided me with the following information. For more than 40 years, Steve was an active alumnus in many of Cornell's associations. In 2011, he received Cornell's prestigious Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. He was president of Cornell Hillel in 1967 and also served on Hillel's Board of Trustees, and was a board member of the Cornell Alumni Association, a member of the Cornell Council, and a national coordinator of the Cornell Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (CUGALA). Steve and his family requested that for those wishing to make donations in his memory, contributions be made to Cornell University Hillel. The Class of 1968 Alumni Association will also make a donation to Cornell Hillel. If you would like to make an individual donation, please go online to [www.giving.cornell.edu/give](http://www.giving.cornell.edu/give) and in the designation section, click "OTHER." Cornell Hillel can be noted along with an indication of the donation's being made "In memory of Steven Siegel." The Class Officers will continue Steve's devoted work for our class as we plan for our 45th Reunion in June 2013.

In January, **Robert Spencer**, MBA '70, has retired as CFO of Baker & McKenzie. Bob had held senior roles in the firm since 1993, including leading their global financial team for nearly two decades. He also served as the firm's chief operating officer for two years. During his tenure, Baker & McKenzie more than quadrupled its global fee income and profits, while increasing its presence in emerging markets, Europe, and the Middle East. This included the opening of offices in the People's Republic of China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Chile, the Czech Republic, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Luxembourg, Austria, and, most recently, Turkey. Upon his retirement, the chairman of the firm's executive committee praised Bob's many contributions during the past 18 years, all stemming from his insight, leadership, and resolve.

**Thomas Weiss** ([thomas.k.weiss@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.k.weiss@gmail.com)) is doing inpatient and outpatient psychiatry at a small community hospital and a large and diverse mental health clinic. He is also involved with teaching and supervision of staff. He writes that it is challenging to provide high-quality care to increasing numbers of patients from all walks of life, in the face of a reduction of former support systems that would prove helpful to the patients. Thomas is a lifetime member of the Cornell Football Association and also spent three years helping in the developmental process of a small island in the South Atlantic, St. Helena, which recently gained independence from Britain. Before the construction of its first airport, traveling there took him about a week by way of a

flight to South Africa, followed by a five-day freighter cruise.

**Jill Werdann** Bauer ([jwbauer@hotmail.com](mailto:jwbauer@hotmail.com)) writes that she has one adorable grandchild, Sasha, who lives in Minneapolis with her parents. Jill is retired and is now able to join her husband on his many trips, including visits to Venice and Turkey. **Thomas Silliman**, ME '70 ([tom@eriiiinc.com](mailto:tom@eriiiinc.com)) and wife Sally sold their home in Newburgh, IN, and have built a new home at their ranch in Lynnville, IN. While the home was being built, they lived in the ranch bunkhouse. Tom continues to work out with weights and follow a cardiac program so that he can continue to paddle his white-water kayak and work his horses. In his spare time, he is a member of his local public radio and television station, WNIN, and continues as secretary of the IEEE Broadcast Technology Society and as a fellow of the IEEE. Tom was the 2008 recipient of the NAB Radio Engineering Award.

**Luke Belsito** ([belsito.dick@gmail.com](mailto:belsito.dick@gmail.com)) and wife Judy are now retired. They spend more than half of the year in Dunedin, FL, and the rest in Mecosta, MI. **Peter Bellinger** is still working full-time in business development for SAIC, a large defense contractor. He lives with his wife, Joyce, in Albany, NY, but recently purchased a condo in Blacksburg, VA, as he may retire there, perhaps to teach. Peter writes that for the past three years, he has volunteered on Sunday mornings in the cardiac unit of a local hospital. While rewarding, he observes that at some moments it's like living on the set of "ER." Please send me your news at: ☐ **Mary Hartman** Schmidt, [mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com](mailto:mary.schmidt@schmidt-federico.com).

**69** We were happy to hear from **Joe Cervasio** that he has recovered from emergency colon surgery last April. He and wife Maria are doing well. She directs the Nutley, NJ, school district's "Extended Day Program" and Joe left corporate America back in January 2009, finishing up as president of Bluegreen Inst., an internal learning entity within a mid-cap public resort development company. His time is spent as inaugural chairman of Belleville Education Foundation, speaking, teaching, and "writing a screenplay, with a partner, of my first novel, *Bad News on the Doorstep*. Lots of wonderful time with the Cornell Football Association as a trustee; spoke to the football team and, in 2010, at the Johnson School. Younger daughter Corrine's wedding is scheduled for early June 2012—she's working for Allscripts in patient information software; Tina is busy in sports broadcasting with the New York Knicks and Fox 5 in NYC. She won two Emmys and was inducted into the Nutley Hall of Fame, joining Martha Stewart and Annie Oakley (!), certainly not for her cooking and marksmanship. I spent a great day last October as grand marshal for the Belleville-Nutley Columbus Day Parade! A wonderful day of waving at old friends, eating Italian food, and enjoying our heritage and hometowns."

**Doug Yoder** is deputy director of the Miami-Dade water and sewer department, the largest utility in the Southeast. "My experience indicates that water and sewer service is probably the most utilized but least appreciated of all public services—out of sight, out of mind." How right you are, Doug. He played golf with **Jeff Olesen**, a fellow Government major, who is concluding his foreign service. Look for **Ed Landau's** new website coming soon—[edlandauRLA.com](http://edlandauRLA.com). Ed is still a

self-employed landscape architect. **Dale Chapin** is now retired, having sold the farm. "I'm learning how to relax after a lifetime of dairy farming." Dale is waiting for his wife to retire to do some traveling, especially to Ireland to visit paternal relatives. Son **Keith '98** continues the family farming tradition in Lansing, NY.

**Jan Turk** Mills is the happy retired grandmother of seven (ages 2 months to 9 years) and spends six months out of the year in Florida. She spends the other six months traveling internationally and domestically and living on the central coast of California. **Margaret Peterson** Mathewson is a part-time family law attorney in Wichita, KS, and credits her dispute resolution skills to growing up in New Jersey and being married to a labor organizer. She volunteers in many organizations ranging from her local botanical garden, to HIV/AIDS indigent support, to anything related to animal care. In Syracuse, NY, **James Miller** is busy as a CAAAN chair and advisory committee member and was the wine-tasting chair for the January scholarship benefit, "Far Above Cayuga Wineries." Let us know how you made out, James.

**Gail Papermaster** Bender works four days per week as a medical oncologist and enjoys keeping up with new developments in her profession. She enjoyed a two-week trip to Spain where, "even though the US and Spain both have large deficits and high unemployment, the Spanish people enjoy wonderful food, dress well, and are happy." She would love to hear from **Beverly Marvin** Whitebeck. **Philip Kyle** is director of education at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, MA, and enjoys birding and hiking. He would like to get in touch with **Sanford Eigenbrode**, PhD '90. Architect **Steven LaRocca**, BArch '70, is completing a major addition and renovation of his 200-year-old house in North Salem, NY. He enjoys fishing, kayaking, and hiking. **John Ontko** has retired from the Dept. of Defense and is enjoying retirement in Gambrells, MD. More to come. Enjoy your summer and keep in touch! ☐ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, [riedl@optonline.net](mailto:riedl@optonline.net).

**70** Several Class of '70 classmates, including some members of the leadership team, gathered for a weekend in Washington, DC, at the end of January for CALC 2012 (the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference). We had a social event on Friday night with **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis** (reunion co-chairs), **Cliff** and **Carole Peck Fishman** (treasurer and reunion registrar), **Murem Sakas** Sharpe (VP, communications), **Jim Chapman**, **Kathy Landau** Cornell (class council), **Jim Rowan**, MBA '72, **Elvin Nichols**, **Don Noveau**, and myself in attendance. Saturday was packed with meetings, meals, seminars, speeches, and getting together with fellow Cornellians from all of the alumni classes. We had our annual class meeting on Saturday afternoon with many of the same folks who joined us on Friday night. Additionally we had webmaster **Jeff Haber**, ME '71, connect with us via conference call, with **Marty Stuart** Jewett, **Leane Werner** Dicker, **Cathy Hogan**, and **Phil Batson**, PhD '76, participating as well.

**Toby Marion** was elected to a new position as VP of affinity groups. Welcome and thank you to Toby! We had lively discussions about a variety of topics and you can view and read the minutes from the meeting on our website, [www.cornell70.org](http://www.cornell70.org). We had a few visitors to our meeting, including Touchdown the Big Red Bear! Catch a picture



of all of us on our website. Saturday finished up with a scrumptious “tailgate” party, complete with a live broadcast of the Cornell/Colgate hockey game, Touchdown, and Cornell Dairy Bar ice cream for dessert. There was more food and meetings on Sunday morning before everyone departed for home. It was an informative and interesting weekend for all who attended.

A few years ago, the creative and artistic **Andrea Strongwater**, BFA '70, painted a unique scene of the Arts Quad. She then had the painting made into a puzzle, which we gave to 40th Reunion attendees in 2010 as our souvenir. Andrea is now in the midst of a much larger project that involves making paintings of the destroyed synagogues of Europe. An exhibit of these paintings, “The Lost Synagogues of Europe,” was held in late February 2012 at the Edmund J. Safra Synagogue on East 63rd Street in Manhattan. Her book on the same topic, *Where We Once Gathered: Lost Synagogues of Europe* (paintings and words by Andrea), was published in both paperback and hardcover in late April 2012, by Elfring Publishing. Her project will continue and will include a series of children’s books on this and related topics, plus a “coffee table” format book with vintage and archival photos as well as these and additional paintings. Andrea’s interest in this project was inspired in part by her family history. Her maternal grandfather and his family left Poland for America in 1926, and he and the family were involved in charitable works and rescue efforts in the years and decades that followed. Andrea’s synagogue art is her means of contributing to society and the Jewish and world community.

**John MacEachern** (Johnmaceachern2@gmail.com) has written his first novel, *The Hat Trick Murders*. He is a Hotelier and is from the small farming community of Kleinburg, Ontario, near Toronto. John spent most of his career in the hospitality industry. He owns and operates two of Canada’s finest country restaurants: the Doctor’s House in Kleinburg and the Captain’s House in Chester, Nova Scotia. John and his wife live in Middleton, Nova Scotia. They have four children and four grandchildren. The book is set in 1965 and is about a future NHL hockey star who is charged with the murder of three Cornell students, and his best friend who works tirelessly to prove his innocence. More info on the novel is available at: <http://johnmaceachern.com/hattrickmurders/>. **Merry Bloch** Jones’s second thriller in the Harper Jennings mystery series has been published. The characters are connected to Cornell and the settings are, at least in part, in Ithaca. Two more volumes in the series are due out in fall 2012 and spring 2013 (MerryJones.com).

**Murem Sakas Sharpe** (msharpe@evoca.com), our VP of communications, has had an active career and alumni life! After graduating from Arts, she earned her MBA from Yale in 1979. She is both a former Senate staffer and former corporate executive. Murem is now founder and CEO of Evoca. Her Cornell roles have included: vice chair of PCCW (President’s Council of Cornell Women), chair of the e@Cornell [then EPE] program’s advisory council, a multiple-term member of the Cornell Council, and most recently on the Committee for Alumni Trustee Nominations. Evoca (<http://www.evoca.com>) is a leading global digital media creation and publishing service used by journalists, marketers, politicians, educators, experts, and professionals worldwide to record and publish online. They are launching mobile apps as well. **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

**71** This winter many of our D.C.-area classmates got together for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) and an informal dinner at a local restaurant. **Dale Cohen**, our VP, marketing and communications, provided me with an update on the weekend.

At the big luncheon on Saturday, **Andrew Tisch** got a rousing ovation from his fellow '71 classmates when he introduced President David Skorton as the keynote speaker. Andrew will be honored in June with the Cornell Icon of Industry Award for lifetime achievement and landmark contributions in business and philanthropy along with his brother **James Tisch '75** and cousin Jonathan Tisch. The only three previous awardees for this achievement have been the Marriotts, the Hiltons, and **Chuck**

(We all would, wouldn't we?) **Joel Cohn** spent a year (August 2010 to August 2011) in Tokyo. He was there for the March 2011 earthquake, but feels very fortunate that he only lost electricity for a brief period of time. Joel lives in Honolulu and enjoys biking. On a typical bike ride, he might pick up 30-40 avocados from the middle of the road. “Life is good,” he says.

In January, **Les Schwartz**, **Gene Cole**, **Geoff Henderson '70**, and various family members made the 120-mile round trip from the Denver suburbs to Colorado Springs to cheer on the Big Red hockey team as they played to an exciting 3-3 tie against the perennial WCHA powerhouse Colorado College. Les (luckyles87@aol.com) reports they were part of a surprisingly large and vocal Cornell section in the arena and they had a terrific time.

‘On a typical bike ride, Joel Cohn might pick up 30-40 avocados from the middle of the road.’

Linda Germaine-Miller '71

**Feeney '56**, who provided the largest individual gift in Cornell’s history for the NYC Tech Campus.

At dinner the previous evening, four classmates reunited from a freshman corridor in Donlon: **Joan Tabor** Marionni, **Jane Forni**, **Barbara Brem** Noveau, and **Gilda Klein** Linden. Jane and Joan had never been to a class meeting before, though Joan has attended reunions. Jane, who has been many things over these 40 years, including a professional bowler, is presently a nun. **Nancy Miller** (nancy@milleracupuncture.com), also at the dinner, now lives in Arlington, VA. All totaled, there were at least 25 classmates at the CALC meeting or dinner or both, including class president **Jan Rothman** and his wife, **Debbie (Greene) '73**. Jan invites everyone to check out our Facebook page, “Cornell Class of 1971,” and to click the “Like” button.

**Gary Cokins** (garyfarms@aol.com) and his wife, **Pam Monseaux Tower '67**, are enjoying life in Raleigh, NC. Gary works for SAS, the world’s largest privately owned software vendor (with 12,500 employees). SAS was selected two years in a row by *Fortune* magazine as “the number one best employer to work for.” As Gary has authored six business books and writes many articles and blogs, the SAS international offices leverage him to present seminars and meet customers; in the last three years, he has visited over 100 international cities. A little known fact about Gary is that he is in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, for developing the oldest baseball computer software game—the result of a junior year course project at Cornell in game theory. Gary and Pam have two grandsons, ages 9 and 11, and they keep in touch with Gary’s Psi Upsilon friends **Brick McIntosh**, **Chris Gould**, **Pete Watzka**, **Rodo Sofranac**, **Bob Bloch**, **Bill Dickinson**, and **Tom Brereton**.

**Edward Hoffman** is a NYS licensed psychologist in private practice and adjunct associate professor at Yeshiva U. He spent several weeks in Brazil on a family vacation, visiting his wife’s parents and other relatives. In addition, he gave several psychology lectures and workshops. He admits, though, that he would rather be hanging out at the Straight with his old Cornell friends.

**Hans Hoelzer**, ME '72 (hdh6@cornell.edu) is a senior systems engineer at Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville, AL, where he works on the design and analysis of mathematical algorithms. He became an engineering technical fellow last year. Hans traveled to Beijing in 2008 for the Olympics to cheer on his daughter Margaret, who won silver and bronze medals in swimming.

**David Russell** (rustyrussell@yahoo.com) lives in Eugene, OR, where he enjoys swimming, backpacking, hiking, long-distance biking, tennis, and gardening. He fondly recalls his Chi Psi brothers and would love to hear from classmate **Ralph Lardo**. He keeps busy as property manager of his own properties, but is also on the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity in Eugene. We love hearing from you with your news, so please keep it coming. Send us an e-mail and we will write about you! **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; **Gayle Yeomans**, gyeomans@gmail.com.

**72** By the time you read this column, many of you should have your bags packed and ready to head back to the Hill for our 40th Reunion. It’s going to be an outstanding weekend and you can participate in as many or as few activities as you want. Please also give a thought to returning for one of the CAU on-campus summer programs, or a CAU travel-study tour to an exotic location. Think new experiences, big Red academics, and no grades—just what we all hoped for some 40 years ago! You can learn more at [www.cau.cornell.edu](http://www.cau.cornell.edu), or read what travel guru Arthur Frommer has to say about CAU at [http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/on\\_campus/frommer.php](http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau/on_campus/frommer.php).

We have lots of news from around the country. **Firoz Shariff**, ME '73 (fk\_shariff@yahoo.com) lives in Houston, TX, with wife Amina. He works in hotel management and construction and is involved in the Chamber of Commerce and Community Growth Committee. Firoz fondly recalls life at the Int’l Living Center and time spent with **Isaac Bekerman**, ME '74, **Roger Lanoue**, MPA '72, **Sue**

**Dows Barra '74**, and **Julia Barco '75**. **Sue Rosenthal** (rosentsu@gmail.com) lives in New Jersey with spouse George Karp and works as corporate director of medical education for Meridian Health in Neptune, NJ. In addition to her demanding work in medical education and practicing in the field of pediatric gastroenterology, Sue plays the flute and studies the instrument at the Mason Gross School at Rutgers U., performing with the Rutgers Alumni Wind Ensemble. Sue recalls **Bill Drabkin '69** and many wonderful hours spent sitting at the stone table behind Risley near the gorge.

Another music lover is **Susan Farber** Straus (sfstraus@verizon.net), who played in the Cornell

Illick works at Colorado U. Extension in Pueblo County, CO. She also volunteers with raptors at the Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo and enjoys gardening, hiking, traveling, and landscaping. Her fondest memories of Cornell involve taking advantage of the wide variety of classes in Human Ecology and other schools. **Myra Perlman** Goldberg lives in Westport, CT, with husband Bart. Myra gets to visit Cornell, where her son **Daniel '14** is a sophomore in CALS, on student council, and having a great time.

Last January, **Susan Rosenberg** Thau (Suerthau@aol.com), who lives in Washington, DC, hosted **John** and **Ellen Rosenstock Morehouse**

for said of his loss, "He cannot be replaced. He was a genius."

**Fred Brunk** leads the North American sales and marketing unit of Domino Printing Services. His favorite customers are a "who's who" of the food and beverage world. Fred finds time to be an assistant scoutmaster in Deerfield, IL, trying to keep up with his son Patrick, 17. Fred and his wife, Jeannie, enjoyed their trip to Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water, and Fred and his three sons hiked up Mt. Washington, NH, for Fred's 60th. **Steven Fruchtman** sends news from California, where he does dry research for Spectrum Pharmaceuticals. Steven also coaches "b-ball." He'd love to hear from **Charles Keibler**.

**Dwight Johnsen** and wife Karen, on the other hand, have retired in Callaway, MD, to wood-working, golf, and skiing. **Bob Platt**, JD '76, writes of his mid-life, Jaguar moment. Rather than the usual red Jaguar sports car, Bob reports having purchased a Jaguar transponder system for timing running events. **Michael Acquesta** wrote from Todd, NC, that he's a senior managing engineer with O'Brien & Gere Engineers. Michael has an impressive list of music he plays, from Dixieland jazz (banjo) to rhythm guitar and vocals in a classic rock & roll band. Photography is his other passion. Michael would most like to hear from **Richard DeMarle** and **Jorge Alba**, ME '74. **Franklin Gelber** and wife Sandra live in Wilmette, IL, where he is the chief financial officer at Gelber Group LLC, a proprietary trading firm in Chicago. When not working, Franklin reports he enjoys running, swimming, and biking.

**John**, MBA '74, and **Linda Francis Scherruble** write from Georgia, where Linda is a nurse in the cardiac services unit at the Gwinnett Medical Center. They play lots of tennis in their spare time. Last summer, Linda and John went on a wonderful Alaskan cruise. In October, daughter **Kristin '05** was married in Salt Lake City, so they've been busy. Also writing from Georgia is **Torin Togut**, an adjunct professor of law at the U. of Georgia and manager of the special education program that specializes in serving low-income families of children with disabilities. Torin has his own law practice and also works with the Georgia Legal Services Program. He enjoys gardening, photography, and running. He's the president of ARC of Georgia and a board member of Parent to Parent of Georgia. He and wife Teresa went on a cruise in the Mediterranean, "a truly spectacular experience."

**Leah Bissonette**, MS HE '76 (Encinitas, CA) works as a managing partner of power at ERM (Environmental Resources Management). Leah enjoys travel, to say the least, and has been to Easter Island and London in the past year. She enjoys running on the beach and gardening. Leah spoke at the Johnson School's Energy Weekend and the Cornell L.A. Networking Brunch on Energy in California, during the budget crisis. **Bob** and **Janet Gayler Fallon** wrote from Elkton, MD. Janet is a biochemist in assay development for Siemens Diagnostics, and Bob is a microbiologist in R&D at DuPont. Their spare time has changed now that their boys are married and the dog died. They bought a sailboat and now spend weekends working on it. Janet also enjoys her vegetable garden. Bob and Janet joined **Anne Cadell**, **Chuck Geber**, **Bruce Bowlus**, **James Sharkness**, ME '74, MBA '79, **Dick Fincher**, and **Paul Shooch** for a mini-reunion at Cornell last October and had a great time.

Heads up! Our 40th Reunion is only 14 months away. June 2013 will be here before we know it. Begin making plans now to join your classmates

## ‘Julie Kane was appointed Louisiana Poet Laureate for 2011-13.’

Betsy Moore '74

orchestra during college and is now a clinical child psychologist. In her free time, Susan plays the piano, is a member of a drama club and a book club, and is active in synagogue life. She has been busy planning her younger daughter's wedding and enjoying her granddaughter Charlotte, 3, who lives in NYC with Susan's older daughter and husband. **Don Stanton** (Donald.stanton@osd.mil) lives in Alexandria, VA, and is the deputy assistant secretary of defense for transportation policy, working at the Pentagon. For the past 20-plus years, Don has spent his "after hours" teaching current events at two retirement homes. **Bob Shaw** (bobshaw23@gmail.com) works in real estate with East/West Properties Inc. in Santa Cruz County, CA. Bob spends his free time fishing, golfing, and enjoying lacrosse. He fondly remembers playing lacrosse at Cornell and his fraternity brothers at Sigma Phi.

Another Big Red lacrosse player, **Arthur Fried**, JD '75 (arthurfried2aol.com) became a partner in the healthcare and life sciences practice of Epstein, Becker & Green in New York City. Art took a trip to Italy and had a fabulous time with his kids Ella, 15, and Will, 12. The thing Art remembers most from Cornell is winning the 1971 NCAA Lacrosse Championship (Bob Shaw was also on that squad). Not content with replaying old memories, Art scored two overtime game-winning goals for the Chappaqua Masters (age 35 and over) lacrosse team last summer—60 years old and he hasn't lost a step! Maybe we can get Art, Bob, former Cornell lacrosse teammates, and others together for a game at our 40th Reunion in June! Other news on the athletic front includes last fall's special celebration of the Cornell football team from 1971, which earned Cornell its first official Ivy League championship in football. Organized in conjunction with the Cornell Alumni Football Association, the team was honored by being called midfield during half-time at the home game against Brown, and later enjoyed a rousing dinner that included co-captains **Tom Albright** and **Bill Ellis**, **Jack Cushing**, **Rich Fautleroy**, JD '75, **Bob Fleming**, **Tom Guba**, **Cliff Hendry**, **Doug Herron**, **Don Jean**, MBA '73, **Craig Lambert**, **Ed Marinaro**, **Al Matuszczak**, **John Morehouse**, **Tom Rakowski**, **Randy Shayler**, MBA '73, and **Danny Smith**.

**Christopher Harmer** (Louisville, KY) is in the Peace Corps, stationed in Mali, West Africa, where he is working on water sanitation. **Lois George**

during the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in D.C. Sue also spent time with **Susie Hileman '73**, who seems to be doing amazingly well after being shot multiple times at the meet-and-greet with **Gabby Giffords**, MRP '97, in Tucson, AZ. Sue describes Susie as absolutely inspirational—upbeat and applying her unwanted new-found fame in assisting an organization connecting surrogate grandparents with needy kids, called GRIN (GRandparentsINresidence.com). **Janet Lynn Cornfeld** (jlcornfeld@aol.com), another D.C.-area local, also attended CALC and contributes a great deal of time to Cornell activities. Janet is general chair for the Maryland/D.C. Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and vice president of the Cornell Club of Washington. Other attendees at the CALC meeting were **Carolyn Jacobson**, **Rick Banks**, **Deirdre Courtney-Batson**, MA '75, **Nancy Roistacher**, **John Nichols '71**, and **Carol Chock**, MRP '85.

That's it for class news, but if you want to hear more about what your classmates are doing, then come to reunion in June—it will be a terrific weekend. And please continue to send your news. See you on the Hill! ☑ **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com; **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, alexbarna@comcast.net.

**73** If you haven't checked out the digital version of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, this venerable publication, do it right now and you can read the rest of this column whenever you want on your mobile device. Just click on: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. You don't have to be a duespayer to read this version and you can submit news to us anytime. I've already downloaded the CAM app to my smartphone. Class Notes come complete with hotlinks, but are not searchable by Google. Print is, of course, still provided to duespayers—your dues now support both the print and digital editions. Thanks!

Our lives remain as varied as ever, with retirement, travel, new Cornellians, and those of us who just keep showing up at work and doing our best. At the top of the news, sadly, was the death of **Thomas Churchill**. He died unexpectedly on July 20, 2011. He leaves his son, **Justin Churchill '12** (Engineering). The company Thomas worked



in Ithaca. Until then, send your news to: ☒ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** Instead of starting with my typical local yokel Central New York news (more on that later), I will initiate this batch of class info with news from abroad. **Thomas Brandt** reports that he is general counsel for Shell Int'l Trading & Shipping Ltd. in London, where he lives with wife Susan. **Hareesh Advani** and spouse Nina reside in Mumbai, where Hareesh enjoys playing bridge in his spare time. Although no business card was attached to the news form, Hareesh's day job would seem to be in the hospitality industry, since he notes an e-mail address at advanihotels.com. Last fall, **K. Shelly Porges**, MPS '77, began a new position with the US Dept. of State as senior advisor in the global entrepreneurship program; her work takes her to five of the seven continents.

**Kevin Malchoff**, MBA '75, a 30-year veteran of food industry giant Rich Products Corp., has been appointed to Rich's Board of Directors and named executive VP of global business development. One imagines that serendipity could arrange for these two classmates to meet in the same international airport coffee bar someday. In a more relaxed vein, **R.T. Kase Jr.** reports having traveled to Cabo San Lucas to meet up with his two sons and their girlfriends for a vacation, where he "enjoyed some libations." He would like to hear from **Elliot Hecht** and **Willis Bradley**.

**Joel Rothaizer** lives with wife Sandra Hill in Edmonton, Alberta, and sent this update: "We've lived up here for 11 years—now dual citizens. We have two grandkids, ages 5 and 7, in San Diego. We're organizational consultants and executive coaches (I'm still a licensed psychologist, but haven't acted in that capacity for a long time). Our biggest project is providing leadership development for the top 800 leaders in a city of a little under one million people. We have a brother and sister pair of long-haired German shepherds (one white, one reddish brown) and a ten-pound tri-cross. The shepherds are my long-distance running buddies. I've done at least a marathon a year since 1996, including three ultra-marathons (two 50K and one 50-miler). I'm really sorry I missed the last reunion. I'd love to go to our next one in two years."

**Julie Kane**, professor of English at Northwestern State U. in Natchitoches, LA, reports that she was appointed Louisiana Poet Laureate for 2011-13. In this position, Julie travels around the state giving poetry readings and workshops. She would like to hear from **Steve Wasser '74** and **John Killian '72**, MD '76. (Let's hope they're reading our column!) **Jane Anne Morris** reports from Madison, WI, that she enjoys her involvement with democracythemepark.org. **Olga Mohan** sent a jpeg that showed her and **Susan Hardesty** enjoying the boardwalk sunshine at Manhattan Beach, CA, where Olga and her husband live. (I hope to be featured in the next visiting Kappa photo.)

**Patti Englander** Henning (Plantation, FL) has continued to work as a judge for 30-plus years, but now sits in the complex civil litigation division, mostly trying medical malpractice cases. Recent rotator cuff surgery has left Patti doing "therapy + exercises + exercise therapy." When not Zydeco or swing dancing, **Jan Diamond** of Richmond, CA, works as a physician in an inner-city clinic. She has bought a house on San Francisco Bay and would like to hear from **Bruce Conrad**. **Roberta Frank** Palestine lives in Potomac, MD,

with her husband, Randy Elliott, and has opened her third dermatology office in the suburban Maryland/D.C. area. She stays busy going to all three venues, so did not make an entry for "after-hours activities" on the news form.

Proud grandparent **Larry Pape**, MBA '75 (Sterling, MA) notes that he and his wife enjoy spoiling future Cornellians Conor, 3, and Adriana, almost 1. These are the children of Larry's son **Michael '04**. **Barbara Gales** continues to serve as a polytrauma physician at the V.A. in White River Junction, VT, rendering care to returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. After attending a medical conference in Florida, Barbara had a fantastic time "just being a kid again" at Disney World, especially at the Magic Kingdom and the Tower of Terror (sounds like fun . . .). She enjoys reading and Zumba, and would like to hear from **Cheryl Aldrich**, **Phyllis Turner-Williams**, and **Renee Alexander**.

Renee Alexander notes that in her new role as associate dean of students at Cornell, she works with lots of undergraduates and recently took them on a retreat to Painted Post (near Horseheads, NY). There must be some colorful history behind the names of these towns. **Florence Higgins**, DVM '81 (Rush, NY) continues to work as a small animal vet who trains/shows border collies in obedience and agility. She reports a vacation trip to Palo Alto, CA, with husband John Lebens and sons Greg, 21, and Zack, 18. Zack chose Binghamton U. over Cornell and is in his freshman year, studying physics and math. (In an unrelated act of treason, I have followed every minute of the Syracuse U. men's basketball season as it completed its regular season, 30-1. It's still kind of a shock to be among a crowd of 30,000-plus cheering for the Orange instead of the Big Red, but there I am.)

To wrap up with local news, **William Spuller** reports a new address in nearby Eaton, NY, and owner **James Nocek** sends a business card from his enterprise, Anyela's Vineyards, in lovely Skaneateles, NY. FYI, Central New York's Finger Lakes Wine Trail continues to expand—we even have a new vineyard in Cazenovia. I attended a 90th birthday for **Mary Ellen Smith** Schiller's mother, Helen, where I met several of ME's siblings and admired a vintage photo of Mary Ellen decked out as a Cazenovia High School cheerleader, with pleated skirt and letter sweater.

Our correspondents are grateful for ALL of the news that classmates send in. Please keep the news coming! ☒ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Wind**, jjw@mhwlawfirm.com; and **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net.

**75** I am writing this in early February, after attending the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC. It is an event that reminds me how much Cornell means to me in so many facets of my life, whether learning of the newly announced selection of Cornell to build an 11-acre state-of-the-art technology campus on Roosevelt Island in NYC, watching a Big Red team in action, listening to a Cornell professor or famous alum who has come to speak, or seeing some of my dearest friends who are also Cornell alumni.

On the Friday night of the conference, there was a Classes of the '70s cocktail party at the Macedonian Embassy. Attending from our class were: **Dave Bornholdt** (Ashburn, VA; david\_bornholdt@usgs.gov), a program analyst for the US Dept. of the Interior; **Joan Pease** (Lorton, VA; japease1032@aol.com), president of Partners in Planning

(and '75 vice president and one of our class correspondents!); **Wendy Sneff** (Alexandria, VA; wendysneff@aol.com), deputy press attaché for the US Dept. of State; **Susan Fulton** (Columbia, MD; sfulton@teamwash.com), director of marketing for Dominos Pizza Team Washington, with husband **Al Burrows '76**; and **Noah Magee Jr.** (Fredericksburg, VA; noahsark725@hotmail.com), a telecom specialist for Verizon.

One of the initiatives shared at the conference is the new digital version of the alumni magazine (<http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>). Not only is it a beautiful representation of the whole magazine, but there are other benefits, too: no special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and yet they are NOT searchable by Google!), and all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks! Check it out and tell your friends. Hopefully, if we pass the word along, some of our non-dues-paying classmates will send news—and see their names in digital print.

Joan, Susan, and I met with the Class of '74 leaders to plan joint social events to help get more people interested. We have a Classes of the '70s event planned to coincide with the Cornell-Columbia football game in NYC the weekend of Nov. 10, 2012, so keep an eye and ear out for updated information. Speaking of joint events, we had a Classes of the '70s pregame tailgate last November 26, before the Cornell-BU hockey game at Madison Square Garden. Almost 200 '70s alums and family and friends showed up before the game to reconnect. **David Glass** (djglass99@yahoo.com) traveled from Needham, MA, where he is president of D. Glass Associates, while **Michael Tannenbaum** (mike.tannenbaum53@gmail.com), provost and VP for academic affairs at Hartwick College, came from Rhinebeck, NY, with his son Evan. **Paul Dionisio**, ME '76 (paul\_dionisio@msn.com), a senior project manager for Urban Engineers of New York, came from Basking Ridge, NJ. Paul would like to hear from **Rick Barlow**. **Fran Melton-Levine** (melton.fran@gmail.com) came from Short Hills, NJ, with husband **Marc Levine '74**, DVM '78, so they could meet up with **Lisa Grapek** Drillich (jacknlis@aol.com) and her husband, Richard, who live in Hewlett, NY. Fran is a tax manager at First Manhattan Co., and Lisa is a corporate risk and insurance manager for NY Community Bancorp. **Sarah Crystal Erwich** (scrystal@cox.net) and husband **Larry '74** came from Cheshire, CT, where Sarah is an economic consultant.

For me, the month of September was a Cornell reunionathon! I attended three weddings of Cornell offspring and attended a weekend away with some dear Cornell women. On deck first was the wedding of **Sam Grossman '04** to Peggine Beck in Michigan City, IN. Sam is the son of **Dale Arrison** Grossman '72. Those celebrating included Sam's brother **Dave '09**, Dale's sister **Beth Arrison Hurd '78** with husband **Roger '78**, MBA '81, and Roger's son **Evan '03**, and Dale's sister **Lynn Arrison Harrison** with husband **Chip '74**. To round out the legacy was Sam's grandmother, **Phyllis Dean Arrison '48**. This entire group relocated itself two weeks later when Lynn and Chip's daughter Katie married Joey Kohn in Jackson, NH. The week after that, **Bob "Bullet" Brennan**, ME '76 (rtbsb53@gmail.com) and wife Claire were the proud parents when son Shane married Jessica Schwartz. **Rory Sadoff** (dinkyrs@aol.com) was there with wife Noreen and son Zach. I had a terrific time at all three weddings. In the middle of all that, I spent a tremendous weekend on the Eastern Shore in Maryland with **Cindy Johnson** Giambastiani

(cinedg@mac.com), **Ting Magill** Kamon (kamon75@yahoo.com), **Steffi Feit** Gould (gouldpjaks@aol.com), Lynn Harrison (lah2127@aol.com), and **Karen Lauterbach** (karen.e.lauterbach@gmail.com). Karen is our class webmaster, so if you have pictures of yourself and classmates, please e-mail them to her and we will get them up on our class page.

I heard from **John Nakao** (john.nakao@mimosagold.com), who spends half his time in L.A. with his wife, while his daughter is in school on the East Coast, and the other half in Costa Rica, heading an underground gold mining project (since 2001). "The country and its people have grown on me over the years and very soon we expect to be in startup gold production. It is the longest business project of my life, one that I would have never dreamed for myself, but life is so unpredictable. We went through a trough of low gold prices and now it is the opposite!" If you get to Costa Rica, take him up on his offer to go on a "green" (ecologically safe) tour of the gold mine site. John notes that **Eugene "Doyle" Riley**, ME '76 (edriley@rochester.rr.com) and **I-Ming Tao**, BArch '76, were in his class at St. Mary's Tokyo and then all attended Cornell together (a high percentage, given a graduating class of 33!). Doyle lives in Pittsford, NY, and is a manager of business strategy at Xerox Corp. I-Ming lives in San Francisco, CA, where he is a principal at Total Design Concepts. John also remembers **Mark Strauss**, BArch '76 (markes@aol.com), who lives in NYC and is a principal at FX Fowle Architecture.

**Curtis Alling** (sitruc51@aol.com) also writes from California. He lives in Folsom and, after 30 years of working for other companies, launched Ascent Environmental, an environmental consultancy, in January 2010. His work has included helping the California Air Resources Board implement its greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program and other regulators combating global warming. He is having too much fun to retire! **Chris Larson** Danoff (mrseddanoff@hotmail.com) writes from Newport Beach, CA, where she retired from working for the federal government when they closed the Irvine office of the FDIC. She will spend time designing her home, remodeling, and helping out with husband Ed's law office. **Carol Hall** Suhr (carol@suhr.com) writes from Great Falls, VA, where she is owner of Quality Surveys of America. Carol enjoys yoga and has become a teacher of Nia and yoga.

There is more in the mailbag that will have to wait for the next column (but we can always use more news!). I want to add a quick note to request that you sign up for CornellConnect and let us know your updated e-mail address. In the future, we would like to arrange events that many of you can attend. It is most efficient to send out e-mail invites, but we have limited correct addresses. Please send updates (e-mail or news forms!) to any of your correspondents: **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** Great and well-deserved recognition for **Laurey Mogil**: the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has conferred on her its Outstanding Alumni Award. Laurey has been a devoted advocate for Cornell through the CALS Alumni Association and advisory council, the President's Council of Cornell Women, and as a parent of two Cornellians. As president of the CALS Alumni

Association, Laurey helped to develop career exploration trips for students and strengthened ties among alumni. Laurey is an ophthalmologist who specializes in glaucoma, an assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and a fellow of the American College of Ophthalmology, and belongs to the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons. She is married to our very active class officer (currently secretary-treasurer) **Robert Hellman**, and they have children **Evan Matthew '07** and **Allison '14**. Congratulations, Laurey!

Also in New York, former *Cornell Daily Sun* writer **Jennifer Freeman** is a founding partner of Freeman Lewis LLP, a New York City law firm that specializes in business dispute resolution. This winter, her firm filed an important suit against Central Connecticut State U. in Connecticut federal court on behalf of Brenda Webb, CCSU's former women's track and cross-country coach. The suit alleges that when Coach Webb asked CCSU to investigate the apparent sex discrimination in unequal budgets, lesser coaching resources, and inferior facilities available to the women's teams versus the men's teams, CCSU responded by investigating her. Jennifer was something of a pioneer in the field, having tried a case in the 1990s on behalf of Molly Perdue, the former women's head basketball coach at Brooklyn College. She has worked extensively with the Women's Sports Foundation, and by now is one of the "go-to" lawyers in the Title IX bar. It was great to hear from another old *Sun* pal, photographer and editor **F. X. Flinn '75**, BS ILR '76, who graduated with us. He has a huge collection of photos from our era at Cornell and is starting to share them online. For starters, check out Aerosmith's *lunchtime* appearance at Barton Hall in April of our freshman year at <http://bit.ly/xMJkng>. It's fun to see Steven Tyler in his virtual infancy . . . and of course we all look a little younger, too. Do you remember daytime concerts? I didn't, but there it is.

**Dan McLean**, MBA '76, is an information technology guru. He writes that his latest book, titled *The ITSM Iron Triangle: Incidents, Changes, and Problems*, has been published by IT Governance Ltd. Dan says, "It's about the hardest thing people in IT or anywhere have to do—change people's behavior. The book is an easy-to-read story set in a rapidly changing IT environment. Characters based on real-world experience illustrate memorable lessons that are relevant to anyone in any discipline." Buy it on Amazon or—in electronic or physical form—at <http://www.itgovernanceusa.com>. Dan's next book in the series, about delivering service to customers, is due out this summer.

**Peter DiGiulio**, ME '77, has been doing what many of us have only fantasized about. He writes, "I've been living much of the year in my grandfather's hometown in Italy, Tocco da Casauria, a small mountain town in Abruzzo. I work over the Internet while I'm there. I just enjoyed a wonderful time helping my cousins to harvest olives for great olive oil!" [Editorial comment: Swoon.] Peter points us to the recognition Tocco has received—on the front page of the *New York Times* (September 28, 2010) and in a BBC video—for its four windmills and other conservation efforts. Peter's US base is in Oakhurst, NJ.

Some of you may have received the same e-mail I did from Todd Miner, the Lindseth executive director of Cornell Outdoor Education, asking whether we had participated in the Wilderness Reflections program just before the start of our

freshman year. The note surprised me, because I hadn't realized that our class was the very first to participate in the program, which continues today under the name Outdoor Odyssey and has spawned a variety of outdoor education programs at Cornell. I remember fondly our relaxing August bike trip around Cape Cod and it was a good feeling to spot already-familiar faces on campus even during orientation. If you were a pioneer (even if you weren't aware of it!) on one of those pre-orientation outdoor adventures, the Outdoor Education folks would like to talk with you; contact Mr. Miner at [tm49@cornell.edu](mailto:tm49@cornell.edu).

And now a more melancholy distinction for '76ers: we didn't realize how fortunate we were to be one of the classes at the last reunion weekend held before the closing of Collegetown's Royal Palm Tavern. It was scheduled to close at the end of February 2012. Hope you all had a chance last June, as we did, to imbibe one more time in the presence of those poker-playing dogs, well-carved tables, idiosyncratic ceiling tiles, and that slight but distinctive aroma consisting of—well, I don't think we want to identify all of its elements, but I'll miss even that aroma the next time we're in Ithaca. We lift a pitcher of cheap beer to you, dear Palms!

Lastly, if you're holding a paper magazine right now, you might be interested to know that you can enjoy a digital version on your computer, tablet, or smartphone also. Give it a try at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com> . . . and let your old Cornell pals know about it. They can enjoy it whether they pay class dues or not (let me add that class dues now supports both the print and digital editions). No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes—yet they are not searchable by Google!—and it's convenient to be able to click on live e-mail and website links. Even your faithful reporter, a perennial late adopter, gives it a thumbs-up. It couldn't be easier to send us correspondents a line or two of news any time. And to new online readers, we'd love to hear your news, whether you subscribe to the paper magazine or not. I'm going to go check my iPhone right now, so don't leave me hanging. **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [relf@tds.net](mailto:relf@tds.net); **Lisa Diamant**, [ljdiamant@verizon.net](mailto:ljdiamant@verizon.net); **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, [krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:krinsk54@gmail.com).

**77** **Chuck Samul** is looking for a new job in New York that incorporates his experience in sales, marketing, logistics, finance, and construction with his current studies in sustainability management at Columbia, where he is in the MS program in that area. **Nancy Warren** Beard is a citizen participation specialist at the NYS Dept. of Conservation Region 3 in New Paltz, NY. She has been working on getting her kids into and through college. In her spare time, Nancy swims, writes, and does voice-over work. **Lewis Weinstock**, MS '80, is manager of the EPA's air pollution monitoring activities, based in Research Triangle, NC. He works with **Ken Schere '73**, **Laura Beeg Bunte '91**, and **Pete South '89**. Lewis and his wife are in year one of their empty nest as their son Joshua is a freshman at Emory and daughter **Rachel '12** will graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences this spring. Rachel has begun the job search for her post-Cornell life and will ultimately apply to clinical psychology graduate programs. Lewis has been serving as a Cornell Ambassador and is active in his synagogue. One of Lewis's Cornell



interviewees last year was accepted at the Engineering college.

**Robert Slocum** oversees financial operations at the Tompkins County Office for the Aging, where he is principal account clerk. Robert is active in the Kiwanis Club of Dryden, coaches softball, and attends Cornell sporting events, especially football, basketball, and lacrosse. He is treasurer of the Cornell Alumni Association of Ithaca. **Brooke Schumm** is president of Daneker McIntire Schumm et al., a law firm. He also tries to keep up with his three daughters, works on projects around the house, travels, and attends conferences. **Mark Gibian**, BFA '80, lives in Brooklyn, where his day job involves "sculpting, plus building management and maintenance." After hours, Mark enjoys running. Recently he has been working on twisted metal sculptures. He would like to hear from **Kevin Johnston**. **Paul Whittaker** lives in Evanston, IL, where he is an abstract artist and photographer.

**Joseph Nilsen** has been a physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) for 34 years and has been elected a fellow of the Optical Society for his "pioneering contributions to the development and understanding of X-rays and their applications." He was one of 64 fellows elected this year and the seventh from LLNL. Joseph has published 240 papers on X-ray lasers, atomic physics, and non-linear optics. He invented and led experiments to demonstrate a nuclear pumped X-ray laser; he also helped develop X-ray imaging techniques. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Joseph.

**Fran Giaccio-Spivak**, BS '76, BS Nurs '78, is director of clinical informatics at WellDoc Inc., developing mobile health applications for chronic diseases like diabetes. She is also an instructor at the Johns Hopkins Healthcare Informatics certificate program. **Elyse Gellerman** lives in Denver, CO, where she is a senior vice president at Aspen Healthcare, a national hospital consulting firm. She is also a national board member of Susan Komen for the Cure. In September 2011, Elyse was honored by the White House as a Champion of Change for her advocacy work on behalf of Komen for the Cure and the battle against breast cancer. **Judith O'Leary White** is head of the Section of Vestibular and Balance Disorders and an associate professor of surgery at the Lerner College of Medicine of the Cleveland Clinic. She has been attempting to keep up with her two teenage daughters. Judith would like to hear from **Duncan Greenlee**.

**Rob Rush** is president and CEO of LRA Worldwide Inc. and lives in Dresher, PA. **Bruce Schafer**, MBA '79, is head of global operations business continuity at Morgan Stanley. After hours, Bruce is involved in charitable activities while watching his twins grow up (which includes first dates, first driving lessons, and first college visits). He would like to hear from **Nancy Ryan**.

**Stephen Pietropaoli** lives in Arlington, VA, where he is senior director of the capstone program of the National Defense U. **Brenda Jacobs** works at Sidley Austin LLP in Washington, DC, where she is counsel in the international trade group. Daughter **Meredith Mabile '12** is in CALS, while younger daughter Natalie is a sophomore at the College of William and Mary. She recently pledged Delta Gamma, following in her mother's footsteps. Last but not least, **Amy Spies** is one of our veterinarians. She owns the Crossroads Animal Hospital in Lexington, SC, rides horses and motorcycles, and would like to hear from **Ken Ferguson '76**.

This is our last column before our 35th(!) Reunion. Here's a message from our reunion chair,

**Cara Lebowitz Kagan**: "Our reunion committee has planned an exciting weekend, so be sure to be back on campus June 7-10! Reconnect with old friends and make new ones at our Townhouse Community Center headquarters on North Campus. Explore our beautiful campus with all its new additions, and enjoy wonderful food and drink at venues old and new—Flora Rose House on West Campus, the Arts Quad, and the Shoellkopf Hall of Fame! And don't miss the Big Red Pep Band, the Hangovers, a special presentation by classmate **Bill Nye**, and a Friday evening visit by a very distinguished guest! There will be something for everyone. Hope to see you in Ithaca!"

‘I have chucked the world of high tech for that of high touch.’

Minda Cutcher '78

Questions? Contact Cara at CLK816@aol.com. In the meantime, keep all of your news and views coming to Annette or me at: [Howie Eisen](mailto:HowieEisen@drexelmed.com), [heisen@drexelmed.com](mailto:heisen@drexelmed.com); [Annette Mulee](mailto:AnnetteMulee@mullee.com), [annette@mullee.com](mailto:annette@mullee.com). CAM digital edition: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

**78** My former roommate, **Suzanne Tougas Snedeker** (Ithaca), has taken on a new musical and exercise challenge: she's auditioning for a position as a chimesmaster. "It is a ten-week competition, and my first task is to MEMORIZE and perform the 'Jennie McGraw Rag' (all 365 notes in under 3 minutes). We will see if I make the first cut in March. Anyway, I do get to 'ring them bells' by manually doing the hour chime rings." Meanwhile, Suzanne's husband **Jeff** is getting reacquainted with playing the Sage Chapel organ. Son Daniel is a sophomore in bassoon performance at Indiana U. Closer to my home, **Todd Johnson** is vice president of facilities at Seattle Children's Hospital. He started there just after our 30th Reunion and dove right into a major expansion of the hospital campus, which is surrounded by an established neighborhood. It took a lot of negotiation, but the dirt is flying. This was after he spearheaded a now-completed expansion at Virginia Mason Medical Center here in Seattle.

Family business seems to be a theme this month. **Minda Cutcher** (San Francisco, CA), a former Civil Engineering major, writes, "After caring for both of my parents from a distance at the end of their lives, I have chucked the world of high tech for that of high touch. I started my own business more than three years ago, helping seniors and their families navigate the financial challenges of aging!" **Doug Baumel** writes, "Got two articles published last month. One on nurturing entrepreneurial behavior in the next-gen of a family business ([http://continuityfbc.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/FamilyBusinessReprint\\_NextGenerationEntrepreneur.pdf](http://continuityfbc.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/FamilyBusinessReprint_NextGenerationEntrepreneur.pdf)) and the other on managing conflict in a family business ([http://www.familybusinessmagazine.com/index.php?/articles/single/getting\\_a\\_grip\\_on\\_conflict/](http://www.familybusinessmagazine.com/index.php?/articles/single/getting_a_grip_on_conflict/))." Fellow animal science major **Neal Saslow**, DVM '82 (Huntington, NY) is the owner/director of the Baldwin Animal Hospital. He lives with his wife, Vivienne,

sons Jacob and Max, two dogs, one cat, one rabbit, one lizard, and six chickens. Also in CALS, **Tom Marino** (New York City) was selected as one of six outstanding alumni by the college in 2011.

**Chris Ward** (Philadelphia) is in the Healthcare Sales Division of Procter & Gamble. In his free time, he's sculpting and casting bronze, specializing in busts and bas-reliefs. At the time of his news form, he was shepherding his youngest son through college applications and training a new Labrador retriever puppy. He'd like to hear from **Steve Flanagan**, BFA '78, "artist and bon vivant." **Marc Schwartz '79** and **Bruce Clements** teamed up on the golf course in Vermont last

summer. Writes Marc, "Although we didn't know each other at Cornell, we met and became good friends while working at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas in 1979."

**Tom Neidecker** wrote: "This is a big Cornell year for us, as our daughter Marita married Kyle Wilson, and they are both at Cornell in graduate school (Science Education and Applied Math). While visiting my brother in London I saw **Martin Hummel**, who is a master operator in the advertising world. I spoke with **Mark Alexander '77**, who lives in Southern California and develops ad campaigns, and **Harry Higbie '77** and I had a beer together at some dive as we passed along the highway in opposite directions. He is in Chicago doing something in the computer world, and leaps out of planes into the sky for fun. **Greg Massialas**, ex-Olympic fencer and my roommate at Cornell, is in San Francisco running a fencing academy (the Massialas Foundation), where he grooms current and future fencing champions. I just opened a Christmas card from **John Skinner '80**, my old Ski Team buddy. He is living in New Hampshire with his beautiful wife Rene and has three grown children. The one I love most, my wife, **Margie (Vermeulen)**, ME '83, and I have been married 23 years and are blessed with four wonderful children, one at Cornell, two elsewhere in college, and one in high school."

**Elisabeth Radow** writes, "I have been involved in researching and writing on gas drilling in Upstate New York. I chair the hydraulic fracturing committee for the League of Women Voters of NYS. The gas drilling would impact Tompkins County and surrounding counties in the Southern Tier. I have been in regular contact with elected officials in Tompkins County and people at Cornell involved with this issue." Elisabeth wrote a November-December 2011 *NYS Bar Association Journal* cover story entitled "Homeowners and Gas Drilling Leases: Boon or Bust?" It's available at [www.nysba.org](http://www.nysba.org).

Lastly, some news from the January Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, courtesy of **Angela DeSilva**: "**Marie Hagen**, JD '81, hosted fellow classmates at a delicious dinner party in her home, serving homemade lasagna, salad, cannoli, and tiramisu on Cornell Wedgewood china. It should be noted that a respectable number of bottles of red and white wine were consumed

during a lovely evening. In addition to **Cynthia Kubas** and Marie, also at dinner were **Suzanne Bishop Romain**, **Roger Anderson**, **Kent Sheng**, **Linda Piccinino**, MPS '83, **Laura Day Ayers**, MBA '86, **Sheryl Hilliard** Tucker and her husband, and the sister and nephew of **Paul Bonner**. Paul's sister shared photos of Paul from his childhood and time spent traveling Europe doing standup comedy. It was a lovely evening." That's all the news for now. [Cindy Fuller](mailto:Cindy.Fuller@cindyfuller.com), [cindy@cindyfuller.com](mailto:cindy@cindyfuller.com); **Ilene Shub** Lefland, [ilefland@snet.net](mailto:ilefland@snet.net).

**79** It is exciting to think that winter will be long gone and spring well under way by the time you read this column. I hope that you are all well and looking forward to our 35th Reunion. Remember to put June 5-8, 2014 on your long-range calendar, and plan to join the fun in Ithaca.

**Jane Kornfeld Bessin** ([jane@bessingroup.com](mailto:jane@bessingroup.com)) and husband Bob have spent five years helping to establish Daraja Academy ([daraja-academy.org](http://daraja-academy.org)), one of the first nonsectarian, free private boarding schools in Kenya for girls of poverty. The school accepts Kenyan girls with top academic scores and exceptional leadership skills, but no means to continue their education. By providing shelter, food, healthcare, and counseling services, the academy allows students to focus on their academic and personal potential. There are more than 40 tribes in Kenya and 25 are represented at the school, including girls from Kibera (the slums of Nairobi), Muslims from the northern states, and rural villagers like the Masai. Jane and Bob traveled to Kenya last summer and spent time teaching at the academy and going on a safari to Kenya and Tanzania. At home in California, Bob and Jane are continuing their second careers. Bob teaches AP physics and math and Jane raises funds at Stanford for the nationally known Stanford Inst. for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR). SIEPR is involved in California pension reform, tax and budget issues, economic development, and more. Jane and Bob have two children: Julie, who graduated from UCLA in June, and David, who is a sophomore at USC majoring in communications and business with plans to work in sports media. They are pleased that Julie has a job in Boston as a planning analyst for TJX Co. and David had a great job over the summer with Bay Area Comcast Sports Network.

**Bruce Burstein** ([Laguna Niguel, CA; bburstein@infor.com](mailto:Laguna.Niguel,CA;bburstein@infor.com)) writes that he is busy working as a consultant for Lawson Software. His position has required him to make numerous trips to Minnesota. On the family front, he has been working hard to teach his daughter Ilena, 15-1/2, how to drive. He has also been looking after his in-laws, who spent time living with the Bursteins because of health problems. Bruce would love to see **Steve Krull**, **Jeff Kohn '81**, **Bob Reed**, **John Scelfo**, MBA '80, **Caryl Handelman Abrams**, DVM '83, and **Alicia Lindner**. When not at home in Saratoga, CA, **Abby Perr-Baker** ([Baker.abby@gmail.com](mailto:Baker.abby@gmail.com)) and husband **Tom Baker** enjoy visiting the Cornell campus, where son **Jacob '14** has become their tour guide. Jacob arrived at Cornell in August 2010 and since then has been enjoying a more intimate classroom experience than Abby and Tom remember. They are pleased that Jacob is experiencing smaller classes and more interaction with his professors than they did in the '70s.

**Sandra Schwartz** Forman ([Sformanarch@aol.com](mailto:Sformanarch@aol.com)) writes from New York, NY, that she is a busy mother of two sons and a self-employed architect

and interior designer. Her older son is a junior criminal justice major and her younger son is a high school junior preparing to apply to colleges. She is excited that Cornell is on his short list. Sandra sponsored his high school construction team to benefit the hungry. On the business front, she has been busy doing high-end residential work in New York City townhouses. She has also been working on a beach home in North Haven, NY. She is happy to be swamped with great work and wonderful clients. When not busy at work she enjoys getting together with friends, going to movies, and interviewing students for Architecture, Art, and Planning at Cornell. Sandra would love to hear from her U-Hall roommate Jamie!

**Diane Bonnert** Holcomb ([diholcomb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:diholcomb@sbcglobal.net)) retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation service in Davis, CA, on Oct. 3, 2011. After retirement she was involved full-time caring for her elderly mother, who passed away in November 2011. She has also had more time to do the things she enjoys most—traveling, skiing, reading, music, movies, dinner parties, sewing, hiking, and camping. She would love to hear from **Mary Magdalene McGrady** and **Loreen Forester De Geus**. **Craig Davis** (Minneapolis, MN) is an attorney at the law firm of Lockridge, Grindal, and Nauen; he works in the complex litigation and class action group. He has worked on lawsuits about business—antitrust, consumer or product liability—as well as contracts and fraud, including investment or securities law.

**Beth Linderman** and **Bob Kimball** ([rkimbal4@twncv.rr.com](mailto:rkimbal4@twncv.rr.com)) participated in an eight-day bike tour along the Erie Canal this summer. They also enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, 6 and 1, in their spare time. At work Beth maintains a private psychotherapy practice and Bob is one of the senior surgeons in Watertown, NY. **Robert Rockower** ([aquaman1957@cox.com](mailto:aquaman1957@cox.com)) is busy being a physician in Ocala, FL, where he lives with wife Susan. When he is not working, he enjoys running, swimming, and family time. He would love to see **Scott Whitcup**, MD '84, **David Chisholm**, **Howard Baum**, and **Michele Foisy** Coualoglou '81.

**Eduardo Faubert** ([Kensington, MD; eduardo.faubert@live.com](mailto:Kensington,MD;eduardo.faubert@live.com)) is considering moving to Brussels and would welcome advice from other Cornellians about this prospect. He is currently the chef/owner of Jasmine Café at Lake Anne. In his spare time he also enjoys tennis, bike riding, and playing his electric guitar. In fact, he would like to start a garage band with other professionals who can only play after work. He would love to hear from **Robert Siy Jr.**, PhD '82.

Lexington, MA, is home to **Paul O'Shaughnessy**, who enjoys his role as commanding officer of His Majesty's 10th Regiment of Foot, a Revolutionary War re-enactment group. He is also a board member of the Lexington Historical Society and the technical director at the Footlight Club in Jamaica Plain, MA. At work, Paul is the director of quality assurance at Covaris Inc., a company that specializes in making sample preparation instruments for biological and chemical research in Woburn, MA. Paul and wife Diane can be reached at [frommage@comcast.net](mailto:frommage@comcast.net).

**Marc Schwartz** ([marcalanschwartz@yahoo.com](mailto:marcalanschwartz@yahoo.com)) is president and broker at Marc Realty, a commercial real estate brokerage and management firm in Millington, NJ. He has been busy setting up courses in hotel management and real estate for small businesses at the county college where he is fondly referred to as the nutty professor from Ithaca. He and wife Jean live in Branchburg, NJ, where they enjoy ballroom and salsa dancing in their spare time. **David Potter** volunteers with Journey with Christ, an organization that sponsors retreats for teenagers, ages 15 to 18. He is constantly challenged with keeping up with all of the electronic devices that teens have available to them. Ag Mechanics courses continue to play a part in his life, as well as all of the "life lessons" he learned while on campus.

Please continue to keep in touch so we can inform classmates of your news. We all want to hear what's going on in your life. You can also keep up with class events by joining CornellConnect (<http://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/CEL/homepage.cgi>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cornell1979/>), and the Cornell Class of '79 LinkedIn group. As always, you can submit news to us throughout the year at: [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu), or directly to: [Kathy Zappia Gould](mailto:Kathy.ZappiaGould@rdgould@comcast.net), [rdgould@comcast.net](mailto:rdgould@comcast.net); **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthiashea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthiashea@hotmail.com); and **Linda Moses**, [mosesgurevitch@aol.com](mailto:mosesgurevitch@aol.com).

**80** Bruce Springsteen will be touring this year. I found myself telling my sister-in-law, who was trying to scare up interest in a road trip to see some shows, that I didn't like rock concerts anymore, because they're loud, they go too late, and you have to stand up to see anything, even if there are seats. So if you happen to see me and there's a pillow nearby—well, you know what to do. Be merciful. In the meantime, let's have a look back at those halcyon days of yore, when most concerts were under ten bucks, and loudness was on par with talent.

**Nate Weiss** wrote, in a Facebook exchange about concerts at Cornell, "I took my new girlfriend **Shelley (Goldstein) '79** to the [Barton Hall] Springsteen show for our second date. I think it was \$16 for the two of us. She must've liked it. She's still hanging in 33 years later. Was it me . . . or Bruce?" **Beth Santa** added, "It was the most exciting concert I had ever attended—small in scope, with that personal 'I can almost touch him' feel. We were young and so was he." **Ed Tsuzuki** posted his ticket stub from the Nov. 7, 1978 show.

Another talked-about concert was the fabled Grateful Dead performance of May 8, 1977. Many Facebook posters pointed out that it was cold that evening, and that snow fell. Fortunately, the show was in cozy Barton Hall. The Dead weren't concerned with piracy issues, and home recording systems were often plugged into their concert soundboards. Recordings are available on the Internet, if you're interested in reliving the evening. **Robert Forbes** posted a link to just such a recording. **Rob Messner** posted an image of the broadsheet advertising the show, and several classmates noted that they still had their ticket stubs.

‘We were young and so was Bruce.’

Beth Santa '80



Rob saved his highest praise for another concert, though: “Count Basie at Bailey Hall. The best Cornell concert I attended. Basie’s band was driven that night. Sweet, hot, and swinging. After the show the whole band stayed up on the stage and all the audience members who wanted to came up and mingled. Count Basie was sitting in a little room off to the side, talking to his manager. When he saw me and my friends (including **Dave Huygens**) staring in at him, he invited us all in. He asked us how we liked the show and signed our ticket stubs. He was a musical genius and a warm and gracious superstar. Unusual combination.” **David Durfee** also praised the show. **David Coit** reminisced about Slope Day concerts, back when having fun was still legal, mostly, and holds a warm place in his heart for the Commander Cody performance in ’77.

A subtle theme has been developed thus far, faithful readers, in addition to the obvious concert theme—namely that of the influence of on-line social media. The Class of ’80 has pledged itself anew to outreach through such means, and encourages you, if you are a Facebook user, to join Cornell University Class of 1980 on Facebook. If you’re shy, you can lurk, which is what I do. We Class of ’80 officers will also be establishing a Twitter presence. Look for it soon.

**Tom Berg** and wife **Valerie (Moulton) ’83** attended the wedding of **Kathy Miller ’82** to **Brian Pickerall ’82** in October, as did I (**Dik Saalfeld**), accompanied by my lovely wife, Kelley. Nuptials were held in Duck, NC, a beautiful resort community on the Outer Banks. The reception was posh, and featured a tasting menu prepared by famed chef Travis Lee Robinson, whom Hotelies and foodies might recognize as a pioneer of SOAL food (sustainable, organic, artisanal, and local ingredients). Incidentally—well, not to them—despite both being Cornell ’82, Kathy and Brian only met relatively recently. They live in Northern Virginia. Kelley and I occasionally see Brian in his company seats at Washington Nationals baseball games; his seats are nowhere near our season seats, and are defined by their distance from the field, whereas ours are designated by altitude.

**Mark Willett**, in days of yore known as “Yogi” due to his resemblance to the Hall of Fame catcher, writes that after graduation he moved to California, where he earned his master’s in ecology at UC Davis. He worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service. He then committed to his dream of becoming a veterinarian, earning his DVM from UC Davis in 1997. He has a practice near San Francisco. He was a serious and studious soul when we lived in U-Hall 5, but reports that he “attend(s) the Burning Man festival in northern Nevada every year, which is basically a giant playground for adults.” Good on ye, Yogi!

The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), held in Washington, DC, in January, brought 1,000 Cornell alums to town. My wife and I welcomed Class of ’80 folks and hangers-on to our home for dinner and entertainment one evening during the conference. We enjoyed various game dishes, including moose, bear, and deer, as well as real key lime pie, fresh from Florida (if you’ve not had key lime pie in south Florida, you’ve likely not had real key lime pie, which are properly made using key limes, *Citrus aurantifolia*, and not those things you get in the A&P). The Barton Hall Grateful Dead shows (1977, 1981) provided musical background for most of the evening, then we listened to early 20th century opera records on my 1914 Victrola. (We also reminisced about the

rums party—ouch. What a concept! Free rum for college kids! What the heck were they thinking?) Our guests included **Beth Anderson**, class president **Jill Abrams Klein** and husband Fred, fellow correspondents **Leona Barsky**, MS ’81, and **Dana Jerrard**, **Jeffrey Estabrook**, JD ’83, erstwhile U-Hall 5 hall-mate **Pat McGarvey**, reunion chair **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead, and **Lynda Hershey** Spalding, who’s moved to Augusta, GA, giving me yet another regrettable opportunity to do my Carl Spackler impression. Admit it, you do it, too.

The next Leadership Conference will be held in Boston in mid-January 2013. If you’re in the area, it’s a good opportunity to mingle with fellow Cornellians. Becoming involved in alumni affairs is a bonus, but not a requirement. The mid-winter aspect rules out a trip to Fenway, at least for a ballgame, but there’s a lot to do in Boston in the winter besides shiver.

By now the Royal Palm Tavern is shuttered for good, ending 70 years of service in wetting the whistles of Ithacans. While I was mostly a Chapter House customer, I also frequented the Palms, and spent some memorable evenings with classmates shooting pool on the wretched table that was cemented to the floor with stale beer, gum, and who knows what else. Here’s what you drank at the Palms: beer. Heaven help you if you ordered something with milk in it, or that had more than three ingredients (if one of them was ice), as the bartenders were not Hotelies and did not suffer the twee—their disapproval was only delivered via eyebrow, but it cut. The point of this paragraph is not maudlin nostalgia, however, but this question: What’s going to happen to the sign? **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky @ aol.com.

**81** Here we are in the middle of a gray February as I write this column for the May/June issue. As beautiful as the glorious sunny days of summer are that create turquoise seas with rolling waves spraying salt-water foam in rainbow hues, so dreary are these short daylight expanses, where the ocean looks like steel and the water resembles a mirror reflecting darkness. Not much snow this year, and our relaxing holiday Caribbean getaway is a distant memory. Last fall when I wrote, we were anxious about our older son Chris’s college search. The drama ended in December: he was admitted early to Columbia U.! Chris is thrilled with his choice and will be playing tennis for the Lions. Now we have a year’s break before our younger son, Charlie, attempts to break through the swimming recruiting scene. Help, **D. Georger!**

Class president **Steven Ritchey** reported on the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, on January 27-29 (where classmate **Sheryl WuDunn** was a speaker at the Friday night Leadership Panel), which included a class meeting and live conference call-in on January 28. Highlights of the class meeting: Along with record reunion fundraising, record attendance, and costs below budget thanks to **Celia Rodee**, **Monique vanPerlstein**, and **Heidi Fleischman**, our reunion co-chairs were invited to speak at a reunion session at CALC. Our 30th Reunion had the highest number of returning alumni in five years and the third highest number ever. To view our class website (thank you to **Jordan Strub**), go to <http://classof81.alumni.cornell.edu/>. The

Class of ’81 acted as a “beta tester” for class websites transitioning to CornellConnect over the past 18-24 months. Working within that framework, Jordan moved over what we could and made the best of its limitations. The task was riddled with challenges, and the lack of a photo album section continues to be evident.

Jordan and numerous other officers can and have utilized the social networks for event notices and other outreach:

**Facebook** (“Cornell University Class of 1981 Alumni”) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CUClassof1981/> (joining Facebook required). Whenever I log into our class Facebook page, I am treated to Celia Rodee cooking something scrumptious with husband **Peter Cooper ’80**, and enjoy viewing photos of **Betsy Silverfine**’s young children growing ever more adorable. Also posted to Facebook on January 26 was an update on classmate Sen. **Mark Kirk** by Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL: “Senator Kirk continues to progress as expected and remains in serious but stable condition . . . with no change in his neurological or physical prognosis” after suffering a stroke on January 21. The *Daily Sun* reported that Kirk’s chances for a full mental recovery are good, although he may experience some difficulty with motion on his left side. According to an aide, Mark has always been healthy, noting that he is required to pass medical checks every six months as part of his service in the Naval Reserve. Mark, who graduated cum laude with a BA in History, secured his Senate seat—previously held by President Barack Obama—in 2010.

**LinkedIn** (also called “Cornell University Class of 1981 Alumni”) [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1840622&trk=hb\\_side\\_g](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1840622&trk=hb_side_g) (joining LinkedIn required).

**Twitter** (@CUClassof1981) <https://twitter.com/#!/CUClassof1981> (New! No need to join Twitter to read the feed.)

Highlights of the class meeting continued: The Class of ’81 stepped up with the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) and more than 50 other classes to support the creation of the **Bill Vanneman ’31** Ivy Scholarship. This scholarship will go to provide financial aid to an incoming freshman, matching any financial aid offers from the other Ivys, Stanford, MIT, or Duke. We’ll send a link when Cornell posts any online info. The class officers are also reviewing the best way to fully fund the Class of ’81 Tradition Fellowship and researching the details on the current funding. Changes in reporting by Alumni Affairs & Development (AA&D) are still moving through the system. Consider supporting the ’81 Fellowship with an additional gift at the time of your membership renewal.

The Class of ’79 has issued us a fundraising challenge: Get 300 or more classmates to continuously give a gift to Cornell every year for the five years leading up to our reunion and win the fundraising Challenge Cup! It’s all about continuity, and donations of any size qualify. We had more than 700 classmates donate to Cornell in our reunion year and many made multi-year gifts, so we have a great base from which to start. **John Boochever** and **Doug Calby**, our newly elected Annual Fund representatives, accepted the Challenge, and we’ll all be working with AA&D to quickly get them the lists and tools they need to succeed. Have you made your annual gift to Cornell yet?!

AA&D lists over 475 of our classmates as missing due to bad/old addresses! The university is not in a position to research them all, and

classes traditionally step up to work on those occasionally. **Lisa Kremer Ullmann**, membership chair, and **Laura Fratt**, affinity group chair, will be setting up an event to seek out and correct postal and e-mail addresses. In the early planning stages, a weekend afternoon “laptop party” in the Metro NYC area (with an online outreach component for those at a distance) is in the works. Look for more on that later. E-mail [LKremerUllmann@aol.com](mailto:LKremerUllmann@aol.com) if you want to be included in the party!

In class news, **John Walsh** joined CAAAN in Portland, OR, and has already interviewed several high school seniors that are prospective Cornell freshmen. His group is administered by the San Francisco Cornell Alumni Association, which has ties to our local Monmouth County CAAAN group. Small world. The Kappa Kappa Gamma *Key Words* reported that **Lisa Michael** ([Lisa.Michael@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lisa.Michael@sbcglobal.net)) is an AP physics teacher at Pacific Collegiate School in Santa Cruz, CA. Lisa has two children (ages 21 and 10) and a rotating third (exchange student). She has lived in Palo Alto for almost 30 years. Also sending news is **Katherine Scher** Brown of Pleasantville, NY, where, she writes, “everyone is happy and owns a golden retriever.” Katherine is an IP attorney for IBM in Fishkill, NY. After hours, she is a soccer referee, Appalachia Service Project volunteer, church choir member, and seamstress for the Pleasantville High School musicals. She also keeps in touch with her sons **Rob Brown '08**, a mechanical engineering grad student at U. of Michigan happily married to **Stacey (Duboice) '08**, and Tom (Kenyon College '10), who is teaching math and physics at the Millbrook (NY) School. Katherine says she'd rather be “hiking/canoeing in the Adirondacks!”

Throughout March and April I will be in Florida often with my children on their various spring breaks and will bring news from our classmates there for my next column. We love hearing from everyone! Please stay in touch. ■ **Barb Amoscato** Sabaitis, [beachba@hotmail.com](mailto:beachba@hotmail.com); **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@comcast.net](mailto:bsilverfine@comcast.net); **JoAnn Minsker Adams**, [joann@budadams.net](mailto:joann@budadams.net).

**82** It's hard to believe that it's been 30 years since we roamed the Hill and the streets of College-town together. Please mark June 7-10 on your calendars to return to Ithaca for reunion. **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom and **Teri Williams** Harvey, both incredibly dedicated classmates, are putting the finishing touches on our reunion plans and they would love to have a record-breaking attendance. The weekend's festivities will begin with a cocktail reception on Thursday evening at the Johnson Art Museum and conclude with a traditional Sunday brunch at Robert Purcell. In between there is a full schedule of activities and plenty of time to hang out at your favorite haunts and reconnect with old friends. For additional information on reunion, go to [www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/reunion/). If you're on Facebook, join the “Cornell Class of 1982” page to receive reunion updates.

We received a great response to our February e-mail blast for news. Thank you for your quick replies and fascinating reports. **David Ilan Weis** reported that he has moved to Los Angeles with wife Claire and their kids (ages 1, 3, and 6). He's looking to start a new career in the high-performance automotive aftermarket industry and thinks SoCal is the place to be. David joined the Cornell Club of L.A. and looks forward to reconnecting with the Cornell community.

**Christopher Plowe**, MD '86, now lives in Fulton, MD, with wife Myaing Nyunt, a malarialogist at Johns Hopkins. Chris is a Howard Hughes Medical Inst. investigator and professor of medicine at the U. of Maryland School of Medicine, where he leads a malaria research group with projects in Africa and Asia as well as in Baltimore (giving local Baltimoreans malaria to test vaccines by having infected mosquitoes bite them—with informed consent, of course!). Chris and Myaing recently traveled to Burma (Myanmar), where they were building partnerships with malaria scientists. They will soon be empty-nesters, with son Jack studying drama at Sarah Lawrence and high school seniors Willie and Emily attending college in the fall.

At least one of our classmates has been busy with a new book. **Henry Herz** and his young sons published a children's fantasy book, *Nimpentoad*, intended for 6- to 9-year-olds. He's been a fan of fantasy since reading *Where the Wild Things Are*. To share his love of fantasy with his young sons, he drafted a story to read to them and they gave him feedback to make the story more appealing to kids. Henry reports that *Nimpentoad* is getting a very favorable reception. He has held readings and signings at San Diego libraries, elementary schools, the New Children's Museum, Mysterious Galaxy Books, Readers Books, Warwick's Books, and Barnes & Noble.

**Jeff and Alisa Kishinsky Hare** are excited that their youngest son, Scott, will attend Cornell in the fall. Jeff works at Moody's Corp. in finance in New York City, and Alisa is a consultant at Kraft Foods in New Jersey. Their oldest son, **Dan '11**, graduated from the College of Engineering and now works at Google in Austin, TX. Their middle son, Alex, is a junior at Columbia U. and considers himself the rebel of the family for not attending Cornell. Jeff and Alisa enjoyed seeing **Lori Friedman** Robinson and **Emily Oshin** Lubitz, along with their spouses. Jeff and Alisa will attend reunion in June and hope to catch up with some old friends.

**Greg Williamson** reported that he has been having a great time over the last 30 years, changing the skyline of Boston while working for a number of construction management firms on institutional and commercial projects. He's kept up with a number of classmates and fraternity brothers and is involved with the American Society of Professional Estimators as the Northeast regional governor. He helped to charter a new chapter with **Susan Wyler-Clark**, ME '83, in Richmond, VA. Greg, too, is looking forward to reunion. **Cliff Feldman** met up with two classmates from Dickson Hall 4-5 side circa 1978-80. **William Johnson**, **Rick Zweig**, and Cliff met at the Cornell Club in New York City to reminisce about old times and old pranks. A great time was had by all. They plan on having a similar mini-reunion in June 2012 if anyone reading this is interested (i.e., if you remember the “Pre-Med Song” or when the brooms were tossed out of the window of Dickson).

Several of our class couples report that they have remained in contact with classmates. **Matthew**, ME '83, and **Nancy Lasker Behler** live in New Hampshire, where Nancy is an elementary school Title I reading teacher in Nashua. Mat works in supply chain project management and product development for the Philips Healthcare patient monitoring division in Andover, MA. They enjoyed a visit last fall with **Dave Weed**, ME '84, and wife Kelly in Rochester, NY, and were envious of Dave's 1995 Buick Roadmaster. This winter, Mat met up with another Sperryite, **Geoff Garver**, for a winter extravaganza camping trip in the High

Peaks area of the Adirondacks. He reports that they had a great time getting blown off the summit of Little Haystack and basking in the sun of Upper Wolfjaw Mountain. Geoff is doing well and lives in Montreal, QC, where he is pursuing a PhD at McGill U. Mat and Nancy are pleased to report that son Josh will join his sister **Rachel** (a PhD candidate) at Cornell this fall as a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Bob Ramin**, MBA '85, and **Denise DeConcini** have found themselves back on campus more often, now that their son **Danny '15** has joined daughter **Peggy '12** in the Arts college. All in all, they report that the “empty nest” is great. They enjoyed seeing **Greg Busby**, **John Menell**, **Jean Ratty** Chidley, **Jon Poe**, Teri Williams Harvey, and **Jen Gardiner** Liguori at the Cornell class meetings in D.C. and look forward to reunion. Congratulations go out to **Timothy '78** and **Jill Schosberg Stoller**. Tim and Jill will celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary this summer. Jill is a pediatrician in Woodcliff Lake, NJ, in practice with **Mark Mandel**. She is president and CEO of BCD Health Partners LLC, a novel group-practice-without-walls. Jill and Tim have two children. Their daughter is a pitcher on the Cornell softball team and will graduate this spring.

My fraternity brothers **Mark Portera** and **Mike “Curt” Curtis** report that they have been busy with recent job changes and the challenges of raising a young family. Mark has two teenage sons in Atlanta. Mike lives in New Jersey and is the proud father of a son, 5, whom he plans to introduce to our class at reunion.

Thanks again for the flood of news we received. It's great to read about the wide range of activities pursued by our classmates and to know that, even after 30 years, many of us go out of our way to stay in touch and reconnect with each other. I hope to see many of you in Ithaca in June. ■ **Doug Skalka**, [dsalka@nplmaw.com](mailto:dsalka@nplmaw.com); **Steven Crump**, [spc25@cornell.edu](mailto:spc25@cornell.edu); **Mark E. Fernau**, [mef29@cornell.edu](mailto:mef29@cornell.edu).

**83** Hello, Class of '83. Several of your class officers attended CALC in Washington, DC, in January to work on plans for our 30th Reunion. Mark your calendars! This will be the best reunion yet. Reach out to your fellow classmates and encourage everyone to come. Here is the latest news:

**Matthew Palumbo** ([mpal999@aol.com](mailto:mpal999@aol.com)) got a chance to see **Andrew '74** and **Karen Chin Chang** and their three children at the Cornell-BU hockey game at Madison Square Garden. Everyone looked great. On Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 Matthew was in New Orleans for the wedding of **Jonathan Hubchen** ([jhubchen@cox.net](mailto:jhubchen@cox.net)), assistant director at the LSU AgCenter's international programs, to Albertha Harris in Baton Rouge, LA. “Jon was my roommate for sophomore, junior, and senior year. He was the rank leader of the Big Red Tubas, and the main cog behind a successful campaign to become Ugly Man on Campus in 1983. As Hub pointed out, this finally occurred after we left campus in the fall of 1983.”

Hubcap's wedding on Jan. 21 conflicted with the 21st Annual Banquet of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) in Manhattan. There were 270 guests and more than \$40,000 was raised for the university. Matt asked Mr. Kwong Lum, the chief consultant and researcher for the Beijing National Museum of China—and a world famous artist himself—to create an original piece



for CAAA, and to present it to Cornell at the banquet. It was accepted for the university by Frank Robinson, who has retired after 19 years as director of the Johnson Museum of Art.

Matt was also at CALC, where he attended meetings for CAAA and met our class officers. Around NYC, Matt keeps busy as co-chair of the speakers committee at the Cornell Club-NY and in his spare time is helping some friends launch an IPO for a chain of cosmetic surgery offices—Dr. Park Ave. So far, things are looking quite good. (We would hope so!) **Kathy Schmoll** Allgier didn't have to travel far to CALC. She is now managing director, asset services at CB Richard Ellis, and living in the Washington, DC, area. We also saw **John Salatti** (john@johnsalatti.org). After more than five years as an elected neighborhood commissioner—and after investing more than 13,000 volunteer hours in the position—he is running for a seat on the Council of the District of Columbia. The thirteen-member council serves as the city government, county commission, and state legislature, all rolled into one. He feels he can offer the ward he lives in, and the District as a whole, the level of service and responsiveness that people want and deserve. “My success in serving my neighbors stems directly from my background as a lawyer with a master's of divinity and the mediation work I have done, but all that grows out of the education I received at Cornell. The spirit of service that is at heart of the Cornell experience is what drives my efforts to become a council member.” Check out his website, [www.johnsalatti.org](http://www.johnsalatti.org). Good luck, John.

**Lorena Lewison** Blonsky and her spouse are on their way from the Chicago area to India to visit their daughter, who is on a fellowship in Mumbai. Their son is a sophomore at Cornell majoring in Materials Science. They love returning to campus to visit. They hosted four members of the Cornell Glee Club, after a fabulous concert in January in Chicago. **Stephen** and **Caroline Kane Levy** (ckanelevy@yahoo.com) have been married since 1996. They live with their children Maya, 14, and Adam, 12, in Montclair, NJ. Caroline has worked for more than 25 years at the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. Stephen is an associate at Costello, Shea & Gaffney LLP, specializing in medical and dental malpractice defense. Stephen and Caroline have attended most of the reunions and plan on coming to the 30th. **Susan Corte Lomega** (slomega1@yahoo.com) still lives in Portugal. “We moved last year to Vila Nova de Gaia, sister city to Porto, on the banks of the Douro River, right on the Atlantic Coast. All the big Porto wine houses have their cellars here. The city of Porto was named the fourth best tourist spot by Lonely Planet. So come and visit!” Susan works as an English language vocational trainer, and does translations and some interpretation. She misses Ithaca and our fabulous campus, but is very happy as an ex-pat!

**Dean Miller** (dsmiller@notes.cc.sunysb.edu) hopes to generate several alumni and student programs with Cornell News Literacy Cabal. He is director of the Center for News Literacy at Stony Brook U. on Long Island. Dean writes, “Speakers/panelists lined up include NBC News' chief digital officer **Vivian Schiller** (board president of the News Literacy Project), NPR media correspondent **David Folkenflik '91** (keynote at the 2011 News Literacy conference), and **Stuart Loory '54**, the former *Chicago Sun-Times* managing editor and CNN executive, who helped launch a news literacy program at the U. of Missouri School of Journalism, America's oldest J-school. Interested alumni clubs and

student organizations can contact me at dean.miller@stonybrook.edu.” **Jane Serling** (jbserling@gmail.com) lives in San Diego with her husband, Neil. She volunteers at their 8-year-old son Daniel's school, swims, and hikes, and has become a massage therapist. She traveled this summer to Guatemala with her daughter Naomi, who is in medical school, and taught a massage class in Spanish to a group of Mayan women; it was great fun. Jane would love to hear from other Cornellians.

Mets are also celebrating their 50th year. Rob is a managing director at BNY Mellon in the global markets division and continues to trade derivatives. Wife **Jenni (Katz) '85** is a dermatologist in Westchester County, NY. Rob and Jenni had an awesome bike and barge trip throughout the Mosel River Valley wine region of Germany last summer. Lots of biking, wine, and scenery, and even a little beer. Their oldest, **Matt '10**, works for a hedge fund in New York. Son Jake, Columbia '14, studies

“We have a menagerie of indoor and outdoor animals on our four-acre “gentlewoman's farm.””

## Yvonne Brouard Altman '83

**Yvonne Brouard Altman** (alaped@pol.net) is still at Sutter Gould Medical Group in Modesto, CA, as a pediatrician. She works part-time, as motherhood takes so much effort. “At least I'm down to two children at home, as **Alexander '15** is now a freshman. He's in Engineering and living at Risley, following in the footsteps of his dad, **Robert '84**—regarding the Risley choice, at least. Bob is also at the same medical group. We have David, 15, and Jonathan, 11, still at home, and a menagerie of indoor and outdoor animals on our four-acre ‘gentlewoman's farm’ in Modesto (Bob's too busy with ob/gyn and hospital work to deal with the farm!). We both have had a chance to visit Cornell, for the first time in many years, thanks to Alexander! I enjoyed five days on campus during Orientation Week and met up with my former housemate and longtime friend **Sally Olsen** (Engineering), who lives several hours north of Ithaca and came down for the day to relive old times. Bob visited for freshman parents' weekend and said, just as I did when I visited, that he felt like he had come home.” **Carol McIntosh**, MD '87 (cmd135@gmail.com) lives in Maryland and works in Fairfax, VA. She will walk the half-marathon in Kenya in 2012 raising money for the Tusk Trusts. That's all for now! Keep the news coming. Also, stay in touch on our Facebook page (Cornell Class of 1983) and through our LinkedIn group. **Alyssa Bickler**, [cousinalyssa@yahoo.com](mailto:cousinalyssa@yahoo.com).

**84** Let's celebrate our 50th birthdays together! The Class of 1984 is organizing birthday parties in multiple locations around the US, and we are inviting friends from the classes of 1983 and 1985 as well. These party invitations are only being sent via the Internet—e-vite and CornellConnect—so make sure we have your e-mail address! If you did not receive the class postcard requesting your e-mail address, please send it to **Janet Insardi** at [insardij@hotmail.com](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com) so we can get the party invitation to you. Special note: If you live too far from a scheduled party and would like to host one in your area, tell Janet!

**Rob Goldwasser** is wishing everyone a happy 50th birthday! He had an exceptional 50th, with a surprise party and the Giants winning the Super Bowl on the big day. Rob will continue the 50th birthday celebration by taking a trip to Mets spring training this year for the first time. The

languages and is enjoying life in NYC. And Betsey, a high school sophomore, is playing volleyball, acting, and singing in school, and has applied to the Cornell Summer College; she hopes to attend both an art program and volleyball camp. Rob had a wonderful dinner with **Dwight Vicks**, MBA '91, and **Dave Rehms** in New York and spent an evening with **Rob Smith '83**.

**Steve Schneck** writes, “While at Cornell, I was very active musically, playing in the Cornell Jazz Ensemble (which I directed for two years), Orchestra, and Wind Ensemble. I also played on campus and in town with friends in a jazz rock band called Streetbeat. I went to law school at NYU and then moved to Chicago in 1987, which is where I have stayed. As a lawyer, I primarily work on plaintiff civil rights matters, including class actions. Chicago's rich music scene is one reason why I decided to stay here, and I have had the opportunity to play with many wonderful musicians. Since its inception in 1990, the Steve Schneck Quartet has been performing at numerous jazz clubs and other venues in Chicago. Our second CD, ‘Dedicated to You,’ was released in January 2012 and is available for sale (as a whole CD or individual tracks that can be downloaded) at: <http://cdbaby.com/cd/thesteveschneckquartet>. You can also check out the band on our Facebook page (‘Steve Schneck Music’), which you can access with the following link even if you don't have a Facebook page of your own: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Steve-Schneck-Music/265384796856787>. During the past three years, I created and have been the director of the Hawthorne Scholastic Academy (elementary school) Jazz Band. It's been a real thrill.”

**Lee Bender** writes, “Had a great mini-Phi Sig Ep reunion at the Big Red Hockey game at Madison Square Garden over Thanksgiving: **Larry Lazar**, **Matt Siegel**, **Charles Oppenheim**, **Ed Rekosh**, **Steve Nachman**, **Darren Miller**, and me, with all families. My son **Justin '15**, a fourth-generation Cornellian, is having THE time of his life as a freshman, and plays sax in jazz band and orchestra. I'm busy finishing writing a book (details to be revealed upon publication) and interviewing applicants for CAAAN and as scholarship chairman and board member of CC-Greater Philadelphia.” Justin is in good company. **Kitty Cantwell** and **Kevin McCormick's** two youngest will be heading to the Hill next year. “Kate will be in Human Ecology and Meg in Arts and Sciences,” writes Kitty. “This will

make three McCormick kids at Cornell next year. Kevin and I are working like crazy people to cover a lot of tuition commitments in the coming years. C'est la guerre!" Sadly, Kitty's mother, who lived nearby, passed away on January 17.

**Bill Cummins** and wife **Anne (Westa) '85** have quite a tradition going. Oldest son **Jamie '14** is a sophomore studying Materials Science Engineering at Cornell and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, and high school senior Brian will enter Cornell's Landscape Architecture program this fall. Bill reports, "Anne owns an interior design firm here in Westford, MA, and I own an IT outsourcing business with offices in the Ukraine. We do custom software development—mostly Web, mobile apps, cloud migration, and the like. If any of you are ever in the Westford area, please look us up and we can take in some Kimball's Farm ice cream, absolutely the best ice cream on the planet (sorry, Cornell Dairy Bar . . .)." They hope to see some fellow classmates at Parents' Weekend this fall!

## ‘I wear blue and love Columbia, but I will always bleed red.’

Scott Pesner '87

**Kalyani Madhu** reports that she and husband Ashwani Chhibber live in Brockport, NY, with children **Noah '11**, Hannah, Joanna, and Susanna. In October 2011, Kalyani completed her PhD in mathematics at the U. of Rochester. **Robert Feinberg** founded the Montclair (NJ) Film Festival, a non-profit, community-based film festival that launches May 1. Check out the website: [www.montclairfilmfest.org](http://www.montclairfilmfest.org). **Sam '82** and **Cheri Hoffman Yanuck** live in Chapel Hill, NC, where they have their medical practices at the Yanuck Center for Life and Health. Their daughter is a freshman at Vassar, a Frisbee player, and a budding neuropsychologist. Their son is a high school sophomore at Carolina Friends School, where he rocks at Ultimate Frisbee and comedy improv, among other things.

**Annette Stancliffe** Kissinger is living the life in Boulder, CO. She just returned from a back-country ski trip to a hut on Vail Pass and is headed to Devil's Thumb Ranch for a skate-skiing trip. Most days, you can find her on her bicycle or in a yoga studio. When she's not enjoying the 327 days of sunshine in Boulder, Annette is teaching skiing to blind and disabled students, or directing an education program in the elementary schools to keep kids safe from child abuse. She also teaches yoga to children. Her kids keep her busy as a chauffeur to karate, fencing, riding, etc. She is so glad that her husband convinced her to make the move west. **Tony Ryan**, MS '85, has gone back to work after spending 11 years home with his kids in the lovely but very quiet Philadelphia suburb of Bryn Mawr. He is working with the PET scanner research group at UPenn Radiology. His wife, **Holly Isdale '86**, has started her own business, Wealthaven LLC, and is already doing very well. She says that, while the management meetings are thankfully much shorter, her boss makes her work insane hours. **Kevin Hunt** is now the captain of the Briarcliff Manor FD Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He's having a great time doing it. His advice: "If you've ever considered volunteering for your local ambulance corps, one thing to keep in mind is that you get

to know every cop in town—and they know who your kids are. That's great leverage!"

Thanks SO MUCH for responding to the call for news. More to come next month! **Janet Insardi**, [insardij@hotmail.com](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com); **Karla Sievers McManus**, [Klorax@comcast.net](mailto:Klorax@comcast.net). Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** The social media of our time, Facebook, is a blessing at times and a necessary evil at others. But as I sit in front of my computer putting information together for my column, I am grateful for the invasion of privacy that FB brings, and its ability to connect with old friends. We're running low on mailed-in News Forms, so if you haven't done so yet, look for our recent class News and Dues mailing and send us an update. Or write us anytime of year at the e-mail addresses below.

**Marjorie Riemer** Setchko writes that she has

completed two half-marathons and a 200-mile relay, and, as if that's not enough, has toilet-trained her fourth ("and final") child. She neglected to write that she is mom/stepmom to ten—count 'em, ten—children. A-mazing! Between running, learning to cook, dealing with burglars, and struggling with homework, she loves being a stay-at-home mom. Marjorie has a blog, [TakingItOn](http://didyougetanyofthat.blogspot.com/) (<http://didyougetanyofthat.blogspot.com/>). Find it, read it, love it!

**Steven Anderson**, my favorite baking TA for Big Quantities, is living in Brentwood, TN, just minutes from some of my relatives. When I was in his area for a family funeral, he, being the wonderful man he is, offered up his hospitality and services to help me and my family through that difficult time. A truly wonderful person. Steve recently was in Njabini, Kenya, to work with an orphanage he is deeply dedicated to, Flying Kites. Steven, three people from "Survivor 3," a contestant on "Big Brother," and nine others all climbed Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for the orphanage. For more info, check out his blog, [Flying KitesKilimanjaro.wordpress.com](http://FlyingKitesKilimanjaro.wordpress.com).

Blogs . . . What is up with that?

**Sue Mould** Engdahl ended her decades-long silence to let everyone know that she is happy, married to a wonderful man, and a grandmother! We've touched base on Facebook, and though she and her friends have incredible stories to tell, she prefers to keep those under wraps for the time being. **Tara Shuman** Gonzalez is enjoying life as an event planner and continues to work with Southern Living at Home, now Willow House. She is in New Jersey, her state of birth, but longs for the warmth of the South. She has three fabulous children that I love to call my "fake" nieces and nephew. Jesse, her oldest, is looking into colleges, and, Tara, of course, is pushing Cornell! **Eleanor Stevens** Dixon enjoys life in Vero Beach, FL, spending her time raising her three children, surfing the cool waves off the Florida coast, and developing her new hobby/skill/incredible ability: knitting. I

have been the recipient of her beautiful handiwork and can tell you she is truly talented.

As mentioned in the previous column, former class correspondent **Leslie Nydick** did what she never could have imagined—"crossed the finish line of the New York City Marathon." It was only a few years before that Leslie started to run a block at a time, but through perseverance (or perhaps memories of climbing the Slope) those blocks eventually became miles. Leslie is proud to be part of the 1 percent—that is, the 1 percent of the world's population that has completed a marathon." Go, Leslie! **Sharon Tolpin** Topper and husband David welcomed daughter Livia into the world in October 2011. Congratulations to the Toppers! **Jill Beckenstein** Lerner, **Cindy Cowen** Bowman, **Elizabeth Mozesky** Langston, **Margaret Vanasse**, **Debbie Eisenstat** DeRoche, and **Karen Magri** Dadd had a mini-reunion in Jupiter, FL, remembering great times living at 216 Delaware Street and sharing new memories from their families. The Delaware Street women try to get together every year. I'm hoping we'll meet up again in Georgia this year!

**Ara Daglian** threatened to send news, but I have yet to hear from him. I know that he has been deeply involved in the football season and that he was very happy that the New York Giants were victorious in the Super Bowl. I often see pics of his children on Facebook, and I know he's a proud father. **Doug Birnie** came out of the woodwork, too. Not to give news, but to be surprised I was class correspondent. Doug, please send some news soon! **Maryellen Fisher** Magee came to my house in October for our annual Oktoberfest. A great time was had by all. My husband, Mike, made bratwurst in beer sauce, and we had potato pancakes, sauerkraut, beer, and polka music. Everyone is invited this year. It's a great party in October. Maryellen continues to teach high school math in North Carolina. Her son, Ian, is a high schooler now, playing football and participating in scouting.

As for me, I am blessed with an amazing husband whom I love more every day, and my son grows taller—and wiser—against all my protests. He earned his junior Black Belt in Tae Kwan Do, and I am incredibly proud! I look back on our time at Cornell with great love and happiness, but am enjoying my time now with my family and friends. Love hard, live full, and smile every chance you get! **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, [cornett0667@comcast.net](mailto:cornett0667@comcast.net); **Risa Mish**, [rmm22@cornell.edu](mailto:rmm22@cornell.edu); **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, [rfarhiesq@aol.com](mailto:rfarhiesq@aol.com).

**86** Several of your class officers met in Washington, DC, in late January for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), a mid-winter meeting of class and alumni leaders. CALC offers the chance to meet with alumni leaders of all classes, share best practices, and get an update on the goings on at Cornell. Obviously the new New York City tech and engineering campus was a centerpiece of the keynote speech by President Skorton. It was also interesting to hear about the pressures on the Greek system, innovative forms of social media for class outreach, and volunteer opportunities at Cornell. **Margot Tohn**, our fearless leader, convened several of us over dinner to talk about programs for the upcoming year and outreach efforts.

Also joining Margot for the weekend were **Joan Button** Thakor, **Irene Molnar** Wrenner, and



**Elizabeth Molloy** de Coluby (formerly known on campus as Bette Molloy). Elizabeth is married to Manuel Coluby, and her sons Jacob and Jonathan both attended reunion this past June in Ithaca. Elizabeth is an SVP in marketing at Bank of America and was promoted to lead the customer onboarding and engagement team for all consumer and small business products or customers. Elizabeth has joined the class leadership as a new class officer for membership, putting her marketing and executive skills to work for the class. She would like to reconnect with **Colleen O'Connell** Jancevski.

This past summer, Elizabeth reconnected with **Gloria Escamilla**, now a partner in a busy ob/gyn practice in Smithtown, NY, with three other doctors and three nurse practitioners. Gloria has children ages 18, 17, and 14, who are heavily into soccer. Unfortunately, the high school graduation of Gloria's oldest son prevented her from attending reunion this past year. Joan Thakor was lived in Hong Kong, Japan, and Singapore since leaving Cornell and had her children while overseas. She is back stateside and working for the class as our Annual Fund representative.

Irene Wrenner remains busy running her company, Personal Puzzles, and acting as a selectman for the town of Essex, VT. Irene and husband Kevin have two children. Also joining us at the weekend were **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, **Mike McGowan**, **Eric Elmore**, JD '89, and **Jeff Weaver**, MBA '90.

**Jacqueline Tobin '85**, BS Ag '86, is the executive editor of *RangeFinder* magazine. Her first book was *Wedding Photography Unveiled: Inspiration and Insight from 20 Top Photographers* (Amphoto Books), published in 2009. Her *Luminous Portrait* (Amphoto Books) will come out in April 2012. **Mark Brandt** is the director of business development for private equity for his firm and has been active as the president of the Cornell Club of Northeastern Ohio, as well as on the University Council. He would like to reconnect with **Tim Balfe**. **John Kuniskis III** lives in Dallas, GA, and works as the general manager at Terry Reid Hyundai. **Karl Simmons** lives in Oakland, CA, and is the CEO of Gridspeak, a wholesale electricity-trading platform and energy information services company. He remembers Glee Club from his time at Cornell and the members of the Oyster Bay Klub.

**Jonathan Flaks** lives in Dobbs Ferry, NY, with wife Ellen; he works as an executive coach. He is busy in his free time sailing, scuba diving, and performing in rock 'n' roll bands. **Martin Morales** is a director of photography and a cinematographer in New York. **David Lewin** (San Francisco, CA) has been traveling, dining with friends, and raising his children Luciana, 10, and Samuel, 7. He would like to reconnect with **Frank Davis '87**. **Dan Dalmeida**, ME '87, is scoping out colleges for his daughter Amanda and wondering who else in the class is sending children off for the Class of '17 (at Cornell or elsewhere).

Check out our Facebook page, "Cornell University Class of 1986," for some pictures posted from reunion last June and from our time on campus! You can add your own news there as well! Please send an update about your goings on—by e-mail to one of us, or via the hard-copy News Form in the recent class News and Dues mailing. □ **Holly Isdale**, Isdale@mac.com; **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com.

burgers and bloody Marys at the Pines, the Rongo, Cayuga Lake, the Elvis Costello concert in Lynah Rink, cookies at Okenshield's, Group Therapy at Dunbar's, season tickets to hockey games, College-town Bagels, Long Island iced teas at the old Noyes Pub, sunning yourself on the roofs/decks of Tri Delta, Alpha Delt, or Sigma Pi, the beautiful view of the lake from the deck of SAE or the Johnson Art Museum, ice cream from the Dairy Barn, a walk in the Plantations . . . do I need to go on? Think back to a time when there were no cell phones and no answering machines for the phones in your dorm rooms, and doing CS homework involved walking across campus to a computer lab. Who still has a Mac from freshman year?

As I write this, reunion is still a few months away, but by the time you read it, our big gathering will be just around the corner. By now, you're probably all signed up for reunion and excited to come, right? If not, what are you waiting for?! Our reunion chairs **Melissa Hodes**, **Scott Pesner**, and **Debra Howard** Stern, ably assisted by catering chair **Mary Bowman**, are working hard to make this reunion special for everyone. We're planning to have lots of great meals, including a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, a barbecue dinner on Friday evening, and a special Saturday dinner celebration to mark our 25th "anniversary."

Want more? In between there will be a class wine tasting, ice cream sprints, after-hours parties, and, for a limited number of us, the opportunity to rappel off the top of Schoellkopf Crescent! If you're at the stage where your kids are getting ready for the college application process, our class is hosting a special session, "Inside the College Admissions Process," with trustee **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92. Concerned that you're thinking of bringing the kids and they'll be bored? Our class is co-sponsoring Fun in the Sun on the Arts Quad on Saturday afternoon, plus we're planning a Friday night family karaoke night, and there will be teens' and kids' rooms in our headquarters. Did I mention the tent parties on the Arts Quad at night, lectures, tours, and other events? I think I might need a few days to recover after speaking to our chairs! You can register online, or if you have any questions, drop Melissa an e-mail at msh42@cornell.edu.

**Karen Davis** Hecker writes, "In May 2011, I was invested as a judge on the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, in my position as an Air Force Reservist, and hear appeals of convicted Air Force members. I'm looking forward to reunion!" Congratulations, Karen! In February, **Melinda Sotomayor** Reyes was honored by the Kidney and Urology Foundation of America at its inaugural "Top 25 Champions for a Cure." The reception honored 25 individuals who have been afflicted by, committed to education about, or dedicated to finding a cure for prostate and/or kidney disease. Melissa serves as an account executive with First Data Merchant Services; additionally she is an active member of the Long Island Advancement of Small Business, Professional Women of Color Network at the Hispanic Network.

From Scott Pesner: "I started at Columbia as director of alumni affairs at Columbia's School of Int'l and Public Affairs. I really enjoy working with alumni from all over the world and being able to still live in Manhattan. It's an adjustment from Cornell, and I take the jokes at work about Cornell (reasonably) well. But just so everyone knows: I wear blue and love Columbia, but I will always bleed red." **Kim Diamond** writes from New York City that she is a senior managing director, head of structured finance ratings at Kroll Bond

Rating Agency, a startup founded by **Jules Kroll '63**. Outside of work, she loves to spend time with her daughter, 7.

**Tom Tseng**, ME '94, writes that **Hope Mehlman** was in San Francisco during February when husband **Eli Hurowitz '86**, ME '87, MBA '88, was in town for part of his annual continuing education as an MD. They all got together for dinner at Sauce, a contemporary California cuisine restaurant that also has a boutique hotel upstairs. "We caught up on their life in Birmingham, AL, as Rebecca and I were curious about how they found their way to the South after Ithaca. While Eli is an orthopaedic surgeon, Hope is a senior VP with the Regions Financial Corp. They have two children; their older daughter, Haley, is a high school senior and has been accepted under early action by CalTech, MIT, and the U. of Chicago, among others. Hope and Haley visited the Pasadena campus and were greeted by **Jarrid Whitney '94**, executive director of admissions and financial aid at CalTech. By our 25th Reunion, Hope and Eli will know where Haley is headed in the fall."

While I hope that all the things I mentioned at the beginning of the column remind you of Cornell, the experience isn't complete without all the friends that you made while you were here and who lived through it all with you! It's not too late to round up your peeps and meet them in Ithaca. Hope to see everyone at reunion, but on the tiny chance you can't make it, send us your news through Facebook ("Cornell University Class of 1987") or through e-mail. □ **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hhf6@cornell.edu; and **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, bfm26@cornell.edu.

**88** It's hard to believe that almost 25 years have passed since our graduation. Our 25th Reunion will be next year and preparations have begun. Stay tuned for updates . . . and check out the Class of '88 Facebook page ("Cornell '88 Alumni"). It's a great way to get news and updates on our class.

**Marc Weissman** (Shelton, CT) produces a weekly community access TV show called "Looking Up: A View from the Valley," which premiered in January. Marc hosts this show, which he also developed. He says it's a unique half-hour program that provides viewers with a positive, apolitical, and nonprofit look at issues that affect the Lower Naugatuck Valley. You don't find too many positive and apolitical shows on issues these days, so for those of you in Connecticut—check it out! And if you are not in Connecticut, clips are accessible 24/7 on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and AOL's Patch (Shelton, Naugatuck, Oxford) and on a dedicated website, [www.lookingupvalley.com](http://www.lookingupvalley.com). There's also a blog at [www.lookingupvalley.blogspot.com](http://www.lookingupvalley.blogspot.com). Marc's goal is to educate, inform, and entertain the public about local issues. This development is inspiring for anyone who has ambitions to be on TV or in the public eye in some way. Marc got the idea for the show after he completed public access training at Comcast's studios in Connecticut. He writes, "I've spent most of my adult life in this vibrant part of Connecticut, and there is no question that, collectively, the people of the Valley are the most passionate, appreciative, and family-oriented group of individuals I've ever had the pleasure of knowing."

And speaking of getting famous, **Alison Minton's** cockatoo continues to model and make TV appearances. Her "birdstar" has been in the Nieman Marcus catalog and appeared on CBS's

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The Hot Truck, pizza from the Nines or the Chariot, hanging out playing Frisbee on Libe Slope,

"The Early Show" in New York City three times. Alison writes, "They even sent a car to pick him up and I got to go along for the ride." Alison's blog, [www.cockatoochronicles.blogspot.com](http://www.cockatoochronicles.blogspot.com), will give you a beak, er, peek inside the world of her cockatoo, who is one of those rare birds who actually gets his own security detail while attending events. She continues to take classes at Cornell every summer and joined the Country Club of Ithaca last summer through a special membership via the Cornell Club of New York. She loves it. Alison serves on a number of benefit committees, such as the Young New Yorkers for the Philharmonic, ASPCA, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Madison Square Boys, and more.

**Todd Koppel**, MD '92, lives in New York City with Marsha, whom he married last year. Belated congratulations, Todd. At the time he wrote, he had been skiing in Colorado: Breckenridge and Vail. Updating Cornell classmates while going down big hills—now that's dedication. When not writing and skiing simultaneously, Todd is a physician and runs a clinic at Trinity Hospital in Elizabeth, NJ. **Bill Waytena**, a veteran of Silicon Valley startups, has started another company, called Telesocial. It is a new "telephony" company that enables game and app developers to integrate voice features into social networks like Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn. Telesocial was covered in the popular technology blog TechCrunch and is gaining attention with bloggers, social networkers, and developers around the world. Bill is eager to help Cornell students who study technology and to provide some advice on being an entrepreneur.

**Pamela Jane Darer** Anderson lives in Toronto and has been raising four girls (ages 5-14). She writes, "It is a challenge managing their busy lives (sports teams, activities), keeping our house under control while volunteering at their schools, and helping out with various events). She helps the young kids at one daughter's school learn to read and runs a magazine campaign to fundraise for her other daughter's school. Pamela and her husband built a brand new house near the beach three years ago and keep busy making improvements to the home. She still keeps in touch with her Cornell roommates on Bryant Avenue in Collegietown and would like to hear from **Elizabeth Altman** and **Dave Sharp**.

**RJ Bukovac** (Winnetka, IL) was admitted to the partnership of William Blain & Co. We also heard from another Illinois attorney, **Kenneth Flaxman**, who is with the law offices of Edward T. Joyce & Assocs. in Chicago. **Lisa Widmier** makes her home in La Jolla, CA, and is a managing partner at Vantage Pointe, a capital management and advisory firm. **Kathleen Reardon** is a principal in RD Architecture, a residential design firm in Houston, TX, where she lives.

As always, we appreciate and welcome updates from all of you on what's new and happening in your lives. A final note: Check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com> and make sure to tell all of your Cornell friends. It's a beautiful representation of the whole magazine and no special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes. **Brad Mehl**, [bam62@cornell.edu](mailto:bam62@cornell.edu); **Steven Tomaselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu); **Sharon Nunan** Stemme, [sen28@cornell.edu](mailto:sen28@cornell.edu).

(save that date: June 5-8, 2014)! I've got to lead off with a classmate who hasn't been heard from (in this magazine anyway) since 1989. **Rich Safeer** writes, "This is the first update I've sent in since graduation! I went to medical school and became board certified in family medicine. I've been married for more than 13 years and we have three children and live in Columbia, MD, where I'm a medical director at Johns Hopkins HealthCare. My nutritional sciences education from Cornell has served me well on many occasions."

**Curtis Bartosik** checked in from France, where he was elected to the board of directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in France, opened a subsidiary office in Chamonix, and is in his ninth year as president of the Cornell Club of France. Curtis writes, "Studied Japanese at Cornell, so still surprised every day to find myself in France. I'm training for the 10K race at the 25th Reunion (winking emoticon here). Would like to beat **Ted Julian**, but it won't be easy. We both ran the Boston Marathon last year. Ted at 2:59 and me at 3:22." **Zack Kollias** lives in Atlanta and still works for Church's Chicken; he was promoted to executive vice president of international operations. Zack reports, "Already been to Moscow, Dubai, Mexico City, and Singapore this year. Everybody loves chicken! Can't believe one of my children (Tommy) is in high school already. My other son (Kris) is now in sixth grade. I helped my parents celebrate their 50th anniversary in December (Margaret and I are at 17—a good start)."

News on the second generation includes word that Ryan Preston Bliss, son of **Kelly Clark Bliss** and grandson of **Preston Robinson Clark '63**, has committed to attend Cornell in the fall of 2014. An accomplished, elite hockey player, Ryan is a member of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program in Ann Arbor, MI. He captained the Team USA U16 squad in the first winter Youth Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. **Amanda Edelbaum** Moszkowski e-mailed, "My younger son, Ethan, had his bar mitzvah in November (in NYC) and a number of Class of '89ers were in attendance: **Leslie Scheidt** Redd joined us all the way from Seattle, and **Melinda Hammer** Lehman and husband Steve and **David Russekoff** were there as well. In February, we also had the pleasure of attending the Lehman's twins b'nai mitzvah in Larchmont. It's incredible to see all of these kids growing up so fast! We are touring colleges with our son Jake, 17, this spring, and I am busy planning the sixth annual Hamptons Marathon and Half (a race I co-founded with a friend in 2007) for the fall."

**Alejandro Aleman**'s kids are growing up as well. He wrote, "My little princess, Hailey, turned 16 in February, once again emphasizing that time just refuses to stand still. Her older brother Armando is finishing up his second year at Rochester Inst. of Technology, majoring in computer programming. The oldest, Alex, plans on studying nutrition at SUNY's Purchase College. As for me, I remain deployed to Afghanistan, serving as commander of the theater intelligence group. Who'da thunk a math major would end up running interrogation operations? Hope everyone in the Class of '89 is well!" **Kyle Buelow** (Manlius, NY) is an ecologist at O'Brien & Gere and has two sons, 6 and 3. Kyle wrote, "The 6-year-old saw the Cornell hockey win over Brown, his first hockey game at Lynah. We also have 15 egg-laying chickens and a honeybee hive. I'm making maple syrup and growing Christmas trees."

**Adam Honig** wrote, "The business that I started a few years back, Innoveer Solutions

([www.innoveer.com](http://www.innoveer.com)), has raised its first round of financing and is doing really well. We're looking to hire about 80 people this year and hope to have more than a few Cornellians in that group. We'll hire here in the Boston area and also in New York, London, and Mumbai." **Chris Pavone** shared his exciting news: "My first novel, *The Expats*, was published in March. I started writing the espionage thriller when I was living in Luxembourg a few years ago, but now I'm back in New York City, living in Greenwich Village with my twin boys, 8, and wife Madeline McIntosh. More on the book at [www.chrispavone.com](http://www.chrispavone.com)."

**Daphna Roth** has published a cookbook, *Temptations: Kosher Recipes for Every Occasion*, with all proceeds going to charity. Daphna and husband Greg have four children and she's a neuropsychologist in private practice in Teaneck, NJ. The cookbook project was a labor of love, she says, and involved testing more than 200 recipes and learning about food photography, food styling, graphic design, sales, marketing, inventory control, and accounting. "Not exactly what they taught me in graduate school, but a lot of fun!" Anyone who is interested can take a look at [www.ketertorah.org/cookbook](http://www.ketertorah.org/cookbook). **Kim Hoare** and her partner, Sharon Fennema, have moved to Pemaquid, ME, where Kim is the new executive director at the Carpenter's Boat Shop, a nonprofit wooden boatbuilding apprenticeship program for people who are in the midst of transition in their lives. The Boat Shop also offers one-week summer woodworking classes open to all ([www.carpentersboatshop.org](http://www.carpentersboatshop.org)).

**Gary Kaye** was appointed a securities broker and investment advisor with MetLife in Phoenix, AZ, after a 20-year career in golf course construction throughout the US, Asia, and Mexico. He writes, "Marietta (sister of **David Del Bello '90**) and I had our fourth child in November 2011 and decided that traveling internationally and working outdoors in extreme heat was getting old, so why not turn a lifelong interest in the financial markets into a new career." Gary can be reached via [www.gkaye.com](http://www.gkaye.com). **Naomi English** wrote from the Twin Cities, where she works for Allina, a large healthcare corporation. "My job has three parts: I am a critical care nurse, I do the work of my union (Minnesota Nurses Association), and I work with colleagues on safe patient moving and lifting initiatives. Thus I am happily using all three of my degrees (MPH, RN, MNA)! My daughter, Dava, 18, is in Israel on the Young Judea Year Course. I plan to visit friends in the Finger Lakes region this summer and I'm looking forward to visiting Cornell."

Several classmates attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, in January, including **Vaishali Trivedi Bhatt**, **Shannon Gallivan Bol**, **Rob Chodock**, **Cartlyse Evans**, **Stephanie Keene Fox**, **Joy Higa**, **Jeff Lee**, ME '90, **William Lin**, **Tomoko Morinaga**, MPS '89, **Judy Prutzman** Osgood, and **Debbie Schaffel**. While there, Rob, Debbie, Shannon, Judy, and Vaishali attended our annual class meeting (joined by **Carolyn Day** Flowers and **Sumeeta Gawande** via conference call). Our class plans to implement an affinity program to unite classmates and build excitement for reunion, start a virtual book club to discuss the annual freshman reading project, increase participation on our class Facebook page, and more. Don't forget to "Like" our class Facebook page, and be sure to check out the new digital edition of the magazine at <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>. **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu); **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, [cu89\\_news@comcast.net](mailto:cu89_news@comcast.net); **Kimberly**

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**90** The annual News and Dues mailings from the class should arrive soon—and just in time because with this column we will have used up all the great news you've sent over the last year. If you haven't done so yet, please send in an update. Let us know what you've been up to, your successes and challenges, what classmates you've seen recently, who you'd like to be in touch with . . . We want to hear it all. Send news to any of us at the addresses below, or via the hard copy News Form and return envelope.

**Tom Wyvill**, MBA '09, gets us off and running: "Here goes," he writes. "Twenty-two years in three sentences. I've been working at Google NYC since 2007 in travel industry strategy and now in display ad sales operations. Before starting a career in digital marketing, I previously earned a degree in vocal performance and went pro as an opera singer. In the early 1990s, I founded a bakery-café and brought Starbucks to the East Coast. Happy to reconnect on LinkedIn and e-mail, wyvill@google.com." **W. Ming Shao** (shaowming@gmail.com) was promoted to senior VP and deputy general counsel at MicroStrategy Inc. in Vienna, VA. **Paul Finster** and family (including two kids, ages 4 and 6) have moved to Hong Kong for two years. Paul will support technical solutions for Ericsson Television in the APAC region.

**Mark and Kiyo Doniger Tukman** are in Bennett Ridge, CA, in Sonoma County. Mark writes, "We are kept laughing (sometimes crying) by our kids Gabrielle, Olivia, and Eli." He does graphic information systems (GIS) (<http://www.tukmangeospatial.com>), and when he wrote last year, he was working on a vegetation map of the Grand Canyon National Park and other cool projects. They were planning their annual visit to Cape Cod with **Cregg** and **Karen Mittelstaedt Sweeney**. Kiyo added that in 2010, they got to see **Laura Limoges-Erwin** and her family, along with **Tarim Chung** and his family. "Not too far from the wine country, Jose and **Kate Taylor Tribuzio** and their two boys, Maximo and Nico, live in Corte Madera. Jose owns a claims management software company, Systema Software, and Kate manages the HR and QA sides of things. Kate and I meet up whenever possible."

Since being promoted in July 2008 to VP, global implementation and service quality at Workplace Options in Raleigh, NC, **Steph Hastings** has been busy implementing employee assistance and work-life benefit programs for over 6,000 companies in 168 different countries (covering more than 3 million employees!). "All virtually," she wrote, "so I have only traveled as far as our Dublin and London service centers." Textiles and Apparel Design major **Jennifer** "no.e" **Parker** (jap223@cornell.edu) completed an MFA in digital art/new media at UC Santa Cruz in 2007, and began a PhD program in digital music composition at UC Riverside in the fall of 2010. When she wrote in early 2011, she and her fiancé were planning their wedding from their home in Ubud, Bali. **David Cohen** (Eng) also wrote in early 2011 and had recently been reelected to the school board after a spirited campaign, finishing first out of six candidates. His district has 13 schools and 8,000 students. Son Reed was entering kindergarten in fall 2011, joining his sister, who is in 3rd grade. "My wife, **Shelli Bodnar '91**, MD '95, and I are

busy with Mia's activities—gymnastics, piano, and Mandarin language classes. I still work at Novellus Systems (semiconductors) in Silicon Valley and was promoted to senior manager of the reactor modeling group."

**Tony Lau**, ME '92, MBA '99 (TTL5@cornell.edu) and family have been in Dallas for about five years, after moving from Chicago. "The landscape here is a far cry from the beautiful sceneries of Ithaca. In fact, there is only one natural lake in the entire state of Texas. Nonetheless, it is a very nice place to live and raise our two young daughters. MetroPCS has kept me gainfully employed as I oversee our devices portfolio while Yvonne works for E&Y in their financial valuation practice. It would be great to reconnect." **Scott Blake** was happy to have had the chance to visit Cornell for the 20th Reunion and share the experience with his wife of 16 years, Janel, and their three children. "Ben, Jeremy, and Maggie Rae are very busy with school and sports, and dream of someday continuing their education at Cornell. I am enjoying my career as a school principal and spend my time

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**91** When I wrote for the fall column, everything I heard from fellow 1991 classmates was about work and life balance. This round of updates celebrates some of our professional accomplishments.

**Johanna Sagarin** works as a psychologist and as the clinical director of Children's Friend Inc., a nonprofit providing services in the areas of mental health; adoption and foster care management, training, and education; and parenting, grief support, and childcare. She fills her after-hours time with her family and is starting to travel with husband Philip Villars and the kids. **Jungsoo Kim** has become a Roman Catholic priest, serving in northern New Jersey. He answered this calling after working for nearly eight years at P&G. His nephew is now at Cornell, so he feels more connected to campus than ever.

‘Studied Japanese at Cornell, so still surprised every day to find myself in France.’

Curtis Bartosik '89

coaching, traveling, and keeping up with the kids." **Kerry Jaskunas Wilson** writes that she is now sporting U. of Pennsylvania bumper stickers on her car and riding around town in her Penn sweatshirts given to her by her daughter Maddie, Penn '14. She also has a child in high school, and two others in elementary school, keeping her on the move constantly. Kerry is a speech language pathologist in the Fairfax County, VA, area, working with children birth to 3 years old. Her husband, **Tom '88**, continues with his own law practice in Fairfax.

**Jennifer Margulis** (Ashland, OR) has been named Senior Fellow at the Schuster Inst. for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis U., owing to her work on behalf of pregnant women and infants in America. In her book, "The Business of Baby," set to be published by Scribner in 2013, Jennifer describes how corporations and private interests are taking precedence over evidence-based practices and scientific knowledge, particularly in the area of breast-feeding, and that this has a deleterious effect on how newborns and pregnant women are treated. The fellowship includes institutional and technological support, along with networking opportunities. Jennifer and her family (including four children, ages 12, 10, 8, and 2) are considering a move to Boston, but not until the book is finished. Lastly, our congratulations to **Brad Herzog's** son Luke, who, at 11 years old, has followed in his father's footsteps with the publication in February of his first book, the 200-page fantasy novel *Dragon Village*. Luke hit the circuit after this huge accomplishment, with television and newspaper interviews and a book-signing at his hometown Pacific Grove Public Library, which was the beneficiary of half the sales proceeds at the event. Details on the book and Luke's future plans can be found at: [http://www.montereyherald.com/books/ci\\_20006940/write-stuff](http://www.montereyherald.com/books/ci_20006940/write-stuff). Send news to:

**Laura Hubbert DiCarlo** is a professional volunteer: PTA president, green team co-chair, family fun co-chair—the list is extensive. She fondly remembers walking from Collegetown over Cascadilla Gorge and would like to be in touch with **Ana Quinonez**, ME '93. **Angela Shope Stiefbold** is a member of local economic development and historic preservation commissions. Her husband, **Mark**, leads a team of project managers for Siemens and continues to serve in the Army Reserves. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in February 2011. They both look forward to making a pilgrimage to Ithaca.

**Pablo Quinones** has become a partner at Reed Smith LLP, on their global regulatory enforcement group. He works out of their New York office. Before this he was an assistant attorney in the criminal division of the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. **E. Bradley Bosart** wrote to let us know that he owns Bosart Investment Consulting Group (of Wells Fargo). He and wife Sherri also host an annual tennis outing at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club to raise money for Penrickton Center for Blind Children; they have raised nearly \$40,000 over the last five years.

**Sonya Savkar** Xu has lived in Hong Kong for the past seven years. She and her husband have a daughter, 8, who attends an immersion bilingual Mandarin/English school. They were at Cornell in the summer of 2010 and were happy to see that while there has been more building since graduation, the beauty and spirit of Cornell is unchanged (and the ice cream is still delicious!). **Tim O'Hara** and wife Robin continue to direct the sustainable learning center that they founded in Costa Rica more than a decade ago. They live there with their daughter Sole, 3, and their projects continue to go well. Their work is at [www.ranchomastatal.com](http://www.ranchomastatal.com). They visit Ithaca every fall and stay connected to their roots in Upstate New York.

**Amanda Telford** has opened Tahana Confections, which makes handmade, artisan caramels that are “luxuriously satisfying” according to one person. You can find them at [www.tahanaconfections.com](http://www.tahanaconfections.com). **Carl Thorne-Thomsen** is proud to announce the opening of Story, his new restaurant in the Kansas City area. Carl is the chef/proprietor. Story serves contemporary seasonal American cuisine in elegant surroundings. Please visit the website at [www.storykc.com](http://www.storykc.com).

**Douglas Fudge**, MAT '92, spoke at a satellite TED conference in Guelph, Ontario. Doug is a professor at the U. of Guelph and lives with wife Esta Spalding and their daughter, Gemma, in Guelph, Ont. **Dan Harrison** started a new job as EVP of scheduling at Fox Broadcasting, working with (and for) **Kevin Reilly '84**. **Heather Atwood Forrest** and husband **Richard '89** welcomed their third daughter in July 2011. Heather has returned to her position as senior vice president with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Richard is senior counsel at PAREXEL Int'l. The family lives in Newton, MA.

In 2008, **Danny Espinoza** founded CardStar, a successful (more than 2 million active users) mobile app company; it was acquired in January '12 by Constant Contact. He lives in Washington, DC, with wife **Lisa (Trovato) '93** and daughter Ava. **Jeffrey Pease**, BA '89, MBA '91, has returned to Oracle as vice president of Oracle Applications Labs, after consulting for Cisco and Microsoft last year through his business, Message Mechanics, and speaking at the Cornell Leadership Conference. Part of his responsibility is running the Oracle@Oracle program, which shares best practices for using Oracle technology, based on their own internal deployment. **Curtis Ellett**, MA '95, has been supplementing his education with a certificate in Web

development from UMass Lowell. He also edits a webzine devoted to fantasy literature ([www.swordsandsorcerymagazine.com](http://www.swordsandsorcerymagazine.com)). He lives in Weymouth, MA, with wife **Jennifer (Neustadt) '92**, MS '94, and their daughter, 9, who says she wants to go to Cornell someday.

**Steve Ciccì '90** and wife Tracy provided a social update. Steve, Tracy, and their kids Griffin, Ryan, and Tomlin were visiting the West Coast, which prompted a gathering of several Class of '90/'91 parents and their children. Dinner at the home of **Skip '90** and **Anna Doyno Tague** included **John** and **Lisa Munter Clarke** and their children Nick and Anna; **Jen Smith '90** and husband **Vince Angotti '90** and their children McKenna, Tatum, and Hope; **Drew Fraser '89**, wife Catherine, and their kids Payton, AJ, and Colin; and **Mike Milmoë '89**, wife Rickie, and kids Jessica, Luke, and Morgan. Quite a crowd and loads of fun, including a parent-child basketball knock-out game in the dark.

Back on the work front, **Holly Hauser** now writes for the National U. Integrative Health Review. She also volunteers as the medical director of the Scleroderma Foundation, Greater San Diego Chapter. She has systemic scleroderma and underwent an experimental stem cell transplant in 2010. She has been married to Stephen Williams for 17 years, and they have two sons, 11 and 14. Holly continues to volunteer as a CAAAN representative.

**Todd Poisson**, BArch '91, is a partner at BSKS Architects LLP, a full-service architecture firm in New York City. They have received accolades in the last few years, including National AIA design awards for two key projects. Todd is particularly proud of his work with BSKS for the incredible 52nd Street Project, a nonprofit that matches kids in Hell's Kitchen with professional theatre artists to create original work. They now have their own permanent professional theater and after-school clubhouse from BSKS designs. Todd has lived in Manhattan since 1993, and is currently on the Upper West Side with wife Rachel and daughter Sylvie, a future soccer star.

I can attest to the continued effort to balance work and life here in Maine! Have a great summer, and we hope to hear from you soon. 📧 **Wendy Milks Coburn**, [wmilkscoburn@me.com](mailto:wmilkscoburn@me.com); **Charles Wu**, [ccwu@mac.com](mailto:ccwu@mac.com); and **Tom Greenberg**, [twg22@cornell.edu](mailto:twg22@cornell.edu).

brand new Milstein Hall on the Arts Quad, after which we will have our class photo and then dinner by the Johnson Art Museum.

If you are staying in the dorms, don't forget to list anyone you would like to room near (or with!). We will be pre-assigning rooms this year and we'll do our best to accommodate requests (no guarantees, but we'll try). If you want additional details, our class website has been updated and is a great source of information about class and university reunion activities. Please visit <http://classof92.alumni.cornell.edu>. You can even customize your reunion schedule, as well as help us find missing classmates. We also hope that you will “Like” our class Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cornellu92](http://www.facebook.com/cornellu92) and follow our Twitter page (@CornellU92), so you can re-connect with classmates and receive additional reunion updates as the weekend approaches. And keep an eye out for cool CU reunion apps that will help us stay connected and informed! But while Facebook and Twitter are fun and useful ways to catch up with old friends, reconnecting in person on the Hill is much better. Facebook is no substitute for Facetime.

Many of your class officers attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Washington, DC, in January. **Karen McCalley**, our class president, teaches English in Massachusetts; **Allison Abel Kahn**, our VP of finance, lives in Cincinnati, OH; **Laurel Beverley** is a VP and our affinity chair and lives in Cleveland, OH; **Allison Bergstrom**, membership chair, lives in Chicago when she's not traveling the world; and **Jonathan Simon** lives in Maryland, is on Class Council, and is our nominations chair. Other Class of 1992 leaders at CALC were **Betty Eng**, who lives in New York and handles our class Facebook page, and **Maureen Coughlin** Torelli, our reunion registration chair, who lives in New York. Other classmates at CALC were **Terry Horner**, PhD '98, **Sathi Soma**, ME '94, and **Liz Robbins**. Terry lives in D.C. and works for a Senate committee. Sathi also lives in our nation's capital and loves to take pictures. And Liz writes for the *New York Times* and was there to attend board meetings for *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. And yes, my husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, and I were there as two of your three reunion chairs. Here are some of our fondest memories of Cornell: Terry—singing at Fall Tonic in Bailey Hall; Jon—meeting his wife; Todd—meeting his wife (me!); Jean—meeting Todd (had to say that, right?); Laurel—living in College-town; Allison B.—spring break with Cornellians in Jamaica. Let's share old memories and make some new ones at reunion!

In other news, **Peter Rynkiewicz** and Mary Lynn Jones were married in August 2011 in Arlington, VA. In attendance were **Harris Weisman**, **Gabe Millos '93**, **Sean Cunningham**, **Trevor Rudalevige**, **Carl Kratzer '72**, ME '73, **Obert Chu**, **Andre Bhatia**, and **Britt Ewen**. Peter and Mary Lynn reside in Annandale, VA, where Peter works as an environmental engineer and Mary Lynn is a writer and editor. They are preparing for Peter's third deployment with the Army Reserve. Thank you for serving our country, Peter! **Jose Reynoso** (Larchmont, NY) used our online Class Notes form to share his news. He is a managing director at Clarfeld Financial Advisors and was appointed to the Westchester Community Foundation (WCF) Board of Advisors. He has also been active as a volunteer with Selection Committee for the Mamaroneck School Board, the Auction Committee for ArtsWestchester, and the Apoyo Fund of the Westchester Community Foundation.

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**92** Will you be there? Are you coming to our 20th Reunion? It's June 7-10, 2012 and we really want you to join us! Even if you missed the early bird discount (ends May 10), it's not too late to sign up. You don't want to miss the tent parties, Hot Truck, concerts and lectures, campus tours, and outdoor adventures like kayaking, zip lining, and the Reunion Run. A new Taste of Ithaca lunch, with food from local restaurants, will be at the All Alumni Affair at Barton Hall on Friday and Saturday. There's a family Fun in the Sun carnival and Cornell's nightly youth program, individual college and Greek events, and a wine tasting too. One highlight of our class reunion is sure to be the Friday night hoedown on the shores of Beebe Lake, complete with a live band and barbecue from the famous and delicious Dinosaur BBQ. Later that night we will have a class campfire and s'mores by Cornell Outdoor Education. On Saturday, in the spirit of Cornellianna, we'll unite by mixing red and white for our Pink Party—so wear something pink! The festivities will begin with a reception at the



Don't forget our big reunion—June 7-10, 2012—and please send us your news. You can do it electronically at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm> or via e-mail directly to one of your correspondents. Hope to see you soon—in June! Take care and thanks so much!  
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**93** Summer brings to mind lazy days sitting on the Quad, the quiet of a nearly empty campus, cool, breezy nights, picnics at Buttermilk Falls, and swimming in the gorges. It also reminds me that reunion is just one year away. Our class is working on some amazing and fun events, so if you have suggestions, please drop us an e-mail and we will pass them along! Since this will be our 20th Reunion, we want to gather as many of our classmates as we can, particularly those of you who have never been to reunion or haven't been back to Cornell in a while. Who are those friends from your days on the Hill whom you'd love to see and catch up with? Many of our classmates have updated their e-mail addresses at [cornell.edu](http://cornell.edu)—why not send out a quick e-mail to say hello and invite a friend to Reunion 2013?

We received a bunch of news updates from classmates—thank you, and please keep sending them along! **Diana Savinon** Ortiz dropped us a note that she is senior director at Kimberly-Clark in Roswell, GA. **Daphne Dorce** is a psychiatrist in private practice in Wellington, FL, where she lives with her husband, Patrick Pierre-Louis, and enjoys exercising, scrapbooking, and wine-tasting. She would like to hear from **Sharon Daly-Benjamin**. **Wil Andersen** adopted a German short-haired pointer puppy named Abby last spring, who has been keeping him busy. He still finds time to head to Ocean City, MD, with his partner, Sam Shafer, and his family. Wil would like to catch up with **Vinay Cheng**, ME '93, and **Bruce Levine** '92.

**Jeffrey Klinge** and his wife, Stacey, are living in Rumson, NJ, where Jeffrey is a sales trader at Ladenburg Thalmann in New York. **Rahul Advani** is a director at Micron Technologies and lives in Boise, ID. He enjoys hiking, badminton, exercising, and poker. **Michael McMahon** wrote in to say that he and wife Natanya are managing several projects, and that Bourbon Lane Stable has a Breeder's Cup runner in its first full year of operation! Good luck to Michael and his three Cornellian partners. Michael would also like to hear from **Steve Kline** '92.

**David Cohen** was elected a shareholder at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, a lobbying firm in Washington, DC. Previously, David worked as a staff member of the House Banking Committee and at the US Customs Service, and was the executive director of a cargo security trade association. Congratulations, David! On the West Coast, **Zoe Marchal Phillips** is the Farm to

Preschool program director at Occidental College and the chair of the Los Angeles Collaborative for Healthy, Active Children. Zoe lives nearby with her husband, Justin, and her children Emma, Zachary, and Mia. She stays involved with local politics and would like to catch up with **Raj Datta** '90, ME '92, and **Mark Margolis**. Sounds very busy—and very fun! Speaking of busy, **Lady Charmaine Day** wrote to tell us that in addition to being a pastor, author of five books, publisher, motivational speaker, and radio personality, she also finds time to explore her interests in photography, scrapbooking, and collecting African American Barbie dolls! You can find out more about her work and ministry at [ladycharmaineday.com](http://ladycharmaineday.com).

**Alison Ehrmann** wrote, "Miami didn't know what hit them when 14 of us descended upon South Beach for a 40th birthday celebration. It was a weekend filled with laughter, wine, and good friends." Alison was joined by **Stacy Hirschberg** Eisner, MBA '01, **Tina Hennessey** Goldstein, **Amy Mills** Sethi, **Colleen Durham** Craig '92, **Candis Griggs** Hakim '92, **Jenn Tracy** Hooker, **Joanna Caine**, **Liz Flynn**, **Janet Hawkins** Laudy, **Tricia Tafe** Williams, **Kristen Fechner** Gil, **Leah Peterson** Swanson, and **Tina Masington** Tummonds. Best of all, they all promised to make it back for our 20th Reunion! Congratulations, ladies. We can't wait to see you all next summer.

In a special note, we'd like to congratulate **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Maya Shoshana, on February 24, 2012! Maya joins her big brothers Jonathan, 5, and Ari, 3. As for our family, after a year of studying—in between teaching classes at

UConn and consulting—I passed my exams and became a CPA. I also have a lot of fun as Cubmaster for our sons' Cub Scout pack, and I love to run whenever I can. Summer days for us mean hooking up the Slip 'n' Slide on a hot day, catching fireflies in our south field, spending weekends at the Cape, and watching baseball practice while catching up with friends and neighbors on those long summer nights. I hope you enjoy your summer, and set your calendars now for Reunion 2013, June 6-9! ☐ **Melissa Carver** Sottile, [mtcsottile@yahoo.com](mailto:mtcsottile@yahoo.com); **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, [ygb1@cornell.edu](mailto:ygb1@cornell.edu); **Melissa Hart** Moss, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com).

**94** Hi, everyone. With the cold winter out of the way, my thoughts turn to that lovely window of time when Cornell was full of sun and bright skies. Events like Slope Day and Commencement were always highlights of each academic year and I remember that several of my friends chose to spend their summers up in Ithaca to take advantage of the beautiful terrain for hiking, visiting wineries, rafting, and just hanging out. It is these times of reflection when I wonder about some of those former classmates—many of whom I've reconnected with on LinkedIn or Facebook. There are many others about whom I wish I knew more. That is the benefit of sending in your latest info via the hard copy News Form or just a plain old e-mail to one of your three class correspondents. We publish the news we get as quickly as we can, and I know for me it's wonderful to read when I get my issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*

## Color Schemes

Lyle Small '93

**L**yle Small has always been an inventor. When he was six, he fashioned a makeshift beekeeper suit—a ski mask, cowboy boots, a pair of ski goggles, and his mom's oven mitts—so he could play outside without getting stung. During his sophomore year on the Hill in the agricultural and biological engineering program, Small became fascinated with thermochromic materials, which change color due to shifts in temperature. At the time, thermochromic T-shirts were all the rage on campus, and Small wanted to find other applications for the technology. "I've always been obsessed with the idea of making things that the world has never seen before," he says.

A month before graduation, Small launched what would become Chromatic Technologies, Inc. Headquartered in Colorado Springs since 1996, the firm is a leader in specialty inks and coatings, manufacturing an average of 150,000 pounds of materials each year and shipping to more than sixty countries. It not only specializes in thermochromic inks but also those that glow in the dark and others that are photochromic, meaning sensitive to ultraviolet light or sunlight.

One of the company's best-known products is used in the "Cold Certified" labels on Coors Light beer cans. In 2006, Coors came out with the slogan, "When the mountains turn blue, it's as cold as the Rockies." When a thermochromic can is chilled to 39 degrees, the mountains in the logo turn from white to blue, indicating that the beer is at the optimal temperature.

"I started out as a nerd, and I've become this quasi-executive person," Small says. "To get to travel the world and sell the things I've invented is a huge kick."

— Heather McAdams '14



six times a year. Now the magazine is available digitally—your class dues cover both the print and digital editions. Go to: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>, and tell your friends. Not only is it a beautiful representation of the whole magazine, but there are other benefits, too: no special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and yet they are NOT searchable by Google!), and all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks! Check it out. Below is my brief collection of updates. If you haven't done so yet, take a moment to send one of us a quick e-mail with your latest news. Thanks so much! This public service announcement has now ended.

**Melissa Dills** Boglioli sends news from Clarence Center, NY, where she and husband James live with their children. Melissa writes that she started a business, Seasonal Sweets by Melissa, making homemade jams and jellies from 100 percent fresh, local fruits, and selling them at a local farmers' market. She is also serving as PTO president at her children's elementary school, she's a first-year Girl Scout Daisy leader for her daughter's troop, and she's studying kickboxing! Melissa also noted that her husband completed the NYC Marathon in November 2011. One person Melissa looks forward to reconnecting with is her freshman roommate Stacy.

In other news, **Mari Carmen Cividanes** has been spending time "hiking, going to the gym, and visiting family in Houston and friends in New York City." **Dana Hagendorf** moved to Miami Beach to join the Fontainebleau Hotel as its chief marketing officer. **James Sang** has also relocated—from Philadelphia to Boston for his job as a podiatric surgeon with the V.A. Boston Healthcare System. Closer to Ithaca, **Sue Bookhout** is owner of SueBMedia, which focuses on PR, Internet marketing, SEO, and creative content creation for the outdoor industry. Sue is also a certified dog trainer and enjoys hunting, trap shooting, and fly-fishing. She has moved back to Central New York after 15 years in Aspen, CO. She is on the hunt to reconnect with **Emily Corrigan**.

Lastly, **Michele Swerdlhoff** Riedel is the director and owner of Peak Services for Children, providing special education teachers who work one-on-one with children in their mainstream preschool classrooms as mandated by the NYC Dept. of Education. Her company has been in business for five years and provides "extensive supervision and support for all of our teachers and children with whom we work. We are a small agency, but we know every child and parent on our caseload." Michele also reports that she has children Alexandra, 3, and William, 1. That's it this month. Please note my new e-mail address and write in with some updates! **Jennifer Rabbin** Marchant, [jar1229@yahoo.com](mailto:jar1229@yahoo.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu), **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com).

**95** If I seem a bit more dazed and confused than normal, it is because I am. Don't tell my husband I just "nudged" a parked car. However, our lives were changed irrevocably this past December in the time it takes to send an e-mail. My husband and I have been working on extending our family for some time, and while I was home recovering from surgery and watching end-to-end episodes of "Law & Order: SVU," our adoption agency informed us of the existence of a four-day-old baby boy. By the end of the day we were parents to Kellen

William, who was born with a full head of hair and a set of lungs like his mama Veronica. (I wish I could say we didn't also acquire a new cat, but I'd be lying.) The support from family, friends, and Cornell alums has been like nothing we could have imagined. People have shared their own quests to be parents, and these stories have smoothed the path for us here and there.

**Alex and Kathy Kiang Pascover** became parents to a second daughter, Ivy. Kathy writes, "She's great—a little social butterfly. Loves to be with other people. And Zoe is a great big sister, helping out with feedings and soothing Ivy when her parents are slow with a bottle." **Josh Bretstein**, wife Nanne, and son Jakob welcomed daughter Skylar to the family in early fall 2011. Josh is director of legal staffing at Russell, Tobin & Assocs. of New York City.

**Aliza Milner** teaches at Syracuse U. College of Law. She writes that she has made "plenty of trips throughout the year with husband **Daniel Kornfeld** and our daughters." Aliza's book *Judicial Clerkships: Legal Methods in Motion* was published in April 2011. **Suparna Datta** earned her JD from Suffolk U. Law School; she added the credential to her PhD and MS in electrical engineering from Georgia Inst. of Technology and her two undergrad degrees from Cornell. She is now one of four new intellectual property attorneys at Pepper Hamilton of Boston. Reunion co-chair **D. Michael Stroud Jr.** also acquired a jazzy new job in 2010 as deputy assistant secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, US Department of Homeland Security. For Black History Month 2011, Michael wrote a piece called "Working Together to Keep America Safe and Secure," posted on the White House blog. The piece chronicles a bit of his experience as part of an interracial family and the experiences of some of his forebears in the struggle for equality.

**Bryan Wizemann** sends news of his fiction feature film *Think of Me*, which premiered at the Toronto Film Festival. *Think of Me's* star, Lauren Ambrose, is up for an Independent Spirit Award for best lead actress. Bryan says, "The film is about a struggling single mother faced with an impossible decision regarding her daughter, 8. It's playing festivals both in the US and abroad. My romantic comedy *Humor Me* is also in the works, with David Schwimmer attached to direct." A brother in creativity, **Scott Lajoie** returned to *Cape Cod* and *Chatham* magazines as editor in April 2011. During a two-year hiatus from the magazines, part of a local media group, Scott worked for the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District and stayed home to raise his son, Miles. Miles is now 2 and daughter Willow is 4. Scott has been trying to bring a dog park to Mashpee for a few years. He and wife Wendy love Cape Cod and welcome contact from friends passing through!

**Benedix Rodriguez**, another Massachusetts resident, lives in Franklin with wife Ivanka Jaurequi and their son, who keeps busy with piano and soccer activities. He writes, "I work for Procter & Gamble as a retail supply leader responsible for exceeding our supply chain and logistics goals (service, inventory, cash, etc.). I love my job!" When he's not working, Benedix is thinking about, planning, or actually taking trips. He loves to travel to UNESCO World Heritage sites. "We visited the Czech Republic for two weeks in April, went back to Puerto Rico to see family and friends in July, and headed down to Peru and Bolivia to again enjoy friends/family and go hiking for two weeks at the end of December." He is also the key organizer and fashion director for SupercarRoadTrips, an exotic

car club in the Boston/New England area. (I am not sure if he designs fashions for the cars or for the owner/drivers, so you will have to contact him if you want more information.)

**Tom Hughes**, wife **Kelly Gonzalez '96**, and their daughters Annalya and Isabella, both 3, have moved to "apple country" just south of Syracuse." Tom, a natural resource steward-biologist for the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for the Central and Finger Lakes Region, continues to enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, and hunting. He writes, "I am also involved with several local conservation organizations including Izaak Walton League of America-CNY Chapter, Montezuma Audubon Center, and Women in Nature." Enjoy your summer! Please continue to keep us in the proverbial loop. **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, [vkbrooksigler@gmail.com](mailto:vkbrooksigler@gmail.com); and **Abra Benson** Perrie, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu). Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. CAM digital edition: [www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com](http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com).

**96** This spring we received many great submissions from fellow '96ers as 2012 ushered in new milestones with marriages, births, international travel, relocations, and career changes. There is a lot of new ground to cover, so let the news roll to catch up with the first class to graduate on Hunter Rawlings's Cornell watch.

**Marilyn Bashoff** married Ethan Bordman, an entertainment lawyer and film finance consultant. In attendance: Marilyn's brother and sister-in-law, **Evan '99** and **Carrie Spindel Bashoff '99**; **Catherine Rowbotham**, **Julia Meurling**, **Nicki Grupka**, and **Valerie Fristachi '00**, ME '00. Marilyn is a vice president and group copy supervisor at DraftFCB Healthcare, an advertising agency in Manhattan. The newlyweds reside in Manhattan and missed reunion due to their honeymoon in Hawaii. **Josh Friedman**, JD '99, also got married and the day after Christmas welcomed his first child, Felix, in Vienna, Austria, the hometown of his wife, Ursula. They tied the knot on the Azores in Portugal in June, and **George Cho**, Josh's Sperry Hall freshman roommate, was the best man. Guests included a contingent of Whistling Shrimps: **Nat Yap**, **Jon**, ME '99, and **Trish Halsey Pinto**, **Kate Kennedy '97**, **Molly Touger '97**, **Chris Consilvio '97**, **Kevin Shea '97**, **Doug Herman '97**, **Emily Friedman '98**, and **Rhan Soh**. Josh and Ursula live in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, where he works for the Danish Refugee Council.

**Adam Michaelides** has returned from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he volunteered to teach nonviolent communication to teachers, paraprofessionals, children, and mothers in need. **Amar Singh**, who serves as the chief of minimally invasive surgery-urolurgical oncology at the Academic Urologists at Erlanger in Chattanooga, TN, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, reaching Uhuru Peak. He worked in India in a volunteer charity camp performing urolurgical surgeries under some difficult conditions. He also visited the Masai Mara National Park in Kenya.

**Stephanie Boissonnas** Cole reported that she and husband Josh are the proud parents of a potential future Cornellian. Son Christian was born in August. **Ilan Barzilay** and wife Karen welcomed their third child, David Northrop, on Thanksgiving Day. Ilan continues his work as an intellectual property attorney at Seyfarth Shaw in Boston. He enjoys the regular flashbacks to his Electrical Engineering classes brought on by reading too many



patents and is now officially old enough to regret his days as a sober monitor on Slope Day. **Shirley Huang** was married in November on Skaneateles Lake and climbed Machu Picchu in Peru last summer. She wrote that it was one of the hardest things she has ever done, but so worth it. **Felix Lung**, ME '97, moved back to New York City in October of 2010 to join Gilt Groupe after living in Los Angeles for nearly seven years. He is a lead engineer heading up the women's tech team. **Maddy Kadish** works in Boston for Pearson as an instructional designer. She worked in London for three months to launch a new product line and had a great time at Zinck's Night meeting fellow alums and students studying abroad.

In 2009, **Tony Liou** founded Partner Energy, an energy engineering company specializing in working with building owners to identify, finance, and implement accretive energy efficiency projects that meet fiscal and sustainability goals. **Debra Whittlemore** Calderon started a new career as a freelance artist after being a stay-at-home mom. She has been illustrating and doing abstract artwork and prints. **Paul Kuo** works in Los Angeles as the director of public relations at Beverly Hills Sports Council, an agency representing baseball players. He interacts with the media, assists players in social media, and does statistical analysis. He and wife **Ingrid Kuo** have four kids. He reports seeing **Clifton Chang**, who lives in Orange County. He looks forward to taking a Disney cruise in August with **Dave Wu**, ME '97, who is married to **Connie Chin**, JD '00, and **Christina Tsai**, married to **Abe Ng '95**.

**Karen Schnelwar** joined the Partners, a boutique brand consultancy in New York, as the head of strategy. She reports working with **Maud Meister '04** while at Siegel+Gale (founded by **Alan Siegel '60**) and both share an affection for Cape Cod. While visiting Paris in December, she bumped into **Susanna Klein**, who has been with Chanel for 15 years. **Gail Rosenberg** Deutsch has been a producer at ABC for the last 15 years and is working on "20/20." Prior to that, she traveled the world producing for Barbara Walters. **Amanda Claremon** works with Planned Parenthood, and **Becca Schader** has been a producer and creative director at HBO for more than 15 years. **Jamey Edwards**, MBA '03, is CEO at Emergent Med, a company that runs hospital emergency rooms. He is married to Karen's childhood friend Elise; they have children Ethan and Mira. **Joanna Citron** Day is in Washington, DC, following her passion for environmental law at the Dept. of the Interior.

Have a great summer, work on that tan, get some exercise, and enjoy the Summer Olympics wherever you may be across the land and globe. Just remember to wear some Big Red! Slainte! (Gaelic for cheers) from Chandler, AZ. **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>. CAM digital edition: [www.cornellalumnmagazine-digital.com](http://www.cornellalumnmagazine-digital.com).

**97** I can't believe that our 15th Reunion is right around the corner! I know I'm excited to get back to Ithaca for the first time since our 5th, and from the e-mails I received I know many of you are too. Here's a sneak peek at what you might learn June 7-10 . . .

**Jerad Crave** plans to win the reunion 5-miler as a cool-down after what he hopes will be his

third victory in the Black Mountain Trail Marathon. I graciously conceded my spot in the run, but Jerad, a former track and cross-country runner for Cornell, encouraged me to give it a shot anyway. He and wife Jessica live in hip and fun Asheville, NC, where Jerad is in his second year of doctoral work in teacher education at UNC Greensboro. Track him down in Ithaca to find out more about his research and dissertation plans as well as his work with CAAAN. He hopes to see **Mitsy Lopez** and husband **Paul Baranello**, **Pam Tan**, **Adam Shoer**, and **Mijin Cha** while in town. Best of luck on your upcoming races!

Another classmate hoping to be in Ithaca is **Jeff Goldman**. Jeff and wife Tanja have returned to Cincinnati after five years in China and Switzerland with P&G; Jeff now serves as senior analyst for P&G's COO. He had a chance to return to Ithaca to give a seminar at the Engineering college on how business intelligence (BI) is transforming P&G. I hope he checked out the new hangouts, since the Palms is closing. Let us know, Jeff! Also joining us in Ithaca will be **Ashley Binter**, who said she will be "so glad!" to see me at reunion (aww, thanks, Ashley!). Ashley is working on her MBA through the Johnson School while holding down a day job with the Cornell Silicon Valley program in the Office of Alumni Affairs. Best of luck, Ashley, and see you on the Hill!

A number of classmates might not get the opportunity to join us, due to recent new additions to their families. **Jennifer Mattucci** Santoro welcomed son Michael Robert in April 2011. When not being "Mommy," Jennifer has a private psychiatry practice in Fairfax, VA, focusing on reproductive mental health and psychosomatic medicine. In her spare time, she is on the faculty at George Washington U. and Virginia Commonwealth U. Despite all those hats, Jennifer gets to see **Robin Yates** Dulman often, since Robin and her family relocated to the area. April 2011 was also the birth month for Isabella, daughter of **Gina DiBenedetto** and her partner, Luke. Gina has been in Singapore for the last five years and loves Asia. She was previously in Germany for four years and continues to work with Aareal Bank in commercial real estate financing. She looks forward to some travel to Australia as her company moves into a new market in the future. Another future Cornellian is Juliette, daughter of **Amanda Levine** and Warren Blishen. Born in February 2011, she is, according to Mom, perfect.

**Ari Chopra** shared news of the birth of daughter Kyra Bridget with wife **Bonnie Sihler '96** in March 2011. The family loves small town life in Glenwood Springs, CO, where Ari is a solutions consultant with OpenText (formerly Metastorm) and Bonnie is a midwife at Valley View Hospital. As I write, Ari is preparing for his annual boys' weekend in Park City with **Per Heilmann**, **Ari Cooperman**, **Dan Vene**, **Art Kopittke**, **Jeff Hulett**, **Dave Makhharadze**, **William Robertson '98**, **BFA '98**, and **Sabato Sagaria**. Hope you had a great time! **Julia Lauky** McDonnell wrote that she was grateful for the news reminder that went out via e-mail to jog her sleep-deprived brain to share the news of the birth of son Ryan Edward in October 2011. Despite an early start to the world, Ryan and mom are doing great (although tired)! **Stefanie Schwartz** Steinberger '96 was the first person to meet him, as she and Julia both work for Chester County Hospital in West Chester, PA.

Thanks to everyone who replied to the e-mail solicitation we sent out for news. If you don't see your news in the column, don't fret—look for it

next time! If you meant to reply but "accidentally" deleted the e-mail or pushed it to the bottom of your inbox, it is not too late! Submit news on our website, [www.cornell97.com](http://www.cornell97.com), or directly to us. See you in Ithaca! **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, [sjd5@cornell.edu](mailto:sjd5@cornell.edu); **Erica Broennle** Nelson, [ejb4@cornell.edu](mailto:ejb4@cornell.edu). CAM digital edition, <http://www.cornellalumnmagazine-digital.com>.

**98** Calling all great-moment makers, nostalgic-idea producers, and memorable-event planners!

Be an integral part of the amazing Cornell tradition known as REUNION by e-mailing **Erik Weinick**, JD '01 ([cornell1998@gmail.com](mailto:cornell1998@gmail.com)) if you'd like to help organize our 15th Reunion in 2013! Longing to picnic at the Cornell Plantations, go on a wine tour, or canoe on Beebe Lake? Here's your chance to plan good times for you, your family, and our classmates on our beloved campus. Erik is ready to hear from you! Here's the latest news:

Hollywood A-listers have been enjoying the sophisticated yet relaxed ambience of fine dining at Lexington Social House, a new restaurant/lounge venture opened by **Junella Chin**. It has received rave reviews as a proper supper club offering the setting and menu for the perfect dinner party right in the heart of Hollywood. Besides being a full-time restaurateur, Dr. Chin practices as a part-time physician as well. **Mya Johnson Aronson** is an assistant professor of biology at Hofstra U., and husband **Scott '97** is a gastroenterologist at the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Their son Sean, 3, loves singing our Alma Mater and cheering on Big Red hockey!

**Michelle Tuorto**-Collins writes, "I was promoted to dean of faculty at St. Benedict's Prep, in Newark, NJ, the first female administrator in the school's history! The kids were incredibly supportive, as were my colleagues." In her spare time, Michelle plays bassoon in a community band and is quite active in CAAAN. She and husband Brian celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last year. **Janelle Miao**, who works in the creative areas of 2-D and 3-D animation, filmmaking, and art installations, was quite busy herself. She animated virtual humans for USC's Inst. for Creative Technologies. Her other projects included: a Red Bull campaign, a documentary called "Plastiki," and an art piece for a primatologist animating chimps for an audience of chimps to gauge their response and ability to recognize themselves in an abstract form.

**Dan Barrett** has been a staff attorney at the ACLU of Vermont since August 2008. **Timothy Haines** is the president of MacInnes Tool Corp. in Rochester, NY. **Marc Cittone** and wife Midori Igarashi live in Denver, where Marc works for the Colorado Dept. of Local Affairs, supporting revitalization efforts for historic downtown areas in the various communities. **Sabrina Dove**-Pettrigh is a recruiter for multiple clean-tech companies in the San Francisco Bay Area. **Erica Wray** is the director of development and legal affairs at Mission Bay Development Group in San Francisco, CA. She stays active by mountain biking, skiing, and traveling. Check out **David Schorr's** [dishtip.com](http://dishtip.com) if you're a foodie!

Congratulations to Ravi and **Sheeleza Bacchus** Deba, who welcomed daughter Brielle on Dec. 10, 2011. **Todd '96** and **Karen Dorman Kipnes** also had a new addition to the family, on Nov. 15, 2011: Asher Bennett. His older sisters Kyle, 5, and Colby, 2, are fantastic helpers. **Erika Johnston**-MacAnanny, husband Paul, and daughter

Elizabeth, 2, welcomed James Colton on Oct. 22, 2011. Katharine and **Travis Batters** became first-time parents with the arrival of Josephine Marie on Oct. 26, 2011. Maybe we'll need some toddler activities planned for reunion!

Hallie and **Matthew West** report they aren't getting much sleep, but are having fun raising Emma, 3, and Ryan, 6 months. Matthew is the VP/chief talent officer for RCW Group, a division of McCann Healthcare Worldwide. **Martin Stallone**, still serving as an Air Force flight surgeon since he was commissioned in 1998, is the director of the hospitalist program at the Cayuga Medical Center. He and wife **Ami (Walter)** moved back to Ithaca in 2009 because they felt that Ithaca was a great place to live, work, and raise their six boys. **Matthew '95** and **Jennifer Visco Shulman** live in New Canaan, CT, with their 4-1/2-year-old twins Matthew and Allison. **Amit Mansur** is an investor in the private equity industry. He and wife Sonya enjoy spending quality time with their two children.

VP of hotel acquisitions at Glenmont Capital Management **Stanley Kozlowski** and wife Whitney readied themselves and their son, 4, and daughter, 18 months, for the ski season in Park City. Also gearing up for ski season, but in Aspen, are **Jennifer Dolecki-Smith**, husband Brad, and their two children, ages 3 and 20 months. **Rosanna Batista** is a manager of maternal and child health programs and finds her work both challenging and rewarding. She oversees a variety of public health programs in asthma, child development, and violence and trauma prevention and has helped vulnerable patients from many countries. Rosanna and husband Douglas Selinger enjoy time with their daughters. **Jake Mincemoyer**, JD '01, is a partner at White & Case LLP in London. He and wife **Ivana Vujic**, JD '01, try to keep up with their children Luka, 3, and Iva, 1.

**Rachel Schmidt** went to Sayulita, Mexico, for two weeks in October 2011 for relaxation, sun, and Spanish immersion, a perfect extension to the volunteer work she does for English in Action, a local tutoring/literacy program. When she's not skiing, hiking, or playing Ultimate Frisbee, Rachel is a kitchen and bath designer for Aspen Tile and Bath Gallery. She is in touch with Jennifer Dolecki-Smith and would love to hear from **Mary Clark**, **Sara Boscoe**, **Lisa Marzolf**, and **Karen Frey**. **Chandler Hall**, ME '99, married Lisa Shields in Telluride, CO, in July 2011. Cornell hockey alums **Matt Cooney '97** and **Jason Dailey '98** were groomsmen, and former Cornell lacrosse member **George Vroom '65** performed the ceremony. Chandler is the VP at BravoSolution in Chicago. **Susan Master** writes, "I was elected to the executive board of Temple Sholom of Flatbush and serve as their recording secretary and membership VP. I write a column called 'Schmoozin' with Susan' that chronicles events at the synagogue and special events in the lives of the congregation's members." Susan is also the vice chair of the Brooklyn Bar Association's special events committee, serving on the editorial board of its publication, the "Brooklyn Barrister."

As always, we'd love to hear from you so keep the news coming: ✉ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu; or **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu.

**99** By the time you read this, **Shannon Smith Brock** and husband **Paul**, MS '07, will have opened the tasting room of their winery, Silver

Thread Vineyard. The Brocks took over the Lodi, NY-based winery, located about 45 minutes from Cornell, in the summer of 2011. It is a boutique operation, making just 1,000 cases a year of Riesling, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Gewürztraminer. Shannon says that the first six months were a whirlwind and their first harvest a challenge "due to frequent and heavy rains" that persisted through the harvest season. Despite that, says Shannon, "grape quality and ripeness at our vineyard were very high. We look forward to releasing our first wines under the Silver Thread label in April 2012." You can find the Silver Thread Vineyard wines at stores around New York, in some of the city's Greenmarkets, or at silverthreadwine.com. Better yet, on your next visit to Ithaca, stop by for a visit and a bottle. (It's always nice to ask the winemaker to sign the label and you'll enjoy that bottle a little more when you open it later.)

**Danielle Douglas** (San Diego, CA) has also launched her own business. The emergency medicine physician founded Eco Yogurt Lounge, a self-serve frozen yogurt lounge with locations in Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale, FL. She is also mom to a baby boy. Just as busy is **Wendi Lynn Czekanski** in Colorado Springs, CO. She and husband **Adam '98** have completed their fourth move in four years, settling this past winter in Colorado before Adam deployed to Afghanistan. Wendi is home with the kids and busy with soccer; she would love to hear from **Maureen Ryan** Schmit.

It was an eventful summer for **Tricia Turley** Brandenburg. She married James on July 30, 2011. Guests included **John** and **Katharine Aichele Murphy**, and **Celya McCullah** Glowacki '00. Tricia, now in Athens, OH, writes that she had her wedding in Iliion, NY, where she grew up. She is the senior associate athletic director for compliance and student services at Ohio U. In December, **Scott Levine** wed Melissa Talamini. Scott is a senior information architect with Sapient Global Markets and also a musician, residing in Waltham, MA. He plays lead guitar with the alternative indie rock band Waves Crashing on Face. He writes that he has finished producing his eighth commercial album release.

**Jena Ferrarese** is a master's student at the U. of Montana in Missoula. She's at the National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis at the university's College of Forestry and Conservation. She writes, "I returned to school to my career in remote sensing. Who doesn't want to combine lasers and fire?" **Kim Yong** Stapleton (Colleyville, TX) is also headed back to school. The mom of Payton Avery, 3, is applying to dental school and tutoring. **Timothea Ryan** (Orange, CT) will soon join the Advanced Eye Physicians ophthalmology medical practice as a partner. In her off-hours, she plays tennis and plays with her son, 2. **William Robinson** writes that he is "outnumbered" in his house by daughters Jelsa Joy and Naomi Marie. The girls are just fine, but dad is busy remodeling the kitchen of his Bethesda, MD, home. Bill is the lead product developer "aka problem-solver" at BMC Software. **Laura Knights** Riley in Seattle is an associate vice president at Harrison Group, a marketing, consulting, and research services firm. With husband Sean, she spent the fall months cheering on the Buffalo Bills and Seattle Seahawks. (Her cheering brought no success.) She says that she enjoys watching "her toddler continue to grow into a little man."

**Troy Gorman** in Salt Lake City is an orthopedic surgeon, in practice for more than a year

now. He and wife Darcie welcomed their first child, Tanner Lukens, on July 29, 2011. **Brian** and **Heather Hillman Phillips** in Lee, MA, welcomed their baby girl Rachel Elise on Oct. 25, 2010. Heather is a veterinarian at VCA Southwick Animal Hospital. Finally, **Jill Ausiello** Greier (Hopewell Junction, NY) announces the Feb. 6, 2012 birth of son Colton Matthew. "Our first son, AJ, is such a joy and I know he will be a great big brother. We are definitely nervous about adding a newborn to our very stable routine, but we are up for the challenge!" Jill is an assistant vice president at Actuarial Careers.

And now for some public service announcements. Check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>. Also, the Class of '99 is looking for a webmaster. Please contact class president **Risa Shapiro**, PhD '05 (rss18) about the position. And, finally, if anyone has an extra 5th Reunion pint glass, **Maggie Mellon** would like it. Hers broke, and while I have two, I actually use mine! If you have a spare, please e-mail me (Melanie) at the address below, and I'll connect you to Maggie. Continue to send your updates to: ✉ **Melanie Grayce West**, mga6@cornell.edu; **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; and **Beth Heslowitz**, beth.heslowitz@gmail.com.

**OO** Thanks to all who continue to send news. Hard copy News Forms are few and far between at this time of year (look for the annual class mailing this fall), but you can write us any time of year at the e-mail addresses below. In the meantime, check out the new digital version of the alumni magazine at: <http://www.cornellalumni-magazine-digital.com>, and tell your friends. Not only is it a beautiful representation of the whole magazine, but there are other benefits too. No special access or registration is required to view the Class Notes (and yet they are NOT searchable by Google), and all e-mail and website links are active hotlinks! Anyone can send news and see their names in digital print. The hard copy *Cornell Alumni Magazine* is not going away (class dues now supports both the print and digital editions), but if you want, you can read it on your iPad or smartphone as well.

Now, on to some incredible news from our classmates. **Alfredo Rabines** finished his residency in emergency medicine at St. Barnabas Hospital last June, and began his first job as an attending in July. He is now an emergency medicine physician at Jersey City Medical Center and has also been appearing on Telemundo as an emergency medicine/general medicine expert. Congrats, Alfredo! **Jeremy Schwartz** is also practicing medicine—at Yale, which is where he completed his residency back in 2006. With his focus on internal medicine and pediatrics, Jeremy serves as the assistant firm chief of the Yale Primary Care Program. He will also be spending six weeks this year working in Kampala, Uganda, as a clinician educator at Mulago Hospital. Any spare time he has is spent with his wife, Tracy Rabin, and 22-month-old daughter Naomi.

**Danielle Routt Gonzalez** (Pembroke Pines, FL; gonzalezda@gtlaw.com) is a real estate attorney in the Miami office of Greenberg Traurig. She and husband **Jimmy '99** welcomed their first child, Sofia, on April 12, 2011. **Brian Swerdloff** (stbwest@yahoo.com) and his wife, Gina, live in



New York City, where Brian is an investment manager at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. **Tara Pipes Schellenberg** (t.schell@sasktel.net) and husband Colin live in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Tara, an epidemiologist by day, works in public health services at Five Hills Health Region in Moose Jaw. After hours, she enjoys quilting, crochet, and walking. She and her carpenter husband are in the midst of building a 5,000-sq.-ft. house. She credits Facebook with helping her keep in contact with most of her Cornell friends.

**Minna Kwon** Brooks transferred from Chicago to Minneapolis with JPMorgan Private Wealth Management this past fall. She made the big move on Thanksgiving Day with her husband, Colin, and their 18-month-old daughter, Corinne. So far, they are really enjoying the new city and the family they have close by. **Elise DiVincenzo** Crumbine, a portfolio manager at FNY Capital Management, reports that she has been hard at work managing this crazy market volatility, writing endless thank-you cards from her June wedding to husband Jeffrey, learning how to cook gourmet meals, doing yoga, and planning a trip to New Zealand! **Lauren Thal** married Ross Rocklin on September 24, 2011 in Philadelphia. They were excited to celebrate their wedding with many Cornell friends including **Elisa Westapher**, **Jeff** and **Lauren Kohn Dayton**, **Gwenn Krasner** Pollack, **Dina Koss Winder**, **Noah DeGarmo**, **Jeremy Gin**, **Rob '99** and **Melissa Loewenstern Lewin**, **Cary Hirschstein**, **Jennifer Moy**, **Luke Teeple '01**, **Charlie Voellinger '99**, **Andy** and **Melissa Woloshin Brown**, and **Lisa Hertz** Borsuk.

**Patricia Wells** Glancey, MAT '01 (Poughkeepsie, NY; pattybio78@yahoo.com) teaches biology at a public high school and is also taking care of two daughters. Patty and husband Michael welcomed Emily Marion on January 4. She joins big sister Madeline Aletta, 2. Patty would love to hear from **Suzanne Guziec**, MAT '01. **Jessica Tabolt** Halm (Campton, NH) also has two children. She and husband Ian welcomed Vincent Cathal on December 26, 2011. Older sister Sabine Margaret is 4. In addition to raising her children, Jessica tutors mathematics at the local private school. **Corinna Krantz** Mendoza and husband Chris happily report that their second daughter, Isabella Cynthia, was born last April and looks just like her big sister! Corinna had a lot of exciting happenings last year as she also began working at the FBI in October.

Last but certainly not least, **James '98** and **Kristin Bovalino Nicoll** are the proud first-time parents of a beautiful baby boy, Michael David. Born on October 13, 2011 into a "Cornell family," baby Michael was also welcomed into the world by his beaming auntie **Linda Nicoll**, who can't seem to get enough of her adorable new nephew. I have personally seen pictures of this little guy and he is so cute that I think I'm going to have to schedule a visit myself! For those I can't come visit in-person, please send us your updates so we can still share in your good news! We love hearing from you, and we love writing for you. ☐ **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

**01** Hi, Class of 2001! So happy to have heard from so many of you recently. Please keep the news coming!

Congratulations to **Jeremy Snepar**, **Danny Stein '92**, **Gus Warren '94**, and **Keith Grossman '02**, who successfully led the petition for Cornell to win the bid for the NYC Technology Campus.

When the four alumni—who all work in NYC—heard about Cornell's effort to open a tech campus in New York City, they decided to take matters into their own hands. They created an online petition at Change.org to support Cornell's bid over dozens of other schools, including Stanford, that were in the running for Mayor Michael Bloomberg's NYC engineering school. After months of negotiations and pleading of its case, Cornell—and its partner, the Technion-Israel Inst. of Technology—was announced the winner on Dec. 19, 2011. Mayor Bloomberg calls this a "game-changing" applied sciences and technology campus. The project promises to spur economic growth, job creation, and high-tech entrepreneurship. Thank you to Jeremy and the team for their help.

We're happy to hear from **Katie Augustine** Kruczynski (Wilmington, DE). She said she enjoyed reconnecting with old friends at our 10th Reunion last June. We're also happy to hear that she welcomed her second daughter, Mia, on August 29. Mia's big sister, Zoe, loves the new baby too! Congratulations to **Faye Caronan** Chen on the birth of daughter Azalea Leijuan, born Nov. 6, 2011. From Scarborough, ME, **Julie Bassett** Kelly and husband Patrick welcomed daughter Evie Noelle on Dec. 20, 2011. She joins big sister Sophie Blake, 2. **Monica Marusceac** and husband Ramzy Ayachi welcomed son Alexander on Sept. 16, 2011. They've been fortunate to have help from his grandmothers. The young family were living in San Diego, but moved to Washington, DC, in January for Monica's and Ramzy's final duty assignments as active-duty Marines. Ramzy will retire in 2014 and Monica will transition to a civilian occupation after 13 years as a Marine. Congratulations to all!

**Joe Essenefeld** is doing pioneering work in the tech sector. He is the founder and CEO of JIBE and had a multi-million-dollar idea: let people use their existing online social networks to find connections when applying for jobs online. JIBE operates a website that uses Facebook and LinkedIn to connect job applicants with people they already know at companies where they apply. Before JIBE, Joe was the COO of *Insomnia Cookies*, a late-night cookie delivery service found in college towns across the country. He also was the VP of Dartcor Management Services, a corporate hospitality and restaurant management firm. **Garreth Biegun** checks in from Windham, ME, where he works as an emergency physician/clinical instructor of emergency medicine at Maine Medical Center/Tufts U. School of Medicine. He has completed his residency and moved to Portland, ME. In his free time, Garreth has been parenting, skiing, and teaching wilderness medicine.

**Marco Bongioanni** checks in from NYC, where he's a graduate student at Fordham U. Also in NYC, **Jose Aleman** is an endocrinology fellow at Weill Cornell Medical Center. In his spare time, he's been spending time with his wife and child, 1, and exploring NYC. In April 2011, he visited Cayuga Medical Center for an endocrinology/primary care rotation. **Mike Kalogiannis** is in Douglaston, NY, working as a research scientist at Winthrop U. Hospital studying Parkinson's disease and ALS. In his spare time he is attempting to write the next great American novel (and playing Wii). **Douglas Heulitt** and wife Nicole are in Rhode Island. They were married last year and have spent a great deal of time remodeling their home, which was built in 1780, when homes were meant to last three lifetimes! For the past six years, Douglas has been an orthopedic trauma consultant. In his spare time, he's been helping his high school, Holy

Ghost Prep in Philadelphia, as a member of the alumni board providing support for fundraising and development. He was named into HGP's Hall of Fame for track and field.

**Alison Diesel** (Bryan, TX) is a lecturer in veterinary dermatology at Texas A&M U.'s College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In her free time she's been running, reading, and cooking. **Elie Gamburg** and wife **Angela Wong '04**, BArch '05, live in NYC, where Elie works at the architecture firm KPF as a senior designer and as an adjunct instructor at NYIT. With KPF, he's awaiting completion of his first building in India. In his extra time, he's been working on programming for the AIA NY Global Dialogues Committee. He also finished an article on Kengo Kuma for *Evo* magazine, issue #4. What's new with you? E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu or directly at: ☐ **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, LEW 15@cornell.edu; and **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

**02** We are getting closer to our 10th Reunion this June 7-10, 2012! Lock it in, people. Do what you have to for this to be a part of your reality. Registration materials were mailed in the early spring, and I'm sure you've received e-mails from our class presidents with details on the activities planned (e.g., a barbecue on Beebe Lake courtesy of Dinosaur BBQ!). Note: there is only one 10th Reunion.

**Eva Marcotrigiano** wrote from Oregon City, where she is an associate at Bowerman & David PC. She works to help defend contractors, doctors, and lawyers. Eva started teaching at the Cornell Fitness Centers ten years ago and now teaches a Spinning class twice a week at a 24-hour fitness establishment. "I also run half-marathons and like to go backpacking in Oregon." Recently she has also been working on her house. Charlie, if you're out there, Eva is looking to hear from you! From across the States, **Nicole Cramer** is working on a children's book and her first novel, when she's not playing her day-to-day role of SVP, global chief creativity catalyst at McCann World Group in NYC. **Jennifer Krainman** supports NY Cares as a volunteer and is a part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fast-track running program. When she's not involved there or skiing and traveling, she's a key account manager at a biotech company specializing in MS injectables. When asked what she's been doing recently: "Living the dream."

**Abigail Reynolds** Penny wrote in from Nederland, CO, though by the time this is printed, she will have moved to Daejeon, South Korea, to teach English to elementary kids there. "My contract is for one year," she said. Abby stays fit with yoga, enjoys meditation and eating/cooking new foods, and has been focusing on learning the Korean language. If any fellow alums out there are reading this from South Korea, or know anyone there now, Abby would be thrilled to hear from you. Reach her at abby.r.penny@gmail.com. **Jennifer Carr** is a manager in Columbus, OH, at Wipro Technologies, an India-based firm, where she works as a consultant for business process improvement projects. "It is very exciting and I have a lot of travel opportunities. As part of a work trip, I was able to explore Los Angeles. I went on a double-decker bus tour, saw the stars on Hollywood Blvd., and went on a studio tour of NBC." When she's not working, Jennifer likes to play with her dog, Lola, cook, work out, and catch up

on TV. Bethany, if you're out there, Jennifer would be thrilled to catch up, as it's been years! From Bryn Mawr, PA, **Michael Bronstein** was at this year's American Association of Political Consultants "Hall of Fame Lunch," where he was named to Aristotle's 2011 American "Dream Team" of political consultants. **Jonathan Eser** wrote from Pasadena, MD, where he is a judicial law clerk for the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Marike Bradford** Toothaker '97 of the Cornell NYC Regional Office wrote in to share some exciting news about one of our classmates—her brother Sam. Ensemble Companio is a new chamber choir founded and directed by **Joseph Gregorio '01** and includes our very own **Sam Bradford**. The group is made up of 21 accomplished choral singers from across the eastern seaboard, mostly Cornellians who sang together while entertaining us during their stints with the University Glee Club and the Hangovers. They recently held their debut concert in New Canaan, CT, entitled "Greetings and Farewells," a program that included works by Tallis, Lasso, Billings, Schumann, Poulenc, and others. Check out some short sound clips at <http://soundcloud.com/ensemblecompanio> and their full website for details at [www.ensemblecompanio.com](http://www.ensemblecompanio.com).

I had the pleasure of attending **Amy Liesenfeld's** wedding to the smart, charming, fellow-sports-loving Alex Blumenthal on August 27, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA. With Hurricane Irene passing through the city that very same day, bride Amy, an attorney at Kutak Rock LLP, kept it cool even with a last-minute change in start time. Fellow classmates in attendance included the always down to party engineer **Andy Lastowka**; the new to Charlottesville and UVA's pediatric cardiology fellowship program **Marise D'Souza**; keeping the word "Pink" splashed across teenage bottoms across the world (OK, maybe mine too sometimes) with her fancy job at Victoria's Secret **Ellen Brosius**; Connecticut resident and Yale's most fashionable employee **Julia Ramey** Serazio; and some dude named **Jeremy Ryan Lang '00** who kept trying to dance with me. The marital challenge Amy and Alex are already enduring surprisingly well is the whole she's-a-diehard-Phillies-fan-but-he-loves-the-Mets situation.

**Laura Iris Blau** is living in Brooklyn and working as a visual arts teacher at a public NYC high school. She's also working with inner city students to get their artwork exhibited in a large venue, such as a law firm in Rockefeller Center (note, if you work at a law firm in Rockefeller Center, take note of the hallway walls!). Laura also supports a special extracurricular program that helps public school students explore careers in their field of interest. After all that, she still has some spare time to continue making some art of her own. Regarding who from our class she'd like to be in touch with, she's all set: "I keep in touch with them all through Facebook!" Send your news to: [✉ Carolyn Deckinger](mailto:Carolyn.Deckinger@cornell.edu) Lang, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu); [✉ Jeffrey Barker](mailto:Jeffrey.Barker@cornell.edu), [jrb41@cornell.edu](mailto:jrb41@cornell.edu).

**03** **John Cerrone** writes, "My wife, Kelly, and I are busy in Central New York growing our family business and our family (Jack, 3, and Griffin, 6 months)!" **Donny Thometz** (Dallas, TX) works at Parkland Hospital as a third-year resident in emergency medicine. He will continue to work in Texas as an ED physician. He writes, "I just spent two months working in a hospital in Napier, New Zealand, as an ED doc. Fun times!" **Joseph Law Orloski**

is also in emergency medicine. He just started his new job at Baptist Hospital in Miami, FL.

**Amanda Perl** graduated with an MS in recreation therapy from SUNY Cortland in December. "I am a certified therapeutic recreation specialist," she writes. "I am married to Steve Wampler and we moved to Portland, OR, in April. I work at Marquis Vermont Hills, which is a nursing home, running the activities program. I quilt a lot, often on the bus." **Alex Miranda** married wife Stephanie in June 2011. He writes, "I started [www.JosesHands.org](http://www.JosesHands.org) after my late brother. It is a nonprofit to provide grants to first-year med students going on medical mission trips. My company, [www.theCreativeComplex.com](http://www.theCreativeComplex.com), has turned six years old." **Meghan Nutting** wrote to share that she is now the deputy director of government affairs at Solar City, the country's largest residential solar installer. If you're looking to go green at home, you know there's a Cornellian to call! Of course if you need a vet, you know there's also a Cornellian to call: **Catherine Otis** is an associate veterinarian at Greater South River Animal Hospital, near Annapolis, MD.

In baby news, **Elizabeth Bankert** Gonzalez writes that she is caring for infant Zoe Maloy Gonzalez. With her two Cornell parents and her NYC location, Zoe's definitely going to grow up a fan of the Big Red. **Tyler Maganzini** is also in New York, working at the Black Mountain Wine House. He enjoys spending time in Brooklyn and traveling. **Daniel Lachs** also enjoys traveling. He works as the CEO of DML Hospitality Group. **Adam Berman** works in the D.C. area managing a real estate portfolio for Berman Enterprises. **Lisa Royce** Steinberg is in her second year of business school, working in part-time venture capital at Golden Seeds. **Allison Tarr** is also a business school student, looking to graduate later this year.

Thanks for all the updates. As it happens, both of your class correspondents live out here in Seattle, WA. So if you're in the area, feel free to look us up and give us your news in person. Do you know anyone who has news to share or would like to keep in touch with classmates in 2012? We would love to hear from you! Please send us a note: [✉ Sudha Nandagopal](mailto:Sudha.Nandagopal@cornell.edu), [sn58@cornell.edu](mailto:sn58@cornell.edu); **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, [swb9@cornell.edu](mailto:swb9@cornell.edu). CAM digital edition: <http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>.

**04** We heard about three weddings in the last half of 2011: **Madeleine Fairbairn** and **Robbie Guertin** were married on August 20 at Robbie's family house in Belmont, MA. Both the bride and groom grew up in Belmont. **David Symons** sent the news that he and **Heather Abramson '05** got married on December 3, 2011 in New York City. And **Kimmy Gardner** married **Daane Reinking** in October 2011. At Cornell, Daane was a football player and Kimmy played on the field hockey team. They met during their senior year and have been living together in New York City since graduation.

**Josue Sanchez** writes from Riverdale, NY, where he is the project manager at L&M Development Partners. In true Cornell spirit, he currently volunteers for a mentorship program at a charter school. He is also secretly training so he can one day reach his goal of running a marathon. **Kevin Rooney**, MPA '06, is the assistant district attorney in Manhattan! "I am following and supporting Cornell athletics, spending time with my wife, Kate, and daughter Emma (22 months old), and trying to stave off old age by being as active as possible."

**Mary Tisi** and husband John live in Euclid, OH. Mary is business development manager at Nestlé and sends a shout-out to her Pi Phi sisters: "We get together enough, but more is better!" **Kristin Demody Maggi** is a physician assistant at Wilmington Gastroenterology Assocs. She and husband Joseph live in Sunset Beach, NC. Speaking of marathons, **Laura Hemmert** (NYC) successfully finished the 2011 NYC Marathon! She is a buyer for Ralph Lauren Corp. **Daniel Fronhofer**, a process engineer at BDP Industries in Greenwich, NY, has been cycling and adventure racing around the Saratoga Springs, NY, area. He also lists a triathlon in his after-hours activities.

Send in your news any time of year and help keep the class updated on all of our whereabouts. Then check out the new digital edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* (<http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com>) and see your name in digital print! [✉ Anne Jones-Leeson](mailto:Anne.Jones-Leeson@cornell.edu), CU2004 Correspondent@gmail.com.

**05** Greetings, fellow '05ers! I hope you are all excited about the coming summer! Can you believe that seven years ago, we were preparing for the last set of finals of our undergraduate days? On that note, congratulations to the Class of 2012, who will join us in the alumni world.

As usual, our classmates have been keeping busy. **Kathryn Ritchie** is a dental/PhD student at the U. of Michigan Dental School. She enjoys running and hiking and completed the Chicago Marathon last October. **Martha Jahn** Snyder also enjoys participating in triathlons on her time off from being an intellectual property litigation attorney at Quarles & Brady LLP in Madison, WI.

**Jean Nebesar** is an operations manager in Boston, MA, for a small private occupational school that provides career training for fitness professionals. Though her job is demanding and she doesn't have as much of an after-hours life as she would like, she's fortunate that she really loves what she does! Jean also happily remains in touch with her old Cornell friends.

On the other side of the country, **Mackenzie Cook** is in his second year of general surgery at Oregon Health Sciences U. in Portland, OR. He enjoys hiking the Columbia River gorge in his free time, skiing on Mount Hood, and exercising his dog in Portland's forest parks. He and fiancée **Crystal Weis** hiked to Machu Picchu and participated in a coastal relay team. **Kristen McBride** Dawson was awarded a Fulbright US Student Program scholarship and is in Sri Lanka teaching English literature at Sri Jayawardenapura U. Kristen is one of more than 1,600 US citizens who will travel abroad through the Fulbright US Student Program.

Keep the news coming and we'll keep printing it! You can share your latest happenings with us via e-mail or on the news form in our class mailings. As inspiration, Slope Day and graduation are right around the corner. In addition to your normal updates, let us know your favorite Slope Day and/or graduation memories! [✉ Johnny Chen](mailto:Johnny.Chen@cornell.edu), [jc362@cornell.edu](mailto:jc362@cornell.edu); [✉ Hilary Johnson](mailto:Hilary.Johnson@cornell.edu), [haj4@cornell.edu](mailto:haj4@cornell.edu); [✉ Michelle Wong](mailto:Michelle.Wong@cornell.edu), [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu). CAM digital edition: [www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com](http://www.cornellalumnimagazine-digital.com).

**06** Summer is just around the bend and we are now six years out. So what is everyone up to? Since



graduation, **Dennis** and **Ashley Adler Dunegan** have been living in L.A. Dennis works in private equity, but they plan a move back to the East Coast in 2012, when Dennis will attend business school. Ashley and Dennis are working hard to keep up with their son, 2, who takes up all their free time! **Michael Zuckerman**, JD '09 (one of our former alumni class presidents) lives in Chicago with his lovely wife, **Megan (Belkin)**. He works as a law clerk to US District Court Judge **Amy St. Eve '87**, JD '90. Megan and Michael loved returning to campus for Reunion and hope to visit again soon!

After doing three years of Catholic missionary work organizing retreats around the US, **Michael "Vito" Spadafino** started earning his Doctor of Chiropractic degree in Davenport, IA, and is finishing his last year of school. Vito says, "I'm smarter, more responsible, engaged, and in worse physical shape than I was ten years ago!" **Taras Czebiniak** is finishing up his third year at Berkeley Law and headed to Boston in the fall to practice IP/technology corporate law with Ropes & Gray. This year, he had the honor of serving as editor-in-chief of the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* and last year he helped coordinate the school's student refugee asylum representation program, CARC. This spring he was accepted into a course where his final exam will be to play the carillon up in Sather Tower, on campus. Taras says, "It'll be a welcome return to bells since I retired from being an active chimesmaster at Cornell."

Since leaving Cornell, **Will Cukierski** has been working on a biomedical engineering PhD at Rutgers, researching ways to teach computers to diagnose cancer from medical images. During last year's royal wedding hoopla, Will had the chance to be a star for a day and appeared as a Prince William look-a-like in *Glamour* magazine. They hired a bodyguard, a Kate impersonator, a camera crew, and a tinted SUV to drive them around the tourist spots of NYC and photograph the reactions of people who thought they were the real thing. In more important wedding news, Will married his high school sweetheart, Stacey Limbach, in November 2011!

Also in and around New York, **Marissa Goodman** and **Jonah Allaben**, ME '07, were married on Sept. 3, 2011 in Tarrytown, NY. Marissa, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, works as the associate director at Rolling River Day Camp in East Rockaway, NY, a family business entering its 20th year. Marissa is also attending Baruch College for her MBA in entrepreneurship and small business management. Jonah, an alumni member of Sigma Pi, works as a mechanical engineer at global engineering firm Arup in New York City. They reside in Brooklyn. This past November, **Matt Rogers** married **Ashley Barry '07**. They honeymooned in Australia and continue living in Manhattan. Ashley is the marketing manager at the Cornell Club-New York, and Roger is a lawyer at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP as an associate. **Alex Shapero** moved to New York after four years in D.C. to begin a dual MA/MPA program at NYU, focusing on non-profit and government management.

**Nicole Haber** lives in Washington, DC, and is the digital director for Al Gore's nonprofit, the Climate Reality Project. **Yanni Hufnagel** is an assistant coach for men's basketball at Harvard; check out his link, [http://www.gocrimson.com/sports/mbkb/coaches/Yanni\\_Hufnagel](http://www.gocrimson.com/sports/mbkb/coaches/Yanni_Hufnagel). **Marcelo Garza**, ME '07, quit his consulting job in Boston and joined McKinsey & Co. in São Paulo, Brazil. In between, he enjoyed some time off and traveled with **Eric Okawa '05**, ME '07, in Australia. He's very happy

to finally be in São Paulo and looks forward to seeing many of his old Cornell friends who have relocated there. **Matthew Gonser**, MLA/MRP '11, graduated in January '11 from a dual master's program in Landscape Architecture (MLA) and City and Regional Planning (MRP). Matthew will move to Hawaii as a member of the U. of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program, working as an extension agent focused on community planning and design. The position is located on Oahu at the U. of Hawaii Manoa campus.

**David Chen**, MBA '10, and **Sylvia Duran** married in San Diego last August. Sylvia is finishing her last year at Columbia Law School. They are moving to San Francisco this summer and hope to see some Cornellians out west. **Daniel Ruiz** moved back to the US from Punta del Este, Uruguay. He works with Caesars Entertainment, heading a new office in Miami to develop and grow Latin American market share. Daniel invites casino customers to visit any of their casino hotels and resorts around the world, including Caesars Palace Las Vegas! That's all for now, but keep on sending your updates to your Class of 2006 correspondents. Happy summer! ☑ **Nicole DeGrace**, [ngd4@cornell.edu](mailto:ngd4@cornell.edu); **Victoria Lauterbach**, [tory.lauterbach@gmail.com](mailto:tory.lauterbach@gmail.com); and **Katie DiCicco**, [kad46@cornell.edu](mailto:kad46@cornell.edu).

**07** Well, folks, it looks like we've made it to our 5th Reunion! Congratulations for all of your accomplishments and successes since graduation. I am sure you'll have many more to come, as this is just the beginning of another chapter for us all. So let's take this time to reconnect to one another until we meet again.

**I (Marianna Gomez)** will complete my MPH in global health from the George Washington U. School of Public Health and Health Services this May. I spent the spring semester in Puerto Rico coordinating a research project for the Ponce School of Medicine for my practicum experience. Although I was working much more than exploring, I was able to spend two weeks in El Salvador, gathering primary and secondary data for my master's thesis. If you are interested in reading more about my sojourn, please visit my blog, <http://theolivesparrow.blogspot.com/>.

**Chris Tems** is graduating from medical school at the George Washington U. this May. He's beginning a residency in emergency medicine this summer. **Beth Rubin** moved to Europe after graduation. She spent her first two years in Florence, Italy, first completing a master's in Italian culture and communication at Middlebury College's School

in Italy and then teaching English and doing translations for a language school. After Italy, Beth moved to France for a teaching assistantship program through French National Education and spent two years in Nantes teaching English in high school and elementary school. Now she teaches English and Italian in France at the CAREL, a language center in Royan. CAREL provides intensive training sessions for business people and middle and high school students. Beth says, "I have not been able to make it to many events at Cornell since I'm so far away, but I do read the alumni updates I receive. Hope everyone has fun at reunion!"

**Pamela Morris** is a senior manager at the Zitter Group, a business intelligence firm focused on improving the relationship between product manufacturers and payers in the healthcare industry. She leads one of the company's premier product lines, which is recognized as an industry standard among biopharmaceutical companies. **Trevor Belton** has moved back to Los Angeles, CA, and is finishing up his first year at Loyola Law School. In April 2011, **Kristen Reinken** and **DJ Nothorn** were married on Long Island's North Fork. Cornellians in the wedding party included **Alex Nothorn '05**, **Ashley Myers**, **David Kim**, **Max Aubain**, and **William Reinken '09**.

**Nnaemeka Madubata** went straight to medical school after graduating from Cornell. He earned his MD in 2011 at Howard U. College of Medicine in Washington, DC, and is now finishing his first year of residency. Nnaemeka has applied to continue on as a resident in categorical internal medicine "while going through the rigors of what many say is the toughest year of residency." He says that interns have a huge load of responsibilities—not only are they the primary caretakers of patients, but they also set up care beyond the hospital, teach medical students, act as a de facto health expert for others, and continue their education in the ever expanding field of medicine. Nnaemeka says he's getting the hang of it. "I feel like it's also made me feel more comfortable as a person and as a doctor," he writes. "It's always a process."

After graduation, **Ariella Mitchneck** spent a year studying abroad in Israel. When she returned stateside, she worked with a landscaping company for three years, providing recommendations on proper tree and shrub care for property owners. Now she's started classes at the Boston Architectural College to get a master's in interior design. The school combines practical work experience during the day with classes at night. Ariella says, "It is a very intense program that doesn't leave a lot of free time—however, it keeps the hypothetical learning grounded in the realities of real-life

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situations.” **Emily Glick** was promoted to corporate trainer for the solar company Sunrun in San Francisco. “I love living and working in a beautiful part of the country!” Since beginning with the company in 2010 she has traveled to San Diego, Oregon, the L.A. area, Salt Lake City, Long Island, and four Hawaiian islands.

After graduation, **Ian Murray** was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and completed an MS in materials science and engineering at Northwestern U. in Chicago. After qualifying for the PhD program at Northwestern, he decided to take a leave to run a start-up in Northern California. Ian is leading a team of scientists developing proprietary materials for water purification systems at zNano. In his spare time he is a sponsored rider for an elite amateur cycling team, volunteers as a coach for youth basketball and football teams, and actively participates in local conservation efforts. He’s stayed involved with Cornell, advising new hires at Student Agencies and participating in the annual Sprint Football alumni game. **Gregory Tumbarello** moved to Scranton, PA, following graduation, to open a restaurant and nightclub in the Mohegan Sun Casino. After two years, his love of the Finger Lakes drew him back to Ithaca. He is now the general manager for Red Newt Cellars Winery & Bistro. Red Newt is a winery and fine dining establishment on the east side of Seneca Lake, about ten minutes north of Watkins Glen. “I encourage any and all

of my classmates to stop in and say hello during Reunion Weekend.”

I hope to see you at reunion, June 7-10, 2012. Your reunion co-chairs—**Shane Dunn**, **Alvin Liu**, and **Rob Pavlenko**—will send out event updates and details via e-mail, Twitter (@Cornell2007), and Facebook (Cornell Class of 2007 Alumni), so keep a lookout for more information. As always, thank you for sending in your updates for the class column and please keep ‘em coming! Just shoot an e-mail to your class correspondent anytime. ☒ **Marianna Gomez**, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com.

**08** We’re just a year away from our very first reunion! Our gr(08) 5th Reunion is June 6-9, 2013 and you don’t want to miss what the Class Council is planning. Interested in getting involved in reunion planning? Contact one of the class correspondents and we’ll get you connected.

Unfortunately, one Ithaca destination won’t be on the agenda. It is with heavy hearts that we report that the Royal Palm Tavern—or as it is more affectionately known, the Palms—closed its doors on February 29. Some of my fondest senior year memories include walking into the Palms around 12:30 a.m. and seeing so many familiar ‘08 faces singing Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing.” Undoubtedly, our class will find new ways to

demonstrate that very spirit and camaraderie in the years to come.

Many classmates are seeking new adventures all over the globe. **Max Klein** has been in Beijing since graduation and is very active in the Cornell Club of Beijing, composed of alumni from the China and Asia-Pacific Studies (CAPS) program and across the university. In addition to hosting speakers and happy hours, the Club participated in the annual Cornell Asia Alumni Leadership Conference in Hong Kong, March 16-18. Max loves living in China and encourages classmates passing through the city to get in touch. While Max represents the Big Red in the Far East, **Antonio Tahhan** spent time in the Middle East. He writes: “Last year I conducted a Fulbright research project on the culinary traditions found in Aleppo, Syria—an underexposed gem of the Levant. My project explored how foods are purchased, prepared, and served in three contexts: at homes, on the streets, and in restaurants. I currently serve as a Fulbright alumni ambassador; I represent the program at universities and institutions across the US. I write stories and share photos from my experiences abroad as a way to offer a different, more personal, perspective on Syrian culture. You can find many of these stories on my food blog, [www.antoniotahhan.com/blog](http://www.antoniotahhan.com/blog).”

Many classmates are transitioning from school to jobs and from jobs back to school as they move on from their initial post-graduation endeavors.

**Jonathan Leiman** moved to Chicago for a fisheries biologist position with Environ, an environmental consultant, after graduating from the U. of Montana last spring with an MS. Following graduation, **Kristin Sangren** moved to San Francisco, where she has been a paralegal at Leonard Carder LLP, which specializes in labor and employment issues; she will start a PhD program in legal anthropology at UC Berkeley in the fall. **Gillian Casten** left Fortress Investment Group after two years in the private equity group to launch RateYourBurn.com, a platform that applies social rating to fitness classes. Gillian hopes her new product will serve both as a resource for class-goers and as a marketing platform for instructors. Gillian and RateYourBurn were featured on Bloomberg TV last fall!

**Stephanie Peng** planned to leave her position at AllianceBernstein in April and will enroll in the Stanford Graduate School of Business in September. Between work and school, she will travel through Nepal and Burma and plans to intern in either India or Singapore with a company that supports the development of social enterprises. **Robert Ulrich** graduates in May from NYU School of Medicine and will leave the city for his residency. He says, “Before starting residency in July, I will tour around the Northeast and Midwest as a drummer in an indie band and travel to the Caribbean and Europe. In New York, I often see **Danny Duran** and **Mark Goller**, who are both doing well.”

**Renée Grinnell** is finishing her first year in the clinical psychology

## Sugar Rush

### Gillian Opatrny ’08

If you walk past Sweet Lady Jane bakery on Montana Avenue in Santa Monica, California, you might catch a glimpse of Gillian Opatrny in the store window, putting the finishing touches on a custom cake. But if you go inside to ask her opinion on cake flavors, you’d find that she can’t offer one—having never tasted them herself.

At sixteen, Opatrny was diagnosed with Celiac disease—meaning that she has an intolerance to gluten, which is found in wheat-based baked goods including the cakes she decorates daily. What motivated someone with Celiac to become a pastry chef? A yearning for creativity. After graduating with a sociology degree, Opatrny got a job as a marketing associate for Johnson & Johnson in New York. “I learned really quickly that I had a hard time working at a desk,” she says. Having grown up in a family of avid cooks, she often fantasized about working with food. So she enrolled in Le Cordon Bleu in Pasadena, California—where she focused on baking, despite her instructors’ qualms about her inability to taste most of what she made.

Opatrny eventually became fascinated with cake decorating; at Sweet Lady Jane, a high-end patisserie with two locations in the Los Angeles area, she designs cakes ranging from simple nine-inch rounds to extravagant concoctions costing upwards of \$1,000. Her creations have included a tea-party-themed birthday cake with a floral teapot resting on a tablecloth of frosting; a three-tiered cake shaped like the Emerald City from *The Wizard of Oz*; and a baby shower cake featuring individual toy blocks. “Working in a bakery, I don’t get bored,” she says. “It’s creative and fun—and if I make a mistake, I can just scrape it off.”



— Kimberly Kerr ’13



doctoral program at Virginia Commonwealth U. and concentrating in adult behavioral medicine. She loves having the opportunity to work at the VCU Medical School's innovative primary care psychology program. Although research, classes, and thesis work have kept her plenty busy, she also enjoys volunteering at the Richmond SPCA through their Running Buddies dog exercise program and exploring historic Richmond and Virginia. She hopes to meet up with **Meg Corbett** in D.C. soon. **Tiffany McClaskey**, ME '09, has been in Seattle working as a wastewater engineer in King County for the past two years. Tiffany writes, "I keep in touch with **Amie Adams**, ME '09, **Geoffrey Shraga** '06, **Colin Wilke**, **Alissa Diminich**, ME '08, and **Rebecca Thompson** '07, as well as a little with **Keith Miller** '06, though I need to check in and see how his baby is. I have had sporadic e-mail exchanges with Prof. **Kenneth Hoyer**, PhD '84, and hope to talk to him more in the future. Sadly, I have not had much time to pick up new hobbies, though I did just sign up for boxing and Muay Thi classes."

And what would an update be without wedding and baby news? **Eric Sherman**, BS '07, married **Carlyn Aufseeser** '09 on Saturday, March 3. Eric works at BlackRock, where he's been since graduation; Carlyn is a math teacher at Forest Hills High School. Mazel Tov, Eric and Carlyn! **Maren MacIntyre Caulfield** writes that she and husband **Matthew** welcomed their first child, Charles, on Jan. 24, 2012. "He already has quite the collection of Cornell gear!" The Caulfields live in Massachusetts. Congratulations, Maren and Matthew, and welcome to the Big Red family, Charles!

Speaking of baby news, when we announced the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth Coatney to **Rebecca (Sopchak)** and **Tyler Coatney** '09, ME '10, in our March/April 2012 column, we misstated Rebecca and Tyler's wedding date. They were married in Sage Chapel on July 11, 2009—not in 2011. We regret the error. As always, please send us your news! ✉ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu.

**09** **Sarah Eversman** is a program officer in the US State Dept.'s Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator. When she is not working to promote the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), she runs; in the past year she completed two half-marathons and the D.C. National Marathon. She enjoys spending time with Cornell alums in D.C. and NYC and hopes to take a big trip next summer to visit Cornellians in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. **Jordan Fabian** became political editor at Univision's Washington bureau, where he's helping to develop English-language content. His broken leg has healed and he looks forward to getting back on the ice to play in his rec hockey league. When he's not learning Spanish, he can be found biking around the greater D.C. area. **Tyler**, ME '10, and **Rebecca Sopchak Coatney** '08 celebrated the birth of daughter Charlotte in November.

**Grace Leonard** has started a new job working for the Systems Integration service line at Deloitte Consulting LLP. She continues to enjoy sightseeing within her own city by running through the streets of D.C. and will compete in the 2012 Boston Marathon in April. **Ben Taggart** has moved to San Francisco from Washington, DC, to get outdoors more and explore the West Coast—and for a job at Google. He climbed the tallest mountain in the Lower 48 states during

his cross-country drive and was looking forward to ski mountaineering in the Sierras during the winter. He attended a Cornell event in the Bay Area and is excited about making more West Coast connections and visiting Ithaca again soon.

**Greg Mezey** has made his way back to Ithaca. He left his job in Los Angeles to take a job at Cornell as the director of food and beverage at the Statler Hotel. He loves being back on campus and is staying actively involved with his fraternity, serving as chapter councilor. When people ask what brought him back to Ithaca, Greg often says, "Nothing brought me back to Ithaca—it's what brought me back to Cornell." **Svante Myrick** was elected Mayor of the City of Ithaca last November! A Democrat, he is now one of the youngest mayors in New York State and the first African-American mayor in Ithaca's history. Svante started his political career as an undergrad, at the age of 20, when he was elected alderman of Ithaca's Fourth Ward. He served four years on the Common Council and worked in Cornell's Office of Alumni Affairs before resigning to run for mayor. For more on Svante's story, check out the interview on NBC's "Rock Center with Brian Williams" that aired on February 29 (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/46562464#46562464>).

**Marla Glasser** works in athletic communications at the U. of Florida. She handles all statistics, PR, and media relations needs for the nationally ranked women's lacrosse team and works extensively with the volleyball, football, and basketball teams. Though far from home and the Big Red, she certainly enjoys the Florida weather! Due in part to her obsession with list-making, **Jenn Vargas** is the sole force behind Accompl.sh. Jenn was called to exploring the intersection of society and tech at an early age: she built her first online community when she was 14 and came up with the seedling of the Accompl.sh concept while studying Information Science on the Hill. Since then, she's worked for Flickr, Yahoo!, and Etsy. Accompl.sh is her first solo venture. Accompl.sh gives new members a single task: map out what you want to achieve in the next 365 days.

Your correspondents want more updates on your life! Reach us at the addresses below if you have news for the magazine, or write to Julie directly if you're looking for a new soup recipe! Be sure to check out the new digital edition of the magazine at: <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>. ✉ **Julie Cantor**, juliecantor@gmail.com; **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu.

**10** While your class correspondent often tries to gather inspiration for these class columns using the genius button on his iTunes, this time he found his inspiration from another source—the coverage of the upcoming 2012 presidential election. I remember back to 2008, when the campus was active with our classmates so passionately campaigning for their respective candidates. In that time, so much has happened to our country and to our lives. For many of us, it's been a time of changes, both sweet and bitter. It was a time of saying hello to new opportunities, while saying goodbye to friends we've known and places we knew as familiar.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our classmate **Kevin Ballantine**, who died on January 15 at the age of 23 after a three-year battle with a rare form of leukemia. According to his obituary, Kevin wanted to make a difference during his time on Earth and had hopes

of being a high school chemistry teacher. He was a member of the Cornell Marching Band Drum Line and Delta Phi fraternity, was an avid sports fan (the Blackhawks, the Bears, the Red Sox . . .), and loved reading, woodworking, technology, being outdoors, talking politics, making plans for the future, and writing his blog, <http://kballantine.wordpress.com>. Kevin died peacefully and in the presence of his family. His fraternity brother **Daniel Horwitz** wrote: "To the many of us who knew Kevin as a friend, and to those of us in Llenroc who were lucky enough to know Kevin as a brother, he will be missed forever." We send our condolences to his parents, Dave Ballantine and Diane DeMers, and to his whole family. The Kevin Ballantine Scholarship Fund has been set up at Cornell in his memory (Fund No. 0008243), and contributions can be mailed to: Cornell University, Box 223623, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-2623.

With a heavy heart, your correspondent moves to happier news. Many of our classmates are embracing new jobs in new places. **Eric Pearson** writes that he came back home to New York after living for a year in Japan, where he taught English. He now works as an energy management consultant for TLR Energy while moonlighting on a new social networking Web startup for musicians. **Meghan Bush** is an account coordinator at BARC Integrated Marketing in a new town that she's fallen in love with: San Francisco. **Frank Wilburn** is helping to educate the youth of New York as a team leader for the City Year program. **Lisa Bacis** (bacis88@gmail.com) is a library assistant at the New England College of Optometry. **Jake Wu** is in New York City, working as a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual. **Seo Yun Yang** has been working at Ronald Lu and Partners while teaching Sunday school to fourth graders and enjoying jazz dance! He writes that he and his closest friends are able to keep in touch regularly. "Thanks to smartphone technology, Hong Kong-US-Singapore-Korea are all connected! Unfortunately, time differences and 100 unread messages in a group chat can't be avoided." **Samuel Lincoln** (SHL39@cornell.edu) has been working two jobs: as assistant manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car and as a USCG licensed captain for Lincoln Brothers Fishing Charters!

**Lauren Engelmyer** is currently a first-year law student at the U. of Pennsylvania, and **Elizabeth Dexter-Rice** (emd48@cornell.edu) is a student at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. She writes, "I enjoy weekend time with family and still see friends from Cornell. I worked a 'gap year' in a law office (disability work) as a paralegal, and also taught swimming at the YMCA. I traveled to Tuscany, hiked in the Adirondacks, and am now studying. My fiancé, **Tom Reinstein** '08, is a PhD candidate at Temple U., studying history." Your class correspondents want to hear from you. Please send your comments to: ✉ **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu; or **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu.

**11** Send news to your class correspondents any time of year, and make sure to check out the digital edition of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* at <http://www.cornellalumimagazine-digital.com>. Read us on your computer, tablet, or smartphone and enjoy the convenience of clicking on live e-mail and website links. Send news, tell your friends, and see your names in digital print! ✉ **Michael Stratford**, MJS465@cornell.edu; **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu; **Lauren Rosenblum**, LCR46@cornell.edu.

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'28 BA—Jules V. Coleman, Hamden, CT, February 17, 2004

'29—Mildred Tripp Hall, Pitman, NJ, November 27, 2011

## 1930s

'30 BS HE—Mildred Eagan Bicknell, Bridgewater, MA, August 26, 2006

'31 BA—Myrtle Uetz Felton, Southampton, PA, December 9, 2011

'31—Harold E. Jones, Milton, MA, April 5, 2005

'31 BME—William M. Neckerman Jr., Youngstown, OH, Dec. 23, 2011

'32, BA '33—Andrew Allen, Rancho Mirage, CA, December 13, 2000

'32 BCE—Myron R. Jones, Canton, OH, April 18, 2000

'32—Cyril Plotkin, Monticello, NY, October 18, 2009

'33 BA—Charles B. Schleifer, Chappaqua, NY, November 28, 2011

'33 BA—Eleanor Bradley Tunison, Clearwater, FL, November 1, 2011

'34 BS HE—Frances Eldridge Guest, Lenexa, KS, September 18, 2001

'35 BS Ag—Stuart A. Child, Malone, NY, November 15, 2011

'35 BS HE—Florence M. De Remer, Ithaca, NY, December 3, 2011

'35 BA—Charles A. Ernst Jr., Gladwyne, PA, December 14, 2011

'35 BA—Reuben L. Kershaw, Mission Viejo, CA, December 10, 2011

'35 BS HE—Ethel Potteiger Myers, Melbourne Beach, FL, January 5, 2012

'35, BA '34, MD '38—Arthur F. Valenstein, Cambridge, MA, Jan. 17, 2012

'36 BA, LLB '38—Rev. George H. Ball, Walla Walla, WA, January 1, 2012

'36, BA '38—Philip C. Burnham Jr., Villanova, PA, December 26, 2011

'36 BS Ag—Hannah Asai Culver, East Quogue, NY, November 21, 2011

'36 BA—Ruth Bentley Price, Holden, MA, November 23, 2011

'37 BS Ag—Jesse E. Dalrymple, Clifton Springs, NY, October 27, 2011

'37 BA—Max P. Goodfried, Dallas, TX, October 27, 2011

'37 BME—John A. Meaden Jr., Walnut Creek, CA, October 8, 2009

'37—Eugenia A. Mitchell, Ithaca, NY, November 24, 2011

'37 BA—Alfred Sands, Fort Washington, MD, January 8, 2005

'38 BA—John I. Condon, Bryn Mawr, PA, November 15, 2004

'38, BEE '48—James L. Cooney Jr., Corning, NY, December 16, 2011

'38 BA—Elsie Harrington Doolittle, Glastonbury, CT, December 23, 2011

'38 BA—Richard L. Gilbert Jr., Princeton, NJ, December 6, 2011

'38 BS Ag—Roger J. Keane, Dallas, TX, December 18, 2011

'38 BA, MD '41—Charles B. Mosher, Napa, CA, April 11, 2004

'38 BA—Joseph C. Noback, Huntley, IL, April 3, 2011

'38 BA—Caleb Paine, Schenectady, NY, January 27, 2012

'38—Roy W. Painter Jr., Gloversville, NY, September 11, 2001

'38 BS Ag—Thomas A. Rich, Venice, FL, November 14, 2011

'38 BA, BS Chem E '39—Ralph Vreeland Jr., Las Vegas, NV, March 31, 2010

'38 LLB—Marvin C. Wahl, Baltimore, MD, October 29, 2011

'38 BS Ag—Robert N. Williams, Ventura, CA, October 30, 2011

'38 BA, MD '41—Emanuel Wolinsky, Beachwood, OH, January 13, 2012

'39 BA—Peggy Dole Chandler, Griffin, GA, November 4, 2011

'39 MA—Marjorie Atkins Elliott, Berkeley, CA, November 5, 2011

'39 BS Ag, MS Ag '41—Eugene Gerberg, Gainesville, FL, Dec. 19, 2011

'39 BA—Annette Newman Gordon, Santa Cruz, CA, November 29, 2011

'39 BS Ag—Charles W. Lyon, Schenectady, NY, July 12, 2003

'39 BS Ag—Edith Meyers Meyer, Upton, MA, July 8, 2003

'39, BS Ag '40—Evelyn Wilson Monroe, Hockessin, DE, Nov. 25, 2011

'39, BME '40—William A. Pope, Fort Smith, AR, October 28, 2011

'39 BS Ag—Virginia Cook Smith, Neptune Beach, FL, January 17, 2012

'39 BA—George F. Unger Jr., Carmel, IN, September 3, 2002

## 1940s

'40—Marjorie Klein Gorby, Los Angeles, CA, January 17, 2012

'40 MS Ag—Laura Jennings Ingraham, Hanover, NH, December 18, 2011

'40 BA—Edna Isaacs Lowe, New York City, November 9, 2011

'40 BS Ag—Irving L. Mullen, Keeseville, NY, December 26, 2001

'40—Richard E. Paret, Oakton, VA, September 5, 2005

'40, BS Hotel '41—Robert T. E. Schuyler, Leverett, MA, November 5, 2011

'40 BA—Dorothy Weitzman Seely, Utica, NY, December 28, 2005

'40 DVM—George J. Sullivan, Beverly, MA, January 28, 2000

'41 BEE—Albert Cotsworth III, Frankfort, MI, August 29, 2001

'41 BS HE—Joyce Hovey Engelke, Johnson City, NY, November 30, 2011

'41 BA—Kathryn Mosler Kimmell, Ambler, PA, September 24, 2004

'41 BS Ag, PhD '50—Alfred H. Krebs, Trumansburg, NY, Nov. 17, 2011

'41—Revis C. Lewis, Prairie Village, KS, December 11, 2011

'41, BS HE '42—Alta Adams Romo, Belvedere, CA, December 7, 2011

'41 BME—Richard L. Stimson, Huntington Beach, CA, November 2, 2009

'41—Franklin J. Wendell, Fonda, NY, January 17, 2012

'41 BS Ag, MS Ag '51—Ralph H. Whitehead, Dundee, NY, Jan. 17, 2012

'42 BA, JD '47—Charles W. Avery, Inlet, NY, January 21, 2012

'42 BME—Joseph F. Davidson Jr., Columbus, OH, December 26, 2011

'42 BArch—Sally Ann Rudolph Drachman, Auburndale, MA, Jan. 17, 2012

'42-43 Law—Warren Freedman, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Sept. 6, 2010

'42 BS Ag—Richard M. Hanson, Corvallis, OR, November 1, 2011

'42 BME—John L. Hilke, Woodinville, WA, November 26, 2011

'42 BA—Bruce W. Mayer, Lewisville, TX, November 25, 2011

'42 BA, PhD '45—Helen F. North, Swarthmore, PA, January 21, 2012

'42 BS Ag—Marlin S. Prentice, Rochester, NY, September 25, 2011

'43 BME—H. Craig Allen, Seattle, WA, January 3, 2012

'43—Laura Strobeck Arthur, Cicero, NY, January 1, 2012

'43 MD—Joseph F. Artusio Jr., Pelham, NY, December 21, 2011

'43, BS Ag '51—Edgar U. Brimmer, Springfield, MO, November 15, 2004

'43 BS Hotel—John E. Chance, Maplewood, NJ, December 17, 2011

'43 BCE—William B. Correll, Richmond, VA, December 6, 2011

'43 BME—Robert P. Dedlow, Glendale, CA, September 12, 2011

'43 BS Ag—Barbara M. Hall, Ithaca, NY, December 6, 2011

'43, BS HE '45—Mary Ammarell Jacobs, Birdsboro, PA, July 14, 2002

'43 BA—Robert J. James, Little River, CA, December 21, 2011

'43 BS Ag—Alison Torrey Nelson, Lynchburg, TN, November 17, 2011

'43 BS Ag—Nunzio G. Santacrose, Gresham, OR, December 10, 2011

'43 BS HE—Mary Crowe Sisti, Fort Myers, FL, December 24, 2011

'43 BEE—Charles A. Walton, Los Gatos, CA, November 6, 2011

'43 BA—Philip A. Weisman, Centerville, OH, December 25, 2011

'43—William A. Wise II, Hilton Head Island, SC, February 13, 2009

'44, BA '48—Eugene L. Amber, Stuart, FL, November 1, 2011

'44, BA '46—Pearné W. Billings, Mantius, NY, January 1, 2012

'44, BCE '47—Norman H. Brandt, Roslyn Heights, NY, November 8, 2011

'44 PhD—Pradisth Cheosakul, Bangkok, Thailand, November 28, 2011

'44—Antoinette Perta Ellsworth, Utica, NY, December 25, 2011

'44, BS ILR '47—Joseph P. Flynn, San Diego, CA, December 25, 2011

'44 MD—Frederick D. Haffner, Cincinnati, OH, December 4, 2011

'44, BS Hotel '47—Joel Hillman II, Santa Rosa, CA, December 26, 2011



'44, BS Ag '47, MBA '48—**John C. Hobbes**, Mobile, AL, March 8, 2006  
 '44, BS Ag '46—**Charles C. Huey**, Gainesville, FL, October 29, 2011  
 '44 DVM—**William P. King**, Parish, NY, February 21, 2011  
 '44 MD—**William A. Maddox**, Birmingham, AL, December 27, 2011  
 '44, BS ORIE '49—**Anthony Misciagna**, Altoona, PA, January 25, 2012  
 '44—**Arthur G. Palmer**, Cambridge, NY, December 20, 2011  
 '44 BA—**Lila Perless Savada**, Harrison, NY, December 21, 2011  
 '44 BS Ag—**A. Ralph Seefeldt**, Glens Falls, NY, January 7, 2012  
 '44, BEE '43—**William H. Swain**, Sarasota, FL, December 19, 2011  
 '44 BS HE—**Catherine Myer Van Etten**, Wawarsing, NY, June 5, 2011  
 '44—**Jacob J. Wechsler**, Los Alamos, NM, December 21, 2011  
 '44 B Chem E—**Harold S. Wood**, Tulsa, OK, January 7, 2012

'45 BA—**Mary Jane Dilts Achey**, Norton, MA, May 27, 2011  
 '45—**Miles A. Bailey**, Henrietta, NY, November 23, 2011  
 '45-47 SP Ag—**Vernon V. Bartosik**, Trumbull, CT, November 15, 2011  
 '45, BS Ag '49—**Howard C. Bateman**, Waterloo, NY, December 5, 2011  
 '45—**Wilson Brown III**, Endicott, NY, December 18, 2004  
 '45 BA—**Ann Ward Gibb**, Redding, CT, December 15, 2011  
 '45, BS HE '44—**Nancy Harrington Grim**, Rhinebeck, NY, January 19, 2012  
 '45, BS Ag '48, DVM '61—**Vincent Marshall**, Omaha, NE, July 14, 2000  
 '45 BS HE—**Deborah Personius McTiernan**, Sarasota, FL, Dec. 17, 2011  
 '45, BEE '44—**Burt E. Nichols**, Spanish Fort, AL, December 27, 2011  
 '45—**Carlton L. Shmock**, Temple, TX, October 17, 2011  
 '45 MD—**Malcolm K. Towers**, Northwood, England, November 11, 2011  
 '45 MD—**Allan Williford Jr.**, Cochise, AZ, September 11, 2001

'46 BS HE—**Mary Clark Burton**, Skaneateles, NY, January 7, 2012  
 '46—**Robert S. Levin**, Sayville, NY, July 14, 2001  
 '46 PhD—**Norman E. Parnell**, Delaware, OH, August 7, 2002  
 '46—**Thure P. Polson**, Glastonbury, CT, December 2, 2011  
 '46 PhD—**William E. Rader**, Modesto, CA, January 16, 2012  
 '46 BS Nurs—**Rhoda Kasnowitz Sheingold**, St. Louis, MO, March 10, 2011  
 '46 SP Ag—**Paul H. Worden**, Watertown, NY, March 16, 2005  
 '46 BA—**Rev. Richard G. Younge**, Seattle, WA, December 13, 2011

'47, BS Ag '49—**Louis Beraha**, Chicago, IL, October 3, 2011  
 '47, BS HE '46—**Muriel Welch Brown**, Williamsburg, VA, Nov. 22, 2011  
 '47 BS Ag—**Milton Diamond**, Albany, NY, January 21, 2012  
 '47 BA, PhD '52—**Ernest P. Gray**, Silver Spring, MD, December 10, 2011  
 '47, BA '46, MD '49—**Robert J. Herm**, Bluffton, SC, December 10, 2011  
 '47 BA—**Norman Kantor**, Fort Lee, NJ, January 6, 2012  
 '47 BS HE—**Miriam Gyer Koblenz**, Albany, NY, November 25, 2011  
 '47 BS Ag—**Sidney Licht**, Sunny Isles Beach, FL, November 27, 2006  
 '47 BA—**Henry Lustig Jr.**, Newton Highlands, MA, November 4, 2011  
 '47 BA, JD '50—**Israel Margolis**, Binghamton, NY, December 10, 2011  
 '47, BEE '49—**Alan S. Markham**, Baltimore, MD, December 28, 2011  
 '47 BA—**Ralph V. Pierleoni**, Rochester, NY, March 21, 2005  
 '47 BS HE—**Norma Isaacson Remes**, Rehovot, Israel, November 30, 2011  
 '47—**Hugh S. Robinson**, Louisville, TN, October 25, 2011  
 '47 BS Ag—**Joseph A. Sergeant**, North Haven, CT, August 16, 2010  
 '47 BS Ag—**Richard G. Tousey**, Pompano Beach, FL, November 28, 2011  
 '47 BS Ag—**W. Barlow Ware**, Ithaca, NY, December 19, 2011  
 '47 PhD—**Willard H. Whitcomb**, Gainesville, FL, January 12, 2002  
 '47 MD—**Robert E. Wolf**, Rochester, NY, November 30, 2011

'48 BS Ag—**Albert H. Allard**, Rochester, NY, June 1, 2006  
 '48 BA—**Norton T. Dodge**, Mechanicsville, MD, November 5, 2011  
 '48 BS Hotel—**Frederick S. Hoefer Jr.**, Buford, GA, October 29, 2011  
 '48 BME—**Martin L. Kylor**, Endwell, NY, December 25, 2011  
 '48 BA—**Barbara A. Lambert**, Bethesda, MD, November 29, 2011  
 '48 BA—**Lois Capella McTurk**, State College, PA, December 28, 2011  
 '48 BA—**Lee Mitchell Nilson**, Boyds, MD, December 28, 2011  
 '48 LLB—**Willard J. Overlock**, Redding, CT, December 22, 2011  
 '48 BS Ag—**Kenyon A. Parsons**, Sharon Springs, NY, November 3, 2011  
 '48 BA, EdD '57—**John Skawski**, Dryden, NY, January 2, 2012  
 '48 BA—**Wendell E. Smith**, Orleans, MA, November 27, 2011  
 '48 BME—**Robert C. Souers**, Fishkill, NY, January 30, 2012  
 '48 BArch—**John J. Wallace**, Colorado Springs, CO, December 20, 2011

'49 BS Ag—**Mary Case Adams**, Athens, OH, November 18, 2003

'49, BA '48—**Donald R. Baer**, Greenville, DE, December 27, 2011  
 '49 BA—**Earl F. Colborn Jr.**, Fernandina Beach, FL, November 3, 2011  
 '49 BEE—**Myron Davis**, San Diego, CA, October 15, 2011  
 '49 BA—**Eckford J. de Kay**, San Jose, CA, January 13, 2012  
 '49 BA—**Albert Dendo**, San Diego, CA, December 28, 2011  
 '49 BS Ag, DVM '53—**Richard P. Draudt**, Ocala, FL, January 1, 2012  
 '49, BA '50—**Claire A. Ellis**, North Haledon, NJ, December 3, 2011  
 '49 BA—**L. Ralph Gillard**, Elba, NY, January 20, 2012  
 '49 BCE—**William Hershleder**, St. Louis Park, MN, November 5, 2011  
 '49 BS Ag—**Daniel Marien**, Haverford, PA, November 17, 2005  
 '49 BA, MEd '50—**Samuel P. Neivert**, Riverside, RI, November 25, 2011  
 '49 BEE—**J. Paul Seider**, Shadow Hills, CA, December 8, 2011  
 '49 BS ORIE—**Donald H. Spielmann**, Anacortes, WA, April 28, 2004

## 1950s

'50 BME—**John Boak**, Loveland, OH, November 6, 2011  
 '50 BS HE—**Lucille Glabach Boehm**, Chenango Forks, NY, January 1, 2012  
 '50 BS Ag—**Arthur L. Brundage**, Goshen, NY, December 30, 2011  
 '50 BEE—**Robert J. Burns**, Martinsville, VA, November 21, 2011  
 '50 BA—**Jean Pirnie Clements**, Saratoga Springs, NY, November 21, 2011  
 '50 BCE—**Robert F. Condon**, Tullahoma, TN, January 29, 2004  
 '50 JD—**William M. Cox**, Newton, NJ, December 30, 2011  
 '50 BS HE, MS HE '70—**Dorothy Bauer Deering**, Winter Park, FL, Dec. 4, 2011  
 '50 PhD—**George A. Foote**, Towson, MD, November 15, 2011  
 '50 BEE—**Warren Hastings**, Grants Pass, OR, October 13, 2011  
 '50 BS Hotel—**David C. House**, Hanover, NH, November 15, 2011  
 '50 BA, MS ILR '52—**Robert M. McCaffery**, Little Falls, NJ, Jan. 8, 2012  
 '50 BEE—**Richard C. McCann**, Jefferson City, MO, January 18, 2012  
 '50 BA—**John P. McGrath**, Lowville, NY, June 24, 2005  
 '50 BA—**Jerome Medford**, Atlanta, GA, December 12, 2011  
 '50 BA—**Henry L. Morris**, Ovid, NY, January 23, 2012  
 '50-51 GR—**John J. North Jr.**, Old Saybrook, CT, November 14, 2011  
 '50 BEE, MEE '52—**Robert C. Rustay**, Schenectady, NY, January 10, 2012  
 '50—**Donald M. Rutenbur**, Atlanta, GA, March 11, 2006  
 '50 BA—**Phyllis C. Shaw**, Southampton, NY, January 14, 2012  
 '50, BA '51—**Pauline Rogers Sledd**, Johnstown, PA, November 21, 2011

'51—**Virginia Noyes Bartholow**, Columbia, SC, January 24, 2012  
 '51 PhD—**James C. Bohrer**, Monroe Township, NJ, November 27, 2011  
 '51 BArch—**Theodore T. Boutmy**, Gualala, CA, October 20, 2011  
 '51—**Neil J. Brady**, McMinnville, OR, December 22, 2011  
 '51 BS ILR—**Thomas F. Bull**, Beacon, NY, November 21, 2011  
 '51, BEE '52, MEE '56—**David W. Clark**, Lititz, PA, December 2, 2011  
 '51 PhD—**Thomas E. Doak**, Elmwood, MI, August 15, 2001  
 '51 DVM—**Cleon W. Easton**, Delevan, NY, December 28, 2011  
 '51 PhD—**Sidney L. Freeman**, Charlotte, NC, January 12, 2012  
 '51 BA—**Roderick A. Ironside**, Durham, NC, November 19, 2011  
 '51 BS HE—**Harriet Long Kulakosky**, Oxford, NY, December 13, 2011  
 '51, BEE '52—**Lyle E. McBride Jr.**, Norton, MA, December 14, 2011  
 '51 BS HE—**Barbara Clarke Merritt**, Newburgh, NY, November 20, 2011  
 '51 PhD—**Stanley D. Musgrave**, Orono, ME, October 28, 2011  
 '51 MS, PhD '54—**Stanley K. Ries**, East Lansing, MI, January 21, 2012  
 '51 PhD—**Daniel A. Roberts**, Marietta, GA, April 15, 2000  
 '51 LLB—**Francis P. Sutton**, Clinton, NJ, January 8, 2012  
 '51—**James E. Woolson**, Hartwick, NY, December 27, 2011  
 '51 BS Ag—**Morris Wyman**, Indianapolis, IN, January 6, 2012

'52 B Chem E—**Henry J. Bartels**, Cape Coral, FL, September 27, 2011  
 '52 BS Ag—**Sheldon E. Brink**, Colorado Springs, CO, January 1, 2012  
 '52 MEd—**Charles T. Button**, Schenectady, NY, November 12, 2011  
 '52—**Philip G. Facey Jr.**, Cohasset, MA, February 28, 2006  
 '52—**John R. Pallrand**, Glens Falls, NY, January 19, 2012  
 '52—**Sharon Follett Petrillose**, Elmira, NY, November 16, 2011  
 '52 LLB—**Royce G. Rowe**, Wilmette, IL, November 12, 2011  
 '52 BS Ag—**Harry E. Theocharides**, Sacramento, CA, February 4, 2011  
 '52 PhD—**Dickens Waddell Warfield**, Cockeysville, MD, October 21, 2011  
 '52 MEd—**Cora H. Webb**, Easthampton, MA, October 24, 2011  
 '52-54 SP Ag—**Charles G. White**, Bloomfield, NY, November 21, 2011

'53 LLB—**Lawrence Berman**, Sudbury, MA, November 20, 2000

'53—**Elaine NeJame Betros**, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 21, 2011

- '53-54 GR—Robert A. Bishton, Fort Myers Beach, FL, October 25, 2011  
 '53—Robert S. Deans, New Canaan, CT, December 24, 2004  
 '53 PhD—William J. Dress, Ithaca, NY, December 15, 2011  
 '53-54 SP Ag—William A. Frankenbach Jr., Southampton, NY, Dec. 28, 2011  
 '53 BS ILR—David Goldstein, Roswell, GA, January 15, 2011  
 '53 BS Hotel—Milton P. Gunn, Tucson, AZ, November 10, 2011  
 '53-54 GR—Dean E. Hackett, Omaha, NE, September 15, 2005  
 '53 JD—Daniel E. Holland Jr., Wethersfield, CT, November 21, 2011  
 '53—Eugene C. Kay, Howell, NJ, December 31, 2011  
 '53 BA—Sally Stouten Kerner, Willowdale, ON, November 14, 2011  
 '53, BME '54—Donald C. Muller, Audubon, PA, December 27, 2011  
 '53 BS ILR—Jimmy J. Oomrigar, Albuquerque, NM, January 14, 2012  
 '53 BA—H. Paul Reynolds, Cambria, CA, January 24, 2012  
 '53 DVM—Joseph H. Robbins, Rochester, NY, November 12, 2011  
 '53 BA—Robert J. Roseberry, Albany, NY, November 10, 2011  
 '53 PhD—George H. N. Towers, Vancouver, BC, November 15, 2004  
 '53, BA '52—Nicholas B. Wood, Norwalk, CT, November 4, 2011
- '54 BS Hotel—Philip A. Decker, Borrego Springs, CA, October 10, 2011  
 '54 PhD—R. M. Evan-Iwanowski, Altamonte Springs, FL, March 18, 2001  
 '54—Ronald A. Finlay, Hunt, NY, August 5, 2001  
 '54 BS ILR—Leonard Greenwald, New York City, March 10, 2011  
 '54—Ina Friedman Gross, Lakewood Ranch, FL, January 9, 2012  
 '54 BS Ag, MBA '55—Thomas J. Herbert III, Richardson, TX, Jan. 14, 2001  
 '54 MS—John A. Jagschitz, Newport, RI, November 10, 2011  
 '54—Ronald L. Jones of Wellesley, MA, April 30, 2009  
 '54—Arnold G. Pessin, Lexington, KY, January 20, 2012  
 '54 BS Ag—Margaret Barry Schneider, Rochester, NY, January 18, 2012  
 '54, BEE '55—James P. Shoffner, Hilton Head Island, SC, Nov. 29, 2011  
 '54—Col. Robert J. Trzcinski, Pike Road, AL, February 11, 2011  
 '54 BA, MBA '57—Dwight E. Vicks Jr., New Hartford, NY, Dec. 29, 2011  
 '54—Vail E. Walter, Topsfield, MA, April 20, 2007
- '55—William C. Harvey, Brewster, MA, August 21, 2003  
 '55—McPherson G. Hoffman, Cockeysville, MD, November 12, 2001  
 '55—Nathan Lieberman, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 3, 2011  
 '55 PhD—Joe McFerran, Fayetteville, AR, December 15, 2011  
 '55 BS ILR—Frank N. Potter, Paducah, KY, November 27, 2011  
 '55 BA—Jacques J. E. Rambaud, San Diego, CA, November 11, 2011  
 '55 BA—Nancy Martin Reichenbach, Camarillo, CA, January 6, 2012  
 '55 BA—Doris Rein Rosen, Bethesda, MD, August 28, 2011  
 '55 BA—Robert M. Walker, Getzville, NY, December 3, 2011  
 '55 MD—Willard T. Weeks, Pelham, MA, December 26, 2011  
 '55—Stephen L. Weinstock, Kew Gardens, NY, June 11, 2004  
 '55 MS, PhD '61—Raymond C. Williams, Tuskegee Institute, AL, July 16, 2001  
 '55 BA—Tedrck Zimmer, Naples, FL, November 24, 2011
- '56 DVM—Bradford B. Brown, Vassalboro, ME, December 2, 2011  
 '56 BA, JD '58—Daniel A. Cohen, Scarsdale, NY, October 29, 2011  
 '56 BArch—Gretchen Mehl Deans, New Canaan, CT, December 27, 2011  
 '56 BS Hotel—George J. Kummer, Rochester, NY, November 29, 2011  
 '56 BS Hotel—Gordon P. Polley, Guilford, CT, November 16, 2011  
 '56 BS Ag—Frank M. Remley, Capri, FL, December 27, 2011  
 '56 PhD—Donald E. Tuites, Wilmington, DE, January 1, 2012  
 '56, BArch '58—Dorothy Weber, Seal Beach, CA, November 10, 2011  
 '56, BME '57—Stanley B. Whitten, Cottage Grove, WI, Nov. 13, 2011
- '57 BS Ag—Lt. Col. Donald C. Ackerman, Clifton, VA, April 4, 2011  
 '57, BME '58—Richard M. Allman, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, Jan. 9, 2012  
 '57 BS HE—Phyllis Clark Bailey, Mentor, OH, December 7, 2011  
 '57 MS—Virginia Bierds Davis, Dunnellon, FL, February 16, 2001  
 '57 EdD—Kermit H. Diggs, Henrico, VA, January 8, 2012  
 '57 BS Ag—Richard E. Felton, Westfield, NY, November 28, 2011  
 '57 PhD—J. Richard Gaechter, Le Breil, Montcuq, France, Jan. 1, 2004  
 '57 BS Ag—David W. Gessford, Canaan, CT, January 7, 2012  
 '57 PhD—William D. Hopper, Washington, DC, November 22, 2011  
 '57 BA—Leonard Indyk, Teaneck, NJ, September 28, 2011  
 '57 GR—Edward C. Ingraham Jr., Bethesda, MD, November 17, 2011  
 '57 PhD—Hermann Meyer, Fort Collins, CO, January 1, 2012  
 '57, BME '58—Harrison W. S. Peddie Jr., Phoenix, AZ, Sept. 24, 2011  
 '57 BA—Simon L. Scheiner, Malvern, PA, August 21, 2009
- '58 BA—Dan Arnon, White Plains, NY, October 18, 2001  
 '58 MNS—Barbara Gehring Baltimore, San Luis Obispo, CA, April 18, 2011  
 '58 PhD—Joseph F. Bird, Haverford, PA, Laurel, MD, December 8, 2011  
 '58 BArch—Clifford E. Brew Jr., Elephant Butte, NM, Dec. 23, 2011  
 '58, BArch '64—M. Perry Chapman, Belmont, MA, December 8, 2011  
 '58 DVM—Richard L. Crissey, Greene, NY, January 19, 2012  
 '58 BS Ag—Robert H. Forste, Arnold, MD, April 14, 2000  
 '58 PhD—Richard L. Leed, Ithaca, NY, December 5, 2011  
 '58 MBA—Harvey W. F. Mason, Eliot, ME, December 18, 2011  
 '58, BS Ag '59—Ira F. Merbaum, Milford, PA, November 12, 2011  
 '58 MS HE—Olive Lemon Morrill, La Crosse, FL, November 6, 2011  
 '58 BS Ag—James C. Newcomb, Jensen Beach, FL, December 4, 2011  
 '58 MS Ag—Douglas R. Pickett, Black Mountain, NC, December 1, 2011  
 '58 PhD—Aristotle N. Siakotos, Indianapolis, IN, October 31, 2011  
 '58 BA—Judith Kaufman Summer, Williamsville, NY, November 11, 2011  
 '58 PhD—Harlon D. Traylor, Baton Rouge, LA, December 19, 2011  
 '58 MS—David G. Tunnicliff, Bay Shore, NY, February 7, 2011  
 '58 BS Ag—Nick Vanderwall, Oneida, NY, November 19, 2011  
 '58 BS ILR—H. Jayne Vogan, Rochester, NY, December 23, 2011  
 '58, BS Ag '60—Frederick L. Walter, Bangkok, Thailand, October 5, 2011  
 '58 BEE, MEE '60—Mark P. White, Arlington, MA, October 31, 2011  
 '58 BA—Freeman J. Wood II, Northfield, IL, October 24, 2011
- '59—John R. Bailey, Montclair, NJ, December 10, 2011  
 '59 BS Hotel—John M. Callahan, Hudson, MA, November 20, 2011  
 '59 BS Ag, MS Ag '61—Melvin S. Finstein, Wheeling, WV, January 26, 2012  
 '59 BS Ag, MBA '60—Charles Herendeen, Voorheesville, NY, Dec. 28, 2011  
 '59 LLB—George H. Kleinberger, Voorheesville, NY, December 30, 2011  
 '59 BS HE, MS '61—Kathleen Whiting Lipp, San Antonio, TX, Aug. 1, 2000  
 '59 BS Ag—W. Barron Wilson, Sebring, FL, November 2, 2011  
 '59—James F. Woolley, North Lawrence, OH, November 3, 2011

## 1960s

- '60 BA—John A. Lehman, Warwick, NY, July 16, 2005  
 '60 MA—Mary A. Meier, Norfolk, VA, December 2, 2011  
 '60 BS Ag—Gordon R. Nearpass, Tyre, NY, October 30, 2011  
 '60 BA—Marian Johnson Richert, Oak Ridge, TN, October 21, 2011  
 '60, BS Chem E/MS Chem E '62—J. Thomas Smith of North Falmouth, MA, January 3, 2012  
 '60 PhD—Robert C. Stabler, Skillman, NJ, January 20, 2012  
 '60—Alfred J. Thieberger, Delray Beach, FL, July 15, 2005  
 '60, DVM '62—John F. Van Vleet, West Lafayette, IN, January 5, 2012
- '61 BS Hotel—Holten Brandi, North Reading, MA, December 20, 2011  
 '61—W. Findley Guffey III, Columbia, MO, April 16, 2005  
 '61 MPA—Ambrose L. LaVigne, Inverness, FL, October 29, 2011  
 '61 BS Hotel—Patricia Bond Loane, Ashton, MD, January 9, 2012  
 '61 BA—Shelley Mann, Arlington, VA, March 25, 2005  
 '61 PhD—Wellington Moore Jr., Auburn, AL, December 14, 2011  
 '61 BS Ag, PhD '67—James R. Nolan, Plattsburgh, NY, Nov. 6, 2011  
 '61 LLB—Frank A. O'Brien, McLean, VA, January 1, 2003  
 '61, BA '62—Michael B. Sichel, New York City, February 23, 2005  
 '61—Phyllis Jessop Sidney, Bronx, NY, October 30, 2011  
 '61 BS Hotel, MBA '62—Albert P. Trages, Amagansett, NY, Oct. 15, 2010  
 '61 BA—Joseph V. Zaluski, Iselin, NJ, November 2, 2006
- '62—Paul Amutis Jr., Granada Hills, CA, May 4, 2009  
 '62—Ada M. Feliciano, Wakefield, MA, July 18, 2004  
 '62 MD—Willard B. Fessenden Jr., Chicago, IL, October 8, 2011  
 '62 EdD—Thomas M. Law, Chester, VA, November 5, 2011  
 '62 BS Ag—Clarence A. Ogdan, Palmer, MA, June 10, 2011  
 '62-63 GR—Raymond E. Reilly, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, December 7, 2011  
 '62, BME '63—Robert J. Wasilewski, Vienna, VA, November 8, 2011  
 '62—Duke Wellington, Venice, FL, October 21, 2011
- '63 PhD—Edmund S. Broch, Pullman, WA, October 15, 2001  
 '63 MA—Blair Buckley Jr., Fayetteville, AR, January 16, 2012  
 '63 BA—John J. Fennessey Jr., Key Largo, FL, December 23, 2011  
 '63 LLB—John W. Hendrickson, Fairbanks, AK, April 9, 2003  
 '63 MS—Leonard H. Otto, Spokane, WA, December 12, 2011  
 '63 BS Ag—Arthur B. Sachs, Turlock, CA, September 5, 2001



'63, B Chem E '64—David H. Smith, Tourves, France, April 21, 2011  
'63 BA—O. Paul Varnell, Chicago, IL, December 9, 2011

'64 BA—Janet C. Erdman, Hilton Head Island, SC, November 5, 2011  
'64 MS—Norman A. Heck, Leesburg, VA, January 12, 2012  
'64 BS HE—Myra Nemet Hoff, Kihei, HI, April 23, 2001  
'64—Edward J. O'Keefe, White Plains, NY, December 13, 2011

'65 PhD—Leonard A. Barnstone, Morristown, NJ, November 19, 2011  
'65—Thomas C. Bassett, Albuquerque, NM, November 2, 2001  
'65—Cathy Davis Edwards, West Hurley, NY, November 8, 2011  
'65 BA—Paul R. Epstein, Brookline, MA, November 13, 2011  
'65 BS HE—Ina L. Jacobson, Framingham, MA, August 12, 2006  
'65 MST—Robert E. Jones, Hillsdale, MI, July 19, 2005  
'65 MST—Robert E. Madaffer, Delaware, OH, January 18, 2012  
'65 BS Ag—James R. Y. Rawson, Clifton Park, NY, December 27, 2011

'66, BA '67, MFA '72—Gordon E. Coggsall, Mountain Lake, NJ,  
January 24, 2012  
'66 MA, PhD '67—Harold A. Cohen, Baltimore, MD, January 9, 2012  
'66 BS Nurs—Judith Steppe Record, Bayport, NY, November 30, 2011  
'66 MS Ag—Stuart F. Smith, Dryden, NY, January 12, 2012  
'66 LLB—Walter E. Thomas Jr., Boonton, NJ, December 17, 2011

'67 BS AEP—Thomas K. Allison Jr., Moorestown, NJ, January 22, 2012  
'67 BS Ag—William A. Foulkrod, Liverpool, NY, November 18, 2011  
'67 JD—H. Brian Levinson, Stone Harbor, NJ, December 23, 2011  
'67 BA—Fredric J. Pashkow, Los Angeles, CA, December 2, 2011  
'67 BA—Howard L. Reiter, Coventry, CT, January 10, 2012  
'67 MS Ag, PhD '69—Lionel H. Smith, St. Philip, Barbados, Feb. 1, 2003  
'67 MD—Mark L. Teitelbaum, Baltimore, MD, July 14, 2011  
'67 BS Hotel—Robert C. Wood, Allentown, PA, October 29, 2011

'68, BS Ag '69—Michael A. Hammel, York, PA, January 11, 2012  
'68 JD—Joseph T. McLaughlin, Brooklyn, NY, January 9, 2012  
'68 BA—Carolyn Kingsolver Purvis, Snowmass Village, CO, Nov. 1, 2011  
'68, BEE '69—Steven W. Siegel, New York City, January 21, 2012  
'68 BS Ag—Christopher A. Sweeney, Wilmington, NC, Nov. 30, 2011

'69 BS Ag—Arthur E. Christensen, Guilford, NY, January 25, 2012  
'69 MS—Douglas J. Duskin, Camden, SC, January 9, 2012  
'69 BME, MME '70—Paul R. Fideler, Sudbury, MA, January 23, 2001  
'69 PhD—Paul F. Harper, York, PA, November 27, 2011

### 1970s

'70 BS Ag—Lawrence W. Kenyon, Sanibel, FL, January 12, 2012  
'70 BS ORIE—Jeffrey S. Lambert, Boston, MA, November 3, 2006  
'70, BS HE '71—Susan M. O'Brien, Edgewater, FL, November 1, 2011  
'70 JD—Dennis M. O'Connell, College Park, MD, August 3, 2010  
'70 MBA—Ricardo L. Sicre, London, England, June 25, 2011  
'70, BS ILR '71—John A. Stefaniak, Jefferson City, TN, Dec. 19, 2011

'71 BS Hotel—Andreas Kersten, Berlin, Germany, November 28, 2011  
'71 BS ORIE—Boyd B. Stofer, Edina, MN, November 27, 2011  
'71-75 GR—Mark A. Turnipseed, Sacramento, CA, August 10, 2004  
'71—Donald B. Tuson, Binghamton, NY, November 11, 2011

'72 MPS—James E. Ashton, Clinton Corners, NY, December 1, 2011  
'72 BA—Phillip G. MacFarland, Wellesley, MA, November 22, 2011  
'72 MBA—James K. Murphy Jr., Danville, CA, October 12, 2009  
'72 BS Ag—Richard L. Neubauer, Anchorage, AK, October 31, 2011

'73 BEE, MEE '74—Ted R. Bowen, New Berlin, WI, August 4, 2004  
'73 BFA—Siri Schwartz Mills-Beierlein, Munich, Germany, Sept. 15, 2005  
'73 JD—Robert J. Murnan, Schenectady, NY, January 2, 2004

'74, BS Hotel '75—Shigeru Mizuno, Tokyo, Japan, March 1, 2004  
'74 BA—Monica Reiss, Fanwood, NJ, November 2, 2011  
'74 MA—Ricky T. Walker, Sylvania, OH, October 30, 2011

'75 BS ILR—Harold M. Shilberg, Bonita, CA, November 10, 2011  
'75 BS Hotel, MBA '76—G. Henrik Suhr, Great Falls, VA, Nov. 13, 2011

'76 BS Ag—Bruce S. Gigliotti, West Winfield, NY, October 30, 2004

'77 BS Ag—Jeffrey T. Randall, Caledonia, NY, December 3, 2011  
'77 BEE—Willie M. Webb, Hyattsville, MD, August 5, 2003  
'77 BS Ag—Anne Child Weber, Portland, ME, September 24, 2005

'78—Bruce T. Lockard, Factoryville, PA, January 9, 2012  
'78 MBA—William J. Vogt, Goodyear, AZ, September 20, 2011

'79, BS ILR '80—Karen Weissman Flores, New Rochelle, NY, Nov. 19, 2011

### 1980s

'80 BEE—Ellen Detmold Frankhouser, Reston, VA, November 15, 2004  
'80 BS Hotel—Timothy M. Heiman, Miami, FL, January 31, 2005  
'80—Karin Stumpf Sielecki, Boynton Beach, FL, September 2, 2005  
'80 JD—Janet G. Speck, Washington, DC, October 29, 2011  
'80 MD—Janet M. Werkmeister, Tenafly, NJ, November 22, 2011

'82 PhD—D. Louise Edwards, Wellesley, MA, November 8, 2005  
'82 BA, MS ORIE '83—Emily I. Wong, Palo Alto, CA, December 21, 2011

'83 JD—Louis F. Avino Jr., Buffalo, NY, January 23, 2012

'84 PhD—Jeanne Barnes Ellis, Schuylar, VA, December 13, 2011  
'84 MD—Beverly D. Eskreis, Wynnewood, PA, February 10, 2005  
'84 BS HE—Linda L. Kendall, Lee, MA, January 15, 2012

'85 BA—Peter R. Clark, Houston, TX, December 17, 2003

'86—Nabor V. Nunez, Aromas, CA, December 16, 2005

'87 BS HE—Peter A. Engelhard, Miami Beach, FL, January 22, 2006

'89 MA—Sally F. Fabens, Alexandria, VA, December 20, 2011

### 1990s

'90 BS Ag, DVM '96—C. Michele Terrelonge, Santa Barbara, CA, Mar. 11, 2000

'91 BA—Michael S. Miranda, New York City, April 14, 2004

'92 BS Hotel—James A. Hume, Deerfield, IL, December 12, 2011

'95 MPS—John E. Pritchard, San Francisco, CA, November 18, 2011

'98 BA—Sarah L. Blabey-Rossi, Delmar, NY, November 22, 2011

### 2000s

'00 BS ORIE—Sidhant Jhaver, Chennai, India, May 1, 2003

'04 BS ILR—Joseph P. Pylman, Syracuse, NY, December 18, 2011

'05 JD—Pamela S. Shelinsky, New York City, September 26, 2011

'06 BS Ag—Gregory J. Waschezyn, Elmira Heights, NY, May 9, 2011

'08 MBA—Monka M. Shintre, Monroe, NJ, October 3, 2011

'10 MS—Nicole L. Caruso, Iselin, NJ, December 1, 2011

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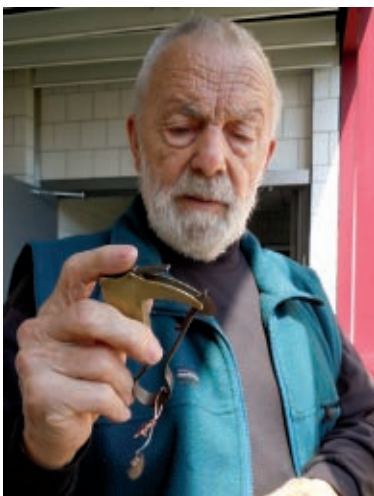
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# Vintage Vet

Retired pathologist curates a collection of antique medical instruments

Just off a gravel driveway in Cayuga Heights, the green, barn-style prefab shed looks like a fine spot to store garden tools and maybe a couple of trash cans. Instead, its white-trimmed doors swing open to reveal the workshop of retired veterinary pathology professor John King, PhD '63, who has spent the last fifteen years amassing antique tools of his trade.

As Ritza Crackers—an eight-year-old white toy poodle and the professor's constant companion—weaves between his feet, King hoists a sixty-year-old suitcase onto his workbench, releases the latches, and begins a show-and-tell of artifacts spanning 400 years of human and animal medicine from around the world. There's a 300-year-old brass scarification box for vaccinating against cowpox (and thus smallpox) and a pewter syringe from the medical kit of a seventeenth-century Spanish warship, where it was used to administer arsenic to syphilitic sailors. From a small box King pulls a wart removed from an African warthog and the punctured skull of an Argentinian lamb, one among 750 in a flock whose cause of death the professor was called to investigate. (Necropsy revealed that a puma and her young, learning to hunt, were behind the mass extermination.)



King started collecting such memorabilia early in a career that has taken him around the world, diagnosing cause of death and teaching pathology on six continents. He has amassed an online database of some 27,000 images collected on his travels, allowing anyone with an Internet connection to access what was once available only in reference libraries. But most of the items King has collected are more akin

to the tangle of large metal handtools he extracts from a five-gallon plastic pickle bucket. "Women call and say, 'My husband trained at Cornell; how do I get rid of this stuff?'" he says, pulling the handles of a Civil War-era obstetrical instrument from a pair of retractors and a 100cc metal syringe used for dosing sheep. "They came in rusty as hell," he says. "I clean each one



LISA BANLAKI FRANK

Tools of the trade: The Vet college displays vintage instruments collected and curated by pathologist John King, PhD '63 (below).

with a wire brush, wax it, identify when it was made, and—if necessary—describe how it was used."

An accomplished woodworker who builds Shaker-style nesting boxes at his winter home in Florida, King crafts display boxes for the relics from boards salvaged from an Ithaca barn. A small card describes each item and names the person from whom it came. He has collected some 10,000 artifacts, he says, and donated 100 of the boxes to historical societies and museums throughout Upstate New York, including the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown. At the American Museum of Veterinary Medicine in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, King's boxes display a saw used to perform equine dentistry in the nineteenth century and various designs of the bloodletting instruments known as fleams. ("I think I had a thing for fleams at one point," he says of the dozens he's collected over the years.)

Twenty-two of King's boxes hang on the white-tiled walls of a second floor hall near the Vet college library. Beside an equine tooth chisel and a twelve-blade scarifier hang cards identifying the former owner of both items as J. N. Frost, DVM 1907. A hoof trimmer with a wooden shoulder rest came from the estate of Earle Hopper, DVM 1917, while a benzene firing iron, once used to treat a horse favoring a lame leg, came from the estate of Joseph Ferris, DVM '41. "Today's students," King notes, "will be amazed at how far we've come."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



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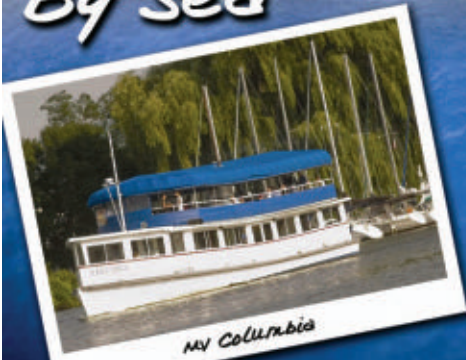
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# FINE DINING IN THE FINGER LAKES

For great food, head for the wine trails



Seneca Lake

BY PEGGY HAINE

Veteran wine and food writer Peggy Haine '65, BS '72, was editor of the *Finger Lakes Wine Gazette* for ten years before joining the Ithaca real estate firm of Audrey Edelman & Associates/Realty USA. Her own company, Cash and Caring Auction Services, specializes in fundraising for not-for-profits.

**I**n the beginning—around 1975, when the Finger Lakes wine region finally recovered from its post-Prohibition bust—hungry winery visitors sought microwaved sustenance at local convenience stores, or at Johnson's, a country bar known for its taxidermy, Friday night karaoke, occasional mud wrestling, and weekend prime rib. While wine-tasters can belt 'em out off-key with the best of them, a more sophisticated market waited in the wings.

In the past dozen-or-so years, chefs have migrated in droves from urban areas to the Finger Lakes to be closer to their food sources and to profit from the burgeoning activity on the wine trails. Discerning diners now have many choices, with restaurateurs not only working in cooperation with local growers but winning national awards for their wine lists, presenting the local cuisine at James Beard House in New York City, strutting their stuff for Washington legislators, and competing on TV cooking throw-downs.

With wine trails on each of the three largest Finger Lakes—Cayuga, Seneca, and Keuka—wineries in the region now number 118. There are also a cheese trail and a beer trail—and, as distilleries continue to multiply, there may soon be a cocktail trail, too.

So if you're back in the Finger Lakes for Reunion, to visit your kids at Cornell, or just because this area is drop-dead gorgeous any time of the year, head to the wine trails with full assurance that you'll be well fed along the way. To get you started, here are a few of this writer's favorite wine-trail eateries.





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Located on the up-and-coming west end of State Street, near Felicia's Atomic Lounge and Gimme! Coffee, Fine Line is next door to a tattoo parlor. The décor is industrial, the service professional, and the food makes it worth searching for a parking space. If possible, sit at the bar, where you can hang out with the chef and watch him work his magic. This is a great place for dinner after a day of wine tasting, or before a performance at the Kitchen Theatre (across the street).

404 West State Street, Ithaca

607-277-1077

[www.finelinebistro.com](http://www.finelinebistro.com)

### 2. THE HEIGHTS CAFÉ

This is a lunch-time favorite in Cayuga Heights, where the chef's fertile imagination runs free with unusual combinations of flavors that always seem to work. Try the oven-roasted Atlantic salmon with pine-nut risotto, capers, tomatoes, anchovies, and Manzanilla and Kalamata olives, or the Korean grilled skirt steak with locally grown poi choy, sushi rice, and ginger cream sriracha Mongolian sauce. Somehow, though, after hearing the day's exotic specials, we always wind up with the pesto-and-mozzarella-slathered flatbread topped with a Caesar salad, a hunk of grilled salmon or fried squid, and plenty of fresh lemon. Dinnertime brings out Cornell faculty members wooing prospective colleagues. The *Wine Spectator* Award-winning list features many great local wines as well as a full spectrum of international offerings. Portions are hefty, service is exceptional, and it's quiet enough for real conversation. Fancy that!

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130 Statler Drive, Ithaca  
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### 4. THE AURORA INN

Centrally located in the picture-perfect town of Aurora, the Inn has had its ups and downs, but is now back in ascendance at the hands of executive chef Patrick Higgins. His staff turns out three elegant meals a day, seven days a week, in a cozy dining room with hearth fires blazing in cool weather, patio seating on warmer days, and, in all seasons, spectacular Cayuga Lake views. Higgins starts dinner with pan-seared foie gras, crab-stuffed calamari, or a plate of house-made charcuterie, and progresses to the likes of truffle and parsnip pierogies or pork ragout with cracked-pepper tagliatelle, all made in house, and drawing heavily from ingredients produced by local farmers. For a quick burger, you can go to the companion Fargo Bar and Grill across the street—but we love the Aurora Inn for leisurely Sunday brunch, wine-trail lunches, and dinners on the patio.

391 Main Street, Aurora  
315-364-8888  
[innsofaurora.com](http://innsofaurora.com)



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The 2011 harvest in New York State varied greatly by region and grape variety, but in general turned out to be bountiful and with quality ranging from good to great. Most of the weather patterns leading up to harvest seemed to promise another perfect year like 2010, but in most regions untimely rains complicated the harvest.

Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee skirted Long Island, but unfortunately devastated the Hudson Valley region, including some vineyards, and also decreased tourism during a key season. Those storms never made it far enough west to reach the Finger Lakes, but the region still suffered from untimely rains during different periods of the harvest, with some fruit lost to rot. The north country's Thousand Islands and the far western Lake Erie region seemed to make out the best overall, with the Concords for grape juice (two-thirds of New York's total grape crop) superb in both quality and quantity.

In short, in most regions 2011 was a "winemaker's year" in the sense of testing their agility in dodging the raindrops and their ability in the cellar to create the best quality wines possible.

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## 5. HAZELNUT KITCHEN

In Trumansburg, riding the ridge between Cayuga and Seneca lakes, Jonah and Christina McKeough—both Culinary Institute of America graduates and Philadelphia refugees—turn out an imaginative mix of sophisticated platters in easygoing surroundings. They classify their enterprise as a “farm-driven American bistro” with a menu that follows what’s fresh on the market. We love their roasted hanger steak with frites, but try the hazelnut-dusted mahi mahi or the grilled High Point Farms grass-fed beef burger with blue cheese and crispy shallots. There are plenty of vegetarian options, too, and save room for one of their superb desserts. Make reservations; this small place fills up quickly.

53 East Main Street, Trumansburg  
607-387-4433  
www.hazelnutkitchen.com

## SENECA LAKE

### 6. STONECAT CAFÉ

A hangout for winery workers and visitors alike, Stonecat features a lively cocktails-at-the-bar scene, Sunday jazz brunches on a covered deck overlooking vineyards and Seneca Lake, and some of the best food along the wine trail. After fleeing from the nation’s capital, chef Scott Signori forged relationships with Finger Lakes farm families who supply him with same-day harvests. His pitch-perfect taste buds apply at the smoker, where he uses locally harvested grape and cherry woods to enliven everything from pulled pork (the best!) to house-made sausages and tomato coulis. Be sure to try a smoked-tomato Bloody Mary. The wine list offers a wide range of Finger Lakes wines, and the servers—many of whom have been at the café for years—are knowledgeable, efficient, and fun.

5315 Route 414, Hector  
607-546-5000  
www.stonecatcafe.com

### 7. RED NEWT WINERY AND BISTRO

Under the leadership of executive chef Brud Holland, following in the footsteps of Finger Lakes culinary pioneer Deb Whiting, the Bistro turns out both sophisticated locally sourced cuisine and satisfying comfort food. Portions are hearty, and the place is decorated with appealing paintings, many of local scenes. If you want to learn more about Finger Lakes wines, this is the place to do it. Red Newt offers one of the best Finger Lakes wine lists, with wines in flights—so if you’re interested in, say, Riesling, you can order a selection of three, four, or five tasting samples produced by as many area vintners. The restaurant also features occasional Nine Wines Blind dinners, where the wines, in plain brown wrappers, are paired with individual courses, and guests are invited to explore flavors by guessing what they’re drinking and where it came from—a culinary and viticultural adventure. And owner/winemaker Dave Whiting’s elegant wines are well worth exploring on their own. On Thursday nights wine by the bottle is half price, and Mondays are Simply Red Southern Nights, with live Appalachian-style string-band music.

3675 Tichenor Road, Hector  
607-546-4100  
rednewt.com

### 8. DANO’S ON SENECA

Dano Hutnik, who began his professional life dancing with the Vienna Opera, brings his creative talents to his Heuriger (pronounced *hoy-rigger*), a Viennese-style country eatery, in a spacious facility with a patio overlooking Seneca Lake. He specializes in Viennese-style food—roasted meats, all manner of salads (try the explosive beet and horseradish), fresh bread, and spreads. The Viennese Bento Box will give you a good sampling of sausage, wienerschnitzel, and whatever else the creative chef has up his sleeve. He makes his own sausages, patés, and rillettes, and has recently had success making cheeses from local organic cow’s, goat’s, and sheep’s milk. Artist Karen Gilman, Hutnik’s wife and business partner, turns out luscious Viennese-style pastries, *mit* plenty of *schlag*, and her enormous paintings enliven the walls. There’s a good wine list; try the young whites, traditional with this hearty food.

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#### KEUKA LAKE

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**12. MAN IN THE MOON BAKE SHOPPE** was founded on cheesecakes (try the chocolate bacon or black forest), cheesecake cupcakes, and decorated cookies, but it's also popular for its comfort-food-centered breakfasts and brunches featuring soups, sandwiches, quiches, and waffles.

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www.maninthemooncheesecake.com

**13. MERCATO**, the brainchild of a couple of Cornell Hotelies, is a congenial place with an Upper East Side feel, a sophisticated menu, and an inviting cocktail list (try the Lambretta or the Blue Moon). Unfortunately, they do not offer Finger Lakes wines . . . yet. No reservations accepted; get there early or late, or when the colleges aren't in session.

108 North Aurora Street, Ithaca  
607-319-5171  
www.mercatobarandkitchen.com

**14. VIVA! TAQUERIA** serves up Mexican-style comfort food and a local scene, especially in warm weather when the patrons overflow to outdoor bistro seating. While Viva's burritos are about the size of an adult human's stomach, their fresh escabeche (carrots and jalapeno pickles) lightens the load. They offer locally produced beers, but their forte is tequila (they stock more than fifty brands). They make a wicked Margarita—try the Blue Hippo or the Pomegrita.

101 North Aurora Street, Ithaca  
607-277-1752  
www.vivataqueria.com

**15. TWO GOATS BREWING**, a friendly place on Seneca Lake, makes and sells a variety of beers. There is only one item on their lunch menu: a roast beef sandwich—on a roll with a dollop of horseradish sauce and a side of chips. (The vegetarian option is the roll with no roast beef.) Bands on weekends.

5027 Route 414, Burdett  
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## NOTABLE NEWCOMERS

BY DAVE POHL

**Up-and-coming  
New York wineries  
are making their  
mark**

**C**ornell alumni visiting Ithaca frequently make a point of going to one of the wine shops to purchase a bottle of the New York State wine they remember from their college years—but even those who return often are sometimes stunned by the proliferation of new labels. They are equally surprised to learn that some of the state's better wines are being produced by wineries that didn't exist even a few years ago.

Recently, a visiting Cornellian asked me if I'd seen the October 11, 2011, *New York Times* article about Finger Lakes wine. He had enjoyed the article, but was puzzled by the fact that he'd heard of only one of the wineries recommended by its author, Eric Asimov. That list included three notable newcomers: Ravines Wine Cellars, Red Tail Ridge Winery, and Heart and Hands Wine Company.

Other recently established wineries have won the hearts of local connoisseurs. One of these is Damiani Wine Cellars, which was founded in 2004 by Lou Damiani and Phil Davis. Located on the east side of Seneca Lake near its southern tip, Damiani has chosen to emphasize red wine production in a region best known for its whites; Lou and Phil own a combined twenty-three acres of vineyards planted mainly in Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Pinot Noir. (They also grow Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc.)

Its emphasis on red wine brought Damiani immediate attention from area wine drinkers. From the start, this winery has been fearless in its efforts, regularly hosting blind tastings of its wines against ones from all over the world. Annemarie Morse '86, a staff member of the ILR school's Catherwood Library and a local wine consultant, remembers one such tasting that she organized for the winery. She pitted three vintages of Damiani's Meritage (a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot) against three wines from the Bordeaux region of France. "We put each of the wines in a brown paper bag, so no one knew which was which," she says. "After the wines were tasted, many of the attendees were surprised to find that their favorite was one of the Damiani wines."

The Damiani wines are starting to receive national attention as well. James Molesworth, in a review posted on the *Wine Spectator* website, stated that Damiani's 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits "dark plum and red currant fruit . . . with hints of tobacco and briar filling out the full-bodied finish." Another of Damiani's reds got the attention of Brooklyn wine aficionado Brad Coelho. On his blog, Unidentified Appellation, he called Damiani's wine made from the Austrian grape Lemberger "one of the most interesting reds the region has to offer." (To learn more, go to [damianiwinecellars.com](http://damianiwinecellars.com).)

On the other side of Seneca Lake from Damiani lies Billsboro Winery. Founded in 2000 by the late Cornell viticulturist Robert Pool, PhD '74, it began its current life in 2007 when the winery was purchased by Vinny and Kimberly Aliperti. Vinny has made

Dave Pohl, MA '79, is a wine buyer at Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca. He came to Cornell in 1976 to work on a PhD in sociology, but was seduced by the wine business and has been at it ever since.



wine at Long Island's Wolffer Estate, Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyards, and Atwater Estate Vineyards, where he remains the head winemaker. At Billsboro, he produces smaller amounts of wine primarily from grapes purchased from Sawmill Creek Vineyards, owned by Jim Hazlitt '60. Riesling is a strength here; the 2010 dry Riesling, which critic James Molesworth praised for its "tangy lime and green apple notes," was quick to sell out. The Billsboro Pinot Gris is also a success. Alice Wentworth, New York wine buyer for Northside Wine & Spirits, gave it the highest score out of more than three dozen New York Pinot Gris wines she's evaluated over the past couple of years, praising its "crisp, apple flavor and good, balanced acidity."

The highest praise, however, came when the influential blog the New York Cork Report named the Billsboro 2010 Syrah its Finger Lakes Wine of the Year. Noting the unlikely success of Billsboro's Syrah in 2009—a difficult year—Evan Dawson went on to say that "it's not a surprise that 2010 finds a broad-shouldered, layered version that could attract the attention of Syrah lovers." (To learn more, go to [www.billsborowinery.com](http://www.billsborowinery.com).)

**M**oving away from the Finger Lakes, we can find a number of recently established, quality-oriented wineries on Long Island as well. Two of these have received attention from *New York Times* wine writer Howard Goldberg. The first, Mattebella Vineyards, has no winemaking facilities of its own. The twenty-plus acres of vineyard, located in Southold and originally planted in 1997, were bought by Mark and Christine Tobin in 2005; their wines are produced, under their supervision, at a nearby custom-crush winery.

The Tobins, to this point, have chosen to focus on just four wines: two reds, a rosé, and a Chardonnay. In a January 7, 2011, *Times* article, Goldberg gave high praise to the fancifully named Old World Blend, which is made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. He called the 2005 "exceptionally grapey, spicy, and inviting," and

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said the 2007 was “savory, intense, smooth, and redolent of plums and cherries.” The 2005 received Mattelella’s first ninety-point review from *Wine Spectator*.

A second up-and-coming Long Island producer, Sannino Bella Vita Vineyard, is located in Cutchogue. It is owned by Anthony and Lisa Sannino. Anthony’s grand-  
parents grew grapes in southern Italy’s Campania region, immigrating to the U.S. when  
his mother was sixteen. The Sanninos bought a five-acre vineyard in 2006, and in 2007  
they became the only Long Island winery to offer oenophiles the opportunity to make  
their own wine from beginning to end, using Sannino’s facilities. Grapes are sourced  
from various Long Island growers.

As for Bella Vita’s own wines, Goldberg was very complimentary in a February 24,  
2012, *Times* article, calling their 2010 vintage “first class.” He spoke highly of the  
Chardonnays, including the Chilly Day Chardonnay, which includes a bit of Finger  
Lakes Vidal in its blend. He called the regular Bella Vita Chardonnay “seductive and  
awash in tropical-fruit flavors.” (To learn more about Bella Vita wines and the “Vine to  
Wine” program, go to sanninovineyard.com.)

The producers highlighted here are the tip of a growing iceberg. The New York  
State wine industry continues to grow rapidly, and its ever-improving products are  
displaying the quality and breadth that are getting the attention of wine writers and  
discerning wine lovers everywhere. Cheers!

## ALUMNI ENDOWMENT FUNDING SPURS WINE RESEARCH



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**J**ust as wineries can vary in production capacity, viticulture and enology  
research questions come in a range of sizes. Traditional funding sources favor  
long-term, multi-university projects, and Cornell faculty have been successful  
in obtaining millions of federal grant dollars. However, funding from private  
donors and industry groups is fueling short-term projects that are focused,  
proactive, and innovative.

“These endowments are extremely valuable as a way to allow researchers to test an  
idea or mobilize quickly in response to an industry need,” says Tom Burr, director of  
Cornell’s New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) in Geneva. “We  
are very fortunate to have a growing portfolio of endowments provided by loyal donors  
interested in supporting research and extension in viticulture and enology.”

One example is a project headed by Justine Vanden Heuvel, assistant professor of  
horticulture, to determine the best viticultural practices for one of Cornell’s newest  
grape varieties, Noiret. “When new varieties are released, there are often still many  
unanswered questions, such as whether they are best grown on their own roots, or us-  
ing rootstocks, or whether vineyard spacing and training systems affect wine quality,”  
she says. “It’s the kind of research that people want done, but there’s no obvious fund-  
ing source.”

Vanden Heuvel’s study has allowed her to make specific recommendations to grow-  
ers—avoid vertical shoot positioning and use six-foot spacing—based on demonstrated  
consumer preference among wines produced using a variety of training systems and  
vine spacings. Her study was made possible by the Kaplan Fund, which was estab-  
lished in 1987. Named for Jacob M. Kaplan, who sold Welch’s to the growers of the  
National Grape Co-operative in 1956, it has facilitated numerous pilot projects in pest  
and disease management, as well as extension newsletters and viticulture research.

The donors to Cornell’s endowments and other funds have diverse motivations.



However, most have a personal stake or a family history in the wine and grape industry, like Peter Saltonstall '75 and Tacie Saltonstall, the owners of King Ferry Winery on Cayuga Lake. "When I served on the Dean's Advisory Council, I realized that former CALS dean Susan Henry really went out on a limb to establish the undergraduate enology viticulture program," says Peter. "Now we have all these young researchers—but the money to fund their projects unfortunately doesn't just magically appear." The Saltonstalls see their endowment as insurance that researchers will be able to respond to New York problems. "I personally wanted to know Cornell would continue research germane to our local issues," says Peter.

One of the first endowments was initiated in 1994 by the late Marvin Sands, founder of the Canandaigua Wine Company (now Constellation Brands), and John Dyson '65, who with his wife, Kathe, is the proprietor of wineries in the Hudson Valley, the Tuscany region of Italy, and California's Russian River Valley. "We needed to learn how to grow *vinifera* grapes in New York State and have them be world-class," says Dyson. "The only place to do that in New York was the Geneva Station. At the time, there were only a handful of wineries in the entire state—and now there are more than 300."

Since then, the number of endowments and other funds related to viticulture and enology has grown, and the majority of endowment funds are earmarked for research. They function as a competitive, internal grant program within Cornell. "Proposals are requested from faculty each year, and awards are made based on proposal quality," says Burr. "In selecting projects, we pay particular attention to how outcomes from the work will positively impact the grape and wine industry."

Other projects currently made possible by endowment funds include one by assistant professor of enology Anna Katharine Mansfield, who was intrigued by significant differences among Riesling clones in the Finger Lakes for phenolics, compounds that affect the ageability of wine. "Phenolics can contribute to bitterness and browning, but are poorly understood," says Mansfield. "Understanding them is essential to anticipating and proactively addressing quality issues relating to wine flaws."

Endowment funds are also being used to tackle another unwanted aroma that can surprise winemakers and consumers after the cork is popped. "Rotten egg" smells can result from stealthy elemental sulfur residues, left over from sprays to control powdery mildew in the vineyard.

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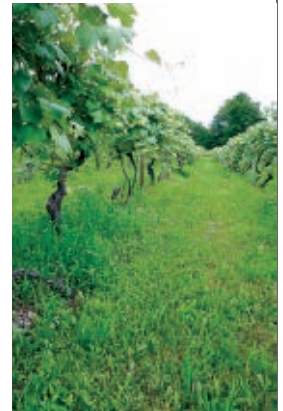
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